

Honorable Mr. Hoffmeyr
Minister of Finance & Education

Honorable Sir

- That the government must nominate a Senator with "a thorough acquaintance with the reasonable wants and wishes of the coloured races in South Africa." ^{to specify the intention of the} The Africans desire to recommend for nomination as such successors the Dr. Krause for the following reasons:
- ① When the constitution laid down the above mentioned qualifications for such nominees, the phrase "coloured races in South Africa" ^{includes the Cape and Natal} ~~includes the~~ ^{includes the} Africans. ^{categories} The Africans therefore feel that this nominee is their concern and their interest.
 - ② The nomination of Dr. Krause has the support of great majority of Africans. He is a ^{thoroughly} who knows the conditions of the North and who is acquainted with the reasonable wishes and wishes ^{of the people in general} and wishes of the people in general.
 - ③ ~~The Africans~~ ^{and the non-European} ^{in the} Northern Provinces have poor representation with only one senator ~~who is expected to represent adequately~~ the African inhabitants of the ^{the} two northern provinces whereas in the Cape Province the Cape Coloured are ~~represented~~ ^{represented} as voters through the common voters by Cape and Senate representatives of respective constituencies.
 - ④ We are aware that the government requires all the support possible in the House, we, therefore, recommend Dr. Krause ^{presuming} that on the broad principles of government he is not in opposition of your ^{government} ~~and party~~ ^{government}.
 - ⑤ Some may suggest that the nominee should come from a particular province but we feel that that is not essential as the appointment is for the Union Senate where senators of all parties and from all provinces

will be working together and their representations
vote and support would be available to the govern-
ment. We realise that for a provincial appoint-
ment this might not have been the case as
this nominee might have lived in a province
in which his support and vote may not count
as much for the government.

② No doubt party considerations of faithful
stalwarts on the ranks may weigh heavily.
However, we feel that the circumstances as
stated in the Constitution under which
the nomination is made should outweigh
any such claims.

③ The Africans take this appointment as their
interest and concern constitutionally, they
would be extremely grateful and appreciative
if their recommendation were favourable
consideration. It is would be a fine gesture
of goodwill from the government
I have been approached by many African
organisation and individuals as their leader
to make representations on their behalf on
this matter.

We most respectfully urge you to support
our representations ~~with~~ communicated
to the Honorable the Prime Minister
on the above stated lines
I have have to the honour to be,

Sr,
Yours respectfully

R. S. A. M.,

Colonel the Honourable Henry Reitz
Deputy Minister & Member of National Affairs

Honourable Sir,

re Nomination of Senator

The Government will soon be nominating a Senator with "a thorough acquaintance with the reasonable wants and wishes of the coloured races in South Africa" to succeed the late Senator the Honourable A. J. Joubert.

Since this ~~appointment~~ ^{nomination} concerns the Africans vitally they feel that they should be allowed a voice or opinion in this matter.

They most respectfully recommend Dr the Hon. F. S. Krause as successor to Senator Joubert on the following grounds:

① They presume that Dr Krause is not opposed to the broad principles of government to the governing party, or at this point has received most serious consideration as there is no intention in our part to embarrass the government especially at this time.

② When the constitution laid down that this appointment should be in accordance with the reasonable wants and wishes of the coloured races in South Africa, the phrase "coloured races in South Africa" had a wide meaning then at present it included Africans beside Cape Coloureds, and therefore Africans have a right to claim this nomination as their representative.

③ Dr Krause is ~~the~~ the choice of the majority of the African people, a Northerner with a great deal of knowledge about conditions of the non-whites and their "reasonable wants and wishes".

④ The Africans and non-Europeans in general are badly in need for more representations as they have only one Senator who can only pretend that represent the Orange Free State and the Transvaal.

⑤ In the Cape the Cape Coloured are still in the common voters role, and the Africans have their limited separate though inadequate representation in the three Chambers and the Cape.

Colonel Deneys Keir

6. To those who may suggest that the nominees should come from a particular province, we feel that this does not weigh so seriously as members of Parliament meet together in a national assembly where party groups or sympathies from all provinces are together during the sitting of the Parliament. For a nominee of the Provincial Council there might be some difficulty as the vote or support of a particular province might be more essential in one province than another.

7. As this appointment is intended for the Africans and for the first time they are making their first suggestion, would it not be a gesture of good-will on the part of the Government to nominate their choice. We realise that there are ^{of faithful supporters} party claims that will press themselves for consideration but we feel that the circumstances for the nomination should tend to outweigh ~~these~~ ^{all} other considerations.

Many resolutions have been made to ^{as the leader,} meet by various organisations and individuals as ~~they~~ ^{the} request is favourably considered by the Government ~~it will be~~ ^{promptly} and favourably received by the Africans, ^{gratefully} and will be gratefully received by the Africans.

We respectfully request you to support our representations to the Right Honourable the Prime Minister along the above mentioned lines.

I have to the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours respectfully

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