

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (INC.)
SUID-AFRIKAANSE INSTITUUT VIR RASSEVERHOUDINGS (INGELYF).

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The Commission has analysed the present unsatisfactory condition of education for Coloured children and recommends compulsory education, the raising of the educational standards of entrants to the teaching profession, improved medical and school inspection, special classes for deviate children, an increase in the number of schools and more funds for libraries and other similar services. The Institute supports these recommendations. Compulsory education should, in the opinion of the Institute, be introduced without delay, and the recommendation of the Commission to apply it to children between the ages of 7 and 14 should be regarded as the first step towards raising the age of compulsion to the same as that for European children.

While the Institute welcomes the recommendation that the qualifications of teachers should be improved, it points out that the teaching profession will attract recruits of the best type only if the present salaries are raised.

On the subject of the erection of more schools, the Institute would suggest that, in addition to the recommendations made by the Commission, where there are new housing estates, schools should be simultaneously built in the area.

Vocational training in industrial areas for pupils of 14 years or older who have passed Standard V and in a few country towns training of mechanics in agriculture are recommended. The Institute hopes that these recommendations will be followed by the establishment of trade schools and agricultural colleges.

Although the Commission makes no recommendation with regard to the source of the greatly increased funds which will be required to finance the improvements set out in the Report, nevertheless, the Institute places on record its opposition to the removal of the education of Coloured pupils from the control of the Cape Provincial Administration to that of the Union Government.

The Institute welcomes the suggestion that the provincial authorities should progressively assume responsibility for a state-wide system of education for Coloured children, provided that there is no derogation from the right of Churches to conduct their own schools.

The Institute regrets that no Coloured educationist was appointed to the Commission, as has been done in the past.

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The Conference of the Coloured people which met last March is being re-convened on September 17 at Auden House, 68 de Korte Street, Johannesburg. It will hear a report of the Continuation Committee it appointed at the last Conference. Its main business will be to decide which of two alternative suggestions to endorse as to the scope and form of the organisation to be set up.

People wishing to attend this meeting as observers should contact the Regional Secretary, S.A. Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 97, Johannesburg.

SUID-AFRIKAANSE INSTITUUT VIR RASSEVERHOUDINGS (INGELYF)

Die konferensie wat verlede Maart deur die Kleurlinggemeenskap van die Rand gehou is, sal weer op Saterdag, 17 September 1960, vergader en wel in Auden-huis, de Kortestraat 68, Johannesburg. Verslag sal by dié geleentheid gedoen word deur die Voortsettingskomitee wat tydens die vorige konferensie aangestel is. Die belangrikste saak waaroor besluit sal word is tussen twee alternatiewe voorstelle wat ingedien is oor die vorm en aard van die organisasie wat gestig sal word.

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