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REPORT OF A SPEECH MADE BY JHH AT A TOC H GATHERING IN JHB ON AUG 13, 1937, AND REPORTED IN THE RDM ON AUG 14.

I am one of those who believe that there is a rising tide of liberal feeling in SA, and I believe that that tide is going to prevail." This passage formed part of a brief but striking speech delivered last night by the Minister of the Interior at a combined meeting of Toc H branches and groups at Toc H Mark 1, Doornfontein.

Mr. H. was thanking Prof. R.F.A. Hoernle of the Witwatersrand University for what he described as a very informative and thought-provoking address on the native question.

"I do just want to remind you of what is implied in the first part of his remarks where, I think, he suggested three conceptions of native policy in this country," said Mr. H. "One is the conception of trusteeship. My quarrel with the people who propose to base their native policy on trusteeship is that they never will face up to the question of what is going to happen to the ward when he grows up. If you suggest to champions of the doctrine of trusteeship that some day, if their policy is fairly and logically carried out, their ward must be their equal, they sheer off from that doctrine of trusteeship. That is something they will not face up to.

Then there is the second conception based primarily on fear coupled with ignorance and contempt. That is a very natural conception in a country like this. The Europeans are a small element in this country, and it is not easy for us to face up to the consequences of native development. It may be a wrong conception, but it is a natural conception and do not let us be too unsympathetic and impatient with those who hold that conception.

Then there is the third conception, which I believe to be the right conception. That is the conception which is based on the realisation that there are essential human values. It is a conception which ultimately has its foundations in the realisation that all of us, whatever the colour of our skins are equally God's children and equally have the right to all that participation in the family of God implies.

Of course, if you are going to follow out that conception it is going to take a good deal of faith and to my mind the real fight in regard to that native policy in this country is just that issue between faith and fear. People ask me sometimes: "What will be the outcome if you follow this policy. Can you be sure that this country will be safe for European civilisation? No, I am not sure. It might not be. But if you follow a policy of fear, in the long run there is going to be a blow up. I am quite sure that policy is not a safe policy and I am sure we cannot follow a policy in this country which purports to make the country safe for European civilisation and at the same time surrenders those things which make European civilisation worth while.