

be mixed blood, Indians or full-blooded Africans.

Bantu South Africans, West Africans and West Indians develop fast friendships among one another by long and frequent contacts. As a matter of fact they make friends with many white students from other parts of the world. As individuals they make contacts with some of the finest English families and people, and, there are many more English people who do a great deal for individual African Students than most organised groups would know of. Such contacts help the students to grow, and broaden their outlook.

Special organised committees for the control of South African Bantu students overseas are not to be desired, as, they are likely to take their burden or duty too seriously and may tend to run the segregated South African hostel like a reformatory or detention home from which men come out educationally and culturally no better than they were when they left South Africa.

I know and have high regard for the names mentioned for the ad hoc Committee. They, as individuals, are doing what they can when opportunity comes; but there is a danger when they are given a professional standing by a Constitution and an affiliation with government bodies through the Institute of Race Relations in South Africa.

Bantu South African Students should not expect special privileges from any department of the Union Government that are not enjoyed by other students from South Africa, and, they should be subject to no differential treatment so far as the arrangements and procedure of issuing of Passports to them are concerned.

There should be no restrictions to, or discouragement of, any students who desire to proceed overseas before completing educational facilities offered in South Africa, as long as their parents or guardians are able and can arrange to meet the requirements for their education overseas.

We cannot expect all children of the six and a half million Africans to go through Fort Hare. Most of them will get and should get their University training elsewhere either in South Africa or abroad. This is valueable both educationally and culturally.

I, therefore, as a father and a student beg the Institute and all those concerned not to make any of the contemplated arrangements with the Government departments either financially or administratively. As a matter of fact, Africans would appreciate it very much if the Institute would not make any representations or commitments with the government on behalf of the African people without consultation with, or concurrence of, African Public opinion.

However, the Institute or any other body may publish the suggested pamphlet giving all necessary details of opportunities for study, cost of different courses in different countries, as well as other information that may be of practical use to those who wish to proceed overseas for study or travel. Such pamphlets could be kept in conspicuous places at all Training Institutions, Native Commissioners' offices, Bantu Social Clubs, Public Libraries and other places where people who may need that information are likely to frequent. There can be information in such a pamphlet indicating the willingness and desire of the Institute to give further information to those who so wish.

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Beyond this, the scheme is both dangerous and undesirable, as it will transport and suggest South African segregation policy overseas.

Yours faithfully,

A.B.Xuma.

ABX/pd.

ABX. 390511

ALEXANDRA DRAMATIC & CULTURAL SOCIETY.

P. O. Box 2,  
BERGVLEI.

11th May, 1939.

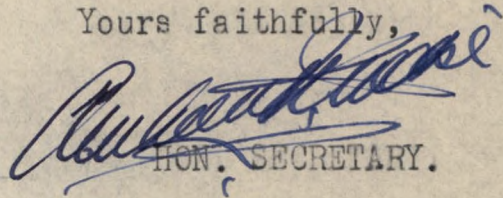
Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
104, End Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

We are arranging for a social evening to be held at the Cinema Hall on Tuesday 16th May, 1939, at 8.00 p.m. in honour of Mr. Mabiletsa for having obtained his Bachelor of Science degree and the arrangements Committee are asking you kindly to consent to being present and be included on the programme as one of the speakers for the evening.

MADE IN BRITAIN

Yours faithfully,

  
HON. SECRETARY.

*Armed Forces  
and Accidents.*

ABX. 390513a

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND,  
JOHANNESBURG.

TELEPHONE NO.  
44-3781.

MILNER PARK,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Race Relations

13/5/39

SAT. 13. V. 39.

Dear Dr Xuma,

I am just off to Cape  
Town, where I have to deliver  
the Phelps-Stokes Lectures on  
"S.A. Native Policy and the Liberal  
Spirit"; back on 26<sup>th</sup> inst.

Your letter on Welfare of  
S.A. non-Europeans proceeding  
overseas has just reached  
me. I shall take it with  
me, and read it in the

UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE WITWATERSRAND,  
JOHANNESBURG.

TELEFOON No.  
44-3781.

MILNER PARK,  
JOHANNESBURG.

train. This is just a provincial  
acknowledgment.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

R.F. Alfred Hoernlé

Race Relations

ABX. 3905136

HOWARD PIM & HARDY,

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (S.A).

Postal Addresses,  
P.O. Box 1331, JOHANNESBURG.  
P.O. Box 338, KIMBERLEY.  
LEADENHALL BUILDINGS, LONDON, E.C.

TELEPHONE NO 33-3019.

Johannesburg,  
Transvaal.  
13/5/39.

Dear Dr. Kuma,

Thank you for your  
Memo: on Overseas students welfare.

If you have not sent a  
copy to Senator Jones please do so, but  
I expect you have.

My complaint about the  
methods in the past is that some of the  
students sent here have been totally *unsuitable*  
to benefit by the experience with the  
result that as inadequate arrangements  
had in the first place been made  
for their maintenance they became  
stranded and in one case destitute,  
bringing trouble on themselves and  
the people this side who were stupid  
enough to arrange for them to go.

The first qualification of

any candidate should be ability to  
benefit and capacity to uphold the  
standard set by men like yourself.

Personally I shall ask your advice  
in future.

Yours truly  
John L. How

ABX. 3905 15a

J.C. 15/39.

JOHANNESBURG JOINT COUNCIL OF EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8.15 P.M. ON  
MONDAY, MAY 15th, 1939, AT THE BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE,  
ELOFF STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

E. L. Benjamin

HONORARY SECRETARY

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes
  2. Consideration of Annual Report and Financial Statement
  3. Election of Officers for year 1939-1940
  4. Address by Rev. S. S. Tema
  5. Address by Mr. J. R. Rathebe
  6. General.
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Race Relations

15/5/39.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,  
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Dr Xuma,

My wife and I have read your statement on the Jones—"Welfare of Non-European From Southern Africa Proceeding Overseas". We are suffering from a similar type of memoranda which is circulating that is in effect segregated co-operatives for Natives under the control of the Institute and Department of Native Affairs. As you will see from the enclosed copy of a report written for circulation through the London people interested in our work we are taking action. There can be little doubt that Jones imagines that he has a right to corner Natives  
- and -

Natives and all they do or intend to do. If he ever wakes to the fact that many of the Natives in Southern Africa are very conscious that they are Africans he will die from shock.

Like you we should like to know who are the people that he has consulted. He has promised to let my wife see the correspondence when he returns from Jhb on 24<sup>th</sup> May. At present he seems to spend his time on the train between Cape Town and Jhb with occasional interludes in Southern Africa and the Eastern Province of the Cape. The difference between R.G. and me so far as Parliament is concerned is that I am here working for nothing while he is <sup>here doing</sup> ~~nothing~~ - nothing

nothing but mischief and getting  
£700 and a free railway pass  
for it.

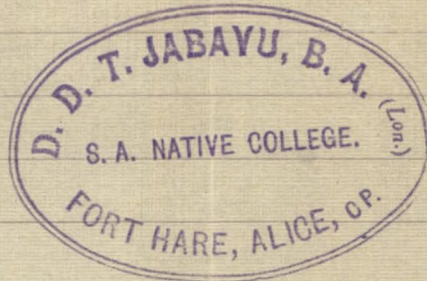
I think that my experiences  
of Africans in London 7 mths  
1934-35; 4 mths 1935 and  
3 mths in 1936 was far more  
important than R.J.'s casual  
talks with those who want to  
segregate Africans in England.  
I agree with all you have  
written. You have understated  
your case. To my certain  
knowledge, except for individual  
differences, South and West  
Africans get on very well to-  
gether — in fact it is not  
overstating to say there is  
a fine spirit of comradeship  
between Africans, American Negroes  
and Jamaicans. Except for  
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the ones who are out for themselves, all are critical of the confined Social-Welfare quarters. While I was in London a furious row was on in regard to government control of Aggrey House. — Brode Jones knows all about this. I was asked to give an opinion on it and said it was symptomatic of the intelligent African's objection to patronage whether well intentioned or imposed. I see that my policy of not taking office in African organisations bears fruit. But it has cost me a lot in many ways not the least being ostracism of the social welfare, missionary and philanthropic people with their power to cut me off from financial support.

My wife will write to you as things ease off. She is mentally and physically very tired. Today she is dispondent because a huge delegation of Africans financed by the Trust has arrived on a "Joy Trip".  
 Regards W. G. Ballinger.

ABX. 390517a

Rail Relations



Dr A.B. Xuma  
Joby

17th May 1935

Dear Dr Xuma,

I thank you for your lucid statement dated the 10th inst.

My views, very similar to yours, were sent direct to Mr J.D.R. Jones when he first issued the proposal and I objected to the move as being fraught with danger to our freedom to go oversea as we desire.

I shall do my best to safeguard the position as far as I can do so.

Excuse more for I am hard pressed by exams.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely  
D.D.T. Jabayu

ABX. 3905176

Transvaal Association of  
Boys' Clubs



Transvaalse Vereniging van  
Seuns Klubs

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RACE RELATIONS

17th May 1939.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend a meeting which will be held under the auspices of this Association at room 23 General Mining Buildings on Saturday 20th Inst at 3.p.m.

AGENDA

- Minutes.
- Secretary's Report.
- Area Reports.

*J. M. Mabele*

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N.B. Two representatives from areas out of town will have their second class return railway fares refunded on application to the Secretary. Please make every endeavour to attend.

ABX. 390519<sup>a</sup>  
personal - Professional  
education

19th May, 1939.

Northwestern University Alumni Association,  
303 East Chicago Avenue,  
CHICAGO.

Fellow Alumni,

I wish to reciprocate the greetings of our distinguished and beloved teacher - Prof. Isaac A. Abt - on behalf of the officers of the Association (Medical Division).

Last year when I was away overseas I received our Dean's letter - Dr. Irving S. Cutter - reminding me of my debt to Northwestern. Suffice it to say that no one knows his indebtedness to Northwestern more than myself. Northwestern gave me more than I could ever pay for. But up to the present and for various reasons I have not been able to show my appreciation and debt of gratitude in a practical way.

Few schools can give one a deeper impression of high ideals, scholarship and Devoted service to humankind than Northwestern. She gave me much that I cannot measure in dollars and cents; and gave me an opportunity to do what little I can for need and depressed humanity in far off South Africa.

To our Student generation, President Walter Dill Scott had become a symbol of progress and achievement so far as Northwestern University is concerned. His memory to all of us should remain an inspiration for unselfish service and devoted ~~and duty~~ *and duty*.

In a small effort which demonstrates my interest to my Alma Mater I enclose herewith a draft for fifty dollars, and hope that I shall be able to subscribe a small sum of ten dollars annually merely to keep in touch with the Old School.

Yours very sincerely,

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of management of the Alexandra Health Centre, held at "Lyndal" 24, Sixth Avenue, Lower Houghton on Friday the 19th May, 1939, at 8.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Justice O. D. Schreiner (Chairman), Mrs. E. P. Hartshorn, Mrs. R. W. Davenport and Messrs T. D. Nel, A. R. Moatse and C. Charlston Goch.

The Nursing Superintendent was in attendance.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed after the insertion in the superintendent's report of figures for clinic attendance.

ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Almoners: The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the almoner system be abandoned. The Secretary was requested to notify and thank Messrs T. D. Nel and T. D. Napo, the almoners, and notify Dr. David that, though the system had been tried for three months, no unjustified pauper cases had been found and the Board had come to the conclusion that the expense of the system was not justified. Mr. Nel, who was present, stated that his services were at the Centre's disposal in any case.

MEDICAL SITUATION: The Centre's Medical Situation was still far from satisfactory and the Chairman stated that Dr. Craib had informed him that the Witwatersrand University was contemplating the possibility of starting a University Health Centre in one of the Johannesburg's Native Townships. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should write to Dr. Black, inviting the University to take over the Medical side of the Centre.

AMBULANCES: It was reported that Doctors in the Township were taking advantage of the fact that the Centre was obtaining ambulances for their private patients and made no effort to see that ambulance charges were paid. The Secretary was of the opinion that fees should be demanded in advance from Doctor's private patients and after discussion this was agreed to. The Secretary was requested to send Dr. Shapiro an account for the outstanding fees in respect of his cases and to deduct from Dr. David's account the amount charged by the Johannesburg Municipality for the Infectious Disease Ambulance which she had caused to be summoned at the Centre's expense.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Sister Grundy gave the following figures for ~~for March~~ figures for March and April:-

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL.</u>
New District Cases	173	126
Nursing Visits	1094	819
Baby Clinic	772	541
Post Natal Nursing Visits	71	77
Special Clinic (Venereal Diseases)	189	158



Maternity Cases	7	9
Antenatal Attendances	12	24
Dressings & Treatments	1531	1381
Wasserman Reactions	28	24

The Secretary stated that the superintendent had informed him that small sums were missed from the collection boxes at the clinic from time to time. Mrs Grundy stated that she had spoken to the nurses and matter had lately improved. Mrs Grundy was asked to report shortages in future instead herself

DISTRICT NURSES: A letter from the three district nurses was tabled asking that definite working hours be laid down. After discussion it was resolved that all nurses, married or single and whether living in the nurses cottage or not, would be expected to report for work at 8.00 a.m. and consider themselves on duty until 6.00 p.m. No nurse to leave work without first notifying the superintendent of their intention to do so. The Secretary was requested to reply to the district nurse's letter on these lines.

STAFF:

It was reported that nurse Catherine Nhlapo was leaving and nurse Vivienne was being kept on to take her place until such time as another qualified nurse was found.

FINANCE:

The Secretary reported that the following accounts had been paid :-

Ruth Sturmthal	£10. 0. 0.	Furniture.
Dr. E. F. David	13. 0. 0.	February & March.
Wynberg Nurseries	5. 5. 0.	Maintenance of Grounds
Lennon Ltd.	67.13.10.	Jan. & Feb.
Johnson & Johnson	29.17. 7.	Feb. & Mar.
Sive Bros. & Karnovsky	8. 5. 0.	Jan. & Feb.
Alexandra Chemists	9.15.2.	Feb. & Mar.
Hope Spring Dairy	23.14. 9.	Feb. & Mar.
C. Ginsberg	1. 1. 9.	Hire of Crockery.
The Old Church	5.18. 0.	Mar. & Apr.
Sive Bros. & Karnovsky	11. 1.11.	Mar. & Apr.

AUDIT:

The Secretary tabled a letter from the auditors suggesting certain improvements in the running of the secretarial side of the Centre and stated that the suggestions were being put into practise as far as possible.

BANKING ACCOUNT: The Secretary stated that the manager of the xBarclay's Bank, Orange Grove, had situated the Banks' willingness to allow the Centre an account free of Bank Charges and it was agreed that the account should be transferred to the Barclay's Bank, Orange Grove.

SECRETARY: As Mr. Goch had not officially been appointed Secretary since the resignation of Mr. Mc Kibben it was agreed that the appointment be made.

STREET COLLECTION: It was reported that Mrs. Immelmann was

progressing with arrangements for the ~~street~~ street collection but required collectors. Members were requested to get in touch with Mrs. Immelmann if could be obtained.

The meeting then terminated.

Confirmed at a meeting held on the .....day of .....1939.

CHAIRMAN.

ABX. 390519c



*Race Relations*

EHB/MR

May 19, 1939

Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
104 End Street,  
Doornfontein, JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your circular letter of May 10, which I have read with great interest. As Senator Jones will be back in Cape Town in two or three days' time, I shall take the opportunity of discussing the points raised by you personally with him.

I have every sympathy with the feeling that South African students must not feel "segregated" overseas, and that any arrangements made must be in the direction of helping and serving rather than of controlling them.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Edgar B. Breda*

ABX.390520

**STEPHEN OLIPHANT**

—WRITER OF—

**The Salvation of a Race**

RESIDENCE:  
13 DUKE STREET  
WOODSTOCK, C.P.

81, HARRINGTON STREET  
CAPE TOWN

20th-May-'39

Dr. A. B. Xuma M. D.  
M. O. H. Alexander Township  
Johannesburg TVL

Dear Dr. Xuma

I am not writing to you anything of a political nature although our atmosphere is charged with politics as a result of the Congress Deputation which met the Government during the week.

The object of my writing is to ask you to accept from me a copy of a Booklet—"The Salvation of a Race"— which I am sending to you in a separate cover.

I beg you to find time to read and digest it. It bears a specific message to the African Races. And if, in your opinion, you think that it can serve ~~a~~ a useful purpose, as it is intended, please recommend it to others

The Booklet is <sup>sold</sup> ~~obtained~~-at 1/2 including postage and can be obtained at the above address.

Thanks in anticipation

Yours Faithfully

Stephen Oliphant

*Stephen Oliphant*

ABX. 390523a  
personal matters - business ventures.

23rd., May, 1939.

Mr. H. Verity,  
Messrs. Walter Evans & Verity (Pty.) Ltd.,  
P/O/Box 2436,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Verity,

In confirmation of our telephonic conversation of Monday afternoon - May 22nd., 1939 - re purchase of Stands at Good Street, Sophiatown, I wish to state that Mr. Tindall, Assistant Town Clerk, informed me by telephone that he had "presented the matter verbally" before the Special meeting of the Native Affairs Committee. He further stated that the matter was referred back because the Chairman of the Native Affairs Committee wanted to know what I intended to use the stand for. This question was to be referred to the Native Commissioner.

During this conversation, I felt that not enough information was at the hands of the Assistant Town Clerk, as he seemed to be of opinion that this was vacant stand, and, at the same time the matter did not seem to have been taken seriously and as being urgent, by him.

I therefore, appreciate the offer and the arrangements you are making to be present at the next meeting in order to expedite the matter.

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.

*Personal - business ventures*  
*ABX. 390523 b*

23rd., May, 1939.

Lucas Kgaye Esq.,  
Managing Director,  
Saffrican Association For Burial & Aid (Pty.) Ltd.,  
111 Victoria Road,  
Sophiatown,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I note with regret that my name which appeared in your Contribution books as chairman of the Saffrican Association For Burial & Aid (Pty.) Ltd. has not been removed as requested by me, in many of the books.

You may remember that I wrote you in 1933 requesting the deletion or removal of my name appearing on the Contribution books of the Society then.

With much reluctance I find myself with no alternative but to instruct personally the Agents of the Society and others concerned to see to it that my request has been complied with.

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.

*Personal - business ventures*

*ABX.390525*

The African Association for Burial & Aid (Pty.) Ltd.

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Phone : 35-9225.  
Manager : L. KGAYE.

HEAD OFFICE,  
111, Victoria Road,  
Sophiatown,  
Johannesburg.

*(All communications to be addressed to the Manager).*

25/5/39.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
104, End Street,  
Doornfontein,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I received yours of the 23rd inst., for which I thank you most heartily.

I am awfully sorry, that your name still appears in some of the contribution books; but we are doing all our best endeavours, to have every contribution book attended to. While, all our agents were given strict instructions to delet your name, they have been unable to see every client, owing to several changes of the addresses.

Dr. Xuma, I have now employed a man specially, to see to this matter.

Please be so kind as to accept my apologies, for this matter has not been completely dealt with up to now.

Assuring you of my earnest and best attention,

I remain,

Yours truly,

*L Kgaye*

LK/MGH.

ABX. 390529

May, 29th., 1939.

Dear Mr. Oliphant,

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, and also your booklet "The SALVATION OF A RACE" which you sent under separate cover.

I read your pamphlet with interest and find that you had a good idea and objective in writing the publication. Many good points were made, especially in the first half of the book; but the plot does not seem to have been developed progressively and pointedly to its natural climax. As a matter of fact, the effect tends to give one the impression of an anti-climax instead.

I must repeat that the idea behind the whole thing is evidently patriotic and nationalistic, and perhaps, a more painstaking recasting and re-arrangement of the material might bring about the desired effect.

I am convinced, however, that those who will read it with care cannot help but profit by so doing.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Oliphant,  
13 DUKE Street,  
WOODSTOCK, C.F.

ABX!pd.



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 ABX. 390531

The African Life Assurance Society, Limited.

ESTABLISHED 1904.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

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 COR. COMMISSIONER & KRUIS STS.,  
 JOHANNESBURG.

P.O. Box 61  
 Boksburg

Date 31.5.39

FULL ADDRESS OF SUPERINTENDENT.

S. Xuma

Johannesburg.

Dear Sir;

I, hereby, beg to apply for the position of Manager of your branch at Orlando African Association for Burial and aid. I have been an agent for several years for the African Life and later a Superintendent and Inspector of the same company.

Needless for me to say if you appoint me I'll do my very best as you and my chief Mr Kgaye know what interest I take in your Association. It has a warm place in my heart  
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JOHANNESBURG.

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FULL ADDRESS OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Date.....

Can we not extend it south of  
Orlando?

I am Sir,

yours faithfully,

J. Siddai

ABX. 390602

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June 2nd, 1939.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,  
104 End Street,  
Doornfontein,  
JOHANNESBURG.

*Race Relations*

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I read your memorandum of May 10th, as I had promised you, during my visit to Capetown, and I write now to express to you my sincere appreciation both of your courtesy in sending me a copy of your memorandum, and of all the trouble you have taken in drawing it up and thereby helping us to do the right thing for Non-Europeans proceeding from South Africa overseas.

I am under the impression that your memorandum is based on Senator Jones' original draft scheme. No doubt, you are by now aware that when this draft scheme was discussed by the Executive of the Race Relations Institute, it met with frank and helpful criticism (very much on the lines of your memorandum), more especially from Rathebe. As a result, a greatly revised scheme was drawn up and sent overseas for advice and comment. For your information I enclose a copy herewith. *If you care to let me have further comments on this, I shall be very grateful.*

The opening paragraphs of your letter contain a hint of unfriendly relations between yourself and the Institute. Personally, I was not aware of them, nor do I know what the cause thereof may be. But, I am glad to infer from your memorandum that you are willing to co-operate, and I can assure you that I shall do what I can to re-establish friendly relations between you and the Institute. There are so few of us trying to co-operate from both sides of the colour line in the interests of the Africans, and in general the Non-European, peoples of South Africa that we ought not to diminish our usefulness by personal friction.

The points raised in your memorandum are extremely helpful, and I hope you will find that the revised scheme satisfies most of them.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*R.F. Alfred Hoernle*

R.F. ALFRED HOERNLE  
PRESIDENT

S.A. INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

RFAH/ND.

Enclosure: Memorandum

*Did some-  
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year?*

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (Incorp.)  
SUID-AFRIKAANSE INSTITUUT VIR RASSEVERHOUDINGS (Ingelyf)

WELFARE OF NON-EUROPEANS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA  
PROCEEDING OVERSEAS

Copies of my notes on this subject (R.R.2/39) were sent to interested persons in South Africa and Britain and I have received very helpful criticisms while all welcome most warmly the scheme as a whole. Nearly all express the doubts voiced by Mr. Rathebe when the notes were discussed at the meeting of the Executive Committee held at Cape Town in January. Quite clearly the notes have given the impression that some degree of official pressure would be sought to prevent persons going overseas if the Institute were not satisfied with the conditions under which they were proposing to go, and that the London Committee which is to be set up in Britain is to control those referred to them. It is therefore most important that particular care be taken to avoid any course likely to give either impression. I suggest that the steps to be taken be as follows:-

BEFORE DEPARTURE:

(a) Enquiries for Information:

The Institute should be willing to obtain information and advice for anyone wishing to go overseas. Where desired preliminary arrangements with Universities or other institutions could be made.

(b) Preparations:

The Institute should publish a pamphlet (compiled after consultation with friends overseas) giving helpful information about the journey overseas, clothes suitable and necessary for wear in Europe or America, the hostels and other accommodation obtainable, living expenses, etc.

(c) Passports:

The Institute can help by personal visits of its officers and in other ways to overcome difficulties regarding the issue of passparts. In some cases delay in the issue of a passport has caused hardship. The Institute should not accept responsibility for submitting applications and should in no way be responsible for the refusal of a passport.

The Union Department of the Interior and the High Commissioner's Office (for the Protectorates) should however be asked to supply the Institute with the names and addresses of those to whom passports have been issued so that they may be informed that the Institute's organization can help them in the ways suggested in (a), (b) and (c).

(d) Introductions:

Suitable introductions to helpful persons and organizations overseas could be given where sought

- (e) Finance:

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It should be made quite clear that the Institute cannot provide funds.

ARRANGEMENTS IN BRITAIN:

(a) Committee:

It is proposed to form a small committee of persons who have already been helping Non-European students from South Africa, viz:-

Bishop Smythe  
Colonel Hore-Ruthven  
Mr. Livie-Noble  
Mr. De Gaudin (International Club, Edinburgh)  
Mr. Grimston (formerly the Institute's representative  
in Southern Rhodesia)  
Miss Esther Waring  
Mr. Fletcher (Friends House)  
Someone resident in Glasgow.  
Mr. Livie-Noble is prepared to act as Secretary.

(b) Arrival in England:

Where desired, the Committee will be asked to arrange to welcome new arrivals and to help them to overcome difficulties regarding accommodation.

(c) Residence in England:

The Committee will be available to anyone who needs its help, but the members should not be expected to help in the form of money loans or gifts.

(d) Finance:

The Institute should set aside an annual sum to cover the ordinary expenses of the Committee, say £25. It is perhaps undesirable to obtain funds for this purpose from official sources.

The Native Affairs Department should be asked to place a sum in the hands of the High Commissioner in London to provide for emergency loans and disbursements in cases of distress

(e) Method:

The Committee should be asked to take particular care to avoid any course of action likely to give the impression that the opportunities and essential freedom of any individual are being jeopardised. There have been complaints of "undue interference". It is most important that the Committee's efforts shall inspire confidence in those for whose benefit it is to work. It is not intended that the service shall be pressed on anyone who goes overseas. The Committee can however be very helpful if it collects full and accurate information on such matters as University entrance requirements and cost of courses.

POLICY:

As the whole aim of these proposals is to assist those who desire help, the Institute should not not associate itself with any policy or tendency to restrict the opportunities for Non-Europeans to advance educationally and in other ways. On the contrary the Institute should be ready and willing to help those who seek its aid to overcome obstacles.

Bishop Smythe has suggested that the scheme should cover all races, European as well as African, Indian and Coloured. This is a suggestion on which the Executive Committee should decide.

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Race Relations

5th June, 1939.

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Dear Professor Hoernlé,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd June, re "WELFARE OF NON-EUROPEANS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA PROCEEDING OVERSEAS", I wish to state that I had seen a copy of the revised scheme and my memo was written with due regard to it.

In principle there is no difference between the first and the second memoranda, except, that the first one was factually an inaccurate, unsuccessful attempt to justify the recommendations contained in the second scheme. The revised scheme merely endeavours to make more acceptable the spirit of the first one. The language, it must be admitted, is more guarded and more compromising but still retains all the undesirable features of the scheme, namely the presumption of the Institute being a consulted party by government departments in the private affairs and movements of all African students going overseas.

Even after re-reading the revised notes you sent me, I am not convinced that the 'Leopard has changed its spots'. The scheme as proposed is still unwelcome and unacceptable.

We do not see any justification for the Institute controlling either our private or national life. Its desperate attempt to link itself with government departments on schemes that we do not consider to be in our best interest and development does not tend to increase our confidence in its activities.

We are against any policy that takes us out of the stream of life of other races whether it be educational policy, trade unions or cooperative Societies. ~~We want the same recognition from the State as any other section. We neither desire nor invite~~

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