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13th November, 1956.

Rev. A.W. Blaxall,
P.O. Box 33,
HEIDELBERG. TVL.

Dear Mr. Blaxall,

Thank you for your letter of November 6th, 1956.
Dr. Hellmann and I will be glad to meet with you on November 24th.
May I suggest the Institute offices at about 10 am. Mr. Ngakane,
I understand, will also be there.

9.30 am.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

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November 6th 1956.

PRIVATE

Mr. Q. Whyte & Dr. E. Hellmann,
P.O. Box 97,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Whyte & Dr. Hellmann,

You will have read in the papers that during the recent conference in Bloemfontein convened by the Interdenominational African Ministers' Federation frequent reference was made to need for a truly national gathering to discuss matters affecting the peaceful development of life in this country.

Since then I have been impressed by the way this has been endorsed by people of very different outlook, but so far no one has come forwards with a concrete proposal. Perhaps that is as well because if an invitation went out from a body (or group of organizations) not able to command confidence the conference would be valueless.

I have in mind to suggest to three distinct inter-church groups that the matter is so urgent they should form a special joint committee for the specific purpose of convening such a conference. Naturally when I approach them it will be necessary to have a clear idea as to the type of gathering visualised.

I am therefore writing to you in your personal capacity to ask if you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday morning, November 24th, to meet with me to discuss this matter.

As soon as I hear from you I will let you know time and place.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur W. Blaxall

P.O. Box 33,
Heidelberg, Transvaal.

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6 February 1957.

Miss M. Rodger,
Secretary,
Civil Rights League,
527 C.T.C. Building,
Longmarket Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Miss Rodger,

Thank you very much for your letter of February 2, 1957. You will appreciate that the sponsorship of such a conference is a matter of delicate negotiation and it may take some time to put in train. We shall be very glad to keep you informed. Mr Molteno, who is in the Institute's Executive Committee, will be aware of developments and you could from time to time refer to him.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

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February 2, 1957

Mrs M. Ballinger, M.P.
Mr P.D. Santilhano

Mr Quintin White,
P. O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr White,

At our committee meeting recently it was mentioned that the Institute was interested in the suggestion that came from the I.D.A.M.F. Conference at Bloemfontein, of an inter-racial gathering to follow this up.

My Committee is greatly interested in this possibility, and would much appreciate being kept informed of any developments in this direction.

My Committee would undoubtedly give any such gathering its wholehearted support if it were on a basis approved by the Institute.

We shall be grateful for any news you can send us from time to time as to how the idea is progressing.

Yours sincerely,

Maggie Rodger

SECRETARY

This letter sent to all Regional Chairman.

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12th July, 1957.

Miss Hansi Pollak,
Regional Chairman,
DURBAN.

Dear Miss Pollak,

You will remember that during Executive Committee discussions it was suggested that small, informal and off-the-record conferences should be continued on every possible occasion, and I write now to bring the matter to your attention again. I was not present at the discussion, but I understand that it was considered that such conferences would be helpful as preliminary to larger and more public ones.

I myself have been doing this at home and have been able to bring together accepted African political leadership with prominent members of the United Party, with some of the leading thinkers behind the Nationalist Party and with others, including business and professional men: this apart from the usual meetings arranged for prominent overseas visitors. Everyone has been pleased that such meetings have taken place. The results can only be estimated in time.

I have found that food is a solvent for any initial difficulties, and on each occasion supper has been on the agenda. My own method has been to start off buffet-style in the sitting room ending up with subsequent courses on a self-help basis round the dining room table. Discussion may take time to warm up, but as the evening goes on it becomes animated and lively.

The object has been to bring face to face Africans and Europeans of a reasonable status and significance who may not have previously met Africans on this basis and to get them to discuss. Consequently, the part I have found myself playing has been largely listener except where it was obvious that some question had to be interjected to stimulate or provoke discussion or to draw some one person into the discussion.

The group has seldom been larger than 8 to 10 persons - and need not be divided in equal numbers. It is probably preferable that Africans be in the majority.

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Miss Hansi Pollak,
DURBAN.

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12th July, 1957.

This is one form of informal conference. Another form is where Non-Europeans are asked to meet with Institute personnel other than round a committee table. This calls for a different technique in handling but it is one with which Institute personnel are familiar.

Still another form of semi-informal conference may centre round a specific local or national situation. The object in this case is different and the meeting has a more definite objective, depending upon the matter to be discussed. I still think, however, that food is a necessary ingredient.

If one thinks only of the European section I think it is true to say that an invitation extended, for example, to a local dominee or to some laymen of "illiberal" tendencies to meet, for example, Institute European persons will not be rejected out of hand but will be appreciated. This would be a first step towards asking them to a mixed group. I think that everyone is anxious to know what the other man is thinking but few will take the initiative. The Institute can facilitate this and so help to carry out its accepted rôle.

I realise that this requires hard work, much thought and is expensive, but I think it is very important. Perhaps you could get members of your regional committee to think in these terms and offer hospitality of this nature.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

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CC: FOR G.P.C. MEETING.

18th July, 1957.

Mr. Leo Marquard,
P.O. Box 1141,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Leo,

You asked me to keep you posted with regard to the Reeves National Conference.

The Executive Committee of I.D.A.M.F. met yesterday, the 17th, and Mr. Blaxall who attended that meeting telephoned to report. He said that there was great heart-searching among the African Ministers present, and that they were afraid they might be led by the nose by those promoting the Conference. In the end they decided to support the Conference on the 26th November but merely as a preliminary conference which would lead towards a truly national conference. They felt it would confuse the issue to call Bishop Reeves's Conference a National Conference. They, as I say, are going on with it but only on the understanding that it is a preliminary.

I think this is quite a good line to have been taken. Blaxall himself approved of it and I gave it my blessing. Invitations, of course, will be sent out to everyone and it may be that individuals from the "opposition" will attend. I think you will be glad of this slight reorientation which is more in line with our own thinking, and I think is wiser in this situation.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

MR/9/1

30 August 1957.


Mrs C. Bakker van Bosse,
Nassaulaan 4,
THE HAGUE,
Holland.

Dear Mrs van Bosse,

Thank you for your letter of 23 August. The particular inter-racial conference to be held in November is being called by a committee set up by the Interdenominational African Ministers' Federation. The Bishop of Johannesburg is chairman of the committee, so I think that the best thing I can do is to forward your letter to him and to ask him to reply to your questions.

We are so glad that you continue to take an interest in this Institute, and send you our best wishes. We hope to have the pleasure of meeting you in November.

Yours sincerely,


Muriel Horrell (Miss)
TECHNICAL OFFICER

30 August 1957.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Johannesburg,
Bishop's House,
Crescent Drive,
Westcliff,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Bishop Reeves,

We have received the enclosed letter from one of our members in Holland. I wonder whether you will be kind enough to send her the information she requests - I am afraid that I do not know the answers.

Yours sincerely,



Muriel Horrell (Miss)
TECHNICAL OFFICER

Phone 25-1761 - Res.
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27 Feb 1959

P.O. Box 2864

Johannesburg

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Dear Miss Barnett,

Herewith a
copy of the notice for the
Multi Racial meeting to be
held in your Board. Room
on Thursday - 5th March.

At the same time, I
would like to thank you
very much for your
assistance in this matter.

Sincerely Yrs.

Gertrude Apple

MULTI-RACIAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA:

Secretary: MRS. J. HEPPLE

P.O. Box 2864,
JOHANNESBURG.

16th February, 1959.

TO ALL SPONSORS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS,

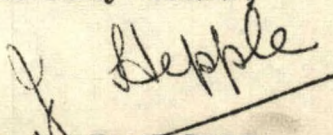
The SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Multi-Racial Conference Planning Committee will take place on THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1959, in the Board Room, S.A. Institute of Race Relations, 68 de Korte Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, at 7.30 p.m.

The SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING has been called to discuss the following :-

- (1) The operation and further functions of the Planning Committee and the various sub-committees dealing with the six Findings of the Multi-Racial Conference held in Johannesburg in December, 1957.
- (2) Whether a second Multi-Racial Conference should be held, and if so - where and when.

As this meeting will decide the future of the Multi-Racial Conference it is of the utmost importance that you attend.

Sincerely Yours,


(Mrs.) J. HEPPLE.
SECRETARY.

N.B. PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW BOX NUMBER.

JOHANNESBURG COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

PROPOSED PROGRAMME

REFRESHER COURSE IN RACE STUDIES.

To be conducted in Room 77.

Displays in rooms 76 and 78

At 3 p.m. on 29th, 30th, 31st August and 1st September, 1961.

College of Education, Hoofd Street,
Braamfontein, JOHANNESBURG.

3 p.m. TUESDAY, 29th AUGUST.

First Session : Subject : The Concept "Race"
Speaker : Prof. M. Marwick, University of the Witwatersrand.
Film : The Brotherhood of Man.
Discussion: Application of this concept in the teaching of Race Studies in the schools.
Attitudes. Prejudice and its manifestations in the school. How to deal with these.

Second Session : Subject : Race Studies, its aims, methods and approach.
Speaker : Mrs. S.H. Hartshorne, Lecturer in Race Studies, Johannesburg College of Education.

- a) Display of books for background and additional reading.
- b) Display of teaching aids.
- c) Display of photographs from Africana Museum, Johannesburg.

3 p.m. WEDNESDAY, 30th AUGUST.

First Session : Subject : Syllabuses for Stds VI and VII, with reference to emphasis, teaching method and aids.
Speaker : A High School teacher of Race Studies.

Second Session : Subject : Suggested Scheme of Work for Std VIII.
Speaker : Members of Staff of College of Education. Miss M. Nussey
Mrs. S.H. Hartshorne.

- a) Humanising the content : relating laws etc. to the realities of human lives.
- b) Re-organising the content to make a meaningful framework for a picture of the Non-European peoples today.
- c) Balancing the historical aspect with the history syllabus : isolating the relevant and essential.
- d) Use of diagrams and tables to decrease the time spent on purely administrative material.

3 p.m. THURSDAY, 31st AUGUST.

Subject : The Urban Bantu 140

First Session : Management of Non-European Affairs in Johannesburg with special reference to Housing.

Speaker : Mr. T.W.A. Koller Deputy, Manager of the Non-European Affairs Department, City Council of Johannesburg.

Second Session : Social Aspects of the life of the Bantu in Johannesburg.

Speaker : Mr. M.L. Edelstein Deputy Head of the Social Welfare Division of the Non-European Affairs Dept., Johannesburg.

Display by Johannesburg City Council (Non-European Affairs Department) of material helpful to both white and non-white inhabitants of Johannesburg.

3 p.m. FRIDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

First Session : Development of the Bantu Areas.

Speaker : Mr. Chris Prinsloo, Chief Information Officer of the Department of Bantu Administration and Development.

Display of material provided by the Information Service of the Department of Bantu Administration and Development.

Second Session:

The Coloured and Indian peoples of South Africa.

Speaker : Rev. C.J.A. Greyling, Minister in Charge of Evangelisation of the Indian people for the D.R.C.

Display of published material by S.A. Institute of Race Relations and S.A. Bureau of Racial Affairs.

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② MISS HORRELL!
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S. A. Institute of Race Relations,
Box 97,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

Please forgive me for not
having replied to your invitations
to join your Institute. Actually
we have in this district an inter-
racial discussion group which meets
every month. As I could not
partake in any of your activities,
being so far away, I prefer
not to join for the present.

The enclosed circular
speaks for itself & any help
you are able to give will
be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
T. S. Little.

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