

ABX 42118a

Robins - General - N.R.C.

18th November, 1942.

Councillor R. Selope-Thema, M.R.C.,
"Bantu World",
14, Perth Road,
Westdene, JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Councillor Thema,

Accept my congratulations for your election to be a member of the Native Representative Council for your area.

A great responsibility has been placed upon you and you are expected to help solve our many native problems, so-called.

The African National Congress welcomes you in your sphere of activity and asks you to participate in its task of organising and uniting our people under its banner in order to speak with one voice in national affairs.

I hope you will use your influences directly and through your friends to have established immediately branches and sub-branches of the Congress in every magisterial district.

The African National Congress needs you and calls on all other men, with similar talents to yours, to come into its ranks to work together for that day which must come sooner or later when peace shall be restored and readjustments made in racial, national and international relations. When that time comes, we hope, with your help, that the African National Congress will be ready with the case of the African, prepared by Africans themselves and presented to the United Nations or to those who must shape the destiny of our world.

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I invite you and other Councillors to attend the Annual Conference of the African National Congress from December 20th to December 22nd., where we shall begin preparing our case for African freedom during and after the war.

Wishing you every success and offering you any assistance we may be able to give to help you in your difficult task,

I am,
Yours sincerely,

ABX/pd.

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX. 4211186

Politis - General - NRC

18th November, 1942.

Councillor P.R. Mosaka B.A., M.R.C.,
Stand 1515,
Orlando Township,
JOHANNESBURG.

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PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

ABX. 42118c

Robbie - General - NRC

18th November, 1942.

Councillor Dr. J.S. Moroka,
P.O. Box 37,
THABA NCHU, O.F.S.

Dear Councillor Moroka,

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ABX/pd.

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX. 421118d

Politics - General

18th November, 1942.

Mrs. N. Mosaka,
Secretary,
Daughters of Africa,
8301, Orlando,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of the 28th ultimo was received.

I have delayed to reply as I have been trying to readjust dates of some of my meetings away from here during December.

I am sorry to say that even just now, I am not sure where I shall be on the 17th proximo. If I were sure that I would be here on that date, I would have considered it a most pleasant duty to serve you as you suggest.

In view of the uncertainty, therefore, and since you must arrange your programme in advance, I think it only fair to suggest that another speaker who can certainly attend should be invited.

I shall be glad to attend the meeting, if I will be here.

Wishing your conference every success,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

Unsorted

ABX. 421118e

National Council of African Women

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 1941

President
MISS SOGA,
11, Komani Street,
Queenstown.

Vice-Presidents
MRS. M. S. SESEDI,
c/o E. C. C. School,
Hopetown.

Vice-Presidents
MRS. L. NIKIWE,
New Brighton Location,
Port Elizabeth.

Hon. Treasurer
MRS. I. SILILO,
63, Victoria Road,
Durban.

Gen. Sec.
NURSE HLAHLE,
School Clinic,
P.O. Box 979,
Durban.

18/11/42.

My dear Buti Alfred,

I am writing this late because, until I saw this week's Umkeli, I did not know when your Congress would meet, and I knew you would want ^{my Xuma} her there.

I beg you my dear brother to allow your dear wife to attend our conference which starts on the 16th December to the 19th. Please don't decline. You know that this part of the country is very ignorant - white & black alike, and it would be a treat for them to see an American Negro so polished & educated. It will enthuse your African sisters and change the attitude of some Europeans towards us & make them see what we can be, given the opportunity.

I would like her to address the ~~conf~~ country. In fact we need more Negroes in this

There are Railway Concessions - only
P.T.O

only/

Stahlke delayed sending them out & has sent them back to me. I am having them fixed up.

Alfred I am writing, trusting you will oblige me in this. Our womanhood need a 'push up' & they must see a model of their own flesh & blood, or should I say - colour?

do be good & game about this. Please send me her full name & qualifications: where trained etc.

yours ever,
Mina.

Pardon the scrapiness of this note.
I hope you're all well.
My kindest regards to all.

ABX. 421119a

N.E. 34232.

TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

PO BOX 564,
PRETORIA.

The Secretary,
R.N.A.B.C.,
42 - 9th Street,
BENONI LOCATION.

19-11-1942

AFRICAN TEACHERS AND LOCATION ADVISORY BOARDS.

With reference to the interview which members of your committee had with the Director of Education on the 7th instant, I am directed hereby to confirm his ruling given in regard to the above matter which is that teachers may become members of Advisory Boards if they do not have to fight election i.e.

- (a) If returned unopposed
- (b) If nominated by municipality.

location advisory boards

Taylor

SECRETARY: TRANSVAAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ABX. 4211196

Politics - General

19th November,

1962.

Dear Mr. Frank,

I regret that you were not successful in the recent election, as you had hoped.

However, according to all reports, the elections was not a test of a man's worth or his principles; but was affected, it appears to us, by factors that are unfortunate in any such election.

Besides, you were unfortunate in not having from the start a local Committee among the Councillors themselves.

However, the most pleasing factor to me was your attitude towards the whole affair, namely, that you hoped and wished to win since you were persuaded to stand and that you will be sorry to lose; but that would not, in the least, change your attitude towards the depressed African community and the cause of their improvement. In that I congratulate you because I feel that we have, in you, a co-worker in our thankless job of trying to bring every citizen in our Union within the full benefits that are at the gift of the State and from the rich resources of the country.

You have a big job that could be useful if it were properly directed, that is, the re-shaping of the Policy of the Bantu Welfare Trust to be in line with the original wishes of its generous donor - Colonel Donaldson - whose laudable desire was to help remove the African's disabilities. That also is the main and the only platform of the African National Congress.

I feel, therefore, that your attitude towards the underdog and your outstanding ability would be a great assistance to the old gentleman whom I found to be very anxious to do the right thing for the Africans.

I hope to have another opportunity of meeting you so that we can work out any possible plan of mutual assistance in the task you have voluntarily chosen for yourself as an avocation - the improvement of the status of the African.

With best regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

J. Frank Esq.,
c/o Lydenburg Gold Farms Co., Ltd.,
Anglovaal House, 7, Fox Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

A.H.C.
(101)"Cyrene",
Potchefstroom.
Nov. 19, 1942.Dr. A.B. Xuma,
104, End Street,
Sooonfontein,
Jhannesburg.

Dear Doctor,

Greetings!

Some weeks ago I wrote you a letter c/o B.M.S.C. and have been expecting a reply. If you have not yet received it then it must be at the Centre.

I was informing you that I had recently joined Congress and had my ticket issued by Mr. Marebele of Bantu House, and that I had expressed a desire to organise Congress in this Area. Mr. Marebele had promised to ask the Provincial Secretary to send me the necessary authority and information with regard to establishment of a Branch. I have had no communication from any body.

In my letter to you I expressed anxiety about the unorganised state of the people in these parts.

The Native Press has been inspiring us with the spirit of organising Congress and we are not getting the encouragement from the officials if our offers to do our bit are ignored. If for any reason we are unqualified to take the responsibility upon ourselves, surely, the decent thing to do is to tell us so.

I imagine that if I am allowed to organise Potehstroom, I should have a copy of the Constitution, and a few membership cards say 50 to start with. There is no reason why I should not enrol more.

May I ask whether women are to be enrolled and whether Coloured people who are in sympathy with the Movement can be enrolled.

Yours respectfully,
James J. Udatyulwa.

ABX. 421119d
THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

(Founded in 1912)

Motto: RIGHT NOT MIGHT. FREEDOM NOT SERFDOM.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.

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GOVERNORS:

"Ntabethemba"
Cradock
19th Nov. 1942¹⁹⁴

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My dear President,

Speaker:

R. V. SELOPE-THEMA, M.R.C.,
14, Perth Road, Westdene,
Johannesburg.

Deputy Speaker:

Mr. S. MAC. LEPOLESA,
637, Batho Location,
Bloemfontein.

Senior Chaplain:

Rev. Z. R. MAHABANE,
Kroonstad, O.F.S.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS:

Cape African Congress:

Mr. A. FRANK PENDLA,
New Brighton,
Port Elizabeth.

Natal Native Congress:

Dr. J. L. DUBE, Ph.D., M.R.C.,
Ohlange Institute,
Phoenix, Natal.

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Mr. T. M. MAPIKELA, M.R.C.,
1437, Community Avenue,
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Transvaal African Congress:

Mr. S. P. MATSEKE (Deceased).

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Dr. P. ka I. SEME, B.A., LL.D.,
Komkulu Pte, Bag,
Mbabane, Swaziland.

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Mr. Z. K. MATTHEWS, M.A., LL.B.,
Fort Hare College,
Alice, C.P.

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Mr. R. H. GODLO, M.R.C.,
68, St. Paul's Road,
East London.

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Mr. A. W. G. CHAMPION,
19, Old Dutch Road,
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Labour:

Mr. E. T. MOFUTSANYANA,
74, Progress Buildings,
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Social Welfare:

Mr. A. J. SILILO, M.R.C.,
P.O. Box 154, Durban.

Law Advisor:

Mr. LEO. MTIMKULU,
Baunanville Location,
Somtseu Road,
Durban.

Organisational Propagandists:

Mr. J. NHLAPO, B.A.,
P.O. Wilberforce,
Evaton, Transvaal.

Mr. SAM SESEDI,
716, Makenna Street,
Off Barkley Road,
Kimberley.

All my meetings so far have met with very little if any opposition.

A conference on the 16th December at Cradock for the election of Provincial Office bearers will be attended provided it is announced in good time.

I could not get cash for the cards but the local leaders at Uitenhage, Port Elizabeth, and Cookhouse asked me to leave 25 tickets at each place.

They have promised to sell these by the end of this month. Port Elizabeth was busy with Local Advisory Board Members elections and I could not get a good meeting. I was more successful at Korsten than at New Brighton.

I believe you have a list of all those leaders who would be interested in the Cape African Congress I remember I prepared that with Akena and I sent you the list with addresses.

Next week I propose to go to Grahamstown and later to go again to Port Elizabeth if they will meet my train fare.

Please send me your draft agenda for my next article in the press. It would be better still if you could contribute the next article.

Please get busy at once with the Cape I think they are ready to follow Congress.

I also met the Beaufort West leaders at the station on my way from Cape Town. They were keen to see something done quickly.

Yours very sincerely for Africa,

James A. Calata

Secretary
General

Additional names:

- E.N.C. Duma 141 Durban Rd P.O. Korsten Port Elizabeth*
- Rev. T. Lunckaya 5th Annes mission, Uitenhage.*
- H. Zulu, Cookhouse C.P.*
- W.W. Mabija P.O. New Brighton Pt.*
- A Wakarhu - Location - Grahamstown*
- Rev. J.J. Jorha Location - Grahamstown*
- Rev. J.J. Skomols, St Agnes mission, Newburg*

JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE MAYOR'S LUNCHEON ROOM, CITY HALL, JOHANNESBURG, ON FRIDAY, 20th NOVEMBER 1942, AT 2.30 P.M.

P R E S E N T

Professor J.L. Gray (Chairman)
His Worship the Mayor, Clr. L. Leveson
Clr. Mrs. J. McPherson
Mrs. E. Norgarb
Mrs. J.K. Robertson
Mr. G. Ballenden
Rev. A.W. Blaxall
Mr. E. Cohn
Mr. C.C. Cowan
Clr. D.H. Epstein, M.P.C.
Dr. J. Bruce Gardiner
Mr. J. Hersov
Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones
Mr. V. Kent
Dr. G.D. Laing
Mr. S.M. Nana
Mr. J. Fleming Orr
Dr. Ray E. Phillips
Dr. A.T. Shrock
Dr. J. Dexter Taylor
Rev. J.B. Webb
Rabbi M.C. Weiler
Rev. Father Whelan
Mr. D.N. Murray (Hon. Secretary)

1A. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

RESOLVED

That the following members be granted leave of absence from this meeting of the Committee:- Hon. J.D.F. Briggs, Sir George Albu, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ballinger, Mr. G.W. Crowe, Clr. James Gray, Professor and Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernle, Mr. Claude Leon, Mr. Percy Leon, Miss A. Scheepers, Miss H. Troughton, Dr. A.B. Xuma.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 1942, having been circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

NOTED

3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

RESOLVED

That the statement of policy prepared by the Executive Committee be agreed to in the following form:-

- "1. This Committee understands by Social Security a broad policy of increasing the economic opportunities and enhancing and protecting the level of social welfare of all sections of the community, in the spirit of the Atlantic Charter and the speeches of General Smuts. Two aspects of such a policy, in relation to the needs of South Africa, are as follows:-

- i) the extension and improvement of the social services, and
- ii) the institution of new and better methods of safeguarding the people against the risks and emergencies of family life and livelihood.

We recognise that better social services are the paramount need of the bulk of the people, since, through increasing

the skill, education, health and opportunities of all sections of the population, they play a vital part in increasing national productivity and thus the standard of living attainable by all. We recognise also that large numbers of workers, European and other, whose livelihood depends in great part on their earnings from work, require under existing conditions supplementary money benefits, to secure their living standards in sickness, unemployment, old age, widowhood and orphanhood, etc.

- "2. The basic social services are education, including technical training, health, maternal and child welfare, housing and nutrition. These should be progressively made available, on an increasingly adequate scale, to all sections of the population, on the same terms and on the same level of efficiency.

They should continue to be financed, as at present, out of general taxation. To meet their rising cost, Income and Super Taxes should be more steeply graduated and Death Duties substantially increased.

- "3. Provision should also be made for a comprehensive and adequate scheme of benefits, available to all sections of wage and salary-earners and their dependants, in all cases where they are necessary to protect standards of living against the common contingencies of life. These should be in principle contributory. Consideration should, however, be given to the possibility of enforcing a fairly high exemption limit and a progressive scale of percentage contributions, to ease the burden on the poorer Europeans and Non-Europeans. There should be a single Social Security Fund, to which employers and the state should also contribute.

" An essential complement of a broad programme of social welfare is the creation of a national system of health services, both preventive and curative. This should be entirely independent of the finance and administration of social insurance benefits.

- "5. This Committee strongly urges the scientific study of the essentials of a tolerable standard of living for all sections of the population, so that benefits should in all cases be properly adjusted to needs.

- "6. While it is no part of this Committee's function to propose detailed methods, other than better social services, by which the South African standard of living may be raised, we nevertheless affirm our belief that it requires the maximum utilisation of all our resources, both material and human, and the removal of all obstacles to this result.

- "7. In so far as the statements of policy in paragraph 1 - 6 inclusive are not adequately covered by the provisions of the Social Security Code proposed by the Durban Social Security Action Committee, this Committee undertakes to work for their revision accordingly."

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.

Item 1. Non-European Representation on Action Committee.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the number of Asiatic representatives on this Committee be increased to three.
(b) That the number of African representatives on this Committee be increased to four.
(c) That the additional Asiatic representative and African representative be selected by the Chairman, the Mayor and Professor Hoernle.

Item 2. Formation of Executive Committee.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the existing ad hoc Executive Committee, consisting of the following members, be constituted a permanent Executive Committee:- Professor J.L. Gray, the Hon. J.D.F. Briggs, His Worship the Mayor Clr. L. Leveson, Mr. G. Ballenden, Mr. G.W. Crowe, Clr. D.H. Epstein, Mr. J. Hersov, Professor R.F.A. Hoernle, Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernle, Dr. G.D. Laing, Mr. S.M. Nana, Mr. J. Fleming Orr, Professor J. Phillips, Mrs. J.K. Robertson, Dr. A.T. Shrock, Advocate Mrs. Bertha Solomon, Advocate H.J.B. Vieyra, Dr. A.B. Xuma and Mr. D.N. Murray (Hon. Secretary).
- (b) That the Executive Committee have power to co-opt.
- (c) That the Executive Committee be instructed to draw up a detailed Social Security Code.
- (d) That the Executive Committee be empowered to form any necessary sub-committees.

Item 3. Quorums.

RESOLVED

- (a) That 15 members constitute a quorum at meetings of this Committee.
- (b) That 7 members constitute a quorum at meetings of the Executive of this Committee.

Item 4. Finance.

RESOLVED

That the Finance Committee be authorised to proceed with the raising of funds for the National Social Security Fund.

Item 5. Request from Central Executive of the S.A. Social Security Action Committee regarding appointment of Chairman of National Finance Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Finance Committee be asked to make a nomination for the position of Chairman of the National Finance Committee.

Item 6. Future Meetings and Procedure.

RESOLVED

- (a) That as far as necessary meetings of this Committee be held monthly.
- (b) That as far as necessary meetings of the Executive be held weekly and that the Executive report progress to the full Committee at its monthly meetings.
- (c) That the Chairman be authorised to call additional meetings of both the full Committee and the Executive whenever deemed necessary.

Item 7. Letter from Chairman of Central Executive of S.A. Social Security Action Committee.

RESOLVED

That a copy of the statement of policy adopted by this Committee, together with the minutes of its meetings, be forwarded to the Chairman of the Central Executive of the S.A. Social Security Action Committee.

5. GENERAL.

(a) Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED

That the next meeting of this Committee be held in January, unless in the opinion of the Chairman the amount of business justifies calling a meeting at an earlier date.

(b) Press publicity.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman and the Secretary be authorised to make a statement to the Press on the work of this Committee.

(THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 3.55 P.M.)

CONFIRMED

.....
Chairman

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Date

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DR. R. T. BOKWE, M.B., CHB.(EDIN.)

PHONE B.

MIDDLEDRIFT,
CAPE PROVINCE.

22/11/1942

My dear X,

Many thanks for yours of the 11th instant. and must right away congratulate you on the diplomatic and courageous way in which you dealt with the Congress officials down this way.

I have little doubt that your action will prove to have been one of the many you have carried out to make Congress the real thing it ought to be - our seventh piece. From now on consider me a staunch and ~~a~~ unflinching member and enclose herewith my sub. for two years. We intend forming branches and sub-branches down this way and I personally would be glad of all the information, e.g. Constitution etc you can forward me as I intend to gather a few 'solid' men together as a beginning.

I intend to make every effort to attend the Bloemfontein Conference in Dec. (D.V.) and will look forward to seeing you there. With love to you all
Yours ever.

R. T. B.

A.N.C.

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P.O. Box 37,

King Williamstown

November 23rd 1942

Dear President,

Your letter of the 12th instant duly to hand. I thank you very much for the congratulations expressed on my success.

It has ever been my aim to work for the interest of my people. I have always contended that to represent your people you must mix up with them which will be the ultimate ^{success} of the Native Representative Council.

I hope you are not disappointed in my silence re your previous letter in connection with Messrs Penda, Newana, Tadi Siphant. It must always be in front of our leaders the arms of selfishness, the interest of the public must be their aim than their personal gains.

Your invitation for the forthcoming Congress meeting at Bloemfontein is accepted with pleasure.

Wishing you success in your endeavours for the upliftment of your people.

Yours faithfully,

B. B. Khumalo

Xiniwe

Social Welfare - General 23/11/1942
ABX. 4211236
JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT 2.15 P.M. ON FRIDAY, 27th NOVEMBER 1942, IN THE SMALL COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JOHANNESBURG. (To left at top of red-carpeted steps).

23rd November 1942.

D. N. MURRAY
Hon. Secretary

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 11th November 1942 and adjourned meeting held on 14th November 1942. (Attached).
 2. Consideration of attached Administrative Report.
 3. General.
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JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SMALL COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JOHANNESBURG, ON WEDNESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER AT 2.30 P.M.

P R E S E N T

Professor J.L. Gray (Chairman)
Hon. J.D.F. Briggs
Mr. G. Ballenden
Mr. J. Hersov
Dr. G.D. Laing
Mr. J. Fleming Orr
Mrs. J.K. Robertson
Advocate H.J.B. Vieyra
Mr. D.N. Murray (Hon. Secretary)

1A. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

RESOLVED

That the following be granted leave of absence from this meeting of the Committee:- His Worship the Mayor Clr. L. Leveson, Clr. D.H. Epstein, Professor R.F.A. Hoernle, Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernle, Professor J. Phillips, Dr. A.T. Shrock.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.

(a) Item 1. Formation of Executive Committee to define policy.

NOTED

(b) Items 2, 3 and 4.

RESOLVED

That items 2, 3 and 4 of the Administrative Report be held over until the question of policy is settled.

2. GENERAL.

(a) Non-European Representation on Executive Committee,

RESOLVED

That a representative from the Asiatic, Coloured and African sections of the community respectively be invited to join the Executive Committee.

(b) Statement of Policy.

After considerable discussion, during which memoranda submitted by the Chairman and by Professor and Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernle were tabled, a short draft statement of policy was submitted to the meeting by the Chairman. This read as follows:-

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play a vital part in increasing national productivity and thus the standard of living attainable by all. We recognise also that large numbers of workers, European and other, whose livelihood depends in great part on their earnings from work, require supplementary money benefits, to secure their living standards in sickness, unemployment, old-age, widowhood and orphanhood, etc.

- "2. The basic social services are education, including technical training, health, maternal and child welfare, housing and nutrition. These should be progressively made available, on an increasingly adequate scale, to all sections of the population, on the same terms and on the same level of efficiency. They should continue to be financed, as at present, out of general taxation. To meet their rising cost, Income and Super Taxes should be more steeply graduated and Death Duties substantially increased.
- "3. Provision should also be made for a comprehensive and adequate scheme of benefits, available to wage and salary-earners and their dependants, in all cases where they are necessary to protect standards of living against the common contingencies of life. These should be in principle contributory. Consideration should, however, be given to the possibility of enforcing a fairly high exemption limit and a progressive scale of percentage contributions, to ease the burden on the poorer Europeans and on such Non-Europeans as are included in the scheme. There should be a single Social Security Fund, to which employers and the state should also contribute.
- "4. An essential complement of a broad programme of social welfare is the creation of a national system of health services, both preventive and protective. This should be entirely independent of the finance and administration of social security benefits.
- "5. This Committee strongly urges the scientific study of the essentials of a tolerable standard of living for all sections of the population, so that benefits should in all cases be properly adjusted to needs.
- "6. While it is no part of this Committee's function to propose detailed methods, other than better social services, by which the South African standard of living may be raised, we nevertheless affirm our belief that it requires the maximum utilisation of all our resources, both material and human, and the removal of all obstacles to this result.
- "7. In so far as the statements of policy in paragraph 1 - 6 inclusive are not adequately covered by the provisions of the Social Security Code proposed by the Durban Social Security Action Committee, this Committee undertakes to work for their revision accordingly."

Members expressed their desire to consider this draft statement of policy more carefully, and suggested that the meeting should stand adjourned until Saturday, 14th November 1942.

RESOLVED

That the meeting be adjourned until 11 a.m. on Saturday, 14th November 1942, to enable members to consider fully the draft statement of policy submitted by the Chairman.

(THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4.30 P.M.)

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE SMALL COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JOHANNESBURG, ON SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 1942, AT 11 A.M.

P R E S E N T

- Professor J.L. Gray (Chairman)
- Hon. J.D.F. Briggs
- His Worship the Mayor, Clr. L. Lev son
- Mr. G. Ballenden
- Mr. G.W. Crowe
- Clr. D.H. Epstein
- Mr. J. Hersov
- Dr. G.D. Laing
- Mr. S.M. Nana
- Mr. J. Fleming Orr
- Mrs. J.K. Robertson
- Dr. A.B. Xuma
- Mr. D.N. Murray (Hon. Secretary)

1A. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

RESOLVED

That the following be granted leave of absence from this meeting of the Committee:- Professor R.F.A. Hoernle, Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernle, Dr. A.T. Shrock.

(The Committee then proceeded to deal with the items held over from the adjourned meeting held on the 11th November 1942).

1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.

(a) Item 2. Function of Executive Committee.

NOTED

(b) Item 3. General letter from Chairman of Central Executive of S.A. Social Security Action Committee.

NOTED

(c) Item 4. Procedure for the guidance of Action Committees.

NOTED

2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

RESOLVED

That the statement of policy drawn up by the Chairman be accepted by this Committee, subject to the following alterations:-

- (1) Para.1, line 21. The words "under existing conditions" to be inserted after "require".
- (2) Para.3, line 2. The words "all sections of" to be inserted before "wage and salary-earners".
- (3) Para.4, line 3. The word "protective" to be changed to "curative".

FURTHER RESOLVED

That the statement of policy as drawn up by the Chairman and amended be submitted to the full Committee at a meeting to be held on Friday, 20th November 1942, at 2.30 p.m.

3. GENERAL.

(a) Future Procedure.

RESOLVED

That it be recommended to the full Committee that the existing Executive Committee, with any additions or alterations thereto, be now made a permanent Executive Committee with power to appoint any necessary sub-committees.

(THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 12.15 P.M.)

REPORT OF HON. SECRETARY
TO
MEETING OF EXECUTIVE OF
JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

ITEM 1. FORMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Social Security Action Committee held on 20th November 1942, the ad hoc Executive Committee was appointed as a permanent Executive Committee. The Executive was also instructed to draw up a detailed Social Security Code for South Africa and with this end in view was authorised to appoint sub-committees to deal with the different aspects of social security.

It will now be necessary for the Executive to appoint sub-committees and proceed immediately with the framing of a practical Social Security Code.

THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED

ITEM 2. QUORUMS.

At the meeting of the Social Security Action Committee held on 20th November 1942, it was resolved that the quorum for this Executive Committee should consist of seven members.

THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED

23rd November 1942.

D. N. MURRAY

HON. SECRETARY

JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 1942, AT 11 A.M. IN THE SMALL COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JOHANNESBURG. (To left at top of red-carpeted stairs).

11th November 1942.

D.N. MURRAY

Hon. Secretary

A G E N D A

1. Completion of agenda of meeting held on 11th November 1942.
 2. Consideration of proposed statement of policy (attached).
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JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 11th, 1942.

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF POLICY.

1. This Committee understands by Social Security a broad policy of enhancing and protecting the level of social welfare of all sections of the community, in the spirit of the Atlantic Charter and the speeches of General Smuts.

Such a policy, in relation to the needs of South Africa, has two aspects:-

- i) the extension and improvement of the social services, and
- ii) the institution of new and better methods of safeguarding the people against the risks and emergencies of family life and livelihood.

We recognise that better social services are the paramount need of the bulk of the people, since, through increasing the skill, education, health and opportunities of all sections of the population, they play a vital part in increasing national productivity and thus the standard of living attainable by all. We recognise also that large numbers of workers, European and other, whose livelihood depends in great part on their earnings from work, require supplementary money benefits, to secure their living standards in sickness, unemployment, old-age, widowhood and orphanhood, etc.

2. The basic social services are education, including technical training, health, maternal and child welfare, housing and nutrition. These should be progressively made available, on an increasingly adequate scale, to all sections of the population, on the same terms and on the same level of efficiency.

They should continue to be financed, as at present, out of general taxation. To meet their rising cost, Income and Super Taxes should be more steeply graduated and Death Duties substantially increased.

3. Provision should also be made for a comprehensive and adequate scheme of benefits, available to wage and salary-earners and their dependants, in all cases where they are necessary to protect standards of living against the common contingencies of life.

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4. An essential complement of a broad programme of social welfare is the creation of a national system of health services, both preventive and protective. This should be entirely independent of the finance and administration of social security benefits.

5. This Committee strongly urges the scientific study of the essentials of a tolerable standard of living for all sections of the population, so that benefits should in all cases be properly adjusted to needs.

6. While it is no part of this Committee's function to propose detailed methods, other than better social services, by which the South African standard of living may be raised, we nevertheless affirm our belief that it requires the maximum utilisation of all our resources, both material and human, and the removal of all obstacles to this result.
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