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From the Book

"FOR unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9: verse 6.

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THE leader of the Nationalist Party, Verwoerd, has so often said that "national unity" is essential for South Africa if it is to remain a united country (of English- and Afrikaans-speaking Africans). In his New Year message he said that "national unity had been shown to be the death of the late Prime Minister, Verwoerd." "National unity" he keeps talking about

In two World Wars, English- and Afrikaans-speaking South Africans fought side by side, not as "Afrikaners" or "English-speaking South Africans," but as "South Africans." There was no need for this "national unity" then, since we had a government in power which represented both sections of the population. Since 1948, however, a sharp division

Afrikaans children will suffer

WHO benefits from unilingual education? I think the English-speaking child without a doubt. In a few years' time all the best commercial jobs will be filled by English-speaking youths. The business world being what it is, no employer would consider employing anyone who was not proficient in English. His business would not allow it.

The present Nationalist leaders must surely realise this, but they are so obsessed with power that they are prepared to sacrifice the children of their supporters to this end.

When will the ordinary Nationalist wake up and ask himself the question: "Are the children of my leaders able to speak English fluently?" He will find the answer is "Yes"; they are either overseas, or taking special lessons.

The Afrikaans child at a unilingual school is in for a hard time in the years to come, and now that it has been made impossible for English teachers to be imported, and Afrikaans-speaking teachers take over the nearly impossible task of teaching English intelligently, the position will become even more critical. —
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To the Editor of The Star

SIR,—With reference to the letter by "Asiatic" in The Star on August 4 about Africans travelling on trams and buses for Coloureds and Asians, it is made to appear as if "Asiatic" is speaking on behalf of all Asian and Indian users of trams and buses on the Mayfair and Martindale routes when he says: "We Indians and Asiatics do not want Natives in our trams and buses."

The fact that he calls himself "Asiatic" betrays a lack of self-respect. He should know that the word "Asiatic" is considered a sneer and derision by the people of Asia.

"Asiatic" should also realize that the use of the word "Natives" is strongly resented by many millions of self-respecting Africans.

The important thing to remember is that by wanting segregation between Asian and African, Mr. "Asiatic" is wittingly or unwittingly accepting the vicious and inhuman policy of apartheid with its Group Areas Act, job reservations and callous separation of races in every field of human endeavour.

I make bold to say that he speaks for nobody but himself and an insignificant number of arrogant and misguided non-Whites who like to think of themselves as superior beings.

All respectable non-White people, be they African, Coloured or Indian, reject colour discrimination and apartheid and demand the right to live as free citizens, accepting both the privileges and responsibilities of full citizenship.

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