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My dear Sir

I had a confidential chat with P. D. Sturges today & he gave me the tip that the Native Bills will probably be on during the latter part of January. These very important points are cropping up & I ought to be here if at all possible. Most reluctantly therefore I must give up the idea of going to Durban. ~~What~~ May I now leave the whole matter in your hands with the following suggestions:-

1. ^{That} you ask Malcolm to be second European delegate, failing him I suggest Frank, failing Frank then Renshaw (only he is American & is insensitive to S. African feeling - Native European)
2. That Ratsche be asked to be the Native delegate, failing him (or if Frank is not going) a Border Native appointed by Frank, failing these then Senyanga.

You will of course lead the delegations.

May I just urge that you refuse to give way on the question of representation on any controlling or reference body. Indeed if you can work back to the Federal Council -- so much the better. I suggest you wire Malcolm? Myself

He will pay expenses - miles etc

In haste

Yours ever

A. J.

Cambridge Hotel,
Milnerston

2/2/36.

My dear Sir

I enclose draft minutes of the Pathfinder Council prepared by your daughter & amended by myself. As I haven't my papers home I am uncertain as to their accuracy. Could you make any alterations you think fit & send them as quickly as possible to the Institute's offices for review, so that General Council may have them before the 25th.

I have sent a draft circular to my office to be exact revised sent to all D.P.C.s & Div Councils, enclosing the report of the N. Sect. Pathfinder Com & giving the resolu'n passed by the P.F. H.Q. Council. I have asked that the views of the Div. Councils be sent to you 40 J. a Institute of Race Relations, P. O. Box 721 Durham by Feb 24. so that you may have them in time for the Sect Council. The Divs should have this circular by the end of next week. I haven't a copy - ~~now~~ no time to make a copy, as I am up to my eyes in work here. I hope you'll approve of it.

I do hope that the Sect Council meeting will go happily. May I suggest that you stand absolutely firm on the question of representation of the Non-European branches - by Europeans or Non-Europeans or any ^{body} controlling these branches. I should resign if the P.F. Movement gave in on this point, as I am standing for it in the political issues now

Let both and as love
jointly
inquiries Rallies for ppl. - had to be held well enough - & even
a jamboree but I never received any advice of his
visit. She must happen under the new scheme

before the country. The equal status of the branches must also
be seen in the equality ^{in each} ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~rank~~ of offices. That is to say,
even Scout Master (European) stands on the same level as every
Scout Master (non-European); the Chief Scout (European branch)
will be paralleled by the Chief Pathfinder-Scout & the Chief
Scouts of the other non-European branches. The former -
General will no longer be Chief Scout. If he becomes President
- he will be President of the Boy Scout Movement,
covering all branches equally. I hope that you will
watch out for this.

There will probably have to be many
adjustments & I suggest that the Joint Committee be
entrusted with these adjustments, e.g. detailed
re-arrangement & alteration of Pathfinder Institution.

I have drafted a letter to be read by you
at the Scout Council - the first part at the beginning & the
latter part, as you will see, if & when the scheme has been
adopted. Will you return it to my office & ask them to
type it & send it to me for signature. But only
if you approve of it & have made any alterations
you think fit.

I wish I could talk things over
with you - but I'm tied here. I do hope you'll have a
pleasant meeting. By the way, let there be a clear
understanding regarding separate jamborees etc. Will
someones be free to arrange Joint Rallies, e.g. King's
Jubilee. We really ought to have had a chance to



CITY CLUB,
CAPE TOWN.

Feb 18. 1936

My dear Sir

Things have been moving at great speed here & my mind is almost wholly absorbed with the political problem of Native franchise rights. But whenever I can I think over the Sent - Pathfinder position, & I have one or two points I want to write to you about.

1. I am really annoyed about the publication in the press of any details of the scheme put up by the Senate. If I were a Sent I would ~~oppose~~ pull up the dragnet people. It certainly doesn't help us & I have received a strong letter from Stuurman begging me to have nothing to do with any scheme which puts the AF movement under White control even on the basis of our report.

2. Fight hard for a Federal Council ^{European} with Sents on 50-50 or 55-45 basis. I should think S.P. wants from a federal council, if they want agree to a federal council then I think they should not get the 73rd majority on the Non-European Committee.

3. No final reply accepting the scheme should be given by the PPF delegates if the scheme is adopted at Dublin differs materially from the PPF proposals as outlined by PPF HQ.

4. The author discussed with me last night the question of the Chief Secretary. The Gf wishes to be relieved of all executive functions & if he is to remain Chief Secy - it will be a purely ~~honorary~~ ceremonial position. We agreed that Gf might remain as Chief Secy in name & in that case the ^{executive} heads of the different branches would be

Chief Commissioner for European Secyts
" " " Pathfinder Secyts
" " " Indian Secyts

All on the level.

J.R. thought that in view of the fact that I am the only existing ^{real} executive head & ~~the~~ have been known as Chief Pathfinder, that the title should be added to No 2 above eg. "styled Chief Pathfinder."

5. The Secy - Pathfinder Committee might continue as an adjustment committee to work out the details of any scheme adopted. There will be lots of things to watch

out for & these cannot be dealt with in
full Council or by the independent bodies.

I have been helping to make
history here & the air has been electric. I
was the only white man in constant touch
with the Native delegates here & I had to avoid
expressing my own opinions. You too have
been astonished at my improvvisity! I have
now qualified for the diplomatic service.

O.B.J. is having a difficult
time over W.F. business. The Transvaal
is still seething & some of the W.F. leaders
are threatening legal action to get
the wayfarer-fund agreement upset.

I must go -

Love K.J.

The Pathfinder Movement of the South African Boy Scouts Association.
Die Padvinder Beweging van die Suid Afrika Verkennerseunsvereniging.

Patron - Beskermer

H.E. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Clarendon

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E.S. Morris

P.O. Box 999, Capetown.

13th February 1936.

Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield, M.A.,
Divisional Pathfinder, Commissioner,
P.O. Box 731,
DURBAN.

Dear Colleague,

At a special meeting of my Council held on 10th instant to discuss the Pathfinder-Scout relationship, certain resolutions were passed (unanimously in every case), copy of which (in triplicate) is enclosed herewith for your information.

It is confidently anticipated that the efforts of yourself and your two colleagues at the meeting of the Union Scout Council on 25th instant will definitely establish the place and status of our Movement. We all feel that you, as the father of it, will see that justice is done.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

DIVISIONAL PATHFINDER COMMISSIONER.

S.S. Am sorry to say that I have to give up all work outside my daily avocation for at least a year. Doctor's orders! Heart is worrying me again. Ex 165

Extract from the Minutes of Meeting of the
Divisional Pathfinder Council, Cape Western Province
held in the Y.M.C.A. 10th February, 1936. at Caperown.

" It was resolved by this Council that :-

1. It agrees to the principle that non-Europeans shall be admitted as "Scouts" in accordance with the proposals put forward by the Pathfinder-Scout Joint Advisory Committee at its meetings in Johannesburg in November and December 1936.
2. Pathfinder representatives at the Union Council Meeting to be held on the 25th February at Durban, should be urged not to allow any further division in the Scout Movement other than European and non-European branches.
3. This Council endorses the principle that the Pathfinder Movement shall be recognised as a branch of the Boy Scout Association, and both Coloured and Indian boys may be admitted into the branch as before, in separate troops if desired, and shall be known in future as Pathfinder Scouts.
4. That in the event of the non-European branch passing any resolutions considered by the European branch to be detrimental to the policy or spirit of the Scout P.O.R, the matter should be referred to a committee consisting of representatives of the two branches on which the European Scout Council shall have the majority vote.
5. That in view of the fact that the Pathfinder Movement is already a large organised body, functioning through Southern Africa, this Council urges that, with a view to maintaining the unity already achieved by the Pathfinder Movement, efforts be made to continue some form of organic connection with the Pathfinders in African areas outside the Union of South Africa.

It was further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Divisional Commissioner, Western Province Boy Scouts Association, in time for the next meeting of his Council on the 13th inst.

A.E. Morris,

Hon: Secretary.
W.P. Pathfinder Divisional Council.

C O P Y

February 17th. 1936.

The Secretary,
Pathfinder Headquarters Council,
Scout Headquarters, Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

In the Minutes of the last meeting of the Pathfinders Headquarters Council held on the 20th. December last I notice on page 6 it is recorded that Canon Woodfield asked "Will the present P.O. & R. of the Pathfinders be accepted if the "schemem~~e~~is adopted", and it is recorded that I replied "Yes, if "these proposals are accepted by both parties". I think that this Minute is not quite correct. The proposals provide that in the event of their acceptance, new Constitutions will be prepared for each of the proposed bodies and I could hardly therefore have stated that the existing P.O.& R. would be accepted as they stood.

I remember the question being raised and to the best of my recollection I replied that in all probability the various bodies would each be asked to submit a draft Constitution and that, provided they embodied the arrangements agreed to, I did not think the form in which they were cast was likely to be objected to.

I shall be glad if you will have the necessary amendments made to the Minutes.

I also beg to give you notice that I have asked the Secretary of the Union Scout Council to place on the Agenda for consideration by the Union Scout Council paragraph 17 of the Minutes of your Council wherein it is recorded that it was agreed that your Movement paid £10 to the Institute of Race Relations as Affiliation Fees.

I am personally doubtful as to the wisdom of affiliating your Movement to a semi-political body such as the Institute of Race Relations and I propose therefore to ask the Union Scout Council to consider the matter.

Yours faithfully,

P. WHITELEY,

Assistant Divisional
Commissioner.

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JOHANNESBURG.
Cape Town, 17th February 1936

Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield,
Diocesan Training College,
Grace Dieu,
Pietersburg, Tvl.

My dear Pip,

I am writing in the middle of very pressing and distressing business in connection with the Native Bills, so this must be a very brief note, to tell you that the Institute's offices are in the Southern Life Buildings, Smith Street, Durban. Our Representative is Mr. Maurice Webb, who is a partner in Braby's Directories, but the Institute has an office attached. Mr. Webb will do what he can to help you, and you will find him to be a wise counsellor.

I have been distressed to see in the press the original Scout proposals published as coming from the Transvaal Scout Council. I consider it is almost tactless action, and nothing should have been published until after the Scout meeting at Durban. I certainly think that it would be disastrous if any formal provisions were made in any Scout constitution prohibiting joint rallies. Joint rallies should only take place when the bodies concerned agree to it, but it is a very different thing to the prohibition of such action. I shall be glad if you will see that this is not done.

I hardly know what more to say, but leave things in your hands. If you are in any serious difficulty and desire to speak to me I think the best thing will be for you to telephone to me and I will try to keep Tuesday evening, 25th, free of engagements so as to be available at Cape Town 5-1517 (Cambridge Hotel, Milnerton). Expenses will be refunded to you. Should you wish to find me during that day you can wire to me to the City Club, Cape Town, asking me to ring you up and give the 'phone number.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Rheinallt Jones

P.S. With regard to extra-Union territories, I am continuing negotiations, and the position is somewhat delicate at the moment. It is possible that they will break away, but please insist on having a

free hand if at all possible.

W. Webb

NATAL PATHFINDER MOVEMENT.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS :

" CRAGSEE,
PIETERMARITZBURG."

ALL COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE
ADDRESSED TO THE HON.

SECRETARY,

THE REV. A. W. CRAGG.



91. RIDGE ROAD.

PIETERMARITZBURG.

20th February 1936.

The Rev. Canon S.P.Woodfield, M.A.

c/o S.A.Institute of Race Relations,

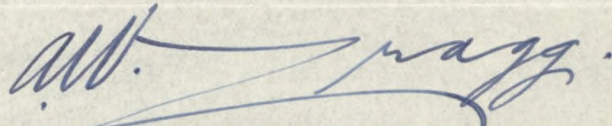
P.O.Box 731, DURBAN.

Dear Sir,

Although our Council has not been able to meet owing to the absence of Mr D.McK.Malcolm from town and to my absence in Cape Town during the last three weeks or more yet I have no hesitation in stating that the

Pathfinder Divisional Council of Natal accepts the Proposals of the PATHFINDER HEADQUARTERS COUNCIL in re SCOUT-PATHFINDER RELATIONS .

Yours faithfully,



Hon. Secretary Natal Divisional Pathfinder
Council.

NATAL PATHFINDER MOVEMENT.

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(COPY)

Dear Mr Cragg,

I do not know whether you are at home or not, but in any case I fear it would be impossible to have a meeting of Council called, and I certainly could not attend.

However, I suggest that as our Division was so well represented at the last Council, we are quite safe in agreeing to the proposals. Will you inform Canon Woodfield accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

(Syd) D.McK.Malcolm.

at Cambridge Hotel

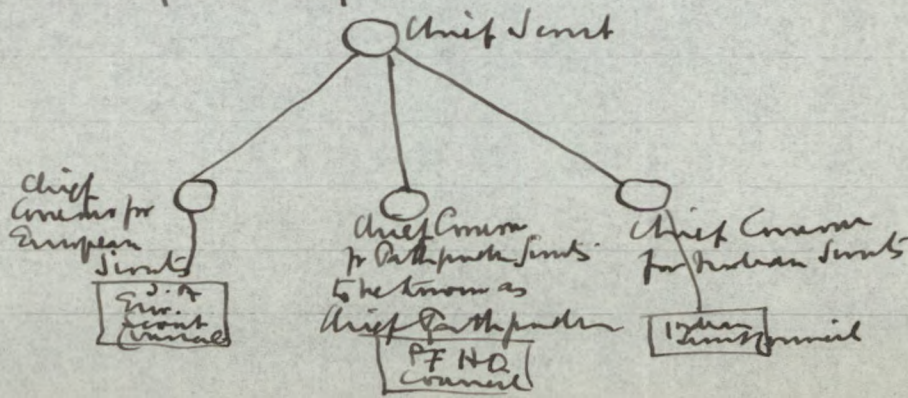
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20/11/36

My dear Sir

Captain White, Ball, & Fort (the new Cape Western Divisional Pathfinder Commissioner) dined here last night (we were their guests as it were) & we had a long talk over things. Fort goes to Durban as one of the Swart representatives from Cape Western, so we are very fortunate. Cape Western fully supports the Pathfinder views so also, I understand, does Cape border. It has sent a protest to Hq against the action of the Honorary Swart Council in publishing a statement in the Press.

Fort raised the question of the exact parallels in the movements. eg. Who will be the parallel of the Chief Pathfinder. I told them what I've written (repeated to me last Monday) - that the Governor-General does not wish to continue as chief executive officer of Swats in S.A. but is prepared to remain as Official Head, even I think, to retain the hon Chief Swat. He wants someone in each branch to be chief executive officer. I've written agreed with the following :-



The L.P. Sent Council had worked it out differently, supposing that each branch is self governing. They seemed to have had in mind that each branch would in every ~~staff~~ division be under the Sent Div. Council! Watch out for snags of this kind.

I understand that the Indian Sent Assn in Durban has been promised that after July 25 it will be re-constituted as a separate ^{Sent} organisation. I had half hoped that we could have maintained the unity of the Non-Europeans but I suppose this is impossible. Will you discuss this with Webb, who is in close touch with Indians, & get him to find out what ~~happens~~ the Indian Sent Assn feels - will it consider coming under P.F.? In any case I hope that it will stand with us on the question of representation on the retiring body - See if you can get this done before the pre-Annual (you can get Webb on the phone).

As you will have seen the Union is setting out on the perilous path of racial representation in Parliament. Some day it will rue it.

We may leave here on July 28 for P.O. but I can't say so for certain. There's a lot still to be done to make the Bills less objectionable.

Edith has had a sore throat these days & she very nearly resigned from the friends of the Council. The friends are now using every dodge to impose colour bars, & they have the Wayfarers in a stranglehold. The old Wayfarer Council is

now to disappear if she was pulled up for speaking about Dol
Wangfous at the general meeting: only the Div guide group may
do so! Anything Edith wished to say about them had to be
said through her Div journal!!! The guides are tightly bound
with tape. For goodness' sake, save us from outside
interference.

Give a lot to do - so much love
We both send our love

Yours loves

WJ.

Please wire me result.

TELEPHONES:

5-1517

5-1518

Cambridge Hotel,

Milnerton-on-Sea.

TEL. ADD.:
"CAMHOTEL," CAPE TOWN.

8. III - 1936

My dear Sir

This is the first chance I have had of writing to you since your letter came. As you may have guessed the Native Bills have kept me very fully occupied - early & late. At the moment there is a respite as the discussion in Parliament has been adjourned to March 30.

We leave here for Johannesburg on Tuesday - but via Londen in response to wires from Grant urging me to meet his Council during March. I am to meet them on March 14. I have also written to Chabok to ask the Midlands Council to meet me on Thursday, & to Bloemfontein to ask the B.S. Council to meet me on the 16th. Fort was anxious that I meet the W.P. Council but I can't wait over. I may be back here in April.

I greatly appreciate your self-sacrificing work in going to Durban & taking on the burden which I thrust on you. I have had accounts of the discussions there from Jost & Colonel Walton & have had given me by the latter a copy of the stout resolutions &c. I cannot pretend that I am not unhappy over the terms of these & the published statements, but I hope that you will be able to ease my anxieties when we meet. You decided, no doubt, that you could do no other than accept the decisions.

Am I right in thinking that the position now is that the South Council has decided to convert the Pathfinder Movement

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CAVENDISH GARDENS

into a Desert Pathfinders Scout branch of the
~~hand~~ Scout movement subsidiary
 to the S. S. Scout Council, but with its own
 organisation for the running of the branch.
 Is it assumed that the Pathfinder
 Movement has accepted the scheme?
 Should the H.Q. Council dissent, I take it
 that the Scout Council would still go ahead.
 We ~~should~~ ^{have} either ~~to~~ accept or ^{to} resign
 from the Pathfinder Movement which belongs
 to the Scout Council.

But feels strongly that the
 Pathfinder H.Q. Council should meet fairly
 soon to consider the whole position. On the
 assumption that the Pathfinder Council will
 agree to go on with the scheme I propose to
 get busy with a draft constitution & I shall
 be glad if you will do what you can also.
 so that there may be no undue delay.

You will be interested to
 know that Sir William Clark, while not
 at all liking the tone of the Scout statement,
 has decided that the Protestants will come
 in with the Pathfinders-Scouts. Southern
 Rhodesia will separate from us, & Northern
 Rhodesia has entered into union with
 the S. Rhodesia Scouts.

There are many difficulties ahead
 but no doubt they will be overcome and
 that you will have the satisfaction of knowing ^{that the} ~~the~~ ^{works} ~~works~~

TELEPHONES:

5-1517

5-1518

Cambridge Hotel,

Milnerton-on-Sea.

TEL. ADD.:

"CAMHOTEL," CAPE TOWN.

fruits of your
labours will grow as time goes on.

I shall be glad if you will think over the possible dates for the H.D. Council. I should think we could hold one until June or July (early) & use the interim for the preparation of a constitution for the Pathfinder-Sinkt section. But I don't think we can send out any statement to Pathfinder officers until the Council has accepted the Sinkt proposals as they now stand. What do you think?

Edith has a heavy cold & we are both as tired as we can be. The Wayfarer-fund meetings & controversies have told heavily upon Edith & she is very weary. She finds the intransigence of the fund H.D. most depressing & she feels that the red tape is strangling the Wayfarer work. The position in the Dransvaal is heart-breaking as the work & year is now split up into factions. There is to be an opposition movement of Wayfarers.

We shall look forward to seeing you before long.

With affectionate greetings
from us both

Miss Suer
R.S.

Diocesan Training College,
Grace Dieu,
Pietersburg.
11th. March 1936.

My dear R.J.,

I have just received your Airmail letter of the 8th. inst. and I feel that I must reply to it without delay. In the meanwhile I hope you will have received my letter sent to you at Johannesburg (where I thought you would be by this time) last week, and which may perhaps allay some of your fears.

I must admit that I am very disappointed that you are "unhappy" over the terms of the Scout resolutions and the Press statement. When I signed on your behalf with the full concurrence of Grant and Rathebe I quite thought that we, as a Movement, had to congratulate ourselves upon having managed a very difficult situation and received far better terms than would ever have been possible. Even now, it seems to me that the differences between the resolutions as passed by the Pathfinder Council and those accepted at Durban are so small that they do not largely affect the position at all.

I take it that your main objection is to the use of the term "parent body" ? This was purely a term of convenience since in no other way would it have been possible for the remainder of the resolutions to go through. A body had to exist to pass what followed, and the original wording of clause 1 put that existing body out of court. The European section is the "parent body" only inasmuch as it brings the other bodies into being and it seemed generally understood that that was the only reason for introducing the phrase at all. Once the other branches come into being there is complete equality excepting that one section happens to be older than the others.

During the discussions Grant and I constantly referred to the special points you wanted us to watch and again at the end before we gave final consent to make sure that they had not been lost sight of. Briefly these were:-

1. Parallel ranks in each branch. This was not brought into question in any way, and will, of course, not be lost sight of when the new Rules and Regulations are brought up.
2. Complete control of each branch by the Head of such branch. This has been maintained and I gather that the European section is taking steps in its new P.O.R. to arrange for a chief executive officer to take equal rank with yourself - an appointment long overdue.
3. The position of the Movement outside the Union. Walton explained the position of the International Bureau and assured us that as a definite section of the S. African Boy Scouts' Association we should be automatically recognised. He

also said that if the S.A.B.S.A. applied for direct representation on the International Council it would be the first of the Colonies to do so since they are at present represented by Imperial Headquarters. In view of this it was felt that the question of direct representation might be held over for a time until the other matters had been settled. In the meanwhile the European section was given the authority to deal with the matter.

4. Representation on any controlling Council. Such "council" was boiled down to a special committee to be called only if one branch had gone against the Scout spirit, and then the committee was to consist of representatives of the European body and the other party in question. It was not felt that the Indians had any interest in a dispute, say, between the Pathfinders and the Europeans. (Our P/f. Council never arranged for any united body other than this one to meet.)
5. Encouragement for the unification of the Non-European groups. This was fully recognised and may be a later development, but while it was agreed that any Non-European might join the Pathfinders it was felt wise at this juncture to allow any of the three suggested sections to be formed if they wished.
6. The Drafting of the new P/f Constitution to be referred to the existing Scout-Pathfinder Relations committee. This depends upon you. The Scout Council was only concerned with the fact that any draft Constitution should be referred to them in the first place for confirmation, and they asked if we should be prepared to accept their assistance in drawing our draft Constitution up. I said we should welcome such help.
7. The form of admission of Pathfinders as Scouts. This matter was not discussed, for our own P/f Council seemed prepared to accept a ruling arranging for the admission of Pathfinders as Scouts by the making of the Scout Promise.
8. The admission of European Officers in Non-European branches. According to the original proposal there was no provision for any but Non-Europeans in the new sections. This, of course, was a pure oversight and has now been rectified.
9. The avoidance of stress on the Colour-bar in any Press statement. You may probably think that we did not exercise sufficient care in this matter, but if you knew how the original suggested statements were watered down to satisfy us you would know that even here we worked hard and not entirely in vain. After all, we know that there are to be these bars in actual practice and if by stating the fact we avoid all the unpleasantness of correspondence in the press and resignations from the existing Scout organisation I think it is worth while saying what is merely the truth.
10. Avoidance of any statement forbidding joint rallies, etc. As I said in my letter last week, this statement was deliberately altered to help us. The door has not been barred and closed against any joint meeting at some special time, but it has been laid down that normally no two sections meet together for ordinary parades. The matter was fully discussed and my objection to the original statement was upheld. Wittenshaw told me he hoped to hold combined parades occasionally, and he was satisfied that he could do so under the revised version as it appeared in the statement.

Quite honestly, R.J., I cannot see cause for any feeling that we have deviated from the spirit of the last Pathfinder Council, and those people I have discussed the matter with have expressed great satisfaction, and in some cases surprise that we have obtained so much by such peaceful measures. I have noted with satisfaction that there has been no anti-feeling expressed in the papers of the Transvaal, Natal, Free State or the Cape and the "Friend" actually gave a leader to it praising it as a valuable addition to the attempts in this country to give the Non-European the benefits of what the European had without imperilling racial feeling.

Many Wayfarer workers have expressed to me their wish that they could have had a similar arrangement with regard to their relationships with the Guides, and practically all the members of the Scout Council present admitted that they held office in some form or other in the Pathfinder Movement, so that we were able to gauge what their feeling was about the matter as Pathfinders.

I am sending this to you c/o Grant with whom I hope you will have a long chat and verify the points I have raised, and, possibly get some relief! I cannot agree with you that the Pathfinder Movement "belongs" to the Scouts. The control they exercise is no more than that accepted by the Pathfinder Council last December. I should be very sorry to know that the new agreement was to be turned down by the P/f Council for the three representatives sent to the Council had no hesitation in expressing their acceptance on behalf of the Movement.

You will see in my last letter what I suggested about the draft Constitution, but if you want the concurrence of the P/f Council before you go ahead I suggest you should get it by post from each Division at the earliest possible moment. For myself I saw no suggestion that we were in any way subservient to the Europeans - with the exception that they are older than we are and exercise the right to call a branch to book should it overstep the mark on the matter of Scout spirit - and that was accepted by the P/f Council.

I am very busy now, but I hope that what I have said will rid your mind of many of the suspicions that appear to have arisen in it.

I am so very sorry about the Wayfarer position - Mrs. R.J. has all my sympathy in this anxious time.

My love to you both,

Yours ever,



FORWARD. - PAMBILL.

From:—

~~Divisional Secretary, W. J. S. Jacques.~~
D. C. (E.W.G.).

THE PATHFINDER MOVEMENT
of the South African Boy Scouts Association.

CAPE BORDER DIVISION.

~~Heathtown,~~

~~Fort Bransfort, C.P.~~

Lovedale, C.P.
16th March 1936.

My dear Woodfield,

You did a fine piece of work when you sent to me your letter and enclosed copy of the one you have written to R.J.. By the way, he left yesterday, and I have only just received your copy, so that he may not have had his before leaving here. They stayed with the Wilkies, not with us here.

~~Saturday~~ ^{Friday} evening. I had a dickehs of a time with him on ~~Saturday~~ evening. He rang up as soon as he arrived and said he must see me, and all the rest of it. I spent the evening with him. It was really rather bad. You are quite right. He ~~admitted~~ before we had finished that his surroundings of the past few months may have made him suspicious of everybody, and Wilkie thought the same. It was a real good "set to" of a couple of hours. I told him I was deeply disappointed with his attitude, and amazed at it. The extraordinary thing is, that time after time in your letter to him you use exactly the same phrases as I used in wrestling with him.

There are two points. One is, the "parent body." I told him just what you have told him. What more can one say?

The second thing is, our innocent little "Committee" which has replaced the formidable "Council." He seems to see it as a sort of Star Chamber with the most malignant intentions to wreck all sorts of things. There again we have both represented the position as it occurred in the Council meeting, and have interpreted the spirit of the whole thing. There was some frank talking on Saturday evening. It gave me a bad night afterwards.

Now the sequel. Next day I had my Divisional Council. We had a dozen people of the first rank. There



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~~Fort Beaufort, C.N.~~

were old hands such as Pilson of Lovedale and Dugard of Healdtown, and others, old Pathfinder Officers. There were keen men such as Wilkie of Lovedale and Kerr of Fort Hare. There were other senior men who have been for years on this Council, and have understanding of the larger aspects of the movement. Before starting I told Jones that I should not make the kind of statement I had intended to make in my report of the Durban meeting. I was deliberately most sober and matter-of-fact, reporting findings, pointing out the differences between the final and the first drafts. I closed with a word which paid tribute to the good spirit of the meeting. There were no adjectives and no rhetoric. When I had finished I not only asked for criticisms, but pressed for them, more than once. Nothing but appreciation was expressed. There was one question about the hat, from a Native Officer, who was satisfied with the explanation. Man after man said that this was all they asked for and more than they expected would come for a long time. In the end, after consulting R.J., I asked for a resolution. It was resolved, with acclamation, "That this Council expresses its enthusiastic approval of the arrangements come to &C. &C. and congratulates its representatives on the part they have played in bringing about so great an advance in the development &c. &c. ". You know the kind of thing. And R. J. Had told me on Saturday that when he got my wire asking him to stop here for this meeting he thought I was appealing for help in dealing with a refractory Council; because he expected this to be a storm centre of protest!!! There is absolutely no qualification in the approval of my Division.

We spent Saturday evening together, in a calmer atmosphere. There has been not the slightest breach of friendship, as you will know. The Council has no idea at all that there is anything in the scheme of which the Chief does not approve. He read me two letters, one of which was particularly extravagant, and put the worst possible and the least charitable interpretation on every clause of the scheme. I am prepared to go to the last ditch for the scheme as we approved of it. Your letter is a great comfort to me, and I do sincerely thank you. I was in any case
~~going to know~~



THE PATHFINDER MOVEMENT

of the South African Boy Scouts Association.

CAPE BORDER DIVISION.

From:—

~~Divisional Secretary, W. J. S. Jacques.~~

~~Heathtown,~~

~~Fort Beaufort, C.P.~~

going to write to you today, to let you have the news of Saturday. Wilkie impressed upon Jones that only those present at the Council could interpret the spirit of the Council. If you and I had started out with the conviction that we had to circumvent the machinations of a crowd of crooks, we should have achieved nothing.

They, dear things, are still in the atmosphere of Cape Town politics. Mrs. R. J. actually told my wife, to the latter's astonishment, that she would much rather have what the Wayfarers have got than what the Pathfinders have received!!! It is almost incredible. Round here the Wayfarers are saying, "Why on earth could we not have waited and got something like this!"

The more I look back on the Durban meeting the more sure I am that we have done the best for the movement. I simply cannot understand how anyone reading both schemes cannot see that the final gives us much more than the scheme which came before the Council at Durban.

It was a good fight, Brother. Many thanks to you, and I am so glad to be able to tell you the results of the meeting of my own Council.

All the best in every way,
Yours ever,

P.S.— By the way, this Division, after consideration, plumps for the name "Pathfinder Scout."

The Pathfinder Movement

of the
SOUTH AFRICAN BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION



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March 21st, 1936.

Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield,
Diocesan Training College,
Grace Dieu,
PIETERSBURG,
Northern Transvaal.

My dear Sir

This is just a brief acknowledgment with gratitude of your letter of March 11th which, together with the long talk I had with Grant at Lovedale last week-end, has served to ease my mind very considerably. Unfortunately, I am unable to write to you fully at the moment, but I shall look forward to going into matters in some detail with you on your next visit. When is the next Transvaal Pathfinder meeting?

I have met the Border and Free State Councils and also leading members of the Midlands Council, and they all seem very happy about the new status. It is quite possible that my bitter experience at Cape Town has made me unduly suspicious of motives, and I apologise if I caused you undue worry.

With affection & in penitence.

J.D.

JDRJ/LR.



FORWARD. - PAMBILL.

From:—

~~Divisional Secretary, W. I. S. Jacques.~~

Divisional Commissioner:
Rev. E.W. Grant,

~~Woodfield,~~

~~Fort Hare, C.P.~~

Lovedale, C.P.
29th March 1936.

My dear Woodfield,

Your letter reached me yesterday. The delay was due to the fact that it seems to have journeyed round to a place called Dovesdale, wherever that may be.

Anyhow, I was going to write to you this weekend. The Governing Councils of Lovedale and Fort Hare have been meeting, and Malcolm is here from Natal. He of course was anxious to know about the meeting at Durban, and was amazed when I told him that the Chief was not pleased about one or two things. Malcolm simply cannot understand it, and says he and his people are delighted with what has been done, and he maintains that we have got all that we need. Malcolm won't look at the idea of a Federal Council. He is completely satisfied with the position. So that's that! There you have the Transvaal, Natal, and the Cape Border. Cape Western people were present at Durban, so we certainly have them. What about it? I knew you would be as pleased as I am to have this further valuable confirmation. Our hands are strengthened for any further negotiations. I have not heard from R.J. since he was here a fortnight ago.

Cheerio, Brother. All is well. We must get the Chief into a more trustful state of mind.

By the way, we have a great many of the Training Institutions in this Division. At the Chief's request we have appointed a small Committee of Institution men of Pathfinder experience to suggest a three years scheme of training for students in Institutions, which will help the Institutions to turn out fully equipped and efficient Pathfinder Officers, as distinct from mere Pathfinders. Any suggestions you can make will be highly appreciated.

All the best for aye,
Yours ever,

May 5th. 1936.

The Secretary (Miss Barron),
Boy Scouts Association (S.A.)
P. O. Box 631,
Johannesburg.

Dear Miss Barron,

I have to thank you for the documents concerning the new Constitution of the S. African Scout Council and for your covering letter of April 30th.

I have received no communication from the Chief Pathfinder, Mr. Rheinallt Jones, in this connection and I do not know what are his wishes in the matter, and whether he is expecting me to attend on his behalf the meeting of the Constitution Sub-committee on Monday next. Unfortunately, I shall be unable to do so in any case as we shall have no less than five Inspectors from the Education Department here on that day conducting the annual examinations and it will be impossible for me to get away.

I do not know whether it will be possible for a substitute to be found, but if it is I will try to let you know at once.

I have not had the opportunity thoroughly to ~~examine~~ examine the documents, but on looking through them I think the two items that will most disturb the Pathfinder section will be Nos. 15 and 16 - the proposal to alter the "P.O.R" at any Annual meeting without notice, and the fact that the alterations so carried out shall apply ipso facto to the Non-European sections of the Association. Does this mean that at any moment we may find alterations made to the "P.O.R" without the Non-European sections having had any opportunity of discussing the matter or of expressing any opinion thereon? If this is the case I do not think that the spirit of the decisions made at the Durban Council meeting would be carried out, and I feel sure there would be strong opposition from the Non-European sections. Our position would be most unstable and we should never know to what we were being committed.

I think that this point may have been overlooked by Mr. McEwen when drawing up his admirable statement but I should like the attention of the Committee at its meeting next Monday to be drawn to this particular point, and I feel sure they will see the cause of my disagreement. I would rather suggest that in the event of any proposed alteration to the "P.O.R." likely to affect the Non-European sections opportunity should be given them to express an authoritative opinion and that such expressions be taken into full account when the matter is discussed by the European section. It might even be feasible

for representatives of such bodies to be present to speak in person on such matters. This would be in accordance with the policy laid down in the past with the Pathfinder Movement and also it would be in line with the courteous action of the Constitution Committee in inviting a representative of the Pathfinder Movement to attend its meeting next Monday.

Yours sincerely,

DIVISIONAL (P/F) COMMISSIONER.

TRANSVAAL.

Temporary Address:

88, Temple Chambers,
4, Wale Street,
CAPE TOWN.

7th May, 1936.

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The Secretary,
South African Branch of the Boy Scout Association,
P.O.Box 631,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION.

I thank you for sending me the memoranda which have been circulated among members of the Constitution Committee of the S.A. Scout Council.

Owing to my presence at Cape Town being necessary during the passage of the Native Land Bill I cannot return to Johannesburg before the 11th instant, nor can I exchange communications with Cannon Woodfield before that time. In the circumstances I am taking the liberty of sending you some observations and suggestions, and I shall be grateful if the Constitution Committee will give them sympathetic consideration.

I recognise, of course, that I am in possession of the memoranda through courtesy, and that equally, I can only be heard on them through the courtesy of the Committee. It seems to me, however, that the occasion is one in which all possible sources of misunderstandings in the future should be eliminated through friendly co-operation. My comments and suggestions are offered in the hope that they will be helpful in this direction.

I have studied the Draft Constitution with great care, and as a result I should like to urge that the

Committee consider preparing two Constitutions, one covering the Boy Scout Movement in South Africa as a whole, and the other dealing only with the European Boy Scout Branch. I hope the Committee will allow the Pathfinder Council to submit a draft Constitution for the Pathfinder Scout branch at a later date.

My reasons for suggesting that two separate Constitutions be created out of the present Draft are

- (1) It would be easier for everyone to appreciate the relations to each other of the four branches, and to know how each branch is related to the Boy Scout Movement as a whole in the Union (and, of course, the other territories mentioned).
- (2) It would avoid the anomaly of the European Boy Scout branch, as one of the parallel branches of the Boy Scout Movement, being described as the "parent body".
- (3) It would avoid all possibility of confusion between provisions which (a) are exclusively concerned with the organisation of the European Boy Scout branch, (b) are concerned with all branches and (c) are concerned with the Movement as a whole in the Union.
- (4) It would allow of the Association's Constitution being printed separately for the use of all branches, and it might be attached in front of each printed branch Constitution.

Two examples will help:

- (1) Section 3(d), I take it, is intended to refer exclusively to European troops.
- (2) Section 13, I also take it, refers exclusively to the property of the European branch only.

In both cases it might be held that the provisions are wide enough to cover the

Non-European branches, which is, of course, not intended.

In the hope that the Committee will agree to this division into two separate Constitutions, I have taken the liberty of putting forward in formal language my suggestions in regard to the first Constitution (see attached hereto). I trust the Committee will agree that put in this way the suggestions are more easy to follow.

If a Constitution on the lines of my suggestions commends itself to the Committee the drafting of the Constitution for the European branch should be a much simpler matter: may I, however, suggest that the word "European" be inserted in 3(d) after the words "To form bodies of European Boy Scouts....." Similarly in 3(e). Also substitute "Branch" for "Association", as in 3(a).

If the Governor-General and the High Commissioners can be the Chief Scouts, I take it that the chief executive officer of the European branch would be styled "Chief European Scout Commissioner" and the Chief Pathfinder would become "Chief Pathfinder Scout Commissioner".

May I point out that the Chief Pathfinder is ex officio Chairman of the Pathfinder Headquarters Council, and that, to the best of my knowledge, this arrangement has given every satisfaction?

I shall be grateful if the Committee will glance through the Pathfinder P. O. & R. and keep in mind that the H. Q. and Divisional Council membership arrangements have worked well because they are elastic enough to meet varying conditions. I sincerely hope that when the new Pathfinder P. O. & R. is considered the Pathfinder organisation will not be made too inelastic to suit our needs.

I have put forward all these suggestions in a sincere desire to be helpful. It has been impossible to

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obtain the time I should like to have had to go into matters more fully, and I shall be glad to have an opportunity of meeting the Committee if it meets again. I shall be in Johannesburg in about ten days' or two weeks' time.

Yours faithfully,

(20) J. H. M. J. J. J. J.
CHIEF PATHFINDER.

at Capetown

May 7. 1936

My dear Sir

I am writing this on a window ledge in the N.A.D. waiting for an interview with the Secretary for Native Affairs on the Land Bill! I have been hoping to have a quiet moment this morning to write to you about the Scout Constitution, but this is the only chance!

You will have received the memoranda on the Scout Constitution from the Scout Office. I hope today to post to you a copy of a letter I have written to the Scout Constitution Committee & a draft of a new Constitution for the Boy Scout Association which I have put up. I quite realise that the Com. may resent my having done this, but the draft they have before them from Millman is a dangerous one to the Pathfinder Movement. I placed all the papers before the A.K.C. (a former member of the Scout Council here) & he warned me that as it stands the Constitution will enable ^{European} Scout Branch to control our finances & property. I sat down last night & drafted the new Constitution for the Movement as a whole, i.e. the "Boy Scout Assoc.", & my friend went through it this morning & expressed complete agreement with it - except that he thought the European Scouts ought to have a proper representation on the Association's governing body.

I quite realise that the draft is a departure from the idea of a ~~uniformal~~ committee being set up ad hoc for each specific question arising between ^{European} Scouts & Non-European Scouts, but the Constitution as drafted by the Scouts makes the European Branch too much the parent body. I hope therefore you

will agree that I have suggested an excellent way out of the situation. I wish very much you and I could have had an opportunity of talking over the proposals - both those of the Senate & mine; but I must send ~~over them~~ ^{at once} as mine, as they are to be in time.

We shall have to get busy on the Cathfunder P.O. as soon as possible. There's a chance of my being home before May 21. If I do get back in time I'll run up for the Council meeting. But these Native Bills have been a drain upon our time & strength, & at the moment there is no certainty that the Land Bill will be put through speedily. It has dropped to seventh in the order paper today - ominous!

I am thinking of you at the Advisory Board today. I hope you get on well. I wish I had been there. I am trying to get at the fact about the lack of funds for Native Educⁿ - but the Land Bill makes it difficult to get at the Secretary for Native Affairs on any other subject.

Edith & I are hard at it. E is busy on maps as usual & it gives her blinding headaches. I hope you are now quite fit again & I hope you won't get a recurrence of the malaria.

Affectionately

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