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BISHOP REEVES.

The Bishop of Johannesburg is a Vice-President of the Institute of Race Relations and has served on its Executive Committee for many years. The Institute views his deportation with great concern and deep dismay. As no criminal proceedings have been taken against him it is clear that his deportation cannot be justified on the ground that he has committed any offence. Nor, indeed, has this been suggested in the official statement of the department concerned, nor in any ministerial pronouncement. It is, therefore, reasonable to conclude that the Bishop was deported because of the forthright views he held and openly expressed on racial questions. This was not a case of refusing admission to the country to a person regarded as an undesirable immigrant but of summarily evicting a man who, although not a Union citizen, is a resident of more than ten years, and who is an important spiritual leader of one of the major churches of the country.

The deportation of the Bishop constitutes a dangerous precedent and represents an abuse of the great executive power which the Government has arrogated to itself.

The Institute views with alarm the implications of the Government's actions. Whether or not so intended, it will be viewed by a great many as a step towards stifling views on the burning question of the day, namely, the relationship between White and Non-White, if such views are opposed to those of the Government. This is a matter that concerns not only the Institute but the country as a whole.

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Representation

27th September, 1960.

The Rt. Rev. Ambrose Reeves,
c/o South African Church Institute,
14 Great Peter Street,
Westminster,
LONDON, S.W.1, England.

Dear Bishop Reeves,

At the last meeting of our Executive Committee I was asked to write to express our great distress at the action which has been taken by the Government and to convey to you our sympathy and our personal hurt. We issued a statement copy of which is enclosed but as you will know such statements are of little effect.

It is difficult to prophesy where present policies will take us. Your absence has left a tremendous gap in the coordination of effort and in the maintenance of the public awareness of the realities of the situation. This was so essentially an individual task that it is difficult for it to be assumed by anyone else.

I had placed great hope in the churches and in the conference which is proposed for December. You are aware of the outcome of negotiations with the Government and it now seems that the conference may not take place. If it does not eventuate or if it is sectional I am afraid that the divisions between the churches will be what they were seven long years ago when the present movement towards conciliation was first started.

However, I am optimistic and believe that things will work together for the good.

Meanwhile all our sympathy to you and to Mrs. Reeves for what must be a heart-breaking time.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
Director.

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2, Amen Court,
London, E.C.4.

13th October, 1960.

My dear Quintin,

I was deeply touched to receive your letter and the statement issued by the South African Institute of Race Relations. In spite of the fact that it is no longer possible for me to share actively in the work of the Institute, I hope that I may be allowed to continue as a Vice-President for the time being, and that you will keep me in touch with the affairs of the Institute. I do not suppose that there is much that I can do to help the work from here but if at any time there is any way in which you think I may be of use I hope that you will not hesitate to call on me.

Like yourself, I still hope that the Inter-Church Conference will not be abandoned even if it has to be postponed for several months as I am quite sure it is tremendously important that the churches should begin conversations with one another.

With every good wish.

To give my kind remembrance to all at the Institute

Yours as ever

+ Andrew Johnson

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