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P. O. Winters Kloof
9. 8. 1940.

D. Rheinallt Jones
Dear Sir

In reply to your favour of July 30th I wish to state that our small hospital (Zwartkops Native Nursing Home) gets a yearly grant of £25 from the Provincial Council £25 from Native Affairs department & £28 from the Health department. The Native Affairs dept are also prepared to give us an additional sum on account of the possible rise in prices of medicines. These prices will be increased at least 25% during the current year.

I remain

Yours faithfully

(Mr) J. B. Francis.

Hon Sec & Treasurer

Winters Kloof Native Nursing Assn.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH.

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JOHANNESBURG,

TELEPHONE NO. 44-1444.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE REF. NO. D. 27/40.

SOUTH AFRICA.

September 9, 1940.

Mrs. E. Rheinallt Jones,
P. O. Box 97,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mrs. Jones,

Many thanks for letting me see the Memorandum on Mission Hospital. It is a very complete and convincing document.

If I may venture to criticize, it would be on its length. While heads of Departments would, no doubt, study the memorandum carefully, Ministers, in my experience, can seldom be brought to read anything put forward by deputations which is more than a page or two in length. I should strongly recommend that a short convincing summary be prepared for any Ministers it is proposed to approach.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Cluver.

Revised

46 Seventh Avenue,
PARKTOWN NORTH,
Johannesburg.
13th November, 1940.

The Secretary for Native Affairs,
Department of Native Affairs,
Zasm House,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

Financial Support for Mission Hospitals

On behalf of the Medical Work Committee of the Christian Council - of which Committee I have recently been appointed Convener - I beg to submit for the Minister's use the enclosed memorandum, prepared a short time ago by this Committee, setting forth the grave financial position in which most Mission hospitals now find themselves and indicating the danger which threatens that the work of these hospitals may have to be seriously curtailed or in some cases even abandoned.

It is clear that owing to the constitutional position Union Government departments are limited in the help they can render and that the Missions must look to the Provincial Governments for the support to which they are entitled. It should be possible for them to adapt their methods of control so as to meet the requirements of the respective Provincial Governments while retaining the essential missionary character of the hospitals. Negotiations to this effect, however, will take time and the situation is urgent.

May I beg the favour that you will submit this letter and enclosed memorandum to the Honourable the Minister of Native Affairs with the request that he will support an immediate temporary grant being made to the Provincial Governments of the Cape, Natal and the Transvaal to enable them to tide their respective Mission hospitals over the present year, on the understanding that as early as may be in the new year endeavour will be made by these Governments to regularise on some equitable basis the financial relations between them and the Mission hospitals in their areas. Representations are being made to the Minister of Health on these lines.

Yours faithfully,

CONVENER

MEDICAL WORK COMMITTEE

NMV/MM
Encl. Memorandum

P. O. Box 386,

Pretoria.

Personal & Confidential

Dear Mrs. Jones,

Please forgive me for not having written sooner to thank you for your kind hospitality last weekend. I was meaning to combine doing so with the return of the enclosed figures relating to Dr. Aitken's Memo., and it has taken longer to check them than I anticipated. His figures are for the calendar year 1939, I take it, whereas our health year is from July 1 to June 30; so that the process of checking was a little difficult. The figures given by him are substantially correct. In fairness to my own Dept., I should mention that it refunds a considerable fraction of the payments made by Local Authorities to hospitals like Lovedale in respect of infectious cases. This is an indirect contribution which I have not been able to assess: admittedly it is not a very great one.

In confidence, I may say that Dr. Allan, to whom Aitken has put, in respect of his particular mission, some of the points emphasised in the Memo., has in conversation with me taken the line that as the Government did not invite the overseas missions to undertake medical work out here there is no real reason - or moral obligation; why it should now help them any more than it has done hitherto. If this is the correct view, does it not imply that the Government feels no sense of responsibility for the medical needs of the people? Of course, I pointed out to my chief that the argument is not simply that the Govt. should carry on a good work begun by the Missions, but that it should recognise that their work is of national value and, as they can carry it out more economically and effectively than the Government itself, the Government should now support it to prevent its threatened extinction.

Another matter in confidence. - You know that several months ago Parliament passed the estimates which provided £8000 on our vote for the establishment of services to prevent Native blindness - pensions in respect of which are costing N.A.D. about £80,000 p.a. I wish Senator Jones would ask what has been done about it. The answer will be that the Health Dept. has twice advertised and has failed to get a suitably qualified medical man to organise this service. That is so. But I wish that then Senator Jones would ask: Could nothing have been done even without the appointment of a specialist officer? A lot could have been done, but nothing has been done, and there is just a danger that with the almost complete surrender of the vote at the end of the year the hungry Treasury may cut off 'for the duration' this service with its tremendous humanitarian and economic possibilities. A few of the things that could have been done are (1) Employment of specialists on special short-term investigational and even operative tours, along the lines of Dr. Franks special trip to Rustenburg - Mr. Blaxall can tell you about that; (2) Special subsidies to people like Mrs. Rosset at Elim, who is an eye specialist, for holding of special clinics (3) Issue of special drugs - e.g. M.&B. 693, which is very useful in treating trachoma (a common cause of blindness), but prohibitively expensive - to missions and other agencies. (4) Paying trainfares and hospital accounts for Natives from the rural areas to come to Jo'burg and other centres where specialists are available: not even necessary to hospitalise all cases - but provide them with lodgings & food, and let them come daily as outpatients.

It is simply pathetic to think of the time which has been lost already, and perhaps the whole opportunity may be lost. Our Department is hopeless when it comes to tackling things with a will.

Yours in conspiratorial mood,

Handwritten signature

Ps. I shall be sending notes on Sanitary Aids in due course.

JP

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CA

Copy for Mrs. Pim

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WITWATERSRAND COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH WORK
AMONG NON-EUROPEANS

Timewell,
Federation Road,
Parktown.

31st October, 1929.

The Honourable the Administrator
of the Transvaal,
Provincial Offices,
P r e t o r i a.

Sir,
- Representation of non-European interests on
the Board of the Johannesburg Hospital. -

I am directed by a Joint Committee of the following bodies,
viz:-

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| Joint Council of Euro-
peans and Natives. } | represented by | { Mr. Howard Pim,
{ Dr. A. B. Xuma. |
| Bridgman Memorial
Hospital. } | " " | { Mrs. F.B. Bridgman,
{ Dr. S. Ethel Smith. |
| Indo-European Joint
Council. } | " " | { Miss S. Pandithar,
{ Professor J.M. Wait,
{ Rev. B.L.E. Sigamoney,
{ Mr. C.K.T. Naidoo,
{ Mr. S. B. Medh. |
| Non-European Health
Committee. } | " " | { Dr. E.P. Baumann,
{ Dr. Dora Dart,
{ Miss H. Pim,
{ Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones. |

to approach you with the request that provision be made for
the special representation of the non-European Community upon
the Board of the Johannesburg Hospital.

The proposal is that some well-known European social worker
be nominated by you at the first opportunity to keep the Board
informed of the needs of non-Europeans who now form a very con-
siderable section of the Hospital's Constituency. The present
membership of the Board does not include any one who can be
said to be in a position to interpret the needs of this very
large section of the population.

I may say that the Joint Committee has discussed this mat-
ter with the Hospital Board, which suggested that you be
approached in the matter.

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Should you find it possible to act in accordance with my Committee's suggestion, the Committee would be prepared to suggest a panel of names from which a nomination could be made.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Hon: Secretary.

LCRQ

2 MAY 1942

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633/635 His Majesty's Buildings/Geboue,
Joubert Street/Straat,
JOHANNESBURG.

30th April, 1942.

PATRONS/ BESKERMHERE

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- Hon./S.Ed. W. B. Madeley
- Hon./S.Ed. C. F. Clarkson
- The Archbishop of Capetown
- The Bishop of Pretoria
- The Bishop of Johannesburg
- Dr. Harvey Pirie
- Rev. L. H. Pearson
- Rev. A. W. Eaton
- C. B. Tyler, Esq.

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

*Reply for telephone on 4/30/42
the number you wish to call
is also given in the
minutes for Nov. 1941*

JOINT HON. TREASURERS/ GESAMENTLIKE ERE- TESOURIERS

- Councillor/Raadslid Mrs./Mev.
J. McPherson
- Adv. A. Fischer

Dear Sir,

JOINT ORGANISERS/ GESAMENTLIKE ORGANISEERDERS

- R. K. Cope
- H. M. Schneier

I am writing to bring to your notice the campaign for Medical Aid for Russia which, launched in Johannesburg last September, has to date resulted in the collection of nearly £80,000 for the purchase of medical materials for use on the Eastern front.

HON. AUDITORS/ ERE-AUDITEURS

- Chas. Hewitt & Co

The Funds collected are remitted to London where a purchasing committee, consisting of members of the Russian Embassy are in constant session together with experts appointed by Mr. Churchill, headed by Sir Charles Wilson, President of the Royal College of Physicians. They send express to the Soviet Red Cross those materials of which at different times it is in the most urgent need.

In a recent cable to us from M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to Great Britain, the following significant sentence occurs:- "RECENT VICTORIES OF RED ARMY VERY HEARTENING BUT GRIM STRUGGLE LIES AHEAD WHEN ALL RESOURCES OF SOVIET RED CROSS WILL BE STRAINED TO UTMOST."

There can be no doubt that our allies on the Eastern front will have to face an offensive as soon as climatic conditions allow, but whether it is a Nazi offensive or a Soviet offensive must largely depend on the assistance which we and the other allied nations render to the Russian fighters. For this reason, as well as from humanitarian motives, we feel that our medical aid must be intensified.

I should be very glad indeed if your organisation could render some assistance in this connection, either by donation or by arranging functions. If it would facilitate matters we can arrange to show Soviet films or send prominent speakers to address a gathering on the objects of our work. We should also be glad to give you all the help possible with any morning markets, jumble sales or other functions arranged by members of your organisation in support of our Fund.

I should be grateful to hear from you at your convenience either by letter or by telephone.

Yours very sincerely,

T. Le Roux

(Miss) T. Le ROUX.

*Request we answer by post as we can't see
our organisation's file.*

ELIM HOSPITAL

(SWISS MISSION)

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P.O. ELIM HOSPITAL,
TRANSSVAAL, N.

Friday, 18th IX. 42.

Dear Mr Jones,

I apologise to write to you about something which is not in your line, directly, but you know so many people, that I thought you could help us.

We have one of our Swiss lady - a girl of about 35 years, - who should have a complete change, and under medical supervision. She has had a nervous breakdown with melancholy. She is on the point of being sent back

ELM HOSPITAL
(SWISS MISSION)

know to Switzerland, but I
feel, that if we could keep her
here, she would get over it
better. The point is that we know
of no one who is interested in
such cases. In fact, we have
written to the Holy Cross Mission,
where the doctor had taken a
case, and one of the Sisters knew
about it. Luckily, he doesn't
take any more.

Do you know of missionary
Doctors, or private people
who take such persons? I
would be very thankful if
you could give me an
address or two, where I could
inquire.

We are hoping to see my
husband back in two or three
days. He will have a lot to tell us.
I wish that senator's election would

be over. The wife had a
bad case. I hope so that
she could pay for her
and for him.
1511. Ried Road, Roset.

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Telegramadres | "VOLKWEL."
Telegraphic Address |

Alle briewe moet gerig word aan die
SEKRETARIS VAN VOLKSWELSYN.

All Communications should be Addressed
to the
SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL WELFARE.



Vermeld in u antwoord asb.:—
In replying please quote:—

No. S.W. 46/42-2

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

DEPARTEMENT VAN VOLKSWELSYN,
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE,

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO CONDITIONS
EXISTING ON THE CAPE FLATS AND SIMILARLY—UNIEGEBOU
AFFECTED AREAS IN THE CAPE DIVISION—UNION BUILDINGS,
PRETORIA.

[Handwritten signature]

89, Parliament Street,

CAPE TOWN

20th April, 1942

Senator the Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones, M.A.
South African Institute of Race Relations
P. O. Box 1998
CAPE TOWN

Dear Senator Rheinallt Jones:

I thank you very kindly for the
information contained in your letter of the 17th
instant.

Mr. Molteno has been in touch
with me by telephone and a tentative appointment
has been made for him to meet the Committee in the
near future.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

MEMBER-SECRETARY

Mr. Lewis.

Urgent

19 AUG 1942

Medical School.
Hospital Hill.
18th Aug. 1942.

The Editor,
Race Relations.

Dear Sir,

During the period 1938/39 Dr. S. L. Kent
and I carried out a Malnutrition Survey of
over 7,000 Bantu Children in 9 different
areas in the Union. At present I have
written a summary of the full report.
This summary is 13 foolscap typed
pages (double-spacing) long. Professor
Craib has suggested that I should
get in touch with you in regard
to publication of this summary, which
is at present being slightly revised
by Dr. Kent. Could I discuss
this matter with you on Thursday or
Friday?

Yours faithfully,
Harding K. Riche.

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