

...of Africa without whom they cannot develop this country.

perhaps a fortunate misfortune that disease knows no colour bar. The best insurance then for the health of the European is to develop a strong vigorous and healthy African community. *unsorted*

The Union Public Health Department has recognised this for years. Medical officers of Health of the Municipalities are working with this end in view. I hope public opinion will soon crystallise in that direction and all will benefit, the European perhaps better than the African. *Unsorted & many*

I hate dictators but I believe and tolerate a dictator who is medically trained for he would see to it that all the inequalities that bring about ill-health to the communities are corrected. Fortunately for us our Health Officers know no colour in this matter but they have no hold on the purse string of the country so things must be as they are for the time being until we can convince that last man on the line *the* politician. *that I would*

What then is the significance of Tuberculosis in S. Africa and what is the challenge?

Tuberculosis in South Africa means poverty, a low economic status with overcrowding, malnutrition, starvation, destitution, slum conditions, squalor and ignorance.

These conditions are beyond the control of the Medical Officers of Health and all medicines in the chemists' and doctors' shops. Consulting rooms cannot cure and yet the conditions mentioned are *maintain people who are underfed* *poorly clad and badly housed* *in good health* *State medical services* *fundamental to health and well-being.* *These fundamental state services lose their value unless these fundamental state services are recognised.* That State, therefore, which does all in its power to raise the economic status and standard of living of every member of the State irrespective of colour has the broadest foundation for a most successful state medical service. Without that foundation South Africa may blame the Public Health Officer for conditions over which they have no control.

Health is wealth. Health is happiness. Let us therefore, resolve to bring this wealth and happiness to the whole of S. Africa European and non-European whose interests are one and inextreably bound together.

Sanatoria and clinics are excellent places to teach people how to minimise the spread of infection. But, what does it help a poor African native to be in a modern Sanatorium where he receives good food and *good surroundings* *where he receives* *good food and* *good surroundings*

and then how to go to a hospital and get a treatment of disease and let me create a better life for people in our country

Today, South Africa has developed many beautiful towns for Europeans with all the amenities that the country's wealth can command. There are vast areas of land in rural districts being crown lands or land held for speculation. In these beautiful towns these African who occupy any rooms in the city proper are to be found among the stables or in abandoned shacks and former stables which are not fit for human habitation. If town or city has a location you can often recognise your approach by rough guttered, dusty roads. At night if you wish to find the location you must go away from bright light and well laid streets into a dark area of buildings that are alike and the same size ~~and have the same size~~ because all Native are alike and have the same tastes, I suppose! There is a tendency for Municipal Councils to be reluctant in providing amenities for Natives Locations and townships.

In town Locations and rural areas the African people are living in poverty and squalor due to landless and poor wages or no wages at all.

Our Union Native Land policy has had a tremendously bad effect on the economic status of the Native people and, therefore on their health which is inextricably bound up with their wealth. More people have become homeless, overcrowding which will be worse when the 1936 Amendment of the Land Act and the proposed Native (Urban Areas) Act amendment becomes operative because this will reduce the mortgage that can be lawfully occupied by Africans. Poverty and homelessness will increase and their health will be badly affected.

The State and Public authorities will go a long way in improving the economic status and health of the people by giving them freehold title to the land and in locations as well. Landowner-

ship is a fundamental step toward wealth and therefore health. People would be another inducement to improve permanently what is theirs. Freehold title would make it possible for people to produce more and varied food supplies to balance the family meals. More areas in rural districts would provide more grazing for stock to give them milk and its product as well as meat. In other words people would be better fed and prevent nutritional disorders.

In addition to the State, the Municipalities and private employers of labour must pay better wages. I may say that generally speaking European health is not secure when around and among them are

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