

REPRESENTATION OF NATIVES ACT 1936

NOTES OF MEETING OF PARLIAMENTARY GROUP HELD  
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 14, SENATE HOUSE, AUGUST 12th  
1938.

PRESENT: Nine Representatives (Senator Malcomess and Mr. Molteno arrived later.)

N.R.C. RESOLUTIONS:

IT WAS AGREED not to bring the Resolutions before the Joint Sessional Committee for Native Affairs, as this would prevent their being brought up separately, before either House. It was also agreed to consider the more important of the Resolutions at this Meeting.

NATIVE EDUCATION:

Cape Provincial Council resolution supporting per caput grant was noted with gratification and congratulations to the sponsors - Messrs. Burman and Moulton.

Senator Jones reported that Mr. Fagan had undertaken to see if the Prime Minister and Mr. Havenga would receive a deputation from the Provincial Advisory Boards etc.

IT WAS AGREED that in the meantime the M.P.C.'s arrange for a deputation from the Provincial Council to bring the Cape Provincial Council's resolution to the notice of the Ministers of Native Affairs, Education and Interior.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED that no motion be brought forward in Parliament on the subject, but advantage be taken of the Estimates, to speak on the subject.

INDIVIDUAL TENURE:

IT WAS AGREED to await the reply to Senator Jones' question.

URBAN LAND RIGHTS:

Mrs. Ballinger reported representations made to her to press for ~~refusal~~ <sup>reversal</sup> of the Native Laws Amendment Act.

Mr. Burman reported that the Port Elizabeth Municipality had approached the Minister for amendment of the Act in regard to property rights, but the Minister had urged reliance on the Governor General's powers to permit Native purchase in urban areas.

MEDICAL AND NURSING TRAINING:

Mr. Burman reported resolutions of the Cape Provincial Council on Nursing Training.

The Committee on Medical Training had not reported.

MARKETING:

It was considered that the proposal of the Council presented too many difficulties, but that the possibilities of co-operation might be explored.

NATIVE AFFAIRS COMMISSION:

IT WAS AGREED to take no action for the present.

LIMITATION OF STOCK:

IT WAS AGREED that the Senators should raise the matter in the Budget.

TAXATION:

The motion in the Assembly by Mr. Molteno WAS NOTED. IT WAS AGREED to await the report of the Inter-departmental Committee before taking further action.

PASS LAWS:

Senator Welsh's motion and debate in the Senate WAS NOTED

LABOUR SHORTAGE:

IT WAS AGREED to await the report of the Committee on Native Farm Labour.

POSITION AND PAY OF CHIEFS:

Attention was drawn to the reply given in the Senate. IT WAS AGREED that the matter should be brought up again in both Houses.

MILK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN:

Senator Welsh's motion and debate in the Senate WAS NOTED.

IT WAS AGREED that the subject should be brought up in the malnutrition debate in the Senate.

EMPLOYMENT OF EDUCATED NATIVES:

Attention was drawn to the reply to Senator Jones' question in the Senate.

Mrs. Ballinger referred to the low scales paid to probation officers as shown in the Estimates.

IT WAS AGREED that the matter should be brought up in the Budget discussions.

KAFFIR BEER:

IT WAS AGREED to take no action in regard to the amendment proposed by the Port Elizabeth Municipality, and that Senator Jones should take up the question of the position of Native townships outside Municipal areas.

TRADING RIGHTS:

IT WAS AGREED that Senator Jones should introduce a motion regarding the position in the Orange Free State.

IT WAS NOTED that in rural areas the Trust can over-rule refusals of licences.

OLD AGE PENSIONS:

IT WAS AGREED that the position of Natives be brought up on the Physical Disability Pensions Bill which is complementary to the Old Age Pensions Act.

BLIND NATIVES:

Attention was drawn to the fact that the Estimates showed that £46,000 would be available for grants (as against £20,000 in 1937/8.)

IT WAS AGREED to concentrate on constructive effort through the Social Welfare Department and on securing monthly payments instead of quarterly.

SOCIAL WELFARE:

Senator Jones reported on correspondence and conversations with the Department of Social Welfare as to the non-inclusion of Natives in its scope.

IT WAS AGREED to consider this matter again.

TUBERCULOSIS GRANT:

Report to be awaited.

NATIVE HEALTH:

Attention was drawn to the possible effects on grants for Native hospitals if the Transvaal Provincial Council is called upon to relinquish to Municipalities some or all of the fees for the registration of Native contracts.

Mr. Burman drew attention to a resolution by the Cape Provincial Council asking for a commission on the hospitalisation of Natives in the Native territories.

N.R.C. RESOLUTIONS: The above concluded consideration of the N.R.C's resolutions.

TEACHERS ON ELECTORAL COMMITTEES:

IT WAS NOTED that the Cape Provincial Council had adopted a motion by Messrs. Burman and Moutt that Native teachers be permitted to serve on electoral committees.

TWELFTH MINISTER BILL:

The M.P.'s explained their opposition to the Bill and the Senators explained their attitude.

ESTIMATES:

IT WAS AGREED that the following matters be brought forward on the Estimates:

- (a) Use of Convict Labour.
  - (b) Minister of Justice's circular re whipping for Non-European Stock Thefts.
  - (c) Wages on Railways.
  - (d) Lack of Season tickets on Railway buses.
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Geneva Convention on Transport of Seaman's Labour.

It was agreed that Director Jones should see ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Fenwick to see what action the Chamber of Commerce is taking & to give results of conversation.

Marketing Act Amendment Bill.

No special action was agreed upon.

Southern Question

The M.P.s announced their intention of voting in favour of Smith's motion.

Inclusion of Argentine Goods <sup>under</sup> Old Tariff Schedule.

No opposition to be taken.

~~Case~~ Deposition of Pass-ports to Malambo.

During the meeting Sir James Ross-Thomas communicated an urgent request for strong protest in this case. After discussion it was agreed that Director Jones should see Bishop Lewis & other interested in the matter.

Representation of Natives Act Amendment Bill.

No further points were brought up.

Arms & Ammunition Bill - Exemption of Europeans & Companies including Non-Europeans.

No action

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