

10 Speaking at a political meeting at Verkeerdevlei on Saturday, Mr. Swart, the Minister of Justice, is reported to have said that I have stated that I will be satisfied with nothing less than full equality for the Native. Mr. Swart has done me singular honour to report me as striving for equality for my people. I have striven and will always strive for my people, and it is to me a source of the greatest gratification to know that even Mr. Swart does not associate me with those dishonest and despicable men who do not scruple to sacrifice their innermost and dearest convictions. By equality I mean equality of opportunities - opportunity to live, opportunity to move about freely, opportunity to receive such education as will develop to the fullest extent ~~the~~ all the human faculties of my people, opportunity to explore unhindered all these avenues which make possible the development of a human being into a man and ^{not} merely a servant, opportunity to worship God in accordance with the lights which God has given each one of us.

The beginning of this century marks an epoch in the political history of South Africa. The Afrikaner intensified his struggle against what he sincerely and honestly believed to be a set of circumstances which denied him equality of opportunity. The struggle goes on most vigorously today. Mr. Swart and the other Afrikaner leaders were not satisfied then, and are not satisfied now with anything less than equality for the Afrikaner. I can see no logical difference between the nature and purpose of the Afrikaner struggle and the nature and purpose of the African struggle. I see in each of them the struggle of a nation to ensure for itself those conditions which make life possible. That is the purpose of our struggle. Any other motives are the creations of fear-obsessed or malicious minds. That we want to mix with the Europeans, I have very repeatedly and most stoutly jeered at.

The Afrikaner is noted for his fierce religious fervour. Afrikaner
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ers were and are honest with themselves and to their people. The Afrikaner people were and are honest in this struggle. I am in dead earnest and am honest with myself, to my people and ^{with} the Europeans. In a country which professes Christianity such as South Africa does, christian men ought to be honest. Christian leaders of people ought to be honest.

The Minister of Native Affairs, Dr. Verwoerd, is working on a scheme to replace the Natives representative Council. African men who will be asked to serve their people in terms of that scheme will not be honest if they will not desire and pursue the full ~~taxable~~ development of the African people. They will be dishonest if they acquiesce in and connive at the retardation of the progress of our people and their subordination. Civilization and progress are neither tribal nor regional. Civilization and progress belong to the human race in the world. In South Africa there is much talk about civilization of an African tribal calibre and a regional type. We are not a conglomeration of African tribes in the same sense as the Europeans of South Africa are not merely a loose collection of Dutch, Huguenots, ~~englishmen~~, Germans, and little knots of other European nationalities. We are an African nation. We wish to make it clear that we belong to South Africa which is part of the world.

Mr. Swart is apparently worried by the African discussing high politics. Apparently that is one reason for the abolition of the Natives representatives Council. Another fruitful source of annoyance to the Minister is apparently the innocent fact that these Africans are learned. What a life it was to live when Africans were not learned! It would be interesting to know if the Verwoerd scheme will only allow discussion of low politics. It would also be of absorbing interest to know what useful purpose such a body and such discussions would be to the government, to white South Africa, to the African people and to progress.

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I would like to say that not even Methuselah would live to the application of such an 'apartheid' as would be acceptable to one honest African. The logical application principles of 'apartheid' are repugnant to Africans. What would flow from an attempt to apply 'apartheid' would be the sad death-knell of ~~the~~ civilization in South Africa and the complete collapse of that edifice - white baasskap - which the 'apartheid' policy so assiduously seeks to construct.

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The Africanist is proud for the flower...
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