

partnership, division of power on federal lines, entrenchment of human rights, regardless of race, and protection of minority groups."

This will make for harmony. Where domination is forever impossible, ambitious men will turn their interests in more useful directions than in stirring up racial strife.

The position is somewhat analagous to that in international politics, where, in a state of insecurity, each nation seeks to ensure its own defence by weakening the defence of its neighbour.

The Whites are oppressing the Blacks to-day because they fear that otherwise the Blacks will oppress them to-morrow. This is the road to perpetual conflict and ultimate ruin.

The only cure is to set up an impartial authority, to which all must bow. Inside the State, this authority is the constitution. When all groups feel secure, then at last will a true South Africanism be born.

Inhumanity is the inevitable logic of an outlook that treats an individual not as a unique personality but merely as an item, a unit, in a "group identity."

—Prof. Keet.

## Candid Comments

### Sober Realism

We must not follow a policy that we could not justify before God and our Christian conscience. The end must never sanctify the means. The White man's struggle to survive should certainly not be coupled with injustice towards others.

—Ds. W. A. Landman (retiring chairman of Sabra), reported in Die Burger, 1st May 1958.

### Taxing the Voteless

Is there any other country but ours that taxes the poorest section of the community most heavily? Already countries abroad say of us that our thinking is a century behind the rest of the world, and that we don't read the New Testament.

(Letter to the Daily Despatch, signed Mary Bell).

### No Permanent Guardianship.

The great question facing the Whites in South Africa is, what is to be done with the Non-Whites who have reached maturity? Guardianship is tyranny unless it is applied in accordance with the principles of Holy Writ. This requires, first, that the minor shall be taught to become an adult. Secondly the minor must be given his adult status as soon as he is ripe for it. There can never be such a thing as a permanently minor status.

—Professor J. C. G. Kotze, Theological Seminary, Stellenbosch, reported in Die Burger, 1st May 1958.

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## HALLOWED BE THY NAME

THE other evening I was visited by a member of one of the lesser known sects of the Protestant Church. The gentleman's main argument was that one cannot worship a god without first knowing his name. In this case, my informant insisted that the name was Jehovah, and that when we had acknowledged that Name we should all—I must ask his pardon if I have misunderstood him—be "saved."

Now this struck me at the time as being the oddest of beliefs; for I can "know" an individual very thoroughly without necessarily being acquainted with his correct name, and I do worship, humbly, That which I do not know.

So odd a contention continued to interest me, and I began to work out permutations and combinations with a name as the central idea. It then began to be apparent that while "Jehovah" was as unrelated to any living idea (for me) as granite, if the name was—say—gentleness, loving kindness, power, security, vengeance, hate, the response was immediate and vital.

I wonder what would happen to this sick world—and in particular our own sick land, if every congregation in every church, Christian or Asian, should ask its minister to define in clear and unequivocal terms the Name, or Names of that god he urges them to worship?

If that God's attributes, or Names, are "gentleness" and "loving kindness," can His ministers even preach, or believe in, hate and bitterness, separation and self superiority?

Or is it true, as it was true at the time of Christ, that our spiritual leaders have made God in their own image, and have endowed Him with their own beliefs?

How shocked an orthodox Christian would be if you were to say casually to him one day: "What are your God's Names? Mine's "gentleness" and "compassion."

But then what does he mean when he says: "Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name—" every time he prays—or hasn't he thought that far?

DOREEN RANKIN.

## Washington Post Broadcast

MISS MURIEL BOWEN, of the Washington Post Broadcast Station, is touring the Commonwealth in order to interview the political leaders in each important centre. From Johannesburg and Pretoria, she chose for her interviews Mr. Eric Louw and Mrs. Ruth Foley.

Because of the time limit of four minutes, it was a most difficult interview to prepare; yet Mrs. Foley managed it perfectly, and Miss Bowen told a member of the Central Executive that our President had given one of the best interviews of the tour.