

C/A/2/2

Prof. the Hon. E.H. Brookes.


4th May, 1960.

Mrs. N.M.M. Pijper,
276, Clark Street,
PRETORIA.

Dear Mrs. Pijper,

Thank you very much for your letter and enclosure of the 30 April, which I will pass to the sub-committee dealing with the legal status of African women.

Yours sincerely,


Muriel Horrell (Miss),
Research Officer.

C/A/2/1

6th July, 1960.

Assistant Registrar,
Births, Marriages and Deaths,
Bantu Reference Bureau,
Private Bag 200.
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

Bantu Marriages Registered in Johannesburg.

Thank you very much for your letter No. BB. 25/3 of 29th
June, 1960. I am most grateful for the information you sent.

Yours faithfully,

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for Quintin Whyte.
DIRECTOR.

6th July, 1960.

Professor A. Vilakazi,
Hartford Seminary Foundation,
55, Eliabeth Street,
HARTFORD 5, CONN.
U.S.A.

Dear Professor Vilakazi,

Appended is the text of a letter received from the Assistant Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, and I hope that the information it contains will be of use to you.

BB. 25/3

Bantu Reference Bureau,
Private Bag 200.
PRETORIA.

The Director,
South African Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

BANTU MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN JOHANNESBURG.

In reply to your letter dated that 1st June, 1960 addressed to the Secretary for Bantu Administration and Development and forwarded to this Office for attention I have to inform you that my Department, only took over the registration of Bantu Births, Marriages and Deaths from the Department of the Interior as from the 1st January, 1960. I am therefore only in a position to furnish you with statistics for the past six months.


Up to the present this Office has record of 2197 marriages solemnized in the district of Johannesburg by civil and ecclesiastical marriage officers. Not all the records of marriages solemnized in June, 1960 have been received as yet and I would suggest that a figure of 200 be added to the aforementioned figure.

Yours faithfully,

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR,
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


Muriel Horrell (Miss)
RESEARCH OFFICER.

4 JUL 1960



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Bantu Reference Bureau,
Private Bag 200,
PRETORIA.

Tel. No. 37611-19

29/6/1960

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South African Institute of
Race Relations,
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Yours faithfully,

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
BIRTHS MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Prof. the Hon. E.H. Brookes.

1st June, 1960.

The Secretary for Bantu Administration,
Department of Bantu Administration &
Development,
P.O. Box 384,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

Bantu Marriages Registered in Johannesburg.

I wonder whether you are in a position to let me know how many civil and religious African marriages were registered in Johannesburg during any recent period of twelve months, or six months ?

Your assistance in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

Prof. the Hon. E.H. Brookes.

1st June, 1960.

Dr. A. Vilakazi,
Hartford Seminary Foundation,
55, Elizabeth Street,
Hartford 5,
CONN. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Vilakazi,

Thank you for your letter of 26 May. I am afraid that it would be an enormous undertaking to go through the marriage records of every church in Johannesburg that serves Africans, and even then all the civil marriages would be excluded.

What we can do, however, is to ask the B.A.D. whether they have any relevant statistics. I will write to them, and will let you have their reply.

Yours sincerely,

Muriel Horrell (Miss),
Research Officer.

Research

Hartford Seminary Foundation,
55 Elizabeth Street,
Hartford 5, Conn. U.S.A.

Director of Research,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
Johannesburg.

30 MAY 1960

Dear Sir,

I am looking for some figures which have to do with African marriage, particularly in Johannesburg; and it occurred to me that you might be in a position to help. Quite a lot has been written on the subject, the latest study being Miss Longmore's.

Would it be possible for you to get me figure, which would indicate the number of marriages that have been registered in the city, i.e. in one of the Locations in any one year or six month period? I was thinking that perhaps Ministers of religion of the established churches, at any rate, would have such records. Also, I think the B.A.D. would have some registrations which would indicate ^{some} attempt to legitimize the marriages.

If this kind of research would involve you in some expenditure, I would be glad to know what it would cost and to send some money for the service.

Sincerely yours,

Absolom Vilakazi
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A. Vilakazi

55 Elizabeth Street,
Hartford 5, Conn. U.S.A.



DIRECTOR,
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JOHANNESBURG,
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14 OCT 1960

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The Director ,
S A Institute of Race Relations ,
Box 97
Durban / .
Johannesburg .

CARRYING OF REFERENCE BOOKS BY AFRICAN WOMEN .

M^Y dear Quintin ,

I hope that in my capacity as Vice President you do not mind my referring matters to you from time to time .

It is more than probable that this has already been done but I should be most grateful to you if you could kindly place before the Action Committee my suggestion that an immediate letter be written to the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development .

I think we should use this chance of expressing our appreciation to him for postponing the date upon which the carrying of passes by African women will become obligatory - and also indicate that we believe that the reasons given will be appreciated .

But at the same time I think we should put before him once again the strong views of both African men and women - the dangers from constantly being confronted by the police , the potential danger to which it exposes all girls and women , etc etc . *influx control ch.*

I need not elaborate the points - they are sufficiently well known . But to leave this important concession without either appreciating it or indicating the potential difficulties and dangers of the situation would be extremely unwise .

I have just drafted a long and careful letter (In my capacity as Adviser on African Affairs) which I am sending to the N.C.W. Board of Officers and I do hope that they will send the letter to the Minister .

With kind regards ,

Hansi

20th October, 1960.

Miss Hansi Pollak,
135a Marriott Road,
DURBAN.

Dear Hansi,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 8th October, on the Carrying of Reference Books by African Women. I shall write to De Wet Nel as you suggested; I think it is a good idea.

Yours sincerely,

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21st October, 1960.

The Hon. the Minister of Bantu
Administration and Development,
Union Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. de Wet Nel,

It was with real appreciation that we in the Institute read of your decision to postpone from December 1st, 1960, the date from which African women must carry reference books and to make it coincide with the date on which White persons must be in possession of identity cards. This will do much to relieve the tension which December 1st might have unduly created, and we are grateful.

On previous occasions we have suggested to you some of the administrative and other difficulties which the police and others will meet in the administration of passes for women, and how inflammable hard application of the law could make the racial situation. I would respectfully draw your attention to my letter of November 11th, 1958.

We note that you speak of "reference books". Would it be possible for your Department to consider the issue of "identity cards" only and not "reference books". Cards similar to those carried by Europeans would take some of the sting out of the idea of carrying a pass and should be administratively feasible considering that African women have not carried an identification document in the past. We shall be grateful if you would consider this.

We have also noted with thankfulness references to what has been named a "new deal" for Non-Europeans, and to the completion by your own Department of a revision of legislation affecting Africans in White areas.

The Hon. the Minister of Bantu
Administration and Development.

21st October, 1960.

I realise that it has not been the practice of your government to circulate for comment draft legislation, at least to the Institute, before tabling in Parliament, but we would be grateful if you would consider doing so for unpublished comment to be submitted by the Institute to your Department before the introduction of the bill or bills.

I believe that a great many people both here and overseas are awaiting with anxious expectation the new developments which various ministerial speeches have indicated and we all most sincerely hope that the republic will be ushered in with major positive steps which will build faith and hope and positive response throughout the country.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
Director.



26 OCT 1960

UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.—UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

KANTOOR VAN DIE MINISTER VAN BANTOE-ADMINISTRASIE
EN -ONTWIKKELING,

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION
AND DEVELOPMENT,

Room 290,
Union Buildings,
PRETORIA.

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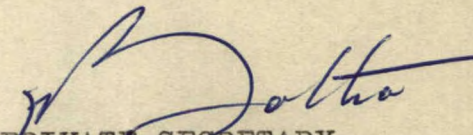
24-10-1960

The Director,
South African Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of the Honourable the Minister I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st October, 1960, which will be brought to his notice as soon as the Minister returns to office.

Yours faithfully,


PRIVATE SECRETARY.

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UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.-UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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EN -ONTWIKKELING,

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION
AND DEVELOPMENT,

Room 290,
Union Buildings,
PRETORIA.

D.1/36.

9-11-60

The Director,
South African Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

The Honourable the Minister has directed me to advise with further reference to your letter dated 21st October, 1960, that the supply to you of a draft copy of the legislation referred to will be considered as soon as certain information and comments have been received and considered. The Minister has also directed me to state that he has noted the other contents of your letter.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. J. J. J.
PRIVATE SECRETARY.

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