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Minutes of the Third Meeting of Sub-Committee 3 (Survey of the Attitudes of Occupants towards Housing) held in the Board Room, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Block 1, Visagie Street, Government Buildings, Pretoria, on Thursday 11 December, 1947 at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Dr. Sonnabend (Chairman).
 Mr. Jennings - Director, National Building Research Institute
 Mr. Connell - Organising Secretary.
 Mr. Nel.
 Mr. Bain.
 Mr. Koorts.
 Mrs. Cutten.
 Miss Hanekom.

In Attendance:

Mr. J. Delport.

Mr. Bain, who made his first appearance on the Sub-Committee was welcomed.

Architectural Exhibit:

The Chairman announced that as a result of arrangements which had been made for a visit of General Smuts the same afternoon, certain very interesting exhibits had been prepared by the National Building Research Institute and Mr. Jennings had suggested that since these had a very close connection with the sub-committee's work, members should inspect a model built by the Architectural Division, to demonstrate the "laboratory" aspect of the study of space utilisation in dwellings. Members saw the model assembled on a Heliodon, by means of which it was possible to demonstrate the effects of sunlight on the building at various times of the year. The methods of analysis of the utilisation of space were explained, and the connection between this laboratory work and the field work for which the sub-committee was responsible was outlined.

The Chairman proposed that a special vote of thanks be recorded for the opportunity afforded to see the very interesting exhibit.

1. (a) Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters arising out of minutes.

It was noted that matters of importance arising out of the minutes were contained in the agenda.

2. Questionnaire 1:

In this connection the following documents were tabled.

(a) Series A: General Questionnaire:

This was a document of some 18 pages, incorporating all the questions asked in the other questionnaires (B), (C), (D) and (E) described immediately under. Circulation of

these, it was pointed out, would be limited to selected families, (selected possibly with the assistance of social welfare centres) in view of the considerable length of the questionnaire.

(b) Series 1B Utility Zone: Kitchen, Outbuildings and Washing arrangements:

Consisting of eight and one-half pages, it covers the Utility Zone in detail.

(c) Series 1C: Living Zone: Living Room, Stoep:

Length six pages and covering this field in detail.

(d) Series 1D: Sleeping Zone:

Seven pages long and covering Bedrooms, Bathrooms and linen cupboards in detail.

(e) Series 1E:

Seven pages and covering questions relating to the neighbourhood.

(f) Check List:

Eight and one-half pages. This list, it was pointed out, unlike the others, would be treated as a confidential document, being completed by an architect whilst the research worker was busy on the other questionnaires. That portion of the check list appertaining only to the particular questionnaire being completed at a given time would be filled in by the architect, who would do so purely by observation. Check lists would be filled in in respect of all questionnaires excepting Series 1E, since, as Miss Hanekom explained, the neighbourhood was referred to in all the other questionnaires.

General:

The Chairman pointed out that the lists had been drafted and amended before, but invited members to suggest any desired changes. It was stressed that the check list would not be shown to persons interviewed, and that research workers would, when collecting the lists discuss them with the persons interviewed and amend any answers not correctly given. It was furthermore pointed out that information appertaining to income, rent etc. would be asked only after all the other questions had been dealt with.

After further discussion it was agreed:

- (1) That the questionnaires be accepted as they stood, and that Mr. Connell go ahead with preparations for the first field survey.
- (2) That all questionnaires be translated into Afrikaans, this being left in the hands of Mr. Connell, who it was pointed out, should obtain the assistance of the Government translator if necessary.
- (3) That the first trial survey be carried out in Danville in February, and that the questionnaires be not printed for this purpose, in case further changes should become necessary as a result of the experience gained in the first survey.

3. Composition of Joint Committee.

At this stage it was agreed to change the order of the agenda, and the above item was then considered.

Mr. Connell reported that the Main Committee had decided that Mr. Rheinallt Jones (of the Institute of Race Relations) be appointed as a member of the Committee. He had contacted Dr. Hellman, from whom the idea of a Joint Committee had originated. He read a list of names proposed by Dr. Hellman as members of such a Joint Committee and advised that she had expressed regret that owing to previous commitments she would not be able to act as convenor, as the Committee had hoped. After considerable discussion it was agreed that Mr. Connell be appointed Convenor.

Membership:

This was discussed at length and as a result of a suggestion from Mr. Bain and advice from Mr. Nel, the following membership was decided upon, representing the bodies listed against their names. Agreed that since the committee was not a working committee and merely convened to give opinions, it should have a large and widely representative membership.

Body to be represented.	Members.
City Council of Johannesburg.	Dr. Hugh Ashton; Housecraft Organiser, Non-European Affairs Department).
Johannesburg City Engineers Department.	City Engineer to be asked to nominate a representative. To be invited to attend Committee, even if only in the capacity of an observer.
S.A. Institute of Race Relations.	Dr. Ellen Hellman, Mr. Rheinallt Jones, (Mr. Rheinallt Jones especially in view of his particular interest in Anglo American Corporation). Mrs. Hoernlé.
Jan Hofmeyr School.	Mr. Ray Phillips.
A Town Planner.	Mr. Cutten.
National Housing and Planning Commission.	An architect or other technician.
Native Affairs Department.	Mr. G.I. Nel.

Missions.

Dutch Reformed Church.	The Rev. G.C. Olivier.
Anglican: (Community of the Resurrection.)	Dr. G.E.N. Ross. Rev. Huddleston.
Non-Conformist Churches.	Rev. Webb.
Roman Catholic Church.	(Mr. Bain to approach R.C. representative or National Welfare Organisations Board and inform Mr. Connell of the name of a nominee).

Native Members / ...

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