

OVERSEAS PUBLICITY FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Certain very important factors emerged from the discussions at the United Nations conference last year:

- (a) That there is such ignorance overseas about conditions in South Africa.
- (b) That advantage is being taken of this ignorance by Government officials and people who defend the Government's Native policy, to the detriment of the African people.
- (c) That on the other hand, those people who are prepared to champion the cause of justice are handicapped by this lack of factual information in their fight for the Africans and, by making statements, prejudice the very cause which they espouse.

In order to assist the champions of justice and to present the world with all the facts, it is proposed that the Bantu Welfare Trust should undertake to initiate healthy propaganda overseas on the South African Native policy by collecting and collating factual information about South Africa for overseas consumption and sending it out periodically. Such material could be prepared in the form of:

1. Digests of editorials and newspaper reports.
2. Digests of relevant government reports, and blue books.
3. Reprints of old reports by bodies concerned with the Native problem, such as the South African Institute of Race Relations, Joint Councils, Welfare Societies etc.

Such overseas propaganda will assist very much in bringing outside pressure to bear on South Africa and should in the end show good results.

The Trust cannot, of course, do this work itself, but could offer financial assistance to any organisation which might be prepared to do it.

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