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Indian's gift to S.A.

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LONDON — An Indian who left South Africa 15 years ago vowing never to return, said yesterday he was willing to part with his most precious possession — a few acres of land outside Durban.

"It must be given back to South Africa," he said. "It can be incorporated as part of the homeland of KwaZulu."

The Indian — Mr. Subbiah Kistrasamy, now teaching in a South London school—made his declaration at a meeting of 500 people here at which speakers reported on the recent international Moral Rearmament assembly in Pretoria.

His gift of land was a token of his new-found confidence in South Africa's future and the freedom from bitterness he had found through Moral Rearmament. Mr. Kistrasamy said that when he left South Africa in 1959 he was convinced the country's policies were inflexible and that violence and bloodshed were inevitable.

When he returned recently he found rigid concepts were being broken down — there was more mobility, more prosperity and greater freedom of speech.

He felt that in the next 10 years people would learn to live side by side and South Africa would be teaching the world how problems — even racial attitudes — could be resolved.