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## Colour Problem

### Views of German Traveller

#### Whites in the Tropics

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In the near future the European Powers will have to defend their possessions in every part of the world against the pressure of overcrowded Asia, stated Dr. Colla Ross in an interview yesterday.

Dr. Ross, a German writer and traveller, is visiting Australia to write about the country for the Ullstein Publishing House of Berlin and is also to make a scenic film for the U.F.A., the greatest film-making establishment in Germany.

Dr. Ross has strong views on European settlement in tropical countries. "The best illustration of the problem is East Africa," he said. "There Europeans and Asiatics are competing for free space. There is strong feeling amongst white settlers against Asiatic immigration, but it is difficult for the British Government to keep its Indian subjects out of the African colonies. Overpopulation, which is increasing unemployment in Europe, makes it necessary to keep Africa at least under the control of European Powers in order that they may secure raw materials, markets and space for migrants, but to secure the whites' position in Africa against the natives and Asiatics it will be necessary to study very closely the possibilities of white settlement in the tropics."

#### SETTLEMENT IN TROPICS.

"I have proved that white settlement in the tropics is possible under special conditions." He added. "I and my wife and family lived there for years and I found that one could stand the tropics in altitudes up to several thousand feet. For example, in South America or in Kenya Colony, East Africa, and on the mountains Java and Sumatra, even in the lowlands now conditions are improving through inventions which make life in the tropics easier.

"As a rule the white opinion is against inter-marriage, but marriage between Europeans and Indians in South America gives excellent results. The Dutch colonisation in the East Indies would not have been possible without inter-marriage of the Dutch and the Javanese. Of course a lot of precaution is necessary in order that there shall not be too much inter-marriage nor any with the lower classes of native population. There is in the tropics a problem of general European interest. The white races should settle their differences between themselves and make their position secure, for perhaps before long they may have to fight to uphold their supremacy."