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NATAL WORKERS CLUB: DURBAN

c/o 318 Grey Street,
Durban April 19, 1956

The Town Clerk,
Durban.

Dear Sir,

There is my application in the hands of the Native Administration Committee to rent premises in the Gato Manor Emergency Camp, for the use of the members of the Natal Workers Club.

For many years we were renting premises at 19 Old Dutch Road. The premises became old and unusable for the purposes of holding meetings and entertainments. We tried to get the land lord to repair the premises he refused and suggested that we should buy the premises. A Deed of Sale was entered between us and the sellers. We made the necessary application to your Council in terms of the Urban Areas Act.

The Durban City Council approved the sale and sent the papers to Pretoria for the consideration of the Honourable the Minister for Native Affairs.

The Secretary for Native Affairs wrote to you informing you that the policy of the Government was against such transaction as the Club was for natives and the place was in the Urban Area.

We waited so long to get a site in a place to be set aside for natives while our club was not operating as the Officials of the Health Department had condemned the buildings. The Police also questioned our operation. They took possession of our Letter of Authority from you. Also the correspondence between us and you.

We have now decided to apply for the premises which were pointed to us by the Superintendent of the Gato Manor Emergency Camp because it was felt that the Regulations of the Camp did allow the existence and the operation of such a club such as ours.

I submitted the Application. The Manager again called for me to produce the copy of the Constitution. I did so. It seemed that the Chairman was not satisfied and I am cold up again to produce the Minute Books and the names of the Committee men.

I am now writing to state that the minute Books are not available as all the papers of the Club are not in Durban but were removed to Inanda because when we closed the premises one did not know that the Club will ever exist in the premises located with in the Urban Area of Durban.

What we really want is a place to get together and renew our existence and operation even if it may call for a new Club. We are not applying for a free site. We are not applying for a grant in aid. We are merely applying for a residential site with a house to place in my use.

I want to urge upon the Committee to give use such opportunity if the premises are rented in my name or the Chairman Mr Gwala we shall be able to put our house in order. We have never been a burden to the Local Authority ever since we were established in Durban. We therefore ask the Chairman and the Committee to accept this explanation and give me the premises.

Yours faithfully

Secretary

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