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30th December, 1942.

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Dr. A.B. Xuma,
85, Toby Street,
SOPHIATOWN.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I am enclosing herewith, for your information,
a copy of a letter which I have today written to the South
African Trades & Labour Council.

Yours sincerely,
Basner

30th December,
1942.

The Secretary
South African Trades & Labour Council,
Trades Hall,
P R E T O R I A

Dear Sir,

re: PRETORIA NATIVE RIOTS

I would like to place before your Council the results of the preliminary investigations made by me yesterday in this matter.

I found that no trade Union official of the Native Municipal Workers Union had anything to do with the meeting which led to the riots and the shooting. The officials of the Union had taken a holiday and the office was closed before Xmas and will remain closed until the 4th January 1943. The meeting of the workers was called by the Compound Manager at about 5 o'clock on the 28th instant, the meeting to assemble at 7 p.m. The Natives assembled at 7 p.m. and the Compound Manager then explained to them that the increase of wages would take effect from the end of November. Owing either to his deficiency in the Native language, or through an unfortunate misunderstanding, the workers understood that the increase would take effect from next November. This led to a number of questions and shouts on the part of the members of the meeting and the meeting broke up in disorder. While the Manager was returning to the office a number of Natives started throwing stones and this led to a fight with the Municipal Police, and subsequently to a fight with the Government Police and with the Militia.

I learnt at the Hospital that 111 Natives had been wounded in the affray and not 65 as reported in the press. Mr. Mampuru of the Friends of Africa and I interviewed four wounded Natives in the Hospital. Three of them stated that they were not at the meeting and had nothing to do with the affray and that they were just returning home from their work and were shot as they entered Proes Street. The fourth Native interviewed was at the meeting and was able to give a coherent account. He was very frank and stated that the Natives were angry because their wages would not be raised until next November and that they started throwing stones to frighten the officials.

I am not at this stage concerned very much with the shooting and the great number of wounded, as this matter will no doubt be thoroughly investigated by the judicial enquiry which the Government is instituting. I am more concerned with the fact that it is quite clear that the whole terrible affair could have been avoided if the explanation regarding the wages had been made through the Trade Union officials or through some other Native organization. If the Municipality had dealt with the officials of an organized body and these officials had dealt with the Native

workers.....

The Secretary,
South African Trades
and Labour Council

30th December, 1942.

workers any misunderstanding or dissatisfaction on the part of the Natives would have been thrashed out in a different manner. With the dissatisfaction which at present exists among the Native workers, it is quite clear that unless Trade Unions are organized and recognised, and unless proper bargaining channels are found, such incidents as the Pretoria one will multiply and will eventually lead to great bloodshed. I do not think that I have any need to overstress this point to the Trades and Labour Council, but I do think that this Pretoria incident must be used by the organized Labour movement to bring home to the Government the dangers of the present position and the urgent need of recognising and dealing with organised Native Trade Unions. I feel that your organization should make immediate representations to the Government that the commission should go into this aspect of the matter as fully as into the actual shooting itself.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the local body of the Trades and Labour Council, because I do not know when your Council will meet again, and I feel that this matter should be taken up at once before the terms of reference of the commission are drawn.

Yours faithfully,

H.M. BASNER

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1939.

PJS/MA.

NO. 38 (BOKSBURG) DISTRICT.

CLASS OF CRIME.	JAN.	FEB.	MCH.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL NO. OF CASES.	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.				FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.	
														ADULTS.	JUVEN.	ADULTS.	JUVEN.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Housebreaking under £20.	111	92	123	97	132	87	122	112	128	173	134	175	1436	22	16	411	49		
Housebreaking over £20.	21	19	17	35	18	14	19	20	20	19	13	21	236	1	-	76	2		
Safesbreaking.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Theft under £50.	511	465	592	538	567	513	496	490	496	548	528	580	6374	96	45	2044	157		
Theft over £50.	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	4	1	32	1	-	7	-		
Theft from Motor Cars.	3	2	1	3	2	6	2	2	5	4	6	8	44	-	-	5	-		
Theft of Motor Cars.	21	17	20	21	12	15	11	9	14	14	13	17	184	3	6	4	1		
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Europ. on Europ.	2	-	-	5	2	-	-	1	2	2	1	2	17	-	-	7	-		
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	23	25	26	16	27	24	15	23	15	17	20	30	266	-	-	118	7		
Robbery under Arms.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Handbag Snatching.	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	1	7	-	-	3	-		
Trespass.	392	393	453	404	360	543	416	561	439	763	655	726	6105	-	-	6104	-		
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault to Harm.																			
European on Non-Europ.	1	4	2	-	4	1	3	6	1	-	2	1	25	14	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Europ. on Europ.	12	2	4	5	2	5	3	11	1	2	1	7	55	-	-	30	-		
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	105	89	112	91	93	98	81	98	108	94	100	105	1174	-	-	719	13		
TOTAL	1205	1111	1354	1269	1222	1310	1172	1343	1232	1638	1477	1674	16,007	137	67	9588	229		

POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.	NON-EUROPEANS.
138,700	333,800

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.		NON-EUROPEANS.	
INCREASE.	DECREASE.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1.8%	-	3.2%	-

3.6% (per 100)

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1940.
NO. 38 (BOKSBURG) DISTRICT.

CLASS OF CRIME.	JAN.	FEB.	MCH.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL NO. OF CASES.	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.				FLUCTUATION IN CRIME?	
														EUROPEANS.		NON-EUROPEANS.		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
														ADULTS.	JUVEN.	ADULTS.	JUVEN.		
Housebreaking under £20.	170	135	161	164	167	167	165	157	177	160	158	202	1983	35	19	510	56	32.09%	
Housebreaking over £20.	15	15	27	8	15	16	24	27	23	17	22	26	235	3	4	107	-	0.43%	
Safebreaking.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	-		200.0%
Theft under £50.	613	602	626	550	605	483	469	467	469	516	518	545	6463	92	34	2182	179	1.3%	
Theft over £50.	5	3	3	2	3	2	4	5	2	5	3	7	44	6	-	16	1	25.0%	
Theft from Motor Cars.	6	10	11	11	9	2	5	4	5	6	8	7	84	1	1	20	20	90.9%	
Theft of Motor Cars.	12	15	14	10	13	33	15	12	17	19	15	24	199	12	6	9	-	8.2%	
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	100.0%	100
Non-Europ. on Europ.	1	1	2	-	2	1	-	5	-	-	-	2	14	-	-	5	-		21.4%
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	30	27	29	12	31	27	21	38	23	21	20	29	308	-	-	178	4	15.9%	
Robbery under Arms.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	200.0%	
Handbag Snatching.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	5	-	-	1	-		40.0%
Trespass.	511	702	855	828	555	606	372	600	711	803	792	623	7948	-	-	7977	2	32.0%	
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault to Harm.																			
European on Non-Europ.	3	2	2	-	1	7	5	2	2	3	2	5	34	9	-	-	-	40.0%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	3	-	-	1	1	1	2	7	4	2	2	11	34	-	-	27	-		61.8%
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	114	103	131	87	97	92	87	97	99	104	99	120	1230	-	-	861	14	4.8%	
TOTAL	1485	1616	1862	1675	1500	1427	1170	1421	1533	1556	1639	1603	18,592	158	64	11,896	276		

POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.	NON-EUROPEANS.
142,400	344,300

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.		NON-EUROPEANS.	
INCREASE.	DECREASE.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
2.7%	-	3.1%	

3.8 % (per 100)

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1941.

NO. 38 (BOKSBURG) DISTRICT.

CLASS OF CRIME.	JAN.	FEB.	MCH.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL NO. OF CASES.	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.				FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.	
														EUROPEANS.		NON-EUROPEANS.		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
														ADULTS	JUVEN.	ADULTS.	JUVEN.		
Housebreaking under £20.	165	154	165	196	210	134	139	154	191	177	182	208	2075	16	24	508	36	4.5%	
Housebreaking over £20.	21	24	20	26	27	49	28	20	21	31	28	39	334	4	-	188	5	42.0%	
Safebreaking.	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	9	8	-	3	-	200.0%	
Theft under £50.	565	553	717	622	575	523	531	535	553	653	639	588	7054	80	38	2379	168	9.1%	
Theft over £50.	2	3	2	5	2	3	4	3	2	3	4	-	33	3	-	19	3		25.0%
Theft from Motor Cars.	4	4	2	10	3	2	4	7	4	11	4	6	61	1	-	13	3		27.5%
Theft of Motor Cars.	27	20	17	18	34	21	16	17	9	15	14	11	219	8	10	5	-	10.0%	
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-		
Non-Europ. on Europ.	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	4	2	4	4	8	36	-	-	13	-	83.3%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	42	29	30	26	23	24	29	23	20	18	20	22	306	-	-	189	4	157.0%	0.6%
Robbery under Arms.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-		33.3%
Handbag Snatching.	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	1	8	-	-	3	-	60.0%	
Trespass.	735	569	692	752	539	797	785	740	877	882	783	608	8759	-	-	8849	2	10.2%	
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault to Harm.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	9	2	2	1	1	-	1	6	4	1	5	32	17	-	-	-		
Non-Europ. on Europ.	6	4	4	3	-	2	3	1	1	2	6	6	38	-	-	25	1	11.4%	5.8%
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	94	101	137	111	118	67	75	109	105	148	121	149	1335	-	-	1035	9	8.9%	
	1663	1475	1790	1975	1338	1627	1620	1617	1792	1948	1811	1651	20,307	137	72	13,230	230		

POPULATION.		FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.			
EUROPEANS.	NON-EUROPEANS.	EUROPEANS. INCREASE.	EUROPEANS. DECREASE.	NON-EUROPEANS. INCREASE.	NON-EUROPEANS. DECREASE.
145,700	354,000	2.3%	-	2.8%	-

4.1% (per 100)

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1942.

NO. 38 (BOKSBURG) DISTRICT.

CLASS OF CRIME.	JAN..	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL NO. OF CASES.	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.				FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.	
								EUROPEANS.		NON-EUROPEANS.		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
								ADULTS.	JUVEN.	ADULTS.	JUVEN.		
Housebreaking under £20.	159	154	217	193	201	173	1097	4	4	262	12	7.1%	
Housebreaking over £20.	28	19	23	35	35	30	170	-	-	69	1	1.8%	
Safebreaking.	1	2	6	-	-	1	10	-	-	6	-	50.0%	
Theft under £50.	581	599	703	625	602	589	3699	48	14	1313	97	4.0%	
Theft over £50.	1	1	1	1	4	-	8	1	-	5	-		53.0%
Theft from Motor Cars.	3	10	6	5	5	7	36	1	-	-	-	30.5%	
Theft of Motor Cars.	14	14	23	23	13	7	94	11	5	2	4	67.0%	
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.													
European on Non-Europ.	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	50.0%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	2	2	-	3	5	4	16	-	-	12	-	33.3%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	28	30	34	36	31	45	204	-	-	161	3	17.2%	
Robbery under Arms.													
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	100.0%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	200.0%	
Handbag Snatching.	3	-	1	3	1	-	8	-	-	2	-	87.5%	
Trespass.	761	562	730	1204	895	968	5120	-	-	5110	-	25.3%	
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	300.0%	
Assault to Harm.													
European on Non-Europ.	1	1	3	1	-	5	11	1	3	-	-	36.3%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	2	1	6	1	2	-	12	-	-	8	-	58.3%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	126	119	122	120	90	105	682	-	-	616	5	8.6%	
	1712	1517	1875	2250	1887	1934	11,175	66	26	7569	122		

POPULATION.

EUROPEANS. NON-EUROPEANS.

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.

EUROPEANS. NON-EUROPEANS.
INCREASE. DECREASE. INCREASE. DECREASE.

4.4% (per 100)

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1939.

NO. 39 (JOHANNESBURG) DISTRICT.

<u>CLASS OF CRIME.</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MCH.</u>	<u>APR.</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG.</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>OCT.</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>TOTAL NO. OF CASES.</u>	<u>TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.</u>				<u>FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.</u>	
														<u>EUROPEAN. ADULTS.</u>	<u>JUVEN.</u>	<u>NON-EUROPEAN. ADULTS.</u>	<u>JUNS.</u>	<u>INCREASE.</u>	<u>DECREAS</u>
Housebreaking under £20.	341	318	340	346	288	262	296	376	344	347	336	352	3,956	141	32	993	140	-	-
Housebreaking over £20.	52	41	47	49	40	33	45	49	58	52	56	53	575	43	5	222	23	-	-
Safebreaking.	2	2	2	2	-	1	2	2	1	3	2	4	23	3	-	-	-	-	-
Theft under £50.	1259	1240	1304	1200	1258	1114	1223	1208	1145	1271	1246	1326	14,813	320	79	4539	273	-	-
Theft over £50.	23	17	23	28	18	16	16	22	21	19	22	27	252	26	-	42	-	-	-
Theft from Motor Cars.	138	145	135	109	164	147	127	180	149	161	152	169	1,876	29	9	165	20	-	-
Theft of Motor Cars.	98	108	91	80	70	52	52	73	84	85	84	85	962	74	9	45	4	-	-
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.																			
European on Non-Europ.	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	2	12	4	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Europ. on European.	2	3	2	9	4	6	3	3	11	10	11	4	68	-	-	29	1	-	-
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	55	72	65	74	65	62	71	64	88	104	80	86	886	-	-	388	4	-	-
Robbery under Arms.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Handbag Snatching.	7	11	7	7	6	-	8	4	4	2	3	7	66	-	-	14	7	-	-
Trespass.	411	549	735	631	503	630	735	590	428	578	1225	524	7000	6	-	6866	3	-	-
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	2	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	12	-	-	8	-	-	-
Assault to Harm.																			
European on Non-Europ.	6	2	-	2	3	3	2	4	4	1	2	6	35	11	2	-	-	-	-
Non-Europ. on Europ.	9	9	13	8	4	6	4	4	5	7	1	7	77	-	-	30	-	-	-
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	285	286	255	305	241	190	255	247	257	277	209	272	3079	-	-	1735	38	-	-
TOTAL	2691	2795	3021	2851	2669	2523	2841	2827	2600	2921	3430	2927	34,006	657	136	15,076	513	-	-

POPULATION.

<u>EUROPEANS.</u>	<u>NON-EUROPEANS.</u>
289,000	315,300.

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.

<u>EUROPEANS.</u>		<u>NON-EUROPEANS.</u>	
<u>INCREASE.</u>	<u>DECREASE.</u>	<u>INCREASE.</u>	<u>DECREASE.</u>
2.4%	-	3%	-

5.6% (pr 100)

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1940.

PJS/MA.

NO. 39 (JOHANNESBURG) DISTRICT.

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														EUROPEAN. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	NON-EUROPEAN. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Housebreaking under £20.	307	363	344	415	408	400	456	473	445	451	466	479	5007	60	24	1099	43	26.5%	
Housebreaking over £20.	59	57	57	76	94	97	96	98	94	79	96	105	1008	25	3	248	15	75.3%	
Safebreaking.	3	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	-	1	4	-	24	4	-	6	-	4.3%	
Theft under £50.	1404	1400	1374	1425	1151	1382	1402	1249	1345	1214	1360	1358	15,864	255	65	4239	367	7.1%	
Theft over £50.	22	29	31	20	14	18	26	26	26	17	23	22	274	15	-	50	-	1.8%	
Theft from Motor Cars.	145	149	151	156	134	118	131	143	140	145	138	166	1716	1	13	514	12		8.5%
Theft of Motor Cars.	91	94	74	66	82	81	93	75	59	53	69	99	936	74	12	89	-		2.7%
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.																			
European on Non-Europ.	2	1	1	2	4	1	-	4	-	3	2	-	20	11	7	-	-	66.6%	
Non-Europ. on European.	10	6	11	7	3	6	9	6	5	8	9	9	89	-	-	45	3	30.1%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	89	82	99	96	90	67	62	81	72	68	90	84	980	-	-	514	22	1.06%	
Robbery under Arms.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0%
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		33.3%
Handbag Snatching.	5	7	6	4	4	10	14	7	9	17	12	10	105	-	-	18	5	59.1%	
Trespass.	776	776	779	881	824	810	752	824	774	782	810	792	9580	-	-	9579	16	37.0%	
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	7	1	-	7	-		41.6%
Assault to Harm.																			
European on Non-Europ.	6	2	5	1	2	2	2	4	2	1	2	1	30	15	-	-	-		14.3%
Non-Europ. on Europ.	6	10	7	4	3	4	7	7	4	3	5	3	63	-	-	29	1		18.2%
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	250	247	270	260	241	208	243	246	235	230	205	337	2972	-	-	2164	25		3.47%
TOTAL	3175	3225	3212	3414	3055	3214	3294	3244	3011	3072	3292	3468	38,676	461	124	18,602	509		

POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.	NON-EUROPEANS.
296,900	325,100

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.		NON-EUROPEANS.	
INCREASE.	DECREASE.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
2.7%	-	3.1%	-

6.2%

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1941.

PJS/MA.

NO. 39 (JOHANNESBURG) DISTRICT.

CLASS OF CRIME.	JAN.	FEB.	MCH.	APL.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL NO. OF CASES.	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.				FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.	
														EUROPEANS. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	NON-EUROPEANS. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Housebreaking under £20.	389	310	362	359	371	371	418	394	371	419	368	421	4553	58	18	704	53	9.06%	
Housebreaking over £20.	80	74	79	83	81	81	94	100	88	67	69	74	970	14	10	261	16	3.7%	
Safebreaking.	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	-	1	2	3	-	16	1	-	11	-	33.3%	
Theft under £50.	1206	1124	737	1153	1216	1197	1161	1178	1192	1202	1149	1139	13,654	178	59	4714	270	13.9%	
Theft over £50.	17	15	19	18	18	23	25	19	27	22	32	21	256	22	--	65	1	6.5%	
Theft from Motor Cars.	70	87	75	76	117	155	173	160	154	90	120	96	1373	5	7	354	39	19.9%	
Theft of Motor Cars.	129	110	115	123	118	61	127	111	118	146	146	30	1334	181	34	84	-	42.7%	
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.																			
European on Non-Europ.	2	1	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	12	7	-	-	-	40.0%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	5	5	4	8	5	7	8	13	17	8	7	8	95	-	-	21	2	6.6%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	65	80	82	75	94	76	94	81	99	100	96	101	1043	-	-	663	23	6.4%	
Robbery under Arms.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	2	-	300.0%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	2	1	8	-	-	11	-	700.0%	
Handbag Snatching.	9	4	13	14	9	15	19	7	12	3	6	7	118	-	-	56	9	12.3%	
Trespass.	533	497	621	717	596	531	520	741	544	692	682	455	7129	1	-	7044	6	25.5%	
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	17	-	-	12	-	142.8%	
Assault to Harm.																			
European on Non-Europ.	1	3	2	2	1	4	3	4	3	3	2	3	31	26	5	-	-	3.3%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	5	20	9	3	5	5	5	14	5	10	8	15	104	-	-	96	3	65.08%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	212	250	296	249	254	245	220	311	295	326	313	292	3263	-	-	2269	40	9.7%	
TOTAL	2726	2585	2417	2884	2890	2778	2871	3136	2927	3094	3006	2665	33,979	489	133	16,367	462		

POPULATION.

<u>EUROPEANS.</u>	<u>NON-EUROPEANS.</u>
305,100	333,600

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.

<u>EUROPEANS.</u>		<u>NON-EUROPEANS.</u>	
<u>INCREASE.</u>	<u>DECREASE.</u>	<u>INCREASE.</u>	<u>DECREASE.</u>
2.8%	-	2.6%	-

5.3%

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1942.
NO. 39 (JOHANNESBURG) DISTRICT.

<u>CLASS OF CRIME.</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE.</u>	<u>TOTAL NO. OF CASES.</u>	<u>TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.</u>				<u>FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.</u>	
								<u>EUROPEANS. ADULTS.</u>	<u>JUVEN.</u>	<u>NON-EUROPEANS. ADULTS.</u>	<u>JUVEN.</u>	<u>INCREASE.</u>	<u>DECREASE.</u>
Housebreaking under £20.	462	399	481	554	473	496	2865	21	8	583	36	32.5%	
Housebreaking over £20.	81	109	125	138	174	136	763	10	3	161	5	59.5%	
Safebreaking.	4	2	2	2	3	3	16	-	-	10	-	77.7%	
Theft under £50.	1168	1177	1265	1306	1213	1164	7293	71	15	2569	106	9.5%	
Theft over £50.	28	24	29	28	32	28	169	9	-	27	6	53.3%	
Theft from Motor Cars.	153	88	114	120	151	153	779	1	6	293	20	32.5%	
Theft of Motor Cars.	195	125	136	125	107	117	805	8	3	5	-	22.5%	
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.													
European on Non-Europ.	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	50.0%
Non-Europ. on Europ.	19	14	7	4	8	8	60	-	-	26	-	76.5%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	89	140	167	97	96	96	685	-	-	399	2	45.0%	
Robbery under Arms.													
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	1	2	5	2	2	12	-	-	14	-	1100.0%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	1	2	1	5	9	-	-	11	-	200.0%	
Handbag Snatching.	11	11	8	12	12	13	67	-	-	31	-	4.9%	
Trespass.	548	616	550	670	835	628	3847	-	-	3864	-	10.0%	
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	1	-	-	-	2	3	6	-	-	6	-		33.3%
Assault to Harm.													
European on Non-Europ.	3	4	-	2	3	2	14	5	-	-	-	7.5%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	8	9	2	2	4	3	28	-	-	9	-	41.5%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	362	347	364	290	292	252	1907	-	-	1324	3	24.5%	
	3132	3067	3254	3358	3409	3109	19,329	126	35	9332	178		

POPULATION.
EUROPEANS. NON-EUROPEANS.

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION
EUROPEANS. NON-EUROPEANS.
INCREASE. DECREASE. INCREASE. DECREASE.

6.0%

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1939.

PJS/MA.

No. 40 (KRUGERSDORP) DISTRICT.

CLASS OF CRIME.	JAN.	FEB.	MCH.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL NO. OF CASES.	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.				FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.	
														EUROPEAN. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	NON-EUROPEAN. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Housebreaking under £20.	17	22	25	26	14	15	17	18	20	28	26	32	260	70	9	103	5		
Housebreaking over £20.	9	5	4	3	4	4	1	5	8	10	4	4	61	10	-	44	3		
Safecracking.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-		
Theft under £50.	197	192	220	209	219	249	236	276	292	263	231	226	2800	25	27	958	28		
Theft over £50.	-	-	2	5	2	2	-	1	3	3	3	1	22	2	-	7	-		
Theft from Motor Cars.	-	-	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	8	-	-	-	-		
Theft of Motor Cars.	1	7	4	8	8	3	1	9	2	1	8	2	54	3	7	13	-		
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	-		
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	2	6	5	4	2	3	1	8	4	7	10	5	57	-	2	40	2		
Robbery under Arms.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Handbag Snatching.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		
Trespass.	74	71	41	36	42	47	46	80	73	62	53	64	694	-	-	680	2		
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault to Harm.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-		
Non-Europ. on Europ.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	4	-	-	7	-		
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	21	29	24	33	26	23	26	22	17	38	28	15	302	-	-	304	-		
	323	336	326	326	317	350	328	419	419	415	370	341	4,266	111	47	2,160	40		

POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.	NON-EUROPEANS.
49,800	126,600

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.		NON-EUROPEANS.	
INCREASE.	DECREASE.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
2.2%	-	4.1%	-

2.4%

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1940.

NO. 40 (KRUGERSDORP) DISTRICT.

CLASS OF CRIME.	JAN.	FEB.	MCH.	APL.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL NO. OF CASES.	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.				FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.	
														EUROPEAN. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	NON-EUROPEAN. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	INCREASE.	DECREASE
Housebreaking under £20.	33	21	20	22	31	22	29	19	22	38	29	26	312	11	23	102	2	20.0%	
Housebreaking over £20.	8	7	4	4	5	10	5	-	6	2	5	4	60	1	6	34	1	1.6%	
Safebreaking.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft under £50.	292	268	281	261	294	248	280	240	272	256	246	252	3190	12	17	946	34	13.5%	
Theft over £50.	1	1	1	-	2	1	1	2	4	1	-	-	14	-	-	3	-	36.3%	
Theft from Motor Cars.	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	37.5%	
Theft of Motor Cars.	5	-	5	5	4	1	5	4	14	4	5	4	56	5	-	17	-	3.5%	
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	6	-	-	1	1	63.3%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	5	4	6	6	6	3	9	8	12	11	9	10	89	-	-	55	2	35.8%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Robbery under Arms.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	100.0%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Handbag Snatching.	2	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	9	-	-	1	-	800%	
Trespass.	53	105	89	81	103	78	134	71	59	88	93	236	1190	-	-	1192	-	71.5%	
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	200.0%	
Assault to Harm.	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	2	10	9	-	-	-	900.0%	
Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	-	-	3	-	50.0%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	32	41	32	34	39	25	31	25	25	9	17	28	338	-	-	320	1	11.5%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	433	448	444	415	487	389	498	371	415	415	408	566	5,289	38	46	2,681	41		

POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.	NON-EUROPEANS.
51,200	130,700.

2.8%

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.

EUROPEANS.		NON-EUROPEANS.	
INCREASE.	DECREASE.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
2.8%	-	3.2%	-

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1941.
NO. 40 (KRUGERSDORP) DISTRICT.

CLASS OF CRIME.	JAN.	FEB.	MCH.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL NO. OF CASES.	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.				FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.	
														EUROPEANS. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	NON-EUROPEANS. ADULTS.	JUVEN.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Housebreaking under £20.	33	35	47	41	31	18	35	32	27	35	50	34	418	2	16	157	12	33.4%	
Housebreaking over £20.	2	4	9	8	9	9	8	1	5	14	5	10	84	-	5	40	4	40.0%	
Safebreaking.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	-	200.0%	
Theft under £50.	273	275	273	243	247	264	284	266	249	258	272	234	3138	21	16	1060	77		1.5%
Theft over £50.	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	5	5	2	24	4	-	2	-	41.5%	
Theft from Motor Cars.	1	1	2	1	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	2	13	-	-	-	-	160.0%	
Theft of Motor Cars.	7	5	10	10	6	2	5	7	4	4	2	6	68	3	2	8	1	21.1%	
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	200.0%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	-	-	3	1	20.0%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	8	6	8	9	5	12	7	7	4	9	9	11	95	-	-	69	-	6.5%	
Robbery under Arms.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	100.0%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		100.0%
Handbag Snatching.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1		77.7%
Trespass.	179	109	218	142	117	74	105	167	180	267	256	259	2073	-	-	2073	-	47.1%	
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		200.0%
Assault to Harm.																			
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-		80.0%
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-		66.6%
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	37	27	32	25	34	31	29	21	38	25	33	18	350	-	-	322	7	3.5%	
TOTAL	542	467	601	480	451	415	475	503	514	618	635	578	6,279	32	39	3,739	102		

POPULATION.

<u>EUROPEANS.</u>	<u>NON-EUROPEANS.</u>
52,400	134,200.

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.

<u>EUROPEANS.</u>		<u>NON-EUROPEANS.</u>	
<u>INCREASE.</u>	<u>DECREASE.</u>	<u>INCREASE.</u>	<u>DECREASE.</u>
2.2%	-	2.4%	-

3.3%

11/1/43

Crime Wave

PJS/MA.

CRIME RETURN : YEAR 1942.
NO. 40 (KRUGERSDORP) DISTRICT.

CLASS OF CRIME.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY.	TOTAL NO. OF CASES.	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE.				FLUCTUATION IN CRIME.	
									EUROPEAN.		NON-EUROPEAN.		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
									ADULTS.	JUVEN.	ADULTS.	JUVEN.		
Housebreaking under £20.	35	45	42	36	48	29	11	246	3	1	85	15		41.11%
Housebreaking over £20.	8	10	12	15	17	11	4	77	-	-	8	-		8.33%
Safebreaking.	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-		
Theft under £50.	254	224	272	260	232	260	91	1593	14	1	533	28		49.20%
Theft over £50.	1	7	3	-	1	4	2	18	2	-	3	-		33.33%
Theft from Motor Cars.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-		15.38%
Theft of Motor Cars.	3	8	6	3	3	4	-	27	2	-	1	-		60.3%
Robbery or Attempted Robbery.														
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	200.0%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-		60%
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	9	9	6	12	10	9	4	59	-	-	51	-		37.88%
Robbery under Arms.														
European on Non-Europ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	100.0%	
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-		
Handbag Snatching.	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	200.0%	
Trespass.	135	110	135	136	139	208	42	905	-	-	904	-		56.34%
Possession Housebreaking Implements.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault to Harm.														
European on Non-Europ.	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	60.0%	
Non-Europ. on Europ.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-		
Non-Europ. on Non-Europ.	34	47	25	36	22	22	2	188	-	-	139	-		46.28%
TOTAL	483	462	507	500	473	549	158	3,132	29	2	1,730	43		

POPULATION.
EUROPEANS. NON-EUROPEANS.

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION.
EUROPEANS. NON-EUROPEANS.
INCREASE. DECREASE. INCREASE. DECREASE.

3.3%

CRIME WAVE 1/1/43

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DESCRIPTION OF CRIMINAL ACT	TOTAL ARRESTS MADE	EUROPEAN		NON-EUROPEAN		TOTAL
		EUROPEAN	NON-EUROPEAN	EUROPEAN	NON-EUROPEAN	
Housebreaking	11	3	1	8	2	11
Housebreaking with force	77	11	1	65	8	77
Housebreaking without force	2	-	-	2	-	2
Housebreaking with force - European	100	100	0	0	0	100
Housebreaking without force - European	1	1	0	0	0	1
Housebreaking with force - Non-European	2	0	2	0	0	2
Housebreaking without force - Non-European	27	0	27	0	0	27
Robbery or Attempted Robbery	2	-	-	-	-	2
Robbery on Non-European	2	-	-	-	-	2
Robbery on European	2	2	0	0	0	2
Robbery on Non-European	22	0	22	0	0	22
Robbery under Arms	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery on Non-European	1	-	-	-	-	1
Robbery on European	1	1	0	0	0	1
Robbery on Non-European	1	0	1	0	0	1
Auto Theft	2	-	-	-	-	2
Auto Theft - European	205	205	0	0	0	205
Auto Theft - Non-European	110	0	110	0	0	110
Auto Theft - Total	315	205	110	0	0	315
Auto Theft with force	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auto Theft without force	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auto Theft with force - European	2	2	0	0	0	2
Auto Theft without force - European	2	2	0	0	0	2
Auto Theft with force - Non-European	183	0	183	0	0	183
Auto Theft without force - Non-European	183	0	183	0	0	183
Auto Theft - Total	368	4	364	0	0	368

FLUCTUATION IN POPULATION
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CRIME WAVE 1942

31/12/1942

TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND
TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PRETORIA.

We, the undersigned members of the Committee appointed to investigate the position of crime on the Witwatersrand and Pretoria have the honour to submit the following report:-

PART I.

INTRODUCTION.

1. The terms of reference are given in minute No. 1/48/42 dated the 6th July, 1942, from the Department of Justice and minute No. 138/355 of the 11th July, 1942, from the Department of Native Affairs; they are as follows:-

"To investigate the alleged wave of crime on
"the Witwatersrand and in Pretoria and to investigate
"the problem of unemployed and vagrant natives
"(including Juveniles) on the Witwatersrand and in
"and around the Urban area of Pretoria, in so far as
"it effects the incidence of crime and to submit for
"the consideration of the Government recommendat
"as to the best method of bringing such natives
"under adequate supervision and control with a view
"to the prevention of crime, disorderliness and
"other malpractices."

FACTORS GIVING RISE TO THE APPOINTMENT
OF THE COMMITTEE.

2. The circumstances leading up to the appointment of the Committee are the outcome of a discussion which took place between the Honourable the Minister

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for Native Affairs, the Honourable the Minister of Justice and a deputation from the Johannesburg City Council and other public men of Johannesburg, on the alarming increase in serious crime on the Witwatersrand.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

3. The following persons were appointed as members of your Committee:-

Mr. S.H. Elliott	Magistrate (Chairman).
Mr. J.M. Brink	Native Commissioner, Johannesburg.
Lt. Col. G.J.F. Horak	Deputy Commissioner of Police, Witwatersrand.
Councillor A. Imsink	Johannesburg.
Dr. T.C.S. Hinsbeeck	Medical Officer of Health, Roodepoort.
Mr. G. Bellenden	Manager, Municipal Native Affairs Department, Johannesburg.
Mr. J.R. Brent	Manager, Pretoria Municipal Native Affairs Department.
Mr. J. Baker	Location Superintendent, Boksburg.
Dr. A.B. Xuma	President General, African National Congress
Mr. R.V. Selope Thema	Editor.
Mr. S.P. Mqubuli.	

4. The Committee sat on _____ days in Johannesburg and one day in Pretoria and took evidence from witnesses.

5. The enquiry in which the Committee is engaged falls naturally into three divisions:-

- (a) To investigate the alleged wave of crime on the Witwatersrand and in Pretoria.
- (b) To investigate the problem of unemployed and vagrant natives (including Juveniles) on the Witwatersrand and in and around the Urban area of Pretoria in so far as it affects the incidence of crime, and
- (c) To submit recommendations as to the best method of bringing such natives under adequate supervision and control with a view to the prevention of crime, disorderliness and other malpractices.

6. It will be observed that the investigation into the alleged crime wave on the Witwatersrand and in Pretoria covers all sections of the community and is not confined to the native population.

The first question, therefore, which it was necessary to investigate was whether, in fact, conditions which might properly be described as a 'wave of crime' have recently existed and are now continuing on the Witwatersrand and in Pretoria.

PART II.

THE EXTENT AND INCIDENCE OF CRIME ON THE WITWATERSRAND AND IN THE URBAN AREA OF PRETORIA.

7. Any conclusions regarding any alleged increase of crime at the present time and during a comparatively recent period must, necessarily, be based on the considered opinions of responsible Police Officials and on such statistical data as may be available.

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It is, of course, essential to bear in mind that in considering this question the word "crime" must be regarded as connoting only the more serious offences, whether against person or property, which for the most part fall within the scope of the common law and, therefore, excludes the great body of misdemeanours relating to contraventions of statutory enactments, municipal by-laws and government regulations. It is, moreover, necessary to remember that statistics of crime can only convey a true picture of the position if they are carefully related, not only to any increase or decrease in the population of the areas concerned, but also to such factors as unemployment, economic stress and the adequacy or otherwise of the forces of law enforcement during the period under consideration.

8.

EUROPEAN CRIME.

The consensus of Police opinion is that there has been no increase in European crime of recent years and this view appears to be substantially supported by the statistical figures which are quoted hereinafter. It would be contrary to a common-sense view of probabilities to assume that the recruitment of many thousands of men in the prime of life for active service from all sections of the community, their subjection to military discipline and removal to territories outside the Union have had no effect upon the incidence of European crime of recent years. There are, however, factors of a more permanent nature which,

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in all probability, contribute towards the relative decrease which we have already noted. For example, the increasing attention directed by prison authorities to the reformation of prisoners while serving their sentences and the sustained and successful activities of such organisations as the Prisoners' Aid Society and the Juvenile Affairs Board all, doubtless, contribute to turn the footsteps of many incipient and potential criminals to law-abiding and honest ways of life.

9.

NON-EUROPEAN CRIME.

The problem of non-European crime, which, for the purposes of this investigation is restricted to crimes committed by members of the native population, presents greater difficulties than that which has already been briefly considered in the preceding section dealing with Europeans. The factors giving rise to native lawlessness and crime will be dealt with hereafter in part III of this report when remedial measures are suggested. The question whether we are now facing a substantial increase in Native crime does not permit of a clear-cut and categorical affirmative or negative. Here, as in the case of the European population, the repercussions of the war cannot be ignored. There is a continualebb and flow in employment. Some industries are closing down or greatly restricted while others are expanding. Many thousands of natives have enrolled in native units of the Defence Force; economic stresses are aggravated by increased cost of living, housing

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shortage, transport difficulties and other related factors. These circumstances inevitably manifest themselves in various ways, some of which are anti-social. Then, again, the very substantial reduction of the Police Force in 1940, due to the formation of a Police Brigade for active service, undoubtedly afforded greater liberty of action to the criminal elements of the population, although this, in turn, was, to some extent, counteracted the following year owing to the assumption by members of the Civic Guards of duties normally performed by the Police Force. After making due allowance for all these circumstances it appears at least doubtful whether there has been any serious increase in native crime during the past few years. It must not be supposed, however, that the evidence in support of this conclusion is so positive and unimpeachable as to exclude all doubt as to its correctness; and the Committee wishes to make it clear beyond all question that the actual position as regards native crime and criminals is one of extreme gravity.

A point which should not be lost sight of in this connection is that it does not always follow that when crime is very prevalent that there is necessarily a close correspondence between the number of crimes committed and the number of criminals by whom these offences are perpetrated. In other words, the existence of gangs of experienced Native criminals must, unfortunately, be regarded as proved; and, furthermore, it must be assumed that, before being brought to justice, such gangs are sometimes severally responsible for

a number of offences largely in excess of the number of members composing any particular gang. This, of course, also applies to experienced criminals who, owing to a combination of cunning and luck, are able individually to perpetrate many crimes before being brought to book. Three cases now before the Courts illustrate the points now mentioned. A Native is standing his trial on 30 counts of housebreaking committed over a period of six weeks, another on 25 counts during the same period, two Native Juvenile adults are concerned in 40 or more counts of housebreaking. These four Natives are possibly guilty of many other counts which cannot be brought home to them.

It can be said that these Natives by themselves created a minor crime wave during the period covered by their operations.

There are many similar cases pending.

10.

CRIME STATISTICS.

We do not propose to burden this report with unnecessary statistics, it is, however, necessary to quote in some detail the figures supplied by the Police Department.

PRETORIA.

		<u>Europeans</u>	<u>Non-Europeans</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Population	1939	80,000	40,800	120,800.
	1940	90,000	41,600	131,600.
	1941	100,093	42,400	142,493.
	1942	104,000	43,200	147,200.

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SERIOUS CRIME.

1939	8963	cases reported.
1940	9190	" "
1941	9318	" "
1942	4750	" " to 30th June.

The ratio per 1,000 is:-

1939	7.4
1940	6.9
1941	6.5
1942	6.4 for first six months.

WITWATERSRAND.

	<u>Europeans.</u>	<u>Non-Europeans.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1939	477,500	775,700	1,253,200.
1940	490,500	800,100	1,290,600.
1941	503,200	821,800	1,325,000.
1942	Add 5% to figures for 1941.		

SERIOUS CRIME.

1939	34,006	cases reported.
1940	38,676	" "
1941	33,979	" "
1942	19,329	" " to 30th June.

The ratio per 1,000 is:-

1939	10.2
1940	10.2
1941	10.7
1942	12.6 if the average continues.

The non-European population can only be estimated, the last census was taken during 19

The number of housebreaking cases reported and the number of persons arrested in the Johannesburg District in connection therewith for each month of this year, gives a clear indication of the state of crime covering the period of this alleged "crime wave".

<u>1942</u>	<u>No. Cases Reported.</u>	<u>Arrests</u>		<u>Value of Property Stolen.</u>	<u>Value of Property Recovered.</u>
		<u>Europeans</u>	<u>Natives</u>		
January	505	18	103	£13,098	£1,145.
February	539	31	125	£12,094	£1,404.
March	466	15	117	£11,591	£1,474.
April	589	7	134	£15,750	£1,928.
May	530	15	113	£17,506	£1,957.
June	579	12	111	£10,957	£1,300.
July	560	10	86	£9,519	£1,527.
August	558	8	113	£10,755	£2,127.

On the 5th May, 1942, the relaxation of the Pass Law was put into operation. What effect this concession has and is likely to have on crime cannot yet be correctly estimated as the evidence placed before us does not justify any definite conclusion.

11. The information contained in the statistics set out in the preceding section may be usefully supplemented in relation to some particular matters with which we will now briefly deal:-

(a) Robberies by natives on natives continue to be numerous. These crimes are, in a great majority of cases, associated with the sale

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