

STATUTORY OFFENCES FOR NATIVES ONLY.

Humiliating to victims: Politically undemocratic: Morally unchristian: Administratively unjust and unfair:

Create anti-social attitudes, Disregard and disrespect for law - a sense of frustration. Waste of time of Police, Magistrates and Prosecutors - Irritate their tempers, gives them the impression that the African is a criminal and develops contempt in their minds for him thereby.

We know that certain Police and even Prosecutors have preformed judgements and ideas about the truthfulness of Africans so that no logic or reasonableness of argument advanced by an African, especially against a European including European Police, seems acceptable; but there are many more Public officials in these capacities who are above this criticism; but the few may and can cause a great miscarriage of justice. That is why Police stations and Magistrates Courts are, by a majority of Africans, looked upon with suspicion ^{& fear} even to bring just claims and complaints before them for fear the complainant might find somehow the scales turned against him.

Economically, these special offences are a loss to the African in the fines to be paid; the loss of employment in that either the African does not have even a small fine and even if he had, it is an unjust fine and therefore an exorbitant fine anyhow because other races are not subject to such, and the fine is disproportionate to his earning power as is often the case that most Magistrates impose fines that are proportionately higher considering the wages of an African to what would have been the fine if the same ratio were imposed on an European.

All these create a vicious cycle. They increase the poverty of the family leave the wife and children destitute where there are such. Introduce the victim to criminal tendencies because he is ^{frustrated} in goal and he learns the ways of real criminals. He feels aggrieved and becomes anti-social because either he has been convicted for what he considers no crime because other people are not subject to it or a fine that was unjust has been imposed on him when it was known he could not pay it and anyway it was designed that he should be in gaol. He might also learn from others that if he stole he might get a good haul in one stroke and that might be more than a year's wages and since he has been in gaol for no crime he may decide to join hands with those who have gambled with crime and taken their chances and lived well when they were out of ^{gaol}. Thus he becomes a criminal.

To many minds which are palliative and would not like to remove the root cause of what they call Native Crime, they return the suggestion that may be advanced by many not to put criminals in gaol for their crimes; but to put them to work on the roads.

To this suggestion we protest and oppose it most strongly, and urge that South Africa which is fighting for democracy and christianity and human decency must create laws free from all repression and oppression and remove these disabilities.

We, therefore, recommend the abolition of the Masters and Servants Act; the Native Taxation Act; The Urban Areas Act; The Native location regulations; the illegal possession of Kaffir Beer to be replaced by home-brew for all natives and beer-canteens for natives by natives. Removal of all Colour bar restrictions in Industry. Training of Africans in Trades; Their admission in industries.

Europeans + non-European intimate contact in domestic service
How many of these involve moral turpitude
Disparities grades bet skilled and unskilled
Dumblie Supt of Town Hospital, S. Londy
Bad surroundings, undernourishment and bad housing

These offences are out of proportion both to the crime and the ability of African to pay -
No they break him in before he can go to work - still impact -
We must be armed to defend ourselves against these -
wonderful many of the laws & offences

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