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22nd July, 1953.

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Cape Town, Durban, East London, South West Africa, Rhodesia, Belgian Congo, Portuguese East Africa and England.

MEMBERSHIP

Over 3,600; 75 organisations affiliated, including 25 leading municipalities.

RESEARCH

Farm labour; costs-of-living; industrial relations; juvenile delinquency; evidence to Commissions; racial attitudes.

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Monthly and quarterly publications; Memoranda; Handbook on Race Relations; Information Bureau; Reference Library; conferences; public meetings; study circles; winter schools.

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Legal Aid Bureaux; Joint Councils of Europeans and Non-Europeans; First National Nutrition Conference, 1939, leading to State Nutrition Council; First National Penal Reform Conference, 1945; Literacy for adult Non-Europeans; Training for Non-Europeans; Investigations.

Mr. Quintin Whyte,
Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

CONFERENCE ON THE WESTERN AREAS REMOVAL SCHEME.

The Southern Transvaal Regional Committee of the S.A. Institute of Race Relations is convening an all-day Conference on the Western Areas Removal Scheme on Saturday, 22nd August, 1953, at the University of the Witwatersrand (Room 142), Milner Park, at 9.30 a.m. The Right Rev. Bishop Ambrose Reeves, Bishop of Johannesburg, has kindly accepted the Chairmanship.

The proposals regarding the Western Areas are of great significance to Johannesburg. They affect not only the Non-Europeans who live in these areas, but all citizens. The object of the Conference is to consider the facts of the situation, the details of the proposals that have been made and their implications. It is considered vitally necessary that the public should be informed upon this issue, and that a considered public attitude is formulated.

The Conference Committee has asked me to extend a warm personal invitation to you. We very much hope you will be able to attend.

The Provisional Agenda is as follows:-

- 9.30 a.m. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
 - Appointment of Findings Committee.
 - 9.45 " The Government's Proposals.
 - 10.15 " The Attitude of the Johannesburg City Council.
 - 10.45 " Tea.
 - 11.15 " The African Property Owners' Attitude.
 - 11.45 " Practical and Financial Implications.
 - 12.15 p.m. African Point of View.
- (Speakers to be announced later)

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12.45 p.m. Lunch Break.
2.15 " Discussion and Resolutions.

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Would you be so kind as to reply to the Secretary
as soon as possible.

Yours Faithfully,

Olive M. Gibson

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SECRETARY.

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From: Regional Secretary,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
~~P.O. Box 1998~~, 18 Orange Street,
CAPE TOWN.

27th July, 1953.

30 JUL 1953

Please despatch immediately to this office 56 copies of the Institute's statement on the removal of Africans from the Western Area., and let us know the price per copy. The local branch of the Liberal party has ordered 50 of these.

N.M. Greshoff
REGIONAL SECRETARY.

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16th September, 1953.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
85, Toby Street,
Sophiatown,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

My attention has been drawn to the fact that outside Johannesburg very little is known of the Western Areas removal scheme and I was wondering whether you would care to do an article of 1,000 to 1,200 words for publication, which I am sure I could secure in the Cape Times. The Cape Times is read by people who really think and I feel that such an article would serve a very useful purpose. If you consider doing this, and I would urge you to do so, would you please let me have it soon and I shall arrange for its publication.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Xuma,

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director

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The Editor,
Evening Post,
P.O. Box 1156,
PORT ELIZABETH.

19th January, 1954.

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

Mr. Whyte has just returned from Port Elizabeth and he has told me that you are anxious for more information on the Western Areas Removal Scheme. I am enclosing a copy of "THE WESTERN AREAS - Mass Removal?", a pamphlet issued by the Institute which I think will be of interest to you. I shall try to send you, from time to time, material on local topics, which I hope will be of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Elkin
PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

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F. J. von Wyk.

36, Nympe Street,
Kensington, Johannesburg.
Wed., 19th. May, 1954.

Secretary,
The S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG

Dear Sir,
Ref. No. 6.E.ST.152.

20 MAY 1954

In response to your letter dated the 1st. May, 1954, I am enclosing my subscription of £1.1.0 for the ensuing year.

Prior to the War and before proceeding on active service, I put a good deal of my personal money into the erection of a Native Church Building in the Western Native Township; and I would be grateful if you could tell me whether the future of W.N. Township is now fixed; and if so, what the Government's intentions are. If you haven't got the answer, can you tell me where exactly I can get it and from what authority?

Yours Faithfully,

FJW

Copy of letter to W. Carlisle
F. J. von Wyk.

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Ref. No. ~~D/11~~.

9th June, 1954.

Mr. W. R. P. Carlile,
36, Nympe Street,
Kensington,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Carlile,

Our Secretary has passed your letter of 19th May on to me in connection with your query regarding the future of the Western Native Township.

The position is that the Western Native Township is not included in the removal scheme which is at present being undertaken in regard to the other "western areas". The Native Resettlement Bill which will no doubt be an Act soon, will, however, give the Minister of Native Affairs the power to remove any Native location or township, and it is, therefore, difficult to say whether the Western Native Township will be allowed to remain a Native township indefinitely. It is of interest that the Mentz Commission has recommended the removal of the Western Native Township also, and that that township should be turned into an area for Coloured residence. We understand that the future of the whole "western area", including the Western Native Township, will be decided by the Land Tenure Board in terms of the Group Areas Act. No decision has, however, been made thus far by the Land Tenure Board.

Yours sincerely,

F. J. van Wyk,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

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