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The Race Relations Conference

In the twenty-one years which it has been working in South Africa, the Institute of Race Relations has made itself a permanent and valuable part of national life.

At the Cape Town conference, many different points of view were put forward but the speakers had common ground in that they all in their different ways genuinely seek the welfare of all sections of the population.

The fact of the matter is that race relations are changing all the time and will continue so to change because no people can remain static.

We trust that Dr. Eiselen's reference to plans for the establishment of village centres in the Reserves will be carried forward with the greatest speed possible.

The best way to get more land is clearly to adopt the most progressive measures with which we already have.

Inkundla --- Kgotla

Sunday, January 22 was the anniversary of the battle of Isandlwana, which was fought on St. Vincent's Day, January 22, 1879.

The meaning of the word "Isandlwana"—the name of the mountain under the shadow of which the battle was fought—is most uncertain.

Historian and Poet A reader, Madilika T. Vuso, relates the story of the late Alfred Ngani, a young Xhosa historian and poet who died recently.

He came to Lovedale practising as a teacher after establishing an unbroken record in teaching and school organisation at Queenstown.

His best work, "The History of the Amagqumukwebe," written in Xhosa, secured for him a warm place in the hearts of his tribe.

Tricks the Weather Plays It takes an expert to forecast the weather which seems to take delight in playing all sorts of tricks on human beings.

This is what happened on at least two occasions last week. Many who live far from bus stops were drenched as a result.

There are those times when congregations had gathered in open, or on mountain tops to supplicate the Almighty for rain.

CHIEF SCOUT AT KILNERTON ON FEBRUARY 18

Saturday, February 18, will be a red-letter-day in the history of Pathfinder Boy Scouts when an all-day rally of Scout Troops and Cub Packs in the Transvaal Division including Swaziland, will be held at Kilnerton Training Institution, Pretoria to meet the Chief Scout of the British Empire, Lord Rowallan.

This will be the best Pathfinder Rally that South Africa has yet seen. Each Troop will be allocated a camp-space, where during the morning, it will conduct a full and varied troop including scout work, instructional games, making camp gadgets, observation tests, dealing with 'accidents', mapping, physical training etc.

The Chief Scout will visit each troop in turn and watch in action.

storms which damaged gardens and fields, smashed window panes and robbed trees of their fruit.

Sometimes we tend to forget what once was the talk of the day. A year and a few months past, newspapers in South Africa carried reports of the birth of the Ndwandwe Quads at the Bridgman Memorial hospital.

Everybody wished and still wishes to see these children who are now miles from their place of birth, down in the heart of Zululand—their real home.

Let us remember that this newspaper has opened a Fund which has not yet been closed. It is called the Ndwandwe Quads Fund.

Unusual Incident The other day, I boarded one of the many buses that cater for our people in the various Townships of Johannesburg.

When getting off from a bus, an old lady left her handkerchief, which, as is the dangerous habit of women, had some money in it. A bus driver ordered the conductor to chase after the old lady and hand over the money.

Tribal Link The African people in many parts of the continent have chiefs

Points From Race Relations Conference

The annual meeting of the South African Institute of Race Relations, held in Cape Town last week, provided a forum for speakers with widely-deferring views.

The conference was opened by Senator Brookes praised the work of the Native Affairs Department in the Reserves.

After referring to the unique racial composition of South Africa, Dr. Jansen said that charges against the Europeans that they had robbed Natives of their land were generally grossly exaggerated.

It was a mistaken idea that there should be provision for every Native to become owner of a piece of land. Such a proposition for the whole of its population would be impossible for any country.

Commenting on nationalism, the Minister said that true nationalism was in the first place a growing love of one's own national attributes, which up to the present had been singularly absent on the part of the African.

SENATOR BROOKES Giving the Hoernle Memorial lecture, Senator Edgar Brookes described South Africa as completely alien to the spirit of the post-war world.

Continuing he said: A liberal policy which put righteousness before self-preservation, would not only deliver South Africa from world criticism, but would also turn non-Europeans from enemies into friends and co-operators.

"There has been unexampled progress in education, accompanied by an unexampled denial of the rights of citizenship.

who have ruled over them for years. These chiefs have become part and parcel of the tribe and, in fact, the very essence of the traditions and laws of the nation in that they constitute the uniting head of all the people from young to old.

At the same time, the Chief is a man who is born of a Chief and is born of a queen whom the tribe has accepted as the woman to bear the future chief and not any other.

Even here, no mistake is allowed in the appointment of a successor because the royal lineage must be maintained and only the tribe as a whole will know this because the tribe's chief songs are usually "izibongo"—"litboko," in which the whole royal line of chiefs, to the youngest in line of succession, are recited.

Wants To Know—WHEN THE TRAIN SERVICE ON THE ORLANDO LINE WILL BE IMPROVED "WOZANAZO"

"SJAMBOK" ON: Self-Criticism

Christ, the greatest of all men and of all teachers, said these words, some two thousand years ago: "Judge not, that ye be not judged, for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

These immortal words mean just this: Be self-critical in order to be rightly critical.

It is so easy for us to wax eloquent over other people's faults and to be blind to our own faults.

Folk who do not criticise themselves, but are loud in advertising other people's faults, are among the worst "plagues of Egypt," and, frankly, I dislike them intensely.

None Free From Faults We must all be self-critical because none of us is free from faults. Even though we may find ourselves under the heel of an evil man, that does not exempt us from self-criticism.

What I have said here is not only true of individuals but also of races and nations. The ruling race has as little right to parade the faults of the ruled race as the ruled race has to parade its own as the ruled race to forget its own as the ruled race to forget its own.

Duty of a Statesman A statesman is not one who keeps reciting to his people the faults of other people, and has his heart warmed by their cheaply won applause, but one who also finds time to count the notes and beams which fill the eyes of his own people.

Even though I am "Sjambok" I shall have the sjambok across my back for speaking in this fashion. Sjambok me if you will for speaking in this strain, and I promise you solemnly that I shall continue to speak in this fashion, and to charge you to criticise yourself before you criticise others.

Referring to the whiteman's rule, Dr Molema foresaw a different pattern, being one representing a change from rule by force, coercion and domination to real power, or rule based on the high moral and spiritual forces of light, truth and justice.

MR. LEO MARQUARD The extension of the vote to Coloured women in the Cape and the eventual end of the colour bar in Parliament.

DR. S. M. MOLEMA Dr. S. M. Molema forecasts a mutual drawing together of Africans and Europeans in South Africa, after a gradual decline in European authority based on force.

"He is heir to Western civilization which has brought South Africa to its present stage of development, and his initiative, real energy and aggressive vigour are the pillars on which South Africa is supported."

Advertisement for Sunbeam works for you in three ways... 1. It gives a brighter, more pleasing shine. 2. The shine lasts longer on the floor. 3. It makes your home clean, inviting-looking. Includes an image of a Sunbeam floor polish tin.

Advertisement for Nature's Own Remedy Ligufruta, for coughs, colds, catarrh, asthma, smoker's cough and other chest troubles. 2/6 per bottle. Includes an image of a person's face.

Furniture Special Offers table listing items like Iron Beds, Coir Mattresses, Wooden Beds, Gents Wardrobes, Dining Room Chairs, etc. with prices.

Advertisement for Bopaki Bo Tileng optical goods, featuring Lipilisi tse tumileng Tsa liphio le senya Lia hlatsoa li hloekise mali. Includes an image of a person's face and B.B. Tablets logo.

Large advertisement for John Drake 'Yankee' Air-Cool Vamps shoes. Features a large image of the shoe and text: 'WITH HAND LACED AIR-COOL VAMPS', 'Feet also must breathe... thongs of pliant leather woven into a pleasing design let fresh breezes in with every step.'

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