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.....Today in South Africa most Europeans think of the natives as a danger and a menace, as they think of their numerical preponderance, of the threat they present to our economic standards, of the dangers of our being submerged in a black ocean. Col. Donaldson comes to us with wise advice - he tells us to make the natives our friends. White South Africa needs that advice today.

Let me say this at once. I do not accept for one moment the view propounded chiefly overseas, that the European in South Africa is deliberately unfair to the natives. He is not. I believe that there is a fundamental desire in the minds of our South African people to act justly towards the natives. I believe that in general our record in our dealings with the native peoples of our land is a good one. The fact of the continued survival in increasing numbers of the black men in SA as contrasted with what has happened in other countries.....proves that there has been an essential humanity in the attitude of the white man towards the black man in SA. But while there is that fundamental desire to act justly, it fights a difficult battle for expression against the power of fear.But, whether we like it or not, there is a fear-complex in SA in relation to the native question..... The great mass of Europeans in SA.....do regard the native as a menace and think of his interests as being in essential conflict with their own, they are afraid of his progress and development and of what may be portended thereby.....Col D. has rightly stressed the fact that the Bantu are of a happy and submissive disposition, that they bear disabilities with patience. But he was also right in suggesting that a seed-bed has been created in their minds in which subversive forces may grow and flourish.....We talk a good deal of the native problem in SA. Really of course it is no more a native problem than it is a European one. I prefer to think of it as a ~~xxxx~~problem of race relations, a problem of the adjustments that become necessary when men of different races and colours live side by side in the same land in order to ensure that they will in fact live together in peace and harmony. And for my part the first step to the solution of that problem in SA is the recognition of the fact that white men and black men, whatever their differences are, and they are great, are possessors of a common humanity, and whatever their inequalities are, they are at least equal in the sense of being equally God's creatures and in all that that implies. (went on to talk of segregation which because of economic position could only be partial)The Bantu generally have had their feet set by us white men on a road, the same road, the road of civilisation, that we have travelled, and footsteps once planted on that road can never be retraced. (extract from SGM's "The South Africans" followed).....I believe that there is an essential interdependence of European and Bantu economic interests. I believe that we can never permanently secure the wealth and prosperity of the white man by keeping the black man poor and depressed. I believe that we should regard the building up of SA's welfare as a co-operative enterprise to which the black man as well as the white man has a contribution to make

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.....It is not a problem to be solved by specific legislation or other action. It is one of those problems the solution of which depends on growth - the growth of attitudes of mind, the growth of interacting spiritual forces, the growth of economic processes. Most important of all is the growth of the right attitude of mind on both sides