

THE AFRICAN IN THE PROFESSIONS

(A study of the employment of South African Natives in the professional and higher occupations, with a consideration of the Native educational system in South Africa.)

Questionnaire No. 6

1. Name and address of person filling in questionnaire *A. B. Xuma*
2. Profession. *Medical Practice* Province. *Transvaal* Town. *Johannesburg*
3. Do you prefer not to be quoted in respect to the information given?
4. Did you encounter any opposition from the white community when you started your practice? *Not at all as a matter of fact my application was supported by the late Dr. Ronald W. Kenne, then super. Johannesburg General Hospital and supported by Mr. S. Steyn Secretary of Med. Council*
5. How much of this do you think was due to race prejudice? (Quote briefly a few examples)
6. Do you have any white patients? *Yes*
7. If so, what is the attitude of the rest of the white community in this regard? *Individual and personal. Objection is official when public appointments are considered. It is then suggested that a district surgeon for instance has to attend the police and they may object but these same police approach one privately.*
8. What are your relations with the white doctors in your town or district? *Very cordial - I have met courtesy every where*
9. Do you get the cooperation of the white nurses in the hospitals? *Our hospitals are close staff and therefore do not come in contact with these nurses*
10. Do you think an African doctor has more difficulties to contend with in establishing his practice than a white doctor.... Why?
11. Could you list some of the difficulties he has to overcome on account of race prejudice?...
12. In the United States it is said a Negro doctor dare not practice in some of the small country towns on account of the race prejudice that exists. Do you think the same could be said of South Africa?
13. According to the Loram Commission some 400 or more doctors are needed to just meet the bare needs of the Native community. Do you think the Natives could support that number of doctors without government assistance? (State some of your reasons.)....
14. As a doctor and an African what is your opinion of the Medical Aids Course?....

N.B. Please use the reverse side for any additional information or remarks.

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