

CITY LIBRARY PLANS

MR. MOERDYK'S
VIEWS

HEARTY SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTE

Interviewed to-day on the attitude of the Institute of Architects and the designs for the Johannesburg city library, Mr. Gerard Moerdyk said:

"The Johannesburg City Council have not the moral courage to appoint Mr. E. V. Harris, of London, as architect because his reputation in 'England' (the Johannesburg Council knows no better) stands so high, and thus proclaim their anti-South African feeling to the world. Instead of doing so, they attempt to dope South African architects by inviting them to send in designs, but leave a carefully prepared loophole to escape for accepting a design. This transparent thing has happened before, and ended by assessors getting the job.

"I applaud the stand taken by the Institute of Architects, and not only the architects, but South Africans generally stand behind them. The time is past when a 'home born' Town Council can use South Africa as a preserve to be exploited by mediocrity from elsewhere."