

COMMENTARY FROM BRITAIN

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UNITED KINGDOM ABSTAINS ON 37 - NATION
SOUTH WEST AFRICA RESOLUTION

The United Kingdom yesterday (Wednesday) abstained in voting on the 37- nation resolution on South West Africa which was adopted by the United Nations' Assembly's Fourth Committee.

Britain's views had been given earlier by Sir Hugh Foot who explained that, although some of the objectives in the resolution were sound, it ignored the practical means of achieving them in view of the doubt whether South Africa would co-operate. He said the resolution was "a beautiful house without a door". It was a vote for continued deadlock between the United Nations and South Africa.

In his view the "door" was provided by the Swedish resolution - largely based on an earlier United Kingdom draft - which sought to take practical advantage of an offer by South Africa to accept an investigating committee of three former Presidents of the General Assembly which would visit South West Africa. The Swedish draft underlined the importance of taking into account the forthcoming judgment of the International Court in any plans for the future of the territory. This resolution, which Sir Hugh described as being practical and realistic, also proposed the establishment of a seven-man committee to study the future of the territory and could be regarded as complementary to the 37 - Power resolution. The Swedish draft was, however, defeated by 41 votes to 26 with 26 abstentions.

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No. 30

December 14, 1961

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Ans.

I Mr Frankel will not beat GPC
its apologies

II He thinks we should shelve
the S.W.A. visit pro tem.
in view of U.N visit etc
but has not declined to consider
being one of the people to go.

26th April, 1962

O. I. Frankel, Esq., Q.C.,
Innes Chambers,
Pritchard Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Frankel,

South West Africa

At its last meeting the G.P.C. decided in view of the May visit of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the U.N. Committee on South West Africa we should hold up any plans for an Institute visit.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
Director

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26th April, 1962

Professor Monica Wilson,
University of Cape Town,
Rondebosch,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Monica,

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Yours sincerely,

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April 9, 1962

Quintin Whyte, Esq.,
Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Quintin,

Many thanks for your letter of April 3. I should greatly welcome an opportunity to visit South West Africa. Indeed, I have been wondering how I could get there. But I do not feel free to ask for two weeks' leave of absence during this term. We have a great many students this year and the staff is far too small to cope adequately with them. I really feel I cannot go off.

I could probably be free for the first two weeks of the July vacation beginning on June 29 or 30, but I cannot be absolutely certain of this; there might be family complications which would prevent my going, and in any case that is probably much too late for the planned visit. I am really very sorry not to accept for this term.

Yours

Monica.

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26th April, 1962

Professor Desmond Hobart Houghton,
Rhodes University,
Grahamstown,
CAPE.

Dear Desmond,

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Yours sincerely,

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17 April 1962

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Dear Quintin,

Your letter of April 3 has just reached me today. (April 17!) I agree that the Institute should be better informed on S. W. Africa, but doubt if now is the opportune moment to approach the Government. They have rather delicate negotiations on their hands.

As far as I myself am concerned, it will be quite impossible for me to go at present as I have my hands awes full from now till June 20 when we leave for the U.S.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for the Institute while in America. Kind regards
Yours sincerely
Dermot.

26th April, 1962

Professor B. Beinart,
University of Cape Town,
Rondebosch,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Professor Beinart,

South West Africa

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Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
Director

17 APR 1962

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11 April, 1962.

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

Thank you for your letter of 3rd April. I would be pleased to serve on the committee which you propose sending to South West Africa. As, however, I am the only Professor in our Law Faculty at present (Cowen having left and Price being on sick leave) I shall only be able to go during the University vacation. The first fortnight in July would suit me well and I could combine the trip with attendance at the Executive Committee of the Institute.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

B. Beinart

SAME LETTER TO: Professor B. Beinart
Professor Monica Wilson
Professor Desmond Hobart Houghton

3rd April, 1962.

Mr. O.I. Frankel,
His Majesty's Buildings,
Eloff Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Frankel,

As you know, it was suggested at Executive meetings in January that the Institute should be better informed about South West Africa. The General Purposes Committee discussed this, and it was agreed that we should write to the Government saying that we wished to be more informed on the situation in S.W. Africa and that we proposed to send a small committee there, and, of course, asking for governmental co-operation.

The General Purposes Committee suggested that two or three of the following should if possible go -

Professor B. Beinart
Mr. O.I. Frankel
Professor Desmond Hobart Houghton
Professor Monica Wilson
and
the Director with possibly Miss Horrell.

The letter has not as yet been written to the Government for we wish to be able to say of whom the small committee would consist. So I write to ask whether you would be prepared to be one of the committee to go to South West Africa.

I think that the minimum time for a reasonable assessment of the position, assuming government co-operation, would be one fortnight.

The date has not, of course, been fixed but we hope that it will be as soon as possible this year.

I shall be grateful if you will let me know what you think.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte.

The Most Reverend Denis E. Hurley, O.M.I.
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17 April, 1964.

The Regional Secretary,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
Utilitas Building,
1 Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Miss Pannell,

As Miss Horrell is in the United States until some time in July, I am replying to your enquiry of 10 April regarding the Odendaal Commission.

The possibility of producing a summary of the Commission's report was discussed but it was felt that if it were done at all it should include the Government's proposals for the implementation of its recommendations. In the light of recent developments, I think it is unlikely that a summary will be published. I may add that the Publications Department has had no enquiries at all for such a summary.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director

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17 APR 1964

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1, Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

10th April, 1964

Dear Miss Horrell,

Would you mind telling me whether your Dept. is producing a summary of the Odendaal Commission Report? If so, could you please give me an idea of when it will be out? We have had several inquiries about it.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Jones
Regional Secretary

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