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Folk song royalty cash for Limehill Africans

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SOUTH AFRICA'S top composer of folk songs, Dave Marks, has decided to give half the royalties from his three biggest hits to the people of Limehill, the new African area outside Newcastle, Natal.

One of the songs, Master Jack, could earn him as much as R100,000. The other two are Mr. Nico and Mountains of Men.

The 24-year-old former goldminer has launched a campaign to collect funds for the residents of Limehill who, he says, "need everything from hospitals to sports fields."

So far he has not derived any payment from his internationally-popular folk songs but expects to receive his first royalties cheque soon.

Soft-spoken Mr. Marks, now living at a Durban hotel, does

not want his decision to be considered as a protest or a criticism of Government policy. "I'm not playing politics; I simply want to help," he said.

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"I first read about Limehill in the newspapers and decided I must do something to help these people. I haven't worked out how the money will be handed over. Probably we will have to form a trust to see that the funds are used to the best advantage."

Mr. Marks is writing a song which he hopes will be recorded by a South African group shortly and intends to donate everything it earns to the Limehill fund.

"It costs me nothing to write.

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