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-BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE-

-JANUARY - FEBRUARY BULLETIN 1940-

Dear Member,

This being the first Bulletin of the New Year, we can do no better than again to wish you "EVERYTHING YOU WISH FOR YOURSELVES". As we stand at the threshold of another year, with all the experiences of a past behind us, it is necessary for us to take stock, and make resolutions which will help not only to make our lot better; but will help those folks among whom we work happier and wealthier for the contact. Let us therefore RESOLVE to better ourselves, and in bettering ourselves, our fellowmen.

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-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AFRICAN MEMBERS-

Again we wish to draw the attention of members to the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AFRICAN MEMBERS which will be held at the Centre on FRIDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1940 AT 8 P.M. At this meeting members will be required to elect six African and three European members to the Executive Committee for 1940. Nominations should reach the Secretary not later than noon on THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH duly proposed and seconded by members in G-O-O-D standing.

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-J.C. AND MATRICULATION CLASSES-

Those of our members who wish to be enrolled for this year's Classes are requested to get in touch with the Secretaries before the end of January. The fees have been reduced, and it should be easier for the ambitious to attend. R-O-L-L U-P.

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-GAMMA SIGMA CLUB-

Members are asked to make a SPECIAL NOTE of the fact that we are RESERVING the 1ST AND THIRD FRIDAYS of each month for meetings of the GAMMA SIGMA CLUB. The management is planning a varied programme and those interested in the CULTURAL side of our club are requested to sign the list on the notice board so that we can put them on our mailing list. T-H-A-N-K-S.

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-DAILY ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTRE-

MONDAYS: VOLUNTARY LEADERS' CIRCLE organised by the T.A.B.C. (Transvaal Association of Boys' Clubs). All interested are requested to communicate with Mr Fred J.M. Thabede (Organiser-Secretary) either at the B.M.S.C. or at Room 23, General Mining Buildings, 73 Main Street.

MONDAY TO SATURDAY: From 12.15 to 1 p.m. daily, Volley Ball practice. Join the other men and so keep fit. Volley Ball is the game for you whether you are 15 or 65. Other games indulged in daily are: Boxing, Tennis, Chess, Draughts, Billiards, Ping Pong etc. See our Physical Instructor (Mr A.P. Khutlang) for any further information. T-H-A-N-K-S.

P.T.O.

Mr. Schreiner



-OTHER EVENTS AT THE CENTRE-

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1940 AT 8.15. P.M. "The Rythm Hot Shots" will SHOOT OFF with a Grand Ball to which members and their friends are most cordially invited.

SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1940 AT 8.15 P.M. THE TRANSVAAL NON-EUROPEAN AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION are holding a never-to-be-forgotten "CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT" prior to the SOUTH AFRICAN TOURNAMENT. The Secretary assures me that it is going to be a night of thrills. So roll up in your hundreds.

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MEMBERS RESOLUTION: Because of the wonderful opportunities offered by the Centre, I resolve to introduce at least five new members to the Centre this year.

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START THE YEAR RIGHT BY SEEING TO IT THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE FULLY PAID UP

Yours faithfully,

J. RICHARD RATHBE.  
SECRETARY.

JRR/JGM.

*Handwritten signature*

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF A REGISTERED POSTAL PACKET.**

**BEWYS DAT 'N GEREGISTREERDE STUK GEPOS IS.**

No. 9704

Addressed as under:— *Geadresseer as volg:*

*to J. van der Grinte  
accept of J. van der Grinte  
J. van der Grinte*

Received by  
*J. van der Grinte*  
*Ontvang deur*





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January 2nd., 1940.

Bishop R.R.Wright Jnr.,  
28 Walmer Road,  
WOODSTOCK, C.P.

My dear Bishop Wright,

I thank you for your letter of the 29th December written en route to Cape Town.

I was very sorry we could not have a chat personally, as I had practical suggestions, which I have tried to communicate to you in outline, about the clinic.

I, however, accept your apology and only hope that you can read some sense out of the suggestions communicated to you.

Wilberforce Institution and the A.M.E. Church, as I indicated in my previous letter, have my fondest hopes.

As for the clinic, you may rest assured that it is one of my major interests and I hope to do all I can for its success.

Frankly, I never thought you were serious when you mentioned casually and, at chance public meetings, that you hoped I would take charge of the clinic, since you never followed up such public statements by communicating with me directly, either in writing or in discussion, and, as I was still developing another project at Alexandra Township, I had to dismiss the matter without serious consideration.

You can, however, count upon my full co-operation, without any reservation, in the development of the scheme. The other relations must, for the present, be left to the future.

I must, before you depart for America, congratulate you on succeeding in putting up the classrooms at Wilberforce Institute. They have been recommended by the Circuit Inspector since 1921, and, apparently no Bishop hitherto had succeeded to meet this recommendation.



Bishop R.R.Wright, Jnr.

2nd Jan., 1940.

Great things may still be done at Wilberforce Institution, if those of us who have had sufficient training and experience were to pool their brain power and knowledge together without malice or suspicion of one another's motives. That is possible only, if differences of opinion are discussed face to face, and decisions on matters are not arrived at through third party advice in private.

By the way, ~~I thought you~~ would by now have succeeded in keeping your promise to pay the £84:4:0d. which was to have been paid during the Easter Rally in 1937 and not later than the second week in May, as stated in your letter. In December, 1938, you promised to settle this amount after a conference in Germiston. You never mentioned Rev. Tantsi's name, in this connection, until at Potchefstroom, after his death, and then you again promised, in the presence of Messrs. Skota and Kuzwayo that you would see to it that the amount is settled, and could, perhaps, have been already settled but for the death of Dr. Hawkins.

I am not sure whether you know that during his trip to the last Quadrennial Conference, I had lent the late Rev. Tantsi about £50 towards his travelling expenses.

All I can say about the affair is that I hold you under moral obligation to ~~act~~<sup>act</sup> on your repeated promises for settlement of the account and on your position as Bishop of the 15th Episcopal district. For, on this will depend whether those of us who may be blessed by Providence should at anytime feel disposed to tide the work of the church over financial difficulties through a gentleman's agreement between the then Presiding Bishop or other highly placed church officials.

On the disposal of this present matter will depend our future confidence ~~and~~<sup>in</sup> undertakings made by the heads of the A.M.E. church.

In conclusion, I wish to assure you that, notwithstanding all this, as differences of opinion are never personal with me, you will, if you return, receive my unqualified co-operation and advice.

Yours sincerely,



ABX. 400116

XXXXXXXX 35-9128.

16th January, 1930.

The Superintendent,  
Orlando Township.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith please find cheque for £1-8-0d. being  
this month's rent for House 177, Orlando.

Whilst awaiting your acknowledgement,

Yours faithfully,

  
SECRETARY TO  
DR. A. B. SUMA.

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ABX: 400118

A. M. C.



FORT HARE,

ALICE,

CAPE PROVINCE.

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P.O. Box 8

Banker's Order Department

18/1/40

Dear Dr Xuma,

Just a note to say that I arrived home safely after a quiet and uneventful journey. I found everybody safe and well at home. Dr Bhave arrived home from Natal on the same day. He seems to have had a very enjoyable holiday.

I must thank you most heartily for your kind hospitality during my short visit to Joburg. I can only express the hope that you will come down our way in the future & so enable me to return your kindness.

I hope you have already got into touch with the new "market" and told her to come over in March before things get too bad in Europe. The outlook over there is not very promising.

I spoke to my wife about the question of the children. She seems very sympathetic but feels she cannot undertake that heavy responsibility just now with a young infant on her hands. Perhaps the situation will improve later in which case I shall let you know.



I hope you will not forget to go on  
thinking about our "Servants of Africa" Association  
and to go on organising a group of young  
enthusiasts such as Mosaka, Nkhosho, Mabiletra etc.  
With best wishes for a successful year in your  
labours for Africa -

Yours sincerely  
J. K. Matthews

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# BAN ON BUYING OF LAND BY NATIVES

## Scathing Criticism of Parliament

By R. H. Godlo

### "INDEPENDENCE OF AFRICANS CONSIDERED A MENACE"

The Natives (Urban Areas) Act, as amended by the Native Laws Amendment Act to restrict the right of Natives to acquire land in Urban areas, was scathingly criticised by Mr. R. H. Godlo, of East London, in his presidential address to the congress of Locations Advisory Boards at Durban.

"There can be no doubt that the restriction was necessitated by the unexpected turn of Africans being able to buy land in spite of their low wages," said Mr. Godlo. "It was thought previously that, considering the economic disabilities under which they suffer, Africans could not carry through land purchases to the extent they have done. It was ascertained by those who desire to retard the progress of our people, that numbers of them had not only bought properties in urban areas, but that a good many had, in addition, succeeded in building palatial dwellings, some of which were as good, if not better than those of many Europeans.

"The economic independence of a handful of Africans—not the poverty of the majority—was considered a menace to the security of the 'whites.' Therefore, by a stroke of the pen Parliament made it illegal for an African to own property in the towns he had assisted to build . . ."

### SEGREGATION OR SUBJUGATION!

"This year our congress meets at a time when the British Commonwealth of Nations, of which we are a component part, is under a very dark cloud. The dictator States of Europe, whose greatest ambition is world domination and glorification of the primitive doctrine of 'might is right,' have plunged the civilised world into one of the bloodiest conflicts ever. The integrity or sovereign independence of the smaller States throughout the world is threatened, and the principles of liberty and freedom are at stake. Once more the powerful nations of Europe have shown us that the law 'of the jungle' is still the governing ideal in their dealings with neighbouring States.

"Some of you may wonder why I have chosen to preface my remarks by referring to an international situation which ought to be left in the safe hands of those who hold the reins of Government in this country. But I submit that the moment South Africa declared war against Germany every citizen of this country, irrespective of race or colour, became interested in the present war. Africans throughout this country are following its developments and extraordinary vicissitudes with keen interest, not only as spectators in the drama, but as a people whose country is in danger of invasion.

"Our fervent prayer is that those who are fighting for the principles of democracy and liberty may not only win the war but win a lasting peace in international affairs. Will be permanently settled, and the inter-racial relations of the heterogeneous communities comprising the British Dominions will receive equitable adjustment. For without amity and harmonious relations between the various races of this and other countries there can be no British Commonwealth of Nations in the true sense of the words.

"In this connection it is to be hoped that White South Africa in particular will not continue to ignore the existence of the indigenous races of this country, and will take them into her confidence as co-partners in framing a policy designed to bring about the contentment that is unfortunately sadly lacking. Only a few weeks before the outbreak of war a contributor to the Queenstown Daily Representative made the following significant comment regarding the treatment of Africans in that town:—

#### HITLER MEASURE

"In these moments of anxiety with regard to the serious situation in Europe, and the fateful decision which is awaited as to whether there is to be peace or war, it is unfortunate that a motion should have been introduced at the Town Council meeting on Monday night with regard to the registration of entry of Natives into the Queenstown location. Section 12 of the Natives (Urban Areas) Act, which the motion desires to see applied to the Queenstown location, on the face of it, seems to be a measure of that restriction of freedom which Hitler seeks to impose in Europe, and which the British Government and the democratic nations of the world oppose so unanimously that a world war is threatened. . ."

"Needless to say, the position of the municipality of Queenstown is by no means unique in so far as such pin-prick regulations affecting Africans are concerned. It is not to be wondered then that our people cannot understand the meaning of South African liberty and freedom as applied to them. So much for the present world situation and its implications.

#### CRITICAL REVIEW

"For the last two years our addresses have been in the form of critical reviews and analysis of the trend of urban legislation affecting the African people, and I am sure some of you are looking forward to a discourse on some fresh topic or other phase of the problem of the relations between Black and White in this country. But I sincerely hope my fellow countrymen will not be disappointed to find that even this year we are going to deal with the same subject.

"The enactment of the Native Laws Amendment Act—a measure that aims at the economic enslavement of our people in urban areas—is my apology for repeating myself in the way I have done during the last two years. Today I propose to confine myself to an examination of a principle of far-reaching importance embodied in sections 4 bis and 4 ter of the Natives (Urban Areas) Act as amended by the Native Laws Amendment Act, and which I consider to be the most vital principle of the measure.

"That provision of the Act restricts the rights of Africans to acquire land in urban areas and rural townships. There can be no doubt that the restriction was necessitated by the unexpected turn of Africans being able to buy land in spite of their low wages. It was thought that considering the economic disabilities under which they suffer, Africans could not carry through land purchases to the number known to have aspired to that high step. It was ascertained by those who desire to retard the progress of our people that numbers of them had not only bought properties in urban areas, but a good many had in addition succeeded in building palatial dwellings on their plots, some of which were as good as, if not better, than those of many Europeans.

#### SEGREGATION OR SUBJUGATION

"That 'Europeanisation' of the African (as they call it) was not desirable to a certain section of the White people; the economic independence of a handful of Africans, and not the poverty of the majority, was considered a menace to the security of

the Whites in this country. Therefore, by a stroke of the pen, Parliament made it illegal for an African to own property in the towns he had also assisted to build, so that today it is well-nigh impossible or impracticable for us to acquire landed property even if one has the means to do so.

"This type of segregation aims at keeping the African for ever a hewer of wood and a drawer of water. It seeks to resuscitate the conditions of economic slavery which obtained in the Cape of Good Hope prior to the year 1828, when no person of colour was considered competent to own landed property. Such was the position of serfdom prior to the promulgation of the Fifth Ordinance of 1828, the third section of which I propose to quote in extenso.

"Section 3 of that Ordinance—the Magna Charta of the African people under British rule—was couched in the following terms: 'And whereas doubts have arisen as to the competency of Hottentots and other free persons of colour to purchase or possess land in this Colony, be it therefore enacted and declared that all grants, purchase and transfers of land or other property whatsoever heretofore made to or by any Hottentot or other free person of colour, are and shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, of full force and effect and that it is and shall and may be lawful for any Hottentot or other free person of colour, born or having obtained deeds of burghership in this Colony, to obtain and possess by grant, purchase or other lawful means, any land or property therein, etc., etc. . . ."

"The same Africans who were considered competent to own land more than 111 years ago are today denied the elementary right to stand on their own feet. And all this is being done under the cloak of segregation. But is it segregation or subjugation? The plain meaning of the word 'segregation' is 'separation from others.' And where are we segregated to? Is there any land set aside for the exclusive occupation of our people under freehold tenure in or near the urban areas? Not an acre of land to my knowledge. And the gravamen of the whole situation is that even the few townships in which Africans could buy land are now threatened with expropriation under the elimination of 'black spots' scheme embodied in the latest amendment to the Native Trust and Land of 1936.

#### "CREATION OF EUROPEANS"

"At its very first session the Natives Representative Council protested against this kind of segregation, and demanded in unequivocal terms the setting apart of certain areas where Africans could acquire land by purchase. And what was the Government's reply to this challenge?—'It is a basis principle of our legislation,' runs a paragraph of the document embodying replies to resolutions of the council, 'that urban areas are regarded as the creation of the Europeans and that Natives can claim only limited residential rights therein.'

"In spite of this extraordinary declaration, the council has again taken up the matter and asked the Government to reconsider its decision, and has also reiterated its firm conviction that Africans have a legitimate claim to the urban locations they have now made their permanent homes.

"Is this congress going to allow the matter to remain there? I hope not. It is your duty as trusted leaders of urban Africans to explore all constitutional avenues in your fight for a place under the sun. And unless this anomaly in the law is adjusted, all your protests against the many irritating regulations governing the movements of your people in the urban areas, will be in vain, because unless Africans in the towns are given some semblance of status they can only remain there while they minister to the needs of the Europeans.

#### NOT RECOGNISED

"To prove that the existence of a permanent urban African community is not recognised by the powers that be, the regulation of their movements and terms of residence in the town locations has developed into one of government by proclamations, in the promulgation of which they are not consulted.

"It may not be generally known that from January 1 to October 31, 1939, no less than 57 proclamations and Government notices affecting Africans in urban areas were gazetted. And one wonders if my fellow-members of advisory boards are aware that 38 municipalities have been granted the exclusive right of brewing and selling Kafir beer, despite loud protests from the residents of the locations concerned. Again, is it generally known that the Native Affairs Commission on its own motion compelled the Municipality of Capetown to restrict the entry of Africans in that city in spite of the decision of the City Council against such restrictions? And are we aware of the fact that at Graaff-Reinet more than 90 families were compelled to make their abode with the birds among mimosa trees owing to evictions from the so-called Native location under the control of that municipality?

"These are typical examples of what is going on in some of the municipal locations in the Union, and it behoves the elected representatives of the African people to arise from their lethargy and fight the good cause. In this fight we are not engaged in a battle between black and white, but a battle against the forces of oppression and repression."



Paramount Chief  
Seiso  
Maseru

Fretting Regret last  
minute inability  
to attend historic  
event - your task  
Official Installation  
Hereditary Ruler  
Basuto Nation.  
Your speech at  
recent reception  
in Pretoria revealed  
your wide sympa-  
thies with all people.  
Your pledge of loyalty  
to your <sup>nation</sup> protector  
your <sup>honest</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>open</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>frank</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>straight</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>face</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>need</sup>  
of need reflects the  
Africans sense of  
honour duty. So  
Africans embarrassment  
of friend in time of  
need is incompatible



with honour, To them  
fair weather friendship  
is reprehensible. Be  
loyal and true to  
nation which gave you  
friendship. Keep friendly  
relations with neighbours  
without surrendering the  
patriotism of your nation.  
We expect you to  
maintain and the best  
tradition of your fore  
bears. to build your  
people into stronger  
nationhood.

May God bless  
Basuto through you  
by giving you courage  
and wisdom at all  
times.

Long life of usefulness  
Pula

Dr A. B. Xuma

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ABX. 400119

A.N.C.

68, St Paul's Road,  
EAST LONDON. C.P.

19th Jan. 1940.

Dear Doctor,

Pursuant to our conversation of last month relative A.N.Congress affairs, I had hoped to hear from you regarding your impressions about the Congress session in Durban. Personally, I was pleased you did put a shoulder to the wheel by acting as Deputy Speaker of the House, and so was old Mahabane, whom I believe is anxious to give way to more independent Africans like yourself to take the lead. He and Calata remained with us till the last day of our conference.

The Advisory Boards' Congress was a success, and it was a revelation to find Ballenden of all people advocating freehold tenure for Africans in urban areas, and telling us that quite a good number of leading municipalities on the Rand were with us in the fight for this right. How unlike Ballenden!

I notice "Umteteli" tried to pour a bucket of cold water on my Address, which was poorly reported in its columns last week. I send you herewith the "E.L.Daily Dispatch" version of the Address, which I am pleased, was not watered down ~~by~~ adverse comment as the "Umteteli" report.

My unsuccessful motion relative to the removal of the colour bar in the Defence Force Act is the subject of much ink-slashing controversy down here, but the weight of opinion favours the motion, and the possibilities are that the issue may figure prominently on the platform of our next elections for the N.R.Council. No group is more dissatisfied with the decision of the Council on this question than the Lovedale and Fort Hare intelligentsia. And, to my surprise, even the conservative Transkei is greatly perturbed at the attitude taken up by their representatives on the Council. On my way to and fro Durban I was showered with congratulations on the stand we (the minority) took up. My subsequent visit to Umtata last week enabled me to meet a number of leading men there, and am now more than convinced that we interpreted their views aright.

Allow me to "dry up" with kind greetings.

Yours sincerely,

*Richard*

Godlo.



ABX. 400120

**STEPHEN OLIPHANT**

WRITER OF

**The Salvation of a Race**

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WOODSTOCK, C.P.

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CAPE TOWN

20th-Jan.-1940

Dr. A. B. Xuma M.D.  
104 End Street  
Doornfontein  
Joh'burg TVL

Dear Dr. Xuma

Since my last letter to you I am now in a position to state definitely that I shall be in Joh'burg on the Sunday morning of the 4th Feb. next. My stay there will be of a very short duration.

As I am very anxious to meet you personally while I am in Joh'burg it would afford me the greatest pleasure if a meeting with you on the same Sunday morning, say about 11.30 a.m., could be arranged without causing you any inconveniences in your practice.

As for the place of meeting that I would leave to you as I am an entire stranger to Joh'burg. But you do know, as I have stated in my last letter, that I shall be accommodated at Mrs. Malindi's 18 Rocky Street, Doornfontein

I may perhaps not get another such chance of meeting you on matters of such importance as I propose discussing with you, hence my keen desire to take advantage of this opportunity. I shall therefore ask you to be so good and meet me, or pick me up, at the afore-said address on the morning of the 4th Feb.

Let me thank you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

Stephen Oliphant

*Stephen Oliphant*



~~35-9128~~ 35-9128.

2nd February, 1940.

Mr. Stephen Oliphant,  
C/o Mrs. Malindi,  
18, Rockey Street,  
DOORNFONTEIN.

Dear Mr. Oliphant,

Will you please be good enough to ring up my residence,  
35-9128, at 11 o'clock, so that we may see what arrangements to  
make, as I will be still engaged at the time you suggested.

Hoping it will be possible to make satisfactory arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.



ABX. 400122a

Personal - business matter

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22nd January, 1940.

Dr. J. Moroka,  
P.O. Thaba Nchu,  
O.F.S.

My dear Doctor,

How are you and yours? I hope all are well.

This morning I had a long conversation with our friend Mr. R.G. Baloyi who told me that he was considering selling out his Bus Service Certificates at Alexandra township. I asked if he would not give an option to a group of Africans to take over the service. He then suggested that he would consider continuing the service, if he could find satisfactory partners.

I mentioned your name and suggested that, with his permission, I would approach you to see if the three of us could not examine the position with a view of forming a limited liability company among us.

He was very enthusiastic over this point and advised me to approach you immediately.

Of one thing I am certain, and that is that this proposition is a much more profitable business than a general dealer's business. Even he, at the mention of your name, actually said that this would bring better returns to you than your new venture.

I hope this will receive immediate and most serious consideration, as I believe that it is the best proposition, as a going concern, that can come before us.

If you are interested, would you be good enough to write me immediately and also advise Mr. Baloyi that you are interested, so that it may be possible for us to arrange for a meeting, as soon as possible, in order to go into the question.

With best regards,



ABX. 4001226

*Personal - business venture*

~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ 35-9128.

January 22nd., 1940.

R.G. Baloyi Esq.,  
P.O. Box 30,  
BERGVLEI,  
nr. Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Baloyi,

re - PARTNERSHIP IN R.G. BALOYI'S BUS SERVICE:

As a result of our conversation on the above mentioned subject, I am, to-day, approaching Dr. Moroka on the matter, as we agreed.

At any rate, I am, personally, prepared to consider a third share in the business. But I would be happier if the three of us could be together.

I believe your idea of working in a partnership or a limited liability company is a good one, as you share responsibility with others instead of having everything falling upon your shoulders.

White people do that often, not because they could not finance the business alone; but because it is better for a group of men to help each other.

I am very glad that you are willing to continue in the business, because it would reflect badly on us, as a race, as many people would say you went bankrupt. We cannot afford to see you, or any of our progressive people disappear from the limelight or fail to lead in certain directions.

Further, also as a result of your suggestion, I am getting in touch with the Directors of the United Bus Service, and will do my best to try to secure the shares from the gentleman concerned or to buy someone-else's shares, if I can get the support of the other directors. Once that is possible, you can rest assured that the directorship of the company will be within your grasp.

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R.G.Baloyi Esq. (Continuation)

22nd January, 1940

We have to work together on this question behind the scenes, as you suggested.

Pulling together we can do a great deal, not only for ourselves, but for our people in general.

Yours sincerely,

ABX:pd.



ABX. 400122c

# African Domestic Servants League

Phone 33-0197.

Address, 7. Marshall Street,  
Johannesburg.

22 January 1940

Dear Madam/Sir,

We have placed over 60 servants since our inaugural meeting presided by the Rev J. Bruce Gardiner D.D. on Nov. 30

Our membership has increased by another 100. All are eager to avail themselves of the cookery and other household duties classes. Teachers have been found and our little difficulty at present is accommodation. That we are overcoming. The demand for servants is increasing. Our staff has increased.

Some leading European ladies are ready to finance us as soon as go on in full swing. Our appeal to you is to send us a small donation to keep the good work of bettering relations between races in a practical way. Send all Cheques and postal orders crossed to The African Domestic Servants League St Andrew's Building Society Johannesburg.

Yours faithfully,

*J. G. Boka*  
General Secretary.



ABX. 400125

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25th January, 1940.

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HHV/AN

Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
104, End Street,  
DOORNFONTEIN,  
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

When you applied for the Bond of £1,200.0.0. over Stand 260, Martindale, you and I arranged that the repayment would be at the rate of £25.0.0. per month.

Afterwards, in instructing Hayman Godfrey & Sanderson to register this Bond, we apparently told them to register correctly with the exception of the monthly repayment, which we stated was to be £20.0.0. per month.

We have no memory as to why this difference should have occurred, unless it was a request from you or an arrangement with you.

Perhaps you will endeavour to indicate to us why the difference should have been stated or whether you are prepared to continue the monthly payment in future of £25.0.0. per month.

Yours faithfully,  
WALTER EVANS & VERITY (PTY) LTD.

DIRECTOR.



ABX. 400201

Box 4

Florida

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Dear Doctor.

I am writing to ask you  
if you would attend the  
Baptist Trained Nurses 7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
meeting on the 25-2-40 at 14 Sherman St.  
Dorchester I'll be glad to hear from  
you soon as to make some arrangements  
may I ask you Dr. please to pass  
a vote of thanks in that meeting?  
I'll send you the program as soon  
as it's ready.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely

V. Mangena



ABX.400203

~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ 35-9128.

3rd February, 1940.

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

Dear Sir,

re: BOND OVER STAND 260, MARTINDALE.

It is true that I had offered to repay this bond at the rate of up to £25. However, I received instructions from Messrs. Hayman, Godfrey and Sanderson that the bond was registered with repayment at the rate of £20 a month.

I am, however, willing to continue the monthly repayment of £25.0.0d., and making the repayment of the £5 a month difference during the past year restrospective, as from the 1st June, 1940.

I hope this suggestion will meet with your approval.

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.



ABX. 400208

~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ 35-9128.

8th February, 1940.

Nurse V. Mangena,  
P.O.Box 4,  
FLORIDA, T.

Dear Madam,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., for which I thank you.

I shall endeavour to attend the seventh annual meeting of the Bantu Trained Nurses to be held on the 25th inst., as requested.

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.



ABX. 400210a

*Personal - business ventures*

XXXXXXXXXX- 35-9128.

10th February, 1940.

Mr. D. Mathole,  
203, 2nd Avenue,  
Marabastad,  
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

re: SHARES HELD BY YOU IN THE UNITED BUS SERVICE ,  
ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP.

Since our conversation about the disposal of your shares in the United Bus Service, I have gone into the matter a little more in details and I find that, while the rolling stock of the company is worth more than the original capital subscribed, the buses are, at present, in a poor state of repair and would require replacement or overhauling either of which would involve a considerable amount of outlay.

I, therefore, feel that considering the state of the business, your present price of both the Ordinary and the Founders shares which is five times the original price is rather too much inflated, and would, therefore, offer the sum of £400 for the lot.

Best regards,

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.



ABX. 4002106

MOTTO :

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CHRIST OUR REDEEMER.

MAN OUR BROTHER.

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DEAR SIR ,

10. 2. 40

*Chief*

I have the honour to state to you that according to talk  
fm of last TUESDAY about the official ceremony of the Paramount  
of BASUTOLAND I had already <sup>wrote</sup> the fact that we were attendi-  
ng , and sence the BISHOP has sailed you have bee duly deputi-  
sid to represent the church, now I would like to hear from you  
as to whether we are going, or is MR BALOYI is still  
going. I think if all is well I am on the way. you can only  
tell me to get my self ready . please dont forget the dmu  
copy I asked you to do it for me . that is about the MEYERTON  
SCHOOL , I got the BISHOPS cable this afternoon saying arrived  
safe cabled EISLEN. I beleive it is about BRICK & TILE affiars  
DR above, <sup>all</sup> dontt ~~ing~~ forget the circular letter you <sup>intend</sup> intte nt  
that is inconnection with the ADMISTRATION of the church.

*write*

I beg to remain your faifthfully

SIR,

DR A, B, XUMA, M,D,

TOBY STREET ,

SOPHIA, TOWN ,

Johannesburg,



ABX.400214

XXXXXXX  
XXXXXXX 35-9128.

14th February, 1940.

Mr. A.P.Ngcanga,  
2 Voorhout Street,  
LOCAL.

Dear Mr. Ngcanga,

I am authorising you or your representative to remove for replacment the Medicine chest only. The examining couch can be adjusted at my Consulting rooms at Orlando, and under no circumstances, must the examining couch or any other article other the one specified above be removed from 177 Orlando.

My caretaker Mrs. Susan Mcaka occupying the cement brick house immediately behind NO.177 Orlando will open the door for you to carry on the work as suggested.above.

Yours faithfully,



ABX. 400215

xxxxxxx 35-9128.

15th February, 1940.

The Sergeant-in-charge,  
Newlands Police Station,  
LOCAL.

Sir,

Last evening, through the Sergeant-in-charge of the "Pick Up" squad, and, at 7.20 this morning, by phone to the station, I laid in a complaint about a one-armed man who lives at 114 Victoria Road, Sophiatown, to the effect that this man, for months had been in the habit of coming during the mornings and walking around the house using abusive language and stating that this was his house we should all clear out of it.

The abusive language in itself did not matter, and I paid little or no attention to it. However, since yesterday morning, February 14th, he arrived at 7 a.m., became abusive and started throwing stones on the roof. He returned three times before 10 a.m. doing the same thing. To-day, he started at 7.20 a.m., called us to come out; became abusive and started throwing stones once more.

While no material damage has been done to the house so far, it must be clear that once he aims at the windows there is a possibility of serious damage being done to the windows and to the inmates.

It is true that he is generally abusive without violence; but during his violent phase he is a danger both to life and property, and, I feel that it is in the interest of all concerned to confine such an individual in a Mental institution until those with whom he comes in contact can feel safe in his presence.

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.



ABX. 400216

February 16th., 1940.

PARAMOUNT CHIEF SEISO,  
MASERU.

Greetings!

Regret last minute inability to attend historic event, -  
your official installation, Hereditary Ruler Basuto Nation.

Your speech at recent reception in Pretoria revealed your  
wide sympathies with all peoples. Your pledge of loyalty to  
your nation's Protector, Great Britain, in her hour of need  
reflects the African's sense of honour and duty. To Africans  
embarrassment of friend in time of need is incompatible with  
honour. To them fair weather friendship is reprehensive.

Be loyal and true to the Nation which gave you friendship.  
Keep friendly relations with neighbours, without surrendering the  
manhood of your nation.

We expect you to maintain the best tradition of your fore-  
bears. To build your people into a stronger nationhood.

May God bless Basutos through you, by giving you courage  
and wisdom at all times.

LONG LIFE OF USEFULNESS. PULA!

Dr. A.B.Xuma.



ABX. 400217



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**CHICAGO**

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
ROOM 403

February 17, 1940

*Personal - professional  
education*

Dr. Alfred B. Xuma  
"Empilweni" 85, Toby Street  
Sophiatown, Johannesburg  
South Africa

Dear Xuma:

The extraordinary development of Northwestern University during recent years has been due to the interest and support of its alumni. You can do your share by joining the Alumni Association.

You will undoubtedly be surprised to know that of 112 members of our class only 12, less than 10%, were members of the Association last year. I'm firmly convinced that we can make a much better showing than that and, as your new representative, am calling on every member of our class for his support. You are appointed as my personal aid to bring Dr. Alfred Xuma in as a member of the Association. I know you can do it.

Of the amount you contribute to the Alumni Association \$3.50 goes to the general alumni fund for the maintenance of its activities; the rest goes to the medical school.

This is your opportunity to help. Let me hear from you.

Fraternally yours,

H. E. Davis, M.D.



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