Interviewer: It’s sometimes said that Africans and Europeans are beginning to mingle in schools, but Africans and Asians are still segregated.

Aga Khan: It makes me very sad people should think this. I wish I could show you our schools in Africa. We were the first Asians there completely to drop segregation in our schools, hospitals, health centres and sports clubs. In some places we did this as long ago as 1954. We were in fact often subsidising African children to come to our schools. Everyone said it would mean lowering our standards and so on. We found absolutely the opposite was true. The African is so conscious of his lack of education and training, and has such native intelligence, that he often pushes the Asian or European children, who might be tempted to think, ‘Well, my father’s got a good business, if I flunk my exams I can always just knock on his door for a job.’ Nowadays things are very competitive. it knocks the nonsense out of them.