

## EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS IN

 WEST AFRICA
# REGIONAL COORDINATION ADVOCATED BY DR. JULIAN HUXLEY 

From Our Correspondent
LONDON, Tuesday.

$I^{V}$A COUPLE OF ARTICLES IN THE TIMES; Dr. Julian Huxley, who has just returned from West Africa, where he served on a commission inquiring into the question of higher education, sent out under Colonel Sir Walter Elliott, strongly urges the need for regional co-ordination in West Africa.

Traditional West African cultures, he says, range from neolithic level to some roughly equivalent to our early medieval culture, and on each level there is great local diversification.

Furthermore, the impact of the outer world has set in motion a process of very rapid change. So West Africa is being called on to pass through both its age of entightenment and its industrial revolution simultaneously with its transition to the age of air transport and the social service State.
Discussing the means needed to meet such a situation, Dr. Huxley urges that the first step must be to develop an extended social consciousness, more aware of its past, operating in a broader common framework in its present, and with more definite objectives in the future.

COMMON HOPES
There must, he says, be shared ideas and common hopes. A sense of history must be developed through education, while shared self-confidence could come about only through achievement. Everything would help which would provide a common cultural framework, such as the spread of English as the future lingua franca.
Further help would come from mass education campaign, each linked with some such as health besides literacy such as health, and improved farming.
Eventually, however, these Africans must feel that West Africa is their country, that it is being developed in their interests, and that they are contributing to its development. Common institutions are as necessary as common feeling.
Within single territories more unofficial representation on the legislative councils would help, but it is on the inter-territorial level-the level of British West Afriea-that organisation could achieve most at the moment.

## RESEARCH SERVICES

There can be no question, Dr. Huxley goes on to say, that most of the research and some of the technical services should be organised on a unified basis. A beginning has already been made with the cocoa research station at Tajo, which has been taken out or the Gold Coast service and given independent status to serve all four territories.

Geology, tsetse research, animal breeding, animal disease research and many other fields should be promoted to similar status. Another piece of central co-ordination was the appointment of town planning adviser.
Moreover, Lord Swinton is coordinating the war effort in the West African region. After the war there will be no justification for a resident Minister, but the need for regional co-ordination will remain. Instead of substiluting a Governor-General for a resident Minister, Dr. Huxley sugrests that a more flexible possigests that a more flexible pons i-
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quant Governors' conferences quint Governors conferences
with the permanent staff as a regional secretariat, the conferences to be presided over by the Secretary of State or the Parlia-

Members of the Elliott Commispotence impressed by the comtrained Africans, though there is also much incompetence, which is part of the backwardness that can be removed.

## COOPERATIVE SYSTEM

Dr. Huxley advocates extension of the co-operative system to the oil palm plantations, possibly on a modification of the Russian colelective farm system, and urges elective farm British income tax payable in that British income tax payable in the Colonies should be returned to
the territories where a profit is the te
made. Times, commenting on these
The proposals, considers a powerful level is required to overcome the inertia of tradition, but this may well be provided by the experience which the war is enabling so many thousands of Africans to acquire. For the first time in their lives they are learning what it means to be properly clothed, fed, housed and to have their natural aptitudes developed in the army trade schools.
With such material and with plans drawn up by committees whose membership unites knowledge with insight, The Times is of the opinion that the visions of to-day can be translated into the facts of to-morrow.

ADULT EDUCATION.-Mr. B. Stalson, general secretary of the
Johannesburg Jewish Reform ConJohannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, will be the speaker at
a meeting of the Institute of a meeting of the Institute of
Adult Education at Temple Israel tonight at 8 o'clock.



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## TREATMENT OF NATIVES

## VARYING POLICIES <br> IN AFRICAN TERRITORIES

The danger of Africa splitting into two halves, with Central and West Africa pursuing a liberal native policy and South and East Africa a segregationist one, was emphasised by Mr. L. Silberman, of the Department of Social Studies, Witwatersrand University, when he addressed the Rotary Club to-day on the results of observations made during a recent study tour of the French and Belgian Congo.
Mr. Silberman said these territories would strongly resist any
attempt to extend the Union's in dustrial colour bar to them by economic pressure or other means. On the other hand, there was plenty of scope for trade between them and South Africa, and these territories were open and full of possibilities to immigrants of liberal sentiment.

The Europeans in the Belgian Congo were in favour of social segregation, but had no objection to working alongside natives. In the French Congo the dividing line was one between civilised and uncivilised. A native was fully accepted in European society if he qualified as a French citizen. Citizenship, however, had its responsibilities as well as its privileges. A French citizen, of whatever colour, was subject to higher taxation and also to conscription. A native who qualified for French citizenship had to obey European laws which, in general, were stricter than native laws.
An astonishing degree of assimilation had been achieved. The French aim was to make every native a French citizen ultimately so that the Republic would consist of $100,000,000$ people.
The French and Belgian Congo were opposed to the South African system of migratory labour. Native workers were per manently settled near their work, and married men were given preference. The natives could buy property and received subsidised housing loans. There were maternity clinics and schools in all the bigger centres

## CONFLICTS

These territories had. their problems, however. French Africa was comparatively poor, and in the Belgian Congo the big, the Belgian Congo the big,
monopolistic companies were in monopolistic companies were in conflict with the smaller settlers,
who complained of excessive cenwho complained of excessive cenAnother complaint was that surpluses were used for social services, but not for increases in wages. On the other hand, the big companies argued that because of their larger resources they alone were in a position to provide the funds for social services and give the natives a square deal
Central Africa held challenges for the scientist and the states$\operatorname{man}$ and for youth, said Mr . Silberman. The challenge to the statesman was to convince the people of the Belgian and French Congo that pan-Africanism did not mean the "old Imperialist game," which these territories game," which these territories
would resist. But the prospect would resist. But the prospect
of increased trade between the Congo and the Union was good because under the Congo treaties trade was open to every nation Under the same treaties immigration was open to all, and there was a challenge here to youth, for a white man in the Congo wielded immense power fo: good.



## READERS' VIEWS

## NATIVE EDUCATION IN AFRICA

To the Editor of The Star,
Sir,-Under the editorial heading "Native Education in Africa," you are guilty of making a very serious misstatement. In referring to the whole problem of African native education you say, "The Union is the most advanced country in Southern Africa in the provision of native education." Elsewhere I ve seen this statement made, and I consider that there is a definite danger to future good interdanger to ship hips between ourselves relationships between ourselves and the other territories which
go to make up the African continent in the perpetuation of such an inaccuracy
May I recommend to you the March, 1944, issue of Libertas, in which L. Silberman, of the Department of Social Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, varsity of the witwatersrand, has written an article on "Pro-
gress on Dark Continent." It is gress on Dark Continent." It is
most excellently illustrated. He most excellently illustrated. He
concentrates on the Belgian concentrates on the Eqelgial Africa. The proportion of European to native in the Belgian Congo is approximately 1 to 400 , and in French Equatorial Africa 1 to 700. Yet the Congo's mineral wealth has not been permitted to lie fallow. The output of copper per annum is 14,000 tons, that of tin is 22,000 . The white man is the organiser, incidentally the introduces of modern machinery which the native there has learnt to take European. The pictures show African telegraphists, typists, shipbuilders and others at work. "Only set-up operations (of machinery) and the last precision stages are taken over by the European charge-hand. The health services, however, cannot possibly be manned by European practitioners, so Africans are courses as medical aids. They run dispensaries, give injections, make routine diagnoses, and, in the Cameroons, perform abdominat operations." "All children attend school in the Congo, and now post-primary education is being given in the larger towns.
These excerpts are sufficient to indicate what Rip van Winkles in the field of native education we really are
If we would but take a leaf out of the Belgian Congo's native education policy and translate it Trio a dense, forgetting manpower issues, but planning to create as issues, but planning of people as evolutionised a
we ourselves hope to be, we will We ourselves heap to be honouring at least appear trusteeship. The Transkei could in this way become the place where any native could fulfil his most ambitious dreams. I am aware that this might sound like advocating segregation, and that is unpopular to some of us. It is worth remembering, however, that philosophies which lack the support of a realistic imagination can be as harmful as a deliberate face the fact that our people object face the fact that our people object to natives sitting next to them in him living in the house next door. These examples of intolerance These examples of multiplied. Why, then, should the native not have, at this transitory stage of our attitude towards him, cities of his own away from us, where there would be flats and houses like ours: trains, trams and buses like ours? Why not enable him to experience the material benefits of the age in which we and he live The native could not merely be given the word to go ahead. We will have to do some very scientific organising in presenting him with a skeletal plan which he is o amplify. And that is what Mr Hofmeyr meant when he spoke of the educational facilities that the
job can offer. This indeed would be an education for life, and not for mere literacy, "which could be an education for leisure. Not all planning is evil, but, as I have elsewhere recently remarked, it is the attitude of laissez faire, the heritage which our easy climate, and cheap native labour have made it so natural for us to acquire, which is insidiously evil. We have to force ourselves to be vigilant, or else even such perfect plans as the proposed "Vereniging Township" can become small Fascist States, with all their accompanying evils.
We know that economically the native is not ready for his cities. Permit him then to begin with his farming. Teach him all the aspects of the agricultural science which will make him a co-combatant against soil erosion, and so on. Help him to replace his huts by modern cottages, and his kraals by modern villages with all the necessary social welfare, health and education facilities. If he wishes to continue existence in the locations, let him do so. He must not be forced to any of these good things. With his development in Belgian Congo and French Equatorial- Africa before us, we can be confident that he will avail himself of opportunities offered him. Both for the educadion of our European population, as well at that of the native population, a film on native life in Belgian Congo would speed in Belgian Congo would speed Education Policy.

GLADYS MALAN.
(The following figures from Lord Haley's "African Survey," generally regarded as the most authoritative recent work on African problems, may be of interest. In the Union, out of 3 total native population of 6.5 million, $-409,301$ children attend school, of whom 40,750 are in schools unaided by the Governschools unaided by the Govern-
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million, 460,353 children attend million, 460,353 children attend
school, of whom 263,360 are in unschool, of whom 263,360 are in un-
aided schools. In French Equatorial Africa with a total native population of 3.4 million, 18,952 children attend school, of whom 11,924 are in unaided schools. In French West Africa, with a total native population of 14.7 million, 67,347 children attend school, of whom 11,178 are in unaided schools). $\qquad$

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The days when native children were taught to turn large pound sums into farthings, and native adolescents to write Latin, are happily passing. Education, while providing a broad background of common ideas and a sense of history, is being linked with the day-to-day life of the people. The programme for the future includes not only the speediest liquidation of mass illiteracy, but "shock drives" for better health, tsetse clearance and improved farming, which will be conducted as far as possible by the natives themselves. These reforms extend beyon West Africa, to Tanganyika, for example, where natives have
already, by their own efforts, though under European supervision, cleared considerable tracts of hitherto tsetse-ridden country, and been able to settle.
The reforms, indeed, cannot be confined to one part of Africa. The problems being tackled are common to many territories. There must accordingly be some sort of inter-territorial unification, and a start has been made in West Africa by unified technical services and research. Though their forms may differ, poverty and disease are the chief obstacles to advancement in all parts of Africa. The levers required to clear the path are economic and biological rather than political. Scientists have no politics. By starting on the lowest and least controversial levels, the experiments now in progress in West Africa raise up no barriers to their steady extension to other areas. The work being done there can be joined on to similar work elsewhere, irrespective of political boundaries. There opens up a fruitful vista of consultation and collaboration which will benefit all territories.

## Nats. Tackle Malan on Havenga Agreement <br> Much Discussion at Party <br> - $z^{\circ}$ Caucus Meeting

(The Friend Parliamentary Correspondent)
CAPE TOWN, Sunday.-When the Nationalist Party caucus met on Tuesday, a number of members tackled Dr Malan on the subject of his agreement with Mr Havenga to shelve interference with the Coloured franchise for a year.

They asked why he entered into the agreement without consulting them and how he reconciled it with the Nationalist Party policy and his own promises to the people.

Nationalists tell me they have a great deal to say on the matter and that discussion will be coninued in succeeding caucus fully thrashed out.
They themselves cannot foresee what the outcome of the disargument inside the caucus is being conducted in a friendly fashion and they say there is little sign of a revolt.
But the fact remains that those who are bent on enforcing political apartheid - notably a led by impetuous Mr Eric Louw -have lost the initiative to Mr Havenga, whose part Dr Malan is obliged at present to take. If they are to recapture that initiative the only way is to form a separate party or group which can honestly say it is not a party to the Malan-Havenga agreement and offer to support Dr Malan in office only so long as he carries out the policies they desire.

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Mr J. G. Strydom, leader of the Transvaal Nationalists, is said to command 80 per cent of the caucus. He is bitterly disappoint ed in the turn events have taken ed in the turn events have taken. But the Iransvaal Nationalists of the Coloured vote as a matter of principle only and not direct ly; and Mr Strydom hot directman of high principle, is, I am told, the first to express respect for MF Havenga's steadfast adherence to his principles
That is the story of interna turmail which lies behind the failure of the Nationalists in the Assembly adequately to meet Assembly adequately to meet General Smuts simple chavge hat the Government canno govern because it is too divided to carry out the policies it prom-
ised the people. They do not kned the people. They do not say, or whether what they say this week will still be true in a month or two's time.

MALAN FAILS
Dr Malan had two things to say on this subject in his reply to General Smuts yesterday. He aid "apartheid" was a long term was disareement and that there factions inside the Government bout polition "aparthel"" method only and not in principle method only and not in principle
This failed to meet two imMalan points: one is that Dr with the Coloured franch to deal with the Coloured franchise ques- Ingwavuma in his speech at Hobhouse, this ingwe in his speech at Hobhouse, this difference in princjple as well as in method.
He said then that not only was there to be no interference with entrenched rights by the Government's present small majority, but also that in the process no rights already given should ever be taken away. Neither Dr Malan nor any other Nationalist speaker in the no-confidence debate has yet answered those points squarely. ezingamanobe lzingingiln enga61 ezingonina hingakuyeki neza6elungu amaningi Ilungile ilungisa ngenawo ago 6 rangenawo vangenzela ngenama akuconga angizange iningi 1gokunga6i nga6anye eziningi ezingenamasimu kumlungu ngokuse6enza kunga. 61 kuyingozi ongenzansí
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## Fretsaw for Coloured <br> Boys' Club

IF you own a fretsaw that you seldom or never use it could be usefully employed at a coloured boys' club that has recently been started at the Service Dining Rooms in Canter-bury-street. As you know the dining-rooms serve cheap nourishing dinners for European and nonEuropean men, women and children who cannot afford to pay more than a penny or a dickey for their meals.

Among the hundreds who go to the dining-rooms are many coloured boys from District Six and some of the voluntary workers have been deeply concerned at the fact that these boys appear to have nothing to do but roam the streets.
So these workers have started a club where the boys can spend at least some of their time.
The problem is, of course, to keep untrained and undisciplined boys interested and occupied and a fretsaw would considerably help towards this end. The club organisers would be gratefut, I am sure, for any other tools or games to help them in their work.
If you can answer this appeal please get in touch with Mrs. M J. Carrie, 6. Canigou Mansions, Rondebosch (6-2032).

## Feeding the Poor

$A^{N D}$, while I am on the subject, please remember that the Service Dining-rooms are always grateful for donations towards their work of feeding the city's poor. In spite of rising costs the price of the meals served remains at a penny and a tickey, and of course overheads have increased considerably.

With winter ahead and the food situation showing no signs of improving, the demands made on the dining-rooms will be heavier than ever in the coming heavier than ever in the coming months, Any contribution you can make towards this very good work will be welcome. The address is Service Dining-rooms, 82, Canterbury-street, Cape Town


## COLOURED ADVISORY COUNCIL

THE second annual report of the Coloured Advisory Council has recently been released for publication, and it is a document which deserves to be sympathetically studied by all who have a concern for our social problems. The Council was set up rather more than two years ago to assist the Government by its advice in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Coloured community. It is thus entirely an advisory body, but the report makes it clear that its advice is tendered on a wide range of subjects, and that there is little affecting the welfare of the Coloured community with which it does not concern itself. Not every part of the Union is represented on the Council. Some districts with quite considerable Coloured communities, for example, the South-Western Districts with 71,000 Coloured inhabitants, have not hitherto had any representation, but the report announces that it is hoped that representatives from these areas will soon be appointed. It is certainly desirable that the Council should be as representative as possible, in the sense at any rate that no considerable group of Coloured people should be without some person or persons specially charged with the duty of looking after their interests.

## A Successful Experiment

The Council, when it was originally appointed, was intended as an experiment. Now the Government has decided that the experiment has justified itself, and that the Council shall continue in being. The decision is one to be welcomed. The report which has just been issued shows that the Council is indeed doing valuable work. The achievement is, however, scanty if it be considered in relation to what needs to be done, but it is impressive enough if it be considered, as surely it should be, in relation to the immense difficulties of its task and the limitations of practical possibility.

The Council has made specific recommendations to the various authorities concerned in a wide range of matters, including health and housing, educational facilities and the conditions of employment for Coloured teachers, the status of Coloured workers in industry and the legal and political position of the Coloured people. It is true that only in some of the very many matters on which the Council has made representatins have its views been accepted and given practical effect, but on a very large number of such matters discussion between the Council and various Governmint organs is proceeding. And even if the actual progress of reform is slight, it is of great ultimate bonefit both to the Coloured community itself and to South Africa as a whole that a leaven of the Coloured populaton is receiving first-rate training in the investigation of social problems, the devising of practicable reforms, and the difficult arts of political discussion and
negotiation.

## - Attacks on the Council

We hope, however, that the Government will not diminish the value of the Council and rob it of prestige by adopting a dilatory and obstructive attitude to its representations. We note the rather frequent recurrance in the Report of some such phrase as "the matter is at present under consideration by the Government." Such words have ominous associations to those who are accustomed to dealing with Government departmints. It would be a great pity-it might, indeed, be disastrous for the development of race relations in South Africa-if too many of the recommendations of the Council were frustrated by their dilatoriness or silent opposition. For the Council encounters strong opposition among the Coloured people themselves. The replies to a widely circulated questionnaire reveal that a large body of Coloured opinion thinks that the results of the Council's establishment have been disappoint-
ingly slow, and a minority considers that the ingly slow, and a minority considers that the establishment of the Council has actually frustrated reforms, and has even led to a deterioration in the position of the Coloured community.

The Chairman of the Council speaks feelingly of the bitterness of the opposition which it has encountered among sections of the Coloured people. That opposition comes, we believe, in the main from political extremists, and it is to some extent artificially fostered by Communist influence. But it is clear that conditions greatly favour the growth of such influences, and that the Council will only command support if it can present a record of solid practical benefits. The present condition of South Africa undoubtedly necesstates a policy of hastening slowly in uplifting the Coloured population, but it is the duty of the Governmont, in its own interests and in the interests of White South Africa quite as much as of the Coloured people themselves, to find some happy mean between the pace of the hare and the pace of the tortoise in giving effect
to its declared policy to its declared policy of amelioration.
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## VISIT TO HELL <br> COLOUREDS 4

The Coloured Advisory Council, at present meeting in Capetown, has decided that a sub-committee of the Council shall visit East Griqualand to inquire into the rights of the Coloured people in that area.
A lengthy discussion took place on the future action of the Councl in relation to the absence of the franchise in the northern provinces. It was argued that the complete absence of any franchise for Coloured people had no basis of equity or reason and was en timely indefensible.
It was resolved to take steps to interest members of Parliament in this matter.-(S.A.P.A.)


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## Positive Action Needed to Handle Skolly Gangs

## From Mr. GEO. J GOLDING, J.P. <br> (Chairman, C.A.C.):

this most distressing news to break lobe Gang. It was the exploits of the discussion amongst the foremost item of discussion amongst groups of Coloured persons throughout the Cape Peninsula, and it is a general feeling that drastic action must be taken by the Coloured people themselves and by the authorities to curb the dangerous trend authorities activities of the gangs trend which the
The South African Pave taken.
accounts of terrorism by Police regard more imagination than actual fact. While there is much to be said for the technique of minimising, and even ignoring. the so-called bravado of the gang, nevertheless the impression is gaining ground that the police are less concerned than would be the case if European persons were the victims.
Further, whenever allegations of brutal assault on the part of the gangs have brought convictions in the courts, the sentences have almost always been common occurrence result that it is a common occurrence to hear the congoing down to the cells from the say, on
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In addition, the public has been lulled into a false sense of security regarding the magnitude of this menace by reports in the Press every now and then of a gang having been broken up by the arrest of such and such persons. But the evil in our midst shows no signs of being broken up. for no sooner is more dastardly mp than some other more dastardly crime is committed by
the gang leaders and their followers
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Peninsula is justified, therefore, in
demanding that something tangible and
drastic be undertaken by
There has been talk in the law. sublimating this so-called the past of energy and spirit of bravado of the gang: and the police have also shown a tremendous amount of enthusiasm in the noble arts and weight lifting of boxing, wrestling that weight lifting. It stands to reason that it would make the task of the police easier if pick handles. daggers and lead pipes were replaced by padded gloves But mere enthusiasm for the scheme will not succeed in obliterating the evil and macabre dealings of the gangs, for the persons who swarm and swoop upon helpless men and women and leave them injured and dying, are not interested in the manly act of defence or in cultivating the body beautiful. The only language they understand and respect is brute force, and the sooner the problem is tackled from this point of view the nearer we shall be to eradicating it from our midst.
As far as the Coloured people themselves are concerned, the opinion expressed and quoted by the local daily Press that unless something positive is done to protect the lives and property of law-abidine citizens, then the people themselves will take action, is endorsed arrive ne has arrived for a Moses to arrive, not to lead us into another land, our midst.

## SUCCESS OF COLOURED COUNCIL

## From Our Correspondent

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday, - The Coloured Advisory Council has vindicated itself and "has come to stay," said Mr. H. G. Lawrence, Minister of Social Welfare, when he opened the council's 12th meeting to-day. The council membership, originally planned for seven, was now 24, with one mure to be appointed, he said. This was because a greater aggregation of because a greater aggregation of
coloured areas and a wider range coloured areas and a wider range
of coloured interests were now represented.
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He paid.
He paid a tribute to Dr. F. H. Gow for his pilotship of the council, "During all the heat, antagonism and extremism of its opponents." Mr. G. J. Golding, who succeeded Dr. Gow had also ably carried the banner of the council as a live instrument in the service of the coloured people.

## UNPARALLELED WORK

The Institute of Race Relations had reported on the council's work as "unparalleled in the history of the coloured people," and as stemming the process which had dragged them economically backwards.
The Departments of Demobilisation and Labour were exploring opportunities and providing instruction for non-European exvolunteers in the engineering building, motor and enger indus, tries. The police force vided a real opportunity of decent living, service and advancement for the coloured man. The Prime Minister had issued instructions to all Government Departments to submit periodical Departments to numbers of non-Europeans taken into the public service. It was felt that the coloured people had a right to a part in the running of their own country.

## Non-European Progress

Addressing a conference of the Coloured Ex-Servicemen's Legion of the B.E.S.L., the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Gearing, deplored "the unnecessarily aggressive" tone of some of the phrases used in their annual reporReferences to "oppressions should have been omitted, ho thought, in view of the fact that 90 per cent. of the Legion's demands had been satisfied. To speak of satisfaction and oppression in one breath was, Mr Gearing felt, a contradiction in terms. Other South Africans who, to say the least, bear no ill-will towards the non-Euro-pean-and the Mayor of Cape Town, for one, was generous in his praise of the Coloured ex-soldier-have often noted a similar inconsistency in the approach by individuals and organisations to the problems ${ }^{C}$ of non-European development. There is a tendency to slur over the positive achievements by non-Europeans, even within the imperfect setting of the present South African conditions, and at the same time to over-emphasise the causes of non-European discontent. No one who sees the South African scene steadily, and sees it whole, can doubt that the non-European leaders must be conscious of wrongs and discriminations which they are constantly seeking to remove. But just as it would be unnatural to expect non-Europeans to :efrain from using every legitimate means of improving their lot, so it is unfair of the more responsible non-Europeans, whether Coloured or Native, to ignore the advances made in recent years and the possibilities they hold for the future.

## FORWARD STEP

The Coloured Advisory Council, like the Coloured ExServicemen's Legion, may be taken as an example to show that the South African record, however much it may leave to be desired in some directions, is by no means one of unrelieved failure in the field of nonEuropean progress. The members of the Council, who sat in Cape Town this week, had a good many faults to find with the Government's acts of omission and commission on ques. tions affecting the Coloured population. But they also heard that there had been a decided improvement in the opportunities for employment and economic betterment offered to Coloured men and women by the State. More Coloured persons, it was pointed out, were enabled in recent years to serve their own people in suitable positions without jeopardising the security and susceptibilities of other racial groups. While such achievements as these may seem modest enough to men who are impatient with the present rate of political and economic advancement of the non-European, they represent a distinct forward step. They are certainly the reverse of that bogey of "oppression" which is part of the stock-in-trade of unthinking or mischievous propagandists. The Coloured Advisory Council itself, after several years of systematic working, is an illustration of constructive development in non-European political activity. It is an answer to those who originally opposed its establishment tooth-and-nail; and it should be an encouragement to responsible Europeans and nonEuropeans who would like to see the successful evolution of the Natives Representative Council into an instrument of Native progress.

# LVING PROVIDED BY SHEBEENS 

# Commission on Wine Deliveries Earned by Coloureds 

## (From Our Own Parliamentary Correspondent)

CAPE TOWN, Sunday.
Ninety shebeens in East London provide a living for a large proportion of the city's Coloured community. They pay a commission of one shilling on every bottle of wine delivered to them and because of the scarcity of suitable employment open to Coloureds they are doing good business.

This state of affairs is revealed in the annual report of the Coloured Advisory Council for the year ended March 31, 1947, which was tabled in the House of Assembly. The report recommends that in order to combat the shebeen menace all restrictions on bars at East London should be removed and the bars as a consequence be allowed to remain open for longer hours.

Those of the eity's Coloured community who supply shebeens can earn 17s. a day in this fashion, the report reveals. "There are 17 bottle stores which provide an income of 176: a day to the 'mailer' as people so engaged are called," says the report. "This lack of employment, which is not the fault of the Coloured people, is demoralising them. Europeans are used for ekilled and semi-skilled work, while Natives are employed as unskilled labourere."

That section of the Coloured Advisory Council's report dealing with East London, originates from the Coloured Primary School, Bedford, and is presented by Mr. H. C. A. Cloete.
The report says that the main problems of the city's 4,963 Coloured people are housing, employment, the shebeen menace and lack of recreational facilities. Reference is made to the Parkside sub-economic housing scheme, the Gompo Institute (a place of safety and detention for Native, Coloured and Indian children) and to the proposed provision of a new school at Parkside.

## CONFINEMENT CASES

"Confinement cases at the hospital are kept for three or four daye after the birth and are then cent home. No notice is given to relatives that the patients will be discharged, with the result that mothers with babies four days old often find themselves tramping about two to three miles home in a state of exhaustion. This treatment on the part of the hospital authorities is strongly resented by the Coloured community." The provision of conveyance by the Hospital for mothere, or, alternatively, that such patients do not leave until contact has been made with their relatives is recommended.

Among other recommendations made in the report are the provision of better recreational facilities, a bus service to Parkside, greater employment by the Municipality of Coloureds for unskilled work in the township, that Coloured people be allowed trading rights in the townehip, that at least 200 more cottages be erected at Parkeide, that Government departments be asked to make available more employment for Coloureds, that Frere Hospital accommodation for Coloureds be extended, and that an investigation be carried out in the fishing industry with a view to improving conditions of service.

## LOCATION AT "KING"

"It is not uncommon to see Coloured people crossing the road to the Native ocation, where they pay exorbitant prices for poison such as kirie skofaan, Barberton and ngati, a concoction mixed with bluestone," says the report, referring to location conditions in the King William's Town area. The report says that no liquor is allowed into the Leightonville location, which is administered under the Native Urban Areas Act, and that the Coloured people are being degraded in having to go to the Native location hard by in search of "poison."

The report deplores the action of the "King" Municipality in placing the Coloured sub-economic housing scheme at Leightonville (where 750 Coloureds live) and recommends that Leightonville be deproclaimed and declared a Coloured township. The report indicates that Coloured people living there are perturbed at the failure of the authorities to discriminate between themselves and Natives. Among the recommendations made in regard to King William's Town are that 50 building plats should be made available for sale to Coloureds at a nominal fee in order to encourage house ownership, that at least another 100 sub-economic houses be built, that a clinic, a creche, a nursery school and a play centre be provided and that a Coloured ward be provided at the hospital.

The report records a visit to Gillams Drift, near King William's Town, where a community of one European family and 14 Coloured families live. Among the recommendations made for the Gillam's Drift settlement are that the King William's Town Municipality provide water for the area by means of piping, that property owners be allowed to keep four head of cattle instead of two each-the number had been reduced from four to two by the Commonage Ranger, it is stated-and that a public telephone be installed.
Referring to Breidbach - where 60 families live - the report mentions among other things that when people there wish to visit graves in the cemetery they have to walk three miles to the European ranger's home to obtain the cemetery key. Among the recommendations made in regard to Breidbach are that the pound be situated within the village, that the cemetery key be made more easily accessible to the residents, that water pipes be laid from King William's Town, that a public telephone be installed and that arrangements be made for the District Surgeon at King William's Town to visit Breidbach once a month.

## GOLDING: THREATENS AN APPEAL TO UNO

## Entrenched Rights of the

Coloured People UNION "FACING A CRISIS"

"F the Government ride roughshod over our feelings, entrenched rights, we, for no sound reason, of our appeal to the United Nations Organisation course but to G. J. Golding, chairman of the Coloured Advisory Council and president of the Coloured People's National Union, to-day.
"In addition," he said, "we shall have to close our ranks and join hands with our fellow South Africans, in a struggle to free ourselves from the yoke of oppression
and the stigma of being and the stigma of being segregated.


## DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH

The fact that segregation was introduced on the Cape suburban trains without previous discussion with responsible Coloured persons indicated to whet extent the Gov vernment were afraid to face enlightened and advanced Coloured opinion on the matter.
Various authorities had been quoted as sanctioning "this vicious quoted as sanctioning "this vicious
policy, not the least of which was the word of God," continued Mr. Golding.
"Men of high standing in the church, particularly the Dutch church, particularly the Dutch
Reformed Church, have said Reformed Church, have said
that Christianity permits the that Christianity permits the
practice of segregation. For that practice of segregation. For that reason the Dutch Reforme
Church has come in for mu (Continued on page 3 , column 3

## So Lyk Apartheid

$\mathrm{D}^{\text {IT is 'n bekende verskynsel }}$ dat sekere groepe wat rgee om vriende van die voorgee om vriende van die hul grootste vyande is. Net soos die Kommuniste in Frankryk en ander Europese lande alles doen om die herstel van die nywerhede en dus van die werknemers daarin te verhinder, is die Kommuniste in Suid-Afrika en hul meelopers besig om die beste belange van die werksmense teë te werk. So 'n meeloper-groep is die A.P.O. Hierdie self-betitelde ,African People's Organization" het oor die naweek 'n vergadering van Kleurlinge in Johannesburg, wat belê was om apartheid te steun, verongeluk. Dieselfde Kommunistiese meelopers het altoos die mond vol oor demokratiese regte, die vrye woord en so meer; maar sodra iemand nie na hulle pype wil dans nie, word hy doodgeskreeu. Hul vryheidspraatjies bedoel alleen vryheid vir hulself en verdrukking vir alle andersdenkendes.
Die A.P.O. probeer om homself as 'n vriend van die Kleurlinge voor te doen, deur te skreeu dat apartheid slawerny beteken. Op dieselfde dag toe dit gebeur het, het dr. Dönges in Port Elizabeth as Minister van Poswese die eerste Kleur-ling-poskantoor in Suid-Afrika geopen. Die kantoor het geheel en al 'n nie-blanke personeel. Vir die eerste maal kon dus 'n Kleurling opklim tot posmeester; sy klerke is Kleurlinge
sowel as die bodes. Dit is apartheid. So maak apartheid deure oop wat tot nou toe vir ons nieblanke bevolking gesluit was.
Volgens die Kommuniste, die A.P.O. en die res van die anti-apartheid-blok moet daardie toe deure gesluit bly. Volgens hulle is daardie gekleurde posmeester 'n slaaf; al die gekleurde klerke en posbodes wat onder hom werk, is eweneens slawe! As apartheid slawerny is, dan moet al daardie bruinmense uit die poskantoor in Port Elizabeth uitgeskop en weer deur witmense vervang word. Dan is die bruinmense mos weer vry, volgens die A.P.O.: maar waar moet daardie gelukkige vry mense dan heen? Die A.P.O. sê dat apartheid verkeerd is; en dan is die aparte voorstad wat vir hulle gebou is, naamlik Schauderville, waar die Kleurling - poskantoor spesiaal vir hulle opgerig is omdat hulle daar apart kan wees, ook verkeerd. Dan roet Schauderville, met poskantoor en al afgebreek word
Dit is wat die valse vriende van die Kleurling, met hul stories van slawerny, eintlik wil hê. Die Kleurling mag nie sy eie woonwyke, met sy eie kantore en eie beamptes, vir sy eie mense kry nie; want dan kan die agitators nie meer skreeu nie. Die denkende Kleurling begin daarenteen al hoe meer insien dat sy vooruitgang geleë is in die verkryging van sy eie aparte instellinge op elke gebied. Want elke volk kan alleen opgebou word deur homself.

## DINK ASB. 'N BIETJIE

MAJ. Piet van der Byl, gewese Minister van Naturellesake, het nooit uitgeblink vanweë sy diepe gedagtes, vaste beleid of politieke invloed nie. Noudat Bredasdorp hom huistoe gestuur het, sien hy egter nog nie kans om hom terug te trek uit die politieke terrein waar hy so nutteloos rondgedwaal het nie. Hy neem dit op hom om kritiek op die H.N.P, uit te oefen, maar of sonder om die betrokke beleidstellings te verstaan òf deur aan te val wat hy moet weet nie H.N.P.-beleid is nie.

Nadat dit in die H.N.P.-pers gelees kon word, nadat die betrokke Minister sy standpunt baie duidelik toegelig het en nadat ook van kerksweë meegehelp is om enige moontlike misverstand te verwyder, kom hy met volkome onjuiste bewerings soos die volgende. „Nadat hulle uit die blanke gebiede uitgedryf is, sal nie toegelaat word dat hulle (naturelle) opgelei word om in hul eie reserwes bo die peil van ongeskoolde arbeiders te styg nie." Hy herhaal dit later weer en sê duideliker nog dat die Nasionaliste se beleid is dat ' $n$ naturel nie toegelaat sal word om geskool te word nie ,selfs in sy eie gebied en om net naturelle-belange te dien." Maj. Van ciar Byl moet weet dat hy net die teenoorgestelde beweer van wat die H.N.P. self as sy beleid aangee. Apartheid moet juis meebring dat die naturel opgelei sal word om sy eie mense in sy eie gebiede te dien. Of dit nou gebrek aan insig of kennis of ' $n$ begeerte om te mislei is wat sulke bewerings veroorsaak - hulle bly ewe onbillik.

Ook is sy stelling verkeerd dat by gebrek aan natu-relle-vakmanne naturelle-behuising sal agterbly en te duur word weens die gebruik van blanke vakmanne. Dit is tog welbekend dat die oplossing vir die behuisingstekort van naturelle nie bestaan uit die gebruik van die gewone boumetodes nie. Grootskaalse aanbou met masjinale hulpmiddels, nuwe materiale en massaproduksiemetodes sal moet uithelp. Daar sal wel deeglik gebruik gemaak word van groot getalle ongeskoolde en halfgeskoolde nie-blanke handlangers onder ' $n$ paar blanke boumeesters en tegnici wat die naturelle in elk geval nie sou kan vervang het nie, en wie se lone geen invloed van belang op die koste van elke eenheid sal uitoefen nie. Hierdie mense kan gerus ophou veg teen rookskerms.


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## Coloureds Eager to Begin Training

THE following telegram has been ployment are open to the coloured sent to General Smuts by Mr. Abe Desmore, chairman of the Cape Corps Association: "As you are aware the loyalty of the coloured people is absolute and entire. From this source you have at your command tried fighting material. The Union may soon require all its available man power in the fighting line. Therefore, it is felt that the training of the Cape Corps as combatants should begin at once to enable the coloured people to take full part in the defence and maintenance of the Union and the Empire," states SAPA.

## COMMUNITY'S DIFFICULTIES

The difficulties facing the coloured community in Johannesburg are the subject of a special report prepared by Mr, D. N. Murray, acting director of the municipal department of Social! Welfare, submitted to a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Johannesburg City Council yesterday afternoon.
Together with this report a, ,other was submitted to the committee, prepared jointly by the City Engineer, the Medical Officer of Health, the manager of the Native Affairs Department, and Mr. Murray, in which it is recommended that the Governmont be asked to establish a coloured labour battalion of about 1,000 .

Mr. Murray's report deals with the economic and social conditions of the Cape Coloured in Johannesburg. Although sufficient channels of em-
people there seems to be a bias against them on the part of employers, states Mr. Murray, which is based on the fear of being "swamped out" by the native and coloured.
The coloured people believe that if the Government and the municipalities departed from their policy of promoting "civilised labour" and employed coloureds, industries would follow suit. This was recommended by the commission of inquiry into the coloured people of the Union in 1937.

After pointing out that there is no differentiation in wages in industry as between the European and coloured, Mr. Murray states that in practice preference is given to the European.

Distress among coloured people is acute through unemployment caused by the war. They are the first to be paid off in times of depression, the sources of assistance are limited, welfare services are inadequate, and the avenue of military employment is not open to them.
Representations were made by the Divisional Inspector of Labour in February, 1939, recommending the formation of a coloured service battalion, and to date 1,390 men have registered for national service, but nothing has been done to utilise their services.

At the Johannesburg Labour Bureau 1,200 are registered as unemployed, but it is known that many have not registered.

# ION-EUROPEANS VOTING RIGHTS CITIZENS RALLY TO BE HELD 

A CITIZENS' rally under the auspices of the Civil Rights Action Committee is to be held in the City Hall, Cape Town, at 8.15 p.m. on September 14 to discuss non-European parliamentary representation.
The purpose of the rally, of the Cape are already divided states the Committee, is to among themselves as to the best demonstrate to the Government way of combating apartheid on that a large and informed section suburban trains.
of public opinion is determined The Trains Apartheid Resisto resist any attacks on the tance Committee, supported by rights of the non-European
citizens officials of the African Peoples citizens of South Africa. Organization, of the Communist Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, M.P.. Mrs. Party of South Africa and of the V. M. L. Ballinger, M.P. Mr. Leo non-Europeans' Unity Committee. Marquard, Mr. G. E. Williamson plans to fill the "Europeans and Professor W. H. Hutt.
In a statement issued yesterday, the Action Committee says:
"Grave disquiet has been caused by recent pronouncements in the House of Assembly These pronouncements show that the Government intends to subvert the principles of the South African Constitution and in particular, to deprive the non-Europeans of the few franchise rights which they at present enjoy.
"On the one hand, w respect the long tradition of harmonious co-operation between Europeans and nonEuropeans in the Cape Province. We consider that the serious tensions which at present exist in relations Europeans have not been reated by this tradition

- On been created in part by economic pressures similar to those prevalent throughout the modern world, and in part by fears on the part of non Europeans that the tradition is being abandoned. In the future as in the past, Europeans should continue to enlist the co-opera tion of the various groups in our multi-racial society. This is the only policy which is just. It is also the only policy which is wise and can reasonably be expected to bear, fruit in racial peace and prosperity.
"IRREPARABLE HARM"
"On the other hand, we believe that if the plans recently enunciated in the House of Assembly are put into practice irreparable harm will be caused to all South Africans. We are informed that the objects of the plans are to preserve 'White civilization' and to ensure the mastery of Europeans over nonEuropeans.
"But no flourish on the foundations of increasing oppression, friction, and unrest which will inevitably result from the withdrawal and whittling down of the rights of citizenship of non-Europeans. If this course is followed existing fears will have been justifiec bated.
"South Africa will then be led inexorably to everincreasing intolerance and oppression until, sooner or later, Western civilization will collapse here under unbearable strains."
The statement is signed by the Rt. Rev. S. W. Lavis (Coadjutor Bishop of Cape Town). Mrs. W. F. Grant, Dr. Sheila van der
Horst, Mr. G. E. Williamson, Horst, Mr. G. E. Williamson, Mr. L. Marquard, the Rev. H. G. Leverton and Mr. A. Jenner.
Meanwhile, the non-Europeans
pean volunteers who are willing to risk the consequences

The Coloured Advisory Council, however, through its chairman, Mr. G. J. Golding. calls for a week of prayer and rigid observance of the regulations as they now stand.
The latest copy of The Sun the newspaper of the Coloured People's National Union-of which Mr. Golding is presidentdevotes most of its front page to ing", and recalls the riots of 1938 when police clashed with demonWhen police clashed with demon-
strators against the Government's segregation plans.
The present crisis, it says, will not be solved by organized disobedience of the laws.

MASS MEETING
The article, which was written before the mass meeting took place last Sunday, makes the following reference to it:
"Speeches will be made, resolutions passed and collections taken. All respect for the acredness of the Sabbath will he peoplen and the minds of they will be made to feel frusrated and more bitter towards their fellow men. The result will be a setback for the Coloured people and no gain at Collou
Nearly £200 was collected at the meeting, and a resolution was passed expressing the meeting's determination to make the antrtheid regulations unwork able by means of organized resistance.

No incidents were reported on the suburban trains yester-
day, although it is understood
that members of the railway staff have been warned to expect trouble later in the week.
Mr. Ben Kies, a member of the Trains Apartheid Resistance Committee, has denied the report in the cape Times yesterday that re pleaded with the non-Euro peans on the station on Sunday afternoon to go home quietly in their own coaches. It was a case of mistaken identity.
Mr. P. O. Sauer (Minister of Transport) conferred yesterday with departmental heads of the S.A.R., but declined to make a tatement on the action he would take against organized resisters of apartheid.
If parliamentary business allows, he will fly to East London to-day for the opening of the Afrikaanse Taal en Kultuurvereniging conference, and it is expected that he will discuss train apartheid and measures to o taken in the enforcement of $t$ in his opening speech.

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