

policy assigns to them the lower, unskilled and poorly paid types of employment. The denial of such encouragement recruits candidates who are criminalised under Section 17. Natives Urban Areas Act.

(8) The abolition of various vexatious laws and regulations for Natives only which are factories of crime which give the African a sense of frustration and despair and develop in some of them anti-social, even anti-state attitudes.

(9) Authorities and officials of different departments must be accessible and willing to meet African leaders on various questions, at all times.

(1) There should be a permanent Housing Commission with a policy laid down by Parliament to direct all housing schemes for the community.

The abovementioned recommendations are made in the hope that if an honest, earnest and sincere effort is made to give effect to them, the present tensions between Europeans and Africans, which are brought about by the conditions and attitudes we referred to previously, will be relieved.

The appointment of the present Commission to undertake the present task was received with a mixed feeling by many thinking Africans. The integrity of every member of the Commission is above reproach. But it was felt - and we hope we shall be favourably surprised by their report - that their close association with the Native affairs, now or previously, as officers who had to defend that policy, was a handicap and not an advantage. This it was thought human nature being what it is would make it difficult for some of the members to condemn some of the practices and policies of which they were at sometime or another champions and defenders.

We would have preferred a direct approach to the question by a round table conference between the authorities on the one hand and the African leaders and their Representatives on the other. Such approach is still urgently needed as the Commission's report must still be considered by the Cabinet Ministers for implementation.

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