We, the undersigned, fear the drift towards authoritarianism in South Africa and reject the ideal of a state founded upon colour discrimination and requiring the exercise of force for maintaining itself.

We consider the present policy of the South African Government to be disastrous, because the society based upon racialism that it plans will not only destroy all freedom within South Africa but endanger peace and democratic government throughout the world.

We wish to record our protest against the whole fabric of apartheid wherever in the world it exists, against the agony it is causing to human beings everywhere, and the denial of reason and justice that it represents.

Racialism is the arch enemy of Christianity, democracy and all that is richest in the civilizations of the world. We reject it unequivocally in all its forms.

To a world in which the tyranny of colour will have no place, in which no man will be born into prison because of his skin, we dedicate ourselves.

---

Dear Prof. Matthews,

the above statement has been prepared to be handed to the press on the occasion of the inauguration of AFRICA SOUTH early in September. We should like to ask you, together with Sponsors of the Quarterly and other prominent South Africans, Britishers and Americans, to sign the statement for use in the press here and overseas. As this is a matter of extreme urgency, I would be obliged if you could return the signed statement to me at your very earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Gerhard Cohn,
22-4787
P.O.Box 1061
Johannesburg.
THE EDITOR,
"AFRICA SOUTH,"
P.O. BOX 1039,
CAPE TOWN.