Joint Councils

The Johannesburg area, in common with the rest of the Province, is not very much behind in inter-racialism. Joint Council Meetings used to be the monopoly of towns, and the rural areas were accused of indifference and lack of courage to denounce racial hatred. Perhaps this was so because the question was not so acute as it was in urban centres. True, we lacked courage, but we would like to point out that the fact that a racial hatred was no better than the towns, all the same. The towns have been led to extend their heads, and those of us who have had the privilege to attend the first Joint Council Meeting recently held at Elin Hospital, at which Mr. D.P. Reinaudt Jones was the speaker, will bear with us that the towns have done us a great service.

Besides the humour which attached to it, the speech was typical of its inspiration. Cogent, persuasive appeal and its inspiration. It has been pointed to us that white and black one of this country are dependent on the other, and the prosperity of the country can only be attained if both are equally prosperous. The Joint Council Movement is the result of the combined labours of both through the persons of D.T. Jones and D. Apprey. Many things which, many years ago were impossible, have been accomplished without the loss of either. That there is a good spirit abroad is a fact.
that cannot be denied.

We on the other side of the colour line have been strongly advised not to keep troubles by ourselves and to disregard the Council. We appreciate the advice and we shall see to it that we become useful members rather than be stumbling blocks. We would also wish to point to the other side that it should learn to respect, listen to and over respect our point of view. If this could be the case we have not hesitation that to say that the newly formed Council will help to achieve the cause it is directed.

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