

The Non-European Affairs Committee of the Johannesburg City Council, at a Meeting held this afternoon, agreed to accept the Hon. the Minister's request as outlined in his statement released to SAPA on the 5th June.

The effects of this request will be that the Central, Mai Mai and Wolhuter Beerhalls will close on the 16th June. It has been the Council's desire for some two years to close the Central Beerhall as soon as two or three smaller beerhalls could be erected to take its place. Permission to establish these new beerhalls on an experimental basis has now been granted. These new beerhalls are to cater for the lunch-hour demand between noon and 2 p.m., and for the residents in the City between 6:30 p.m., and 8 p.m.

In view of the fact that the Hon. the Minister has agreed that there should be provision in Hostels for the supply of Kaffir Beer to the persons living in those Hostels, the 400 persons living at Mai Mai will still be able to obtain their Kaffir Beer in the Hostel, and this will also apply to the 3000 odd men living at the Wolhuter Hostel. In addition, the Wemmer Hostel, which previously has had no Kaffir Beer facilities, will be able to supply residents. At these Hostels facilities will be available at the weekends for residents, whereas previously the Minister had asked that the Denver and Western Native Township beerhalls be closed on a Sunday. This will mean that the residents of Hostels will largely remain within the Hostel grounds which, it is felt, will be preferable to their being forced to travel to the Native Residential areas to obtain Kaffir Beer, probably returning through the streets of the City to their Hostels in large numbers.

The Council's attitude has been that they wished to close down those beerhalls which were incorrectly sited, and which caused large congregations of natives near busy thoroughfares. There will be some difficulty in selecting such sites for the three new beerhalls, and care will be taken in the selection of the sites to avoid the mistakes of the past. It has always been the Council's policy that it would be far better for the Kaffir Beer to be distributed from many centres rather than a few. In view of the agreement now come to with the Hon. the Minister, it will be possible to supply Kaffir Beer to those employers who wish Kaffir Beer made available to their employees who live in Compounds within the City. There are altogether thirty-three compounds, each housing more than 50 persons, and house approximately 15,000 natives in all. Kaffir Beer will be supplied strictly for consumption by the employees of those particular firms. In order to take care of the lunch-hour demand, the Hon. the Minister has agreed that suitable methods of distribution to other employers in predominantly industrial areas be investigated, and a Departmental Committee has been set up for this purpose.

The supply of Kaffir Beer to those living in the Native Residential areas is being adequately catered for by the beer-gardens and beerhalls which have been established, and which are to be established in the next year.

While the new arrangements may not be as convenient for all those who at present patronize the beerhalls, it is hoped that the new arrangements will remove the undesirable aspects of the present beerhalls. It is now hoped that employers of native labour will co-operate and give the Council support in the new scheme.

I would like to pay tribute to all those who have helped in achieving the present arrangements. I convey our appreciation to the Hon. the Minister and his Officials for taking cognizance of the Council's desire to make facilities available for the day-time workers in the area, and for those permanently resident in the City.

It has been the Council's desire to provide facilities rather than make the present patrons of the beerhalls the prey of the illicit liquor dealer and the shebeen keeper. The Hon. the Minister has recognised this in the new agreement.

A number of other bodies supported this view, and made suitable representations to the Minister. I would particularly like to name the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and the Transvaal Chamber of Industries, and to thank my colleagues on the Non-European Affairs Committee and those of my fellow Councillors who have throughout supported me.

P. R. B. Lewis

Chairman
Non-European Affairs Committee
Johannesburg City Council

JOHANNESBURG:

June 8, 1959.

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG.

NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

BEERHALLS, BEER-GARDENS & BEER DEPOTS.

Position as at 12th February, 1959; Date of Mentz Committee.			Position as at 16th February, 1959, allowing for 4 months to 16th June, 1959.			Position as at 8th June, 1959, as a result of interview with Minister on 5th June, 1959.		
Name	Location	Hours.						
<u>City Beerhalls.</u>			<u>City Beerhalls.</u> In terms of directive dated 21st February, 1959, received from the Department of Bantu Administration and Development :-			<u>City Beerhalls.</u>		
Central (also known as Jubilee)	Salisbury & Von Wielligh Streets	Mon.-Fri. 10.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. 4 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Sat. 10.45 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Sun. 12 noon - 4 p.m.	Central to close on 16th June, 1959.			Central to close on 16th June, 1959.		
Mai-Mai	Berea & Durban Sts. In grounds of Mai-Mai Hostel.	- ditto -	Mai-Mai to close on 16th June, 1959.			Mai-Mai to close to general public after 16th June but to remain open for sale of beer to bona fide inmates of Mai-Mai Hostel only.		
Wolhuter	Wolhuter Street. Adjoins Wolhuter Hostel.	- ditto -	Wolhuter to close on 16th June, 1959.			Wolhuter to close to general public on 16th June but to remain open to serve Hostel inmates.		
Denver	Flantasia Street. (Off Main Reef Rd.) Near Denver Hostel.	Mon. - Fri. 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m. 3 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Sat. 10.45 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Sun. 12 noon - 4 p.m.	All Beerhalls situated in the European areas, including Western and Denver, to be closed on Sundays with effect from the first Sunday immediately following 16th June, i.e. 21st June, 1959.			Denver to remain unchanged, i.e. position remains as at 12th February, 1959.		
Western Native Township. (known as Western Beerhall)	West of Western Native Township in Dowling Ave. Ext.	- ditto -	Eastern Native Township to continue as before.			Western Native Township to continue as before.		
<u>Public Holidays.</u>			<u>Off Sales Depots.</u>			<u>New Facilities.</u>		
10.45 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. except on Good Friday, Ascension Day & Christmas Day, when Beerhalls are closed all day.			Eastern Native Township to continue as before.			Facilities to be provided at Wemmer Hostel to serve bona fide inmates.		
<u>Off Sales Depots.</u>			<u>Native Residential Areas.</u>			Facilities to be available to employees for beer consumption on employers' premises.		
Eastern Native Township	Eastern Native Township.	Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. 6 a.m. - 12 noon Sun. 12 noon - 6 p.m. No sales on Public Holidays.	Dube and Nancefield to continue.			Also at Municipal Compounds. See attached list "A"		
<u>Native Residential Areas.</u>			Building proceeding for the establishment of seven beer gardens + Off-Sales in Native locations + Jabulani Beerhall.			" " Private Compounds (Employees of Native labour in Industrial Areas) See attached list "B"		
Dube	Adjoining Dube Hostel	Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun. 12 noon - 6 p.m.	<u>Off Sales Depots.</u>			Three temporary Beerhalls to be erected in Industrial Areas on sites to be selected on Tuesday 9th June.		
Nancefield (temporary)	Adjoining Nancefield Hostel.	- ditto -	<u>Native Residential Areas.</u>			Off Sales Depots.		
Pimville (Off Sales)	Superintendent's Office.	Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sun. - 12 noon - 6 p.m. Pub. Hol. 7 a.m. - 12 noon.	Eastern Native Township to continue as before.			Eastern Native Township Beerhall - estimated date of completion 31st December, 1959.		
<u>Matters Outstanding.</u>			7 Beer-gardens + Off-sales facilities 2 already in operation 4 further 12 in course of planning and siting.					
Application to Government for two Beer-gardens in Native Residential areas and three Beerhalls to replace Central.								

LIST A.

MUNICIPAL COMPOUNDS.

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>NO. LICENSED:</u>
VAN BEEK STREET.	1,341
NEWTOWN POWER STATION.	350
BEZUIDENHOUT VALLEY.	246
SELBY.	1,800
CYDNA.	130
CITY DEEP.	1,800
SMIT & SOLOMON STREETS.	1,600
NORWOOD.	600
WATERVAL.	1,500
DELTA.	80
SPRINGFIELD.	353
NEWTOWN.	258
BRUMA.	50
NATALSFRUIT.	112
WATER BRANCH.	750
HUDDLE PARK.	200
VREDEDORP.	<u>521</u>
TOTAL:	17 COMPOUNDS: <u><u>11,691</u></u>

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LIST B.

PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL COMPOUNDS LICENSED TO ACCOMMODATE
50 AND MORE NATIVE MALES.

NAME OF FIRM	SUBURB	NO. LICENSED.
Amalgamated Native Labour Organisation	Westgate	80
Brick & Potteries	Stafford	365
C.N.A.	(New Doorn.)	300
C.N.A.	Doornfontein	50
Coal Cartage (Pty.) Ltd.	Denver	419
Fotheringham's Bakery	Cleveland	479
Gieskens Dairy	Linden	84
Haggie, Son & Love	Jupiter	697
Hillman Bros.	Denver	71
Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburn	Denver	146
Lever Bros.	Auckland Park	50
S.A. Breweries	Braamfontein	203
Pretoria Portland Cement	Jupiter	350
Rand Water Board	Village Main	88
Wits. Agricultural Society	Milner Park	75
Pioneer Crushers (Pty.) Ltd.	Turffontein	<u>112.</u>
TOTAL 16 FIRMS.		3,569.

Other Commercial & Industrial Licences.
(Accom. less than 50 Native males).

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1,333 Firms licensed to accommodate 4,733 Males.

Please Note: State and Railway Administration Compounds
are exempted from licences, but they nevertheless
employ thousands of Natives. We have no record
of their numbers.

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