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Representation of Natives Act 1936
Parliamentary Group

Record of meeting held in Senate
Committee Room S. 19. on

Wednesday, 26th March 1938 @ 9.45 am

Present : Senators Brookes, Jans, Sweldo; Mr. Ballinger, M.P.,
Mr. Hemming, M.P., & Mr. Molken, M.P.

Chair Senator Sweldo was asked to take the chair

Minutes of meetings held in Dec. 1937 & on Feb 12. 1938 were
captioned signed, with certain amendments.

Land Board. Senator Brookes reported that he intended to put
a question on the intentions of the Government
regarding the formation of the Land Board under
Section of the Native Trust Land Act.

Land Purchase Senator Jans reported that he had received a
communication from a Native in the Transvaal
that he had been informed by the Native Commissioner
that only Natives affiliated to chiefs would be
permitted to hire or buy land in released areas. He
undertook to take up the matter with the Secretary
for Native Affairs.

Removal of Natives from Urban Areas. Senator Jans read a letter
from the Secretary for Native Affairs assuring him



that immediate sympathetic attention will be given to any municipal action in housing out Natives who have their homes in urban locations. Noted.

Nominations

It was agreed to hold over the action on the resolution to approach the Prime Minister (see page 6 of December Minutes).

Attendance at Government Party Conferences

It was agreed not to take the matter further at present.

Report of the Natives Representative Council

It was agreed to ~~request~~ invite Government action regarding the report to the Select Committee on Native Affairs.

Protestants

There was general discussion on various aspects of the situation.

Meeting with Officers of the African National Congress

It was agreed to meet the President (Rev J.K. Mahabane) and other officials of the Congress in the Senate Building on Thursday, February 24 at 11. am.

Registration of Service Contracts in Urban Areas

There was discussion on the possible effects of the application of Section 12 of the Natives (Urban Areas) Act in the Cape Province.



Personnel of Advisory Boards under the Marketing Act. Senator Brookes drew attention to Q. No. 135 dated 25/1/38 and it was agreed write to the Minister of Agriculture to ask for the appointment of ~~two~~ persons to represent Native interests on these boards.

Financing of Native Schools in New Urban Locations. Senator Jones reported on the present position. Noted.

Native Teachers' Salaries. Senator Jones indicated the possibility of continued action to press for the adoption of new salary scales, following upon the results of the recent announcement of the restoration of salary cuts and the steps taken thereon.

Control and Finance of Native Education. There was discussion on the present practice of this matter and Senator Brookes asked that all opportunities be taken to influence parliamentary opinion in favour of the recommendations of the Inter-departmental Committee on Native Education on these points.

Post Office. It was agreed to consider this subject when the newly published report of the Committee had been read.

Trading Rights in Native Urban Locations. Senator Jones



read a letter from the Secretary for Native Affairs concerning the Minister's proposal to compel municipalities under Section 22 of the Act, & giving the reasons therefor. It was agreed to hear the views of the African National Congress on the matter at the forthcoming interview with the President & other officials.

Orders on Coal Mines.

After discussion it was agreed that an order should be made by Mr. Hallinger or Senate spokes to ascertain the recommendations of the Native Affairs Commission

Interview with Minister of Native Affairs.

It was agreed that Senate should seek an interview for the group with the Minister of Native Affairs to discuss with him the suggestion that the group be informed from time to time of Government proposals on Native Affairs.

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This concludes the business.



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Record of Meeting held in Room A30
on February 12, 1938 at 9.30 am

Present: Senators - Senators Brookes, Jones, Malcomson
Wells

M.P.s. - Mrs Dallinger, Mr. Hemming,
Mr. Walters

M.P.s. - Mr. Mowlt

Chairman: Senator Wells was asked to take the
chair.

Report of the Natives Representative Council.

Senator Brookes suggested that the
Report should be referred to the ^{Sessional} Select Committee
on Native Affairs in each House for
report & recommendations.

The suggestion was approved & it
was agreed to place the matter before the
Senate ~~on the 12th~~ ~~the 12th~~ ~~the 12th~~ ~~the 12th~~
Prime Minister
to be considered in the respective Houses

It was also agreed to support
Senator Spiro's motion in the Senate for the
appointment of the Sessional Committee



with power to confer with the a similar committee in the House of Assembly, & that a similar motion be supported or sponsored in the latter House.

Membership of the Sessional Committees

It was agreed to ask the Prime Minister to support a request that the representatives elected by the Natives be included in the membership of the committees in both Houses.

Attendance at Government Party Caucus Meetings

Considerable discussion took place but it was agreed to adjourn the discussion.

Relationship with

Information on Government Proposals on Native Matters

Bringing out of the previous discussion it was agreed to ask the Prime Minister, who had consented to meet the group that morning, to arrange for the group to be informed of Government proposals ^{in any matter relating to Natives} ~~proposals~~ ~~proposals to be discussed~~.



in sufficient time to give the representatives
of the Natives an opportunity to make
representations before final decisions
are taken

Adjournment : The meeting ^{was} adjourned until
Wednesday, February 16, at 9.45 in the
Senate Committee Room S.19. Those
present then proceeded to the office of the
Prime Minister to discuss the matters
mentioned earlier.

Confirmed

W. J. Meade

Chairman

16/2/38



26/7/88

Group with mod. Stm Est. 8000. CAm 29.

Land

M. question

mod. question re purchase prices - to be considered ^{later}

Ests re hotel purchase. no amt in Estimates.

B. to raise in Part Appropriation Bill. estd to follow up.

Post-month business

Report of A.R.C.

- Enquiries ^{in both Houses} signed
Agreed to ask for resolutions to be referred to
Ministerial Com. for consideration
a report. (Ask the Minister to introduce)
Wadevans to undertake further

Nature Educn

agreed to sponsor deputations
of ~~best~~ Teachers as members of Educational Committees.

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