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'Hate'—then apology

RACE discrimination was not an official policy, an African headmaster said yesterday and apologised for having been "full of hate" towards the White man.

He is Mr Patrick Miyen, who spoke at the International Moral Re-Arma-

ment Conference being held in Pretoria.

Mr Miyen confessed he had been racist in outlook until Moral Re-Armament changed his outlook on life.

He came to realise it was senseless to develop hatred for a government or a race group on the basis of what individuals were doing to his people.

Today he tried to persuade his pupils to look at race harmony as something to be achieved on an interperson basis.

"There was a time when I took great exception at people calling me 'Kaffir.' I have come to learn to overlook such petty insults.

Today when some White

take a bow and say thank you for the compliment; it is quite flattering at my age to be regarded as a boy."

Mr Miyen said once one was biased towards another race, one tended to regard everything said and done by members of that race as malicious when, often, the intentions of the "wrongdoer."