

are prepared to unanimously express their common abhorrence of the practice of apartheid, and to exercise their influence as well at the national level, we may venture to hope that the voice of the conscience of mankind may yet be heeded in Pretoria.

This is a hope which we must not abandon, Mr. Chairman. Even at this stage, when the swell of indignation and impatience with the policies of the Government of South Africa not surprisingly has risen to new heights, we would still appeal to the South African authorities to reverse their course, and to work toward a policy of true racial partnership. Only thus can the potential promise of that richly endowed land be fully realized. Surely we may assume that the people of South Africa, of whatever race and colour, must feel the stirrings of national pride which demand that they consider the effect which conditions in their country have on the esteem and respect in which it is held among the community of nations.

Statements of African representatives who have spoken in this Committee suggest that a display of moderation and flexibility by the South African authorities could be expected to evoke a positive response. Only through such co-operation can an atmosphere be developed from which there can emerge the vital multi-racial society on which South Africa's future must depend. It is our earnest hope that present authorities in Pretoria, mindful of the weight of the judgement of history which will turn on the decisions now so urgently demanded of them, will rise to this challenge.