

COMMITTEE ON NATIVE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

Minutes of Meeting Held in Mr. D. G. Shepstone's Office at 5 p.m., Wednesday October 31st, 1934.

*Messrs.*  
PRESENT: D. G. Shepstone, Fannin, Kerentret, Bawdon, John Dube, Miller (Probation officer) Maurice Webb and Miss Reid (Assistant Probation officer)

APOLOGY was received from the Chief Magistrate, Mr. Rowan.

MR. SHEPSTONE explained that hitherto the Committee had worked informally under the auspices of the South African Institute of Race Relations and suggested that as it appeared that ~~the~~ *its* activities might have to extend over some time it should be more definitely constituted.

After discussion it was agreed:

- (a) That the name of the Committee be the Durban Committee on Native Juvenile Delinquency.
- (b) That Mr. D. G. Shepstone be Chairman of the Committee.
- (c) That Mr. Maurice Webb be Secretary of the Committee.

1. DR. L. VAN SCHALKWYK'S letter of October 19 addressed to Mr. Maurice Webb was read and considered paragraph by paragraph.

~~the~~ The Committee expressed its appreciation <sup>to</sup> Dr. van Schalkwyk for his very helpful information and suggestions and after discussion resolved that a deputation wait on the Durban Child Welfare Society with a request that the Society extend its operations to Natives by forming a Native section and that the members of the deputation be  
Mr. D. G. Shepstone  
Mr. John Dube  
Father Kerentret  
Mr. Maurice Webb.

- (b) That the same deputation interview the Juvenile Affairs Board and request that the Board extend its activities to Natives.
- (c) Chairman and Secretary are asked to make enquiries of all local Mission Bodies with a view to their applying for certification under the Children's Protection Act.
- (d) That in view of the magnitude and urgency of the situation the Chairman and Secretary are asked to explore the possibilities of raising a fund to defray expenses of a deputation to the Minister of Education in Pretoria.

2. DURBAN TOWN CLERK'S letter to Mr. D. G. Shepstone dated 19th October was read and considered

After discussion the Committee asked that a reply be sent embodying the following comments on the Town Clerk's letter

As to paragraph (a) This is noted.

" " " (b) The Committee is of opinion that the action suggested would affect only a very small part of the problem and points out that action on the lines suggested has already been taken and has proved to be ineffective.



- As to paragraph (c) It is hoped that the suggested place of detention pending enquiry will be established immediately as it is urgently needed.
- " " " (d) The Committee asks the Town Council to assist it in sending a deputation to the Minister of Education, see paragraph 1 (d) above, to discuss the suggested Farm Colony or other suitable scheme.
- " " " (e) The Committee desires to point out that its original request was not for a Native Juvenile Court, which already exists, but for a separate Juvenile Court for all races on the ~~ma~~ model of Auckland Park.

The meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m.

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