

African Native Mechanics Compete With Laggard Whites

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Last week, I said some people here are concerned with how lazy the natives are. Yet, there is still another group who are even more

concerned about those natives who are overly ambitious. Native mechanics in the more highly industrialized areas, such as Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth and Capetown, have learned their skills so well from the white man that they are capable of going back to their locations, opening a shop of their own, and competing with the white man.

I talked to a man in Johannesburg who always took his automobile to a native mechanic. He did so, because he felt that the native could do a much better job, and also because he knew that the

native charged prices that white mechanics could not meet. The native is not only drawing customers from his black brethren, he also draws white customers. I have seen white carpenters and brick layers who did no work, but rather watched over the natives they had working for them. The actual work was done completely by the native who was supposedly unskilled.

The government is beginning to worry about this. Many white people are developing no skills. Nearly all manual labor is done by blacks. A friend in Grahamstown told me that white children are inordinately lazy. He stated that the only time they will do something on their own, is when they cannot find a native to do it for them.

Polish Shoes

I have not had to polish my shoes since I came here. No one does. As part of the duties of the boys who take care of our halls, waiting on tables, cleaning the bathrooms etc. our shoes are shined for us every morning. The only effort we make is to place them outside of our doors. This is also true of every hotel and nearly every home.

Nearly every one of the many homes in which I've had the pleasure of staying, I've been asked if I would like to receive my breakfast in bed. This practice is common in many of the middle class homes, and most children regard it as their just due. However, it is not a universal practice and many homes will not permit their children to be spoiled in such a way.

I've met many students who tell me they would like to consider the native as their equal, but that they cannot eliminate the years of teaching that stretches behind them telling them that the natives are inferior. They state that even though they would like to change their minds on this they cannot. They admit their prejudices, but feel helpless to control them.

Speaks To Rotary

I had the pleasure of speaking before the Rotary Club of King Williamstown last week, and my host was the manager of the largest textile mill in Africa, South of Alexandria. He took me for a tour of his plant, and I saw thousands of natives at work. The only white people were the supervisors, designers, and the office staff. He showed me the locations, in which his workers lived. Some were built by the government, and some by his company. They were the best homes that I've seen the natives live in since I've been here. The rent was amazingly low, something like a dollar and a half per month. But then again, the natives working there received only thirty-six dollars per month, and these were the high paid natives.

Japanese Prisoner

The manager was a very interesting fellow, who had spent World War II interned in a Japanese concentration camp in China where he had also managed a textile plant. He was there when the Chinese Communists took over also, and he told me that they forced him to work for them for eighteen months, as a virtual prisoner. The person who eventually became his boss was a girl in her early twenties who had worked for him for three years as a sweeper. She had been educated in the United States, at Harvard, and he had no knowledge of her education, or of the fact that she had been busy organizing communist cells in his plant for three years prior to taking over.

There are many other people in South Africa who are complaining of the ability of the natives to get along economically on their own. These are the traders, who formerly had stores in the locations and in the Reserve areas. Many of these stores are going bankrupt, because natives are boycotting them in favor of stores owned by their own people. In the Rhodesias, the whites are complaining about Indian merchants who are underselling them to the point that they are also going bankrupt. They are capable of doing this by living on subsistence standards, thus reducing their profits, and thus taking business away from the whites. The Indians are also complaining, because they are being boycotted by the natives.

Government Worried

The South African government is worried. Apartheid is their solution to this also. Nearly every report that the government has had made on the subject of apartheid, has told them that it is economically impossible to initiate it. Yet the government is going ahead, more deeply every day.

South Africa is the greatest gold and diamond producing country in the world. She has been in first place in the production of gold, nearly since they were first discovered in the 1880's. As such she stands to benefit greatly if the price is raised. She has been asking for an increase for years, and is hopeful it will be raised in the near future. The United States sets the price, and she has been given impetus in her hopes because large quantities of gold have left the States in the past few months.

There has been a great deal of activity in the stock market here, relative to gold. Prices of stock have taken great increases overnight. If the price of gold is raised, South Africa will undoubtedly benefit. My only concern is who will really benefit? Most people feel that very little benefit will trickle down to the natives. Though most people would like to see the price

Grandpa Explains Importance Of Water Supply In Civil Defense

You may be surprised to learn that most homes have a source of water that could be used in addition to the water they have stored. Emergency water supplies for drinking and kitchen use can be obtained from melting ice cubes, from liquids stored in undamaged refrigerators, and from water-packed fruits and vegetables. Also, water from hot water tanks may be drunk if the rusty water is drawn off first. When not under pressure, all hot-water tanks require venting to the air before a good flow of water can be obtained from the drain faucet. Venting can usually be done in dwellings by turning on a hot water faucet on an upper floor.

An additional source of public water supply will be through a service planned by the Milk Industry. After a disaster, volunteering milk dealers will distribute drinking water in one quart cartons.

Civil Defense advises that after a disaster people should tune in their radios for information and guidance. Other sources of information will be the beat survival officer, handbills, newspapers, and possibly loudspeakers mounted on trucks. Through one or all of these media, you and your family will be told if your water, (should there be some at the tap) is safe to use. You will be given instructions such as these:

"Wash or wipe clean the pouring edge of any liquid container before opening. If you are asked to turn off the water service valve in your home on the alert, or if the taps do not flow following an attack, you should turn off the gas or electricity supplying your water heater. Also, keep an upstairs hot water faucet open until you turn the valve on again. Turn off all other valves so that when the water comes on again, your home will not suffer flooding."

If your local Civil Defense plans call for you to evacuate to another area, one of the things you should take with you is a supply of drinking water. Do not take water from

of gold raised, they also agree that the whites of South Africa will be the only ones who will benefit from this, especially the big investors, and they feel that the whites don't really need these benefits.

If the price of gold is raised, then we in America are going to have to bear the brunt of the resulting inflation there, unless our government takes heavy strides to prevent inflation. It seems to me that if we allow the government to raise the price, we ought to do so only on the condition that they take steps to ensure that the benefit from this rise will flow directly to the worker.

lakes or streams in the evacuation areas unless it has been treated and approved by the health officer in charge.

Some ways of treating water from emergency sources to make it safe are: (1) by boiling for five minutes; (2) by adding iodine (two or three drops of tincture of iodine to each quart of clear water, eight or ten drops for cloudy water); (3) by chlorination, that is using household chlorine compounds or purification tablets obtained from your druggist. A household laundry bleach with a label stating it contains hypochlorite may be used. Add five drops per quart of water, or enough so that there is a distinct chlorine taste to the water. The water must taste of chlorine. Let the water stand for 30 minutes after mixing with iodine or chlorine. (Note: These procedures do not remove radioactive contamination.)

So, you see the answer to your question on water supply is quite involved. But, if you follow the above principles, your chances of getting by after either an atomic disaster or a natural disaster will be much improved.

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