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A Black visitor who has vision and can communicate

Political idealist, committed Christian, one of the world's best known cricketers, prophet, a friend of many leaders throughout the world and a non-white; this is Conrad Hunt who not only has a vision but is able to communicate it.

We have seen him as a" these things but perhaps the greatest surprise to us all and I include myself, was the fact that he is black. I hardly think any white man would have received the applause he did last Friday in our main hall.

He came first with an apology for the attitude of the black man in our country and all over the world and then with a request to us, the white people of South Africa, to understand and be willing to change.

His humbleness was immediately recognised and accepted.

It is possible that many might have doubted his intentions and for this reason I followed him around the campus and was privileged to hear him speak twice more.

Having talked with responsible leaders and radicals in Soweto he is of the opinion that although a Marxist influence was not the direct cause of the previous riots, they have been and are still too pleased to take advantage of the situation. The news one would have expected from one of our leaders, but not so; an objective, humble and logical study of the situation had been presented to us by this man.

His very attitude helps us to see the Christ-like nature every Christian should have.

He not only has a vision for the world but holds tightly onto the promise Christ gave us of His return. 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall inherit the earth . . .'. Conrad Hunt can only be seen as such. To the black man he says: 'Forgive'. To the white man he says: 'Change, understand and accept'. And to everyone in general: 'There is still time to change; there is still room for improvement.'

To Conrad Hunt we say, God bless and good luck — I know that with God for you no one can be against you!

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