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26th January, 1954.

The Hon. Dr. E. H. Brookes,  
88 Pietermaritz Street,  
PIETERMARITZBURG.

Dear Dr. Brookes,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 25th January and for the good wishes. Both Noëlline and I appreciate your interest very much and I will let you know as soon as the big event takes place. The stork must have been detained somewhere on its way because although it should have arrived on the 18th January, we are still waiting for it. Noëlline is very well, though.

I have checked once more with the local municipal authorities about the Orlando train fees. They assure me that the Johannesburg City Council does not subsidise the Railways for this service. The Railways state that they run the service on a sub-economic basis and at a loss.

I shall gladly send you copies of all memoranda, etc. which we prepare on University apartheid.

With very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

F. J. van Wyk,  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

FROM

DR. EDGAR H. BROOKES

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88 Pietermaritz Street,  
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21st January, 1954.

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F. J. van Wyk, Esq.,  
S. A. Institute of Race Relations,  
P.O. Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

25 JAN 1954

Dear Mr. van Wyk,

You were kind enough to go into the question of the Orlando train service for me. I am working closely with our local Chamber of Industries on this matter of the Edendale train service, and in order to make our comparison complete, I want to find out for their information whether the low fares on the Orlando train service are in any way subsidised. We have heard that the Johannesburg City Council has an arrangement by which they subsidise the Railways. I doubt if this is true, but would like to be sure.

There is a second thing, and that is whether you would mind letting me have a spare copy of any stuff that the Institute gets together on the question of University apartheid. I have a friend in Parliament who has asked me for help in this matter, and I should like to give him any information that I can.

I was told confidentially the reason for your absence from the Council meetings and I write to express the hope that all has gone well, that the baby has arrived, and that mother and child are well.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Edgar Brookes*

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For your information & action.

See Minutes (draft) of Regional Cmte. 13/8 '54.

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18th August, 1954.

The Secretary,  
Cape Chamber of Commerce,  
P.O. Box 204,  
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

Proposed Increase in Rail Fares and Tariffs

The Minister of Transport's proposals to increase rail fares and tariffs is causing grave concern to the Cape Western Regional Committee of the Institute of Race Relations.

The lower income groups will be caused great additional hardship. Their travelling costs, even at the present rates, account for an undue proportion of their incomes.

In view of the declared policy of concentrating the African population at Nyanga and the already very high cost of transport to Africans who are compelled to live far from their places of work, these increases in fares will fall particularly heavily on this section of the population.

You will notice from the attached list of routes largely used by the Non-European population that the increased third-class fare on the Cape Town/Elsies River route amounts to 33 and one-third per cent, and on the Cape Town/Langa journey, an increase of over 38 per cent is to be charged.

Your Chamber will be fully aware of the implications of these raised rates and we need not point out to you the resultant additional hardships which will be imposed on an already heavily burdened section of the community. According to a recent survey of the faculty of Social Science, University of Cape Town, 68 per cent of African families are living below the effective minimum level.

My Committee, therefore, would ask you Chamber in any representations you make to bear in mind the effect of these increases on the lower paid wage-earners.

Yours faithfully,

E. de Groot (M)

SECOND & THIRD CLASS RAILWAY FARES

CAPE TOWN to	Present daily Return Fare		Future daily Return Fare		Increases per day	
	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	3rd.
Claremont	1/1	10d.	1/3	1/-	2d.	2d.
Langa	1/7	1/1	1/10	1/6	3d.	5d.
Elsies River	1/10	1/3	2/-	1/8	2d.	5d.
Bellville	2/1	1/10	2/4	1/11	3d.	1d.
Lansdowne	1/8	1/2	1/10	1/6	2d.	4d.
	<u>Weekly Season</u>		<u>Future Season</u>		<u>Increases per week</u>	
Claremont	5/5	3/7	6/5	4/9	1/-	1/2
Langa	6/7	4/9	7/7	5/8	1/-	11d.
Elsies River	7/-	5/-	8/1	6/1	1/1	1/1
Bellville	8/8	6/5	10/3	7/8	1/7	1/3
Lansdowne	7/-	5/-	8/1	6/1	1/1	1/1
	<u>Monthly Season</u>		<u>Future Monthly</u>		<u>Monthly Increases</u>	
Claremont	23/9	18/7	28/3	21/-	4/6	5/5
Langa	28/11	20/9	33/6	25/-	4/7	4/3
Elsies River	30/9	22/3	35/9	26/9	5/-	4/6
Bellville	35/3	26/8	42/6	32/3	7/3	5/7
Lansdowne	30/9	22/3	35/9	26/9	5/-	4/6

\* Many weekly paid <sup>employees</sup> ~~travellers~~ are unable to avail themselves of the cheaper monthly season facilities.

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