

Further to our Circular of 27 October 1954 -

SOUTH WEST AFRICA AT THE U.N.

At the 500th Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly two resolutions were passed which constitute a step forward in the considerations of the South-West African question.

1. One resolution which passed by 25 votes to 11 with 21 abstentions: asks for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on:-

- (a) Is the following rule on the voting procedure to be followed by the General Assembly a correct interpretation of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of July 11, 1950:
"Decisions of the General Assembly on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of S.W.A. shall be regarded as important questions within the meaning of Article 18, para. 2 of the Charter of the U.N.?" (I.E. by a 2/3 majority).
- (b) If this interpretation of the advisory opinion of the Court is not correct, what voting procedure should be followed by the General Assembly in taking decisions on reports and petitions concerning the Territory of S.W.A.?

The reason why this resolution is important is that a number of important delegations, including Norway, Sweden and the United States, had said that until this procedural question of the voting had been cleared up by a reference to the Court, they would be unable to participate in the work of the Committee on South West Africa. As long as doubts remained on the matter South Africa would find justification for its non-cooperation with the U.N. in respect to S.W.A., but if legal doubts were removed, the U.N. would be placed in a stronger legal and moral position in its decisions affecting the territory.

2. A second resolution requests "the Committee on South West Africa to examine the extent to which and the manner in which the Specialised Agencies and extra-budgetary organs of the U.N. might contribute to the social, economic and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Territory.

This was passed by 34 to 8 with 9 abstentions.

This is the beginning of a constructive approach to the actual problems in South West Africa.

15 December 1954.

THE AFRICA BUREAU,
69 Great Peter Street,
London S.W.1.

Note - this is a brief report to bring you up-to-date on the matter. We expect that the Rev. Michael Scott will make a full report when he returns to this country from the U.N.

THE REVD. F.M.M. HAYTHORNTHWAITE

P.O.Box 58, WALVIS BAY S.W.A.

8th January, 1953.

J.D.Rheinallt Jones Esq.,
P.O. Box 4587,
Johannesburg. S.A.

AKR 6/1/53

Dear Mr. Rheinallt Jones,

I must apologize for this lateness in answering your letter of December 4th, but I seem to have been enthralled by domesticity of late - my wife had a serious operation at the end of term so that first I had the children down here on my own and then she came down to recuperate - she has made a very quick and good recovery it seems, but I have had to take a firm line with her heading her off anything in the way of domestic things with the result that I have had to do them all myself so that I seem to have lived a "housewifely" life since the beginning of December with the result that correspondence has just stood.

As far as I can gather, the only other person who is in any way actively interested in the Institute is Mr. Andrews, the editor of the Windhoek Advertiser. The last time I was in Windhoek I had a talk with him, and although he couldn't see any way immediately of doing anything, he is I think willing to help where he can - I believe he said he had not seen your report, and I cannot remember at the moment whether or not I sent him one of the copies I had or not.

You will probably appreciate that at the moment the political situation in South West makes many people loathe to take any line where the Non-Europeans are concerned. There is a tremendous amount of jockeying for position going on now in readiness for the coming General Election, when the six members from South West will come up for election, and there is going to be a grim battle to take even one of these from the Nationalists. This being so, I think it is unlikely that anyone who might be of use would be very unwilling to take any line until after that election. You probably know something of the disgusting use that was made at the last election of the fact that Lardner Burke did nothing more than extend hospitality to Michael Scott, in fact it is this which probably cost him his seat. So low is the level of the conduct of political warfare in the territory - as elsewhere, on the part of the Nationalists, that they will stoop to and pervert anything to their own ends (one of the sitting members, fairly recently in a barber's shop in Outjo, was using "secret information" which he possessed of the bad treatment meted out to the Springbok Rugger team in England as an argument for the.....2/

continuance in office of the Nationalists!) and so I fear nothing can be done immediately. A good deal depends too on the outcome of the United Nations deliberations on South West. I was hoping that this might have been terminated before the end of the year. Curious questions will arise regarding these six members from South West if the Union does finally consent to the conversion of the Mandate into a Trusteeship.

I wonder if you know that S.W.A.N.L.A. is being completely reorganised. During the last session of the Legislative Assembly, a new act was passed to create Die Nuwe S.W.A.N.L.A., As you know SWANLA was originally formed by SWACO, OMEG and CDM for the purpose of supplying their own mining labour, and only one might say out of "the goodness of their heart" have they extended this service to farms and domestic labour etc. All this has been the source of muc feeling for sometime as the farmers, as is the wont of farmers, have thought they were being cheated and denied labour. The situation now is that in return for the investment of £9,500 per head by a body of farmers to be created, this body will have two directors on the board in addition to the present two representing the original SWANLA, since that is the sum agreed upon as representing the investment of the originals per director. The Administration on the same basis is to have a director, which may at some future date be taken over by another organisation set up to represent domestic employers. Under this, this new farmers' association is being advanced the necessary £19,000 for its two directors by the Administration, and this will be recovered from it by means of a £2 levy off every farmer, without which payment a farmer cannot obtain labour - by it he joins for life the association and is entitled to farm labour from Die Nuwe Swanla. Although this act was passed, it is unlikely, I am told, to come into force for some time as it will take a time to get the organisation of the farmers going. As this new directorate will shift influence considerably (as well as presenting another political toy into the hands of who will), one wonders what the effect is going to be upon the Mining Companies - but with this insane Agricolatory which is as much a factor among the Nats in SWA as in the Union, the facts that the mines are keeping this Territory going as well as the SAR in South West are entirely overlooked. It is curious the way this henophobia persists - great use was made during the last election of the fact that "Jannie Smuts allowed the Americans to come in here and get hold of Tsumeb", by implication thereby robbing the good South-Westerns (by that term really would mean the Nats who have crawled into the country during the last, comparatively, few years) of their due! This idea persists. Nobody seems to know the real situation concerning Tsumeb, that no other bid for it was within half a million of that paid by Tsumeb Corporation and no one seems to know the composition of Tsumeb Corporation - in the eyes of most it is wholly an American firm. The interests in it of such bodies as Selection Trust, Seltrust, SWACO and I believe Union...3/

Union Corporation are either unknown or ignored - I believe that New Mont Mining Corporation, although holding the managerial control, holds a minority of shares. Recently I was told that Tsumeb pays the S.A.R. an average of £40,000 minimum per month while I know SWACO pays over £8,000 a month. I want to find out what the contribution of each is to the Administration in terms of Mining Tax. My own feeling is that when Die Nuwe Swanla comes into operation that the mines will suffer, and so will the Ovambos! This may have the effect of making Tsumeb Corporation press on with their intention of creating a permanent native labour force in Tsumeb, which lies behind the lines along which the new location is being built.

All this may seem to have wandered somewhat from your letter but I thought it might be information which would be of interest to you. I have found that some of the people in Tsumeb are very interested in the Institute's work and sympathetic towards the Native question - but they are of course Uitlanders - and so a trifle suspect! However I hope that sooner or later we may be able to get at least interested "cells" in different places, but as I said earlier, this may have to wait until after the elections before we can hope to bring some people into the active interest.

I have just looked up the Government Gazette relative to the Nuwe Swanla - No.1732 of 5th December 1952 has the full text of the Ordinance, which is No.48 of 1952, and "shall be called the Societies of Employers of Contracted Natives Ordinance 1952". I don't know if you or the Institute get copies of the SWA Gazette but if you require a copy, you could obtain one from John Meinert Ltd., Windhoek, price 1/- or I could obtain one for you.

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POST OFFICE BOX 4587.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"ANMERCOSA"

TELEPHONE 33-2261.

Mr. Whyte

Ref: RR/G/3

44, MAIN STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

30 JAN 1953

27th January, 1953.

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

Dear Quintin,

R.J. has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter which he has received from the Revd. F.M.M. Haythornthwaite of Walvis Bay, S.W.A. I have acknowledged the letter with thanks.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A. Norton

(A. NORTON.)

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AFRIKAANSE BURO VIR RASSE- ANGELEENTHEDE
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STELLENBOSCH

15 Desember 1952.

m.o.
Re: A/Reg/14/1
23 DEC 1952

Mnr. F.J. van Wyk,
S.A.I.R.R.,
Posbus 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Geagte mnr, van Wyk,

Ons erken met dank die ontvangs van u skrywe Ref. No. A/Reg./14/1 van 9 deser, tesame met die memorandum oor Suid Wes.

Met agting,

Die uwe,

A. M. Ekker

AK/JV

SEKRETARIS: SABRA.

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A/Reg/14/1.

9 Desember 1952.

Die Sekretaris,
S.A.B.R.A.,
Bus 238,
STELLENBOSCH.

Geagte Mnr. Kay,

MEMORANDUM OOR SUID-WES.

Met verwysing na u skrywe van 4 Desember, stuur ek u hiermee 'n eksemplaar van ons kwartaalblad waarin ons President se memorandum oor Suid-Wes verskyn. Afgesien van dié memorandum, is geen ander dokument aan die V.V. gestuur nie. U het moontlik reeds dié kwartaalblad ontvang.

Met vriendelike groete,

Die uwe,

F.J. van Wyk,
ASSISTENT DIREKTEUR.

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4 Desember 1952.

Mr. Hecht R.F. "Journal on S.W.A"
They send us their pubs free, so
I think we should send them a
free copy. I'll write to them.

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8/12/52

8 DEC 1952

Die Sekretaris,
S.A. Instituut vir Rasse-verhoudings,
Posbus 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Waarde heer,

Ons merk uit persberigte dat u Organisasie 'n memorandum met betrekking tot die administrasie van Suid-Wes opgestel het vir voorlegging aan die betrokke Komitee van die Verenigde Volkere Organisasie.

Graag verneem ons of dit vir u moontlik is om ons organisasie 'n afskrif van genoemde memorandum te laat bekom.

Met dank,

Die uwe,

A. H. Ekay

NJJO/JV

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11/26/52

27th November, 1952.

The Rev. F. M. M. Haythornthwaite,
P. O. Box 58,
WALVIA BAY - S. W. A.

Dear Mr. Haythornthwaite,

Thank you for your letter of 17th October. I am sorry to be so late in replying, but I have been much out of office.

I have extracted your comments on the state of unrest among Africans and have given it to Mr. Rheinallt Jones who has particular interest in South West Africa. I am very grateful for the information.

With regard to "Bang", I have a re-entry through the President of American Metals Corporation which I think holds a controlling share in O'Kiep. I am waiting a little for the return of another contact from overseas before doing anything.

Meantime, many thanks once more.

Yours sincerely,

QUINTIN WHYTE
Director.

~~F.W.~~ ① Mr. Whyte

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1) Mr. Whyte do you wish to write

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→ ~~F.W. (G.P.C.)~~

A/Reg/14/1.
/MF.

22nd October, 1952,

The Rev. F.M.M. Haythornthwaite,
P.O. Box 58,
MALVIS BAY. S.W.A.

Dear Mr. Haythornthwaite,

Mr. Whyte is on leave, so I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 17th which will be given to him on his return on the 30th instant.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

F.J. van Wyk,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

22 OCT 1952

THE REVD F. M. M. HAYTHORNTHWAITE

P. O. BOX 58 / TEL. 67

WALVIS BAY

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

17th Oct 1952

Mr. Quintin White, M.A.,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG,
South Africa.

Dear Mr White,

Thank you for your letter. Unfortunately I just missed seeing "Bang" at Tsumeb - he left the day I got there, heading I believe right down to Cape Town, so I have no means of knowing how he has taken all this. He is a reasonable person if caught the right way. Bishop Lavis knows him well - and Mrs Bang, who is a great person and one who might take a very keen interest in the work of the Institute if her interest was caught. Bishop Lavis was staying with them at O'Kiep I know a short while ago, and the Archbishop was also up there with them for the Centenary Celebrations and I hear that they were very impressed by him - so they are two possible means of "re-entry".

I still think that the work of your wife is likely to be of interest to the Tsumeb Corporation, especially the Fanakalo. I don't suppose she has had much contact with Osikunyama but I don't think that that is necessary, as it could be taught by English speaking Ovambos. I have two or three doing voluntary work in the Compound at Tsumeb, now that I have lost my full-time catechist-teacher through an attack of neurosis to which the Ovambos seem not unprone as a means of getting back home (we have had three cases of this almost simultaneously, this teacher and two would-be ordinands who went to Umtata for training - sheer home-sickness inducing psychopathic results). I don't know what the general literacy figures are like, but on the whole I find that our "boys" - Anglicans, can do something about reading and writing, however laborious, in their own language. It would be a help I suppose if this could be extended to English and Afrikaans - Tsumeb is in a difficult position here because all the overseas people speak only English while the locals ~~and~~ speak German but mostly can manage Afrikaans as well or bad English, while the South Africans are mostly Afrikaans speaking only.

A word for your own information. I find that

there is considerable unrest among the Ovambos here - and there are about 1000 of them altogether. This unrest has been present for some time, and arose originally in the Fish Factory compounds owing to dissatisfaction over overtime pay. Of course there is the usual local talk about "agitators" and all that, but it is possible that they have a real grievance. There was a strike here about six weeks ago, and the Native Commissioner from Ovamboland came down, and various others - as well as some extra police, but apparently this has not entirely smoothed things out as I hear there is still a mass of unrest which shows itself in the usual way of "insubordination" and occasional threats - the Ovambos are touchy people and heaven help the person who hits one in the way that many think they can hit Union natives - it usually means a knife. The latest thing I hear today which is not helping to calm things is that the police have been arresting "boys" about the place after eight in the evening - and this has meant roping in some who are either on their way to or from work. When I was down at Mann, George this morning a number of the stevedoring boys turned up saying they were afraid to work overtime for fear of being run in. I don't know how many have been affected by this, or whether it is anything more than what in the army was known as latrinograms - but it is all helping the ferment that one knows exists here at the moment. I don't know who the police are who have been drafted in - or how many but if they have been brought in from the Union and think they can treat these Ovambos like Union natives there will be trouble. I've only been back a couple of days and haven't yet been able to get anything more than a sketchy impression. I will keep you informed though if there is anything worth reporting.

Every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Frank M. H. Hay

GW/MK

APR 14/1

27th November, 1952.

Mr. F. P. Kozonguizi,
P. O. Box 85,
WARMBATH - Tyl:

Dear Mr. Kozonguizi,

Thank you very much for your appreciative letter of
November 6th. I have given a copy of it to our President -
Mr. Rheinallt Jones - for his information.

Yours sincerely,

QUINTIN WHITE
Director.

Mr. Weyler

6 NOV 1952

Fanual Paul Kozonguizi,
P.O: Box 85,
Warmbaths. (Tvl)

The Director,
Race Relations Office,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I have just ^{gone} through the journal "The Administration of S.W.A. and the Welfare of the Indigenous people". Really after having read every sentence in the journal, I think it ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~justified~~ ^{justified} to commend on the contents of the little Book, myself being a member of the indigenous people of that Territory.

For years, I have been wondering whether the life led by the African people in the Territory was the best type of "African Life". When I started reading newspapers I found that "African Life" in the other African Territories ^{was} different from what I saw in that "former German Colony".

Then I started to fathom where the ~~whole~~ ~~main~~ failure of these people ~~people~~ lay. Up to now I have been ~~thinking~~ trying very hard to get a solution to this "problem". But your little book has done much to me in this sphere for ~~xxxx~~ in the first instance, I found that the conditions as described therein are quite as they are and ~~secondly~~ you have made suggestions for the requirements and necessities. It seems to me it is long since the Health Commission ~~xxxxxxx~~ made recommendations in the aspect of the health of the people but yet the authorities ~~;~~ seem to be slow in ~~setting~~ the new schemes at work.

I hope that this Booklet will bring them to the realisation that the time is ~~at hand~~ ^{ripe} for the carrying out of these schemes.

Hoping to hear more about your suggestions for the betterment of the African people in the Territory.

I am your faith fully,

F. P. Kozonguizi

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FD/MK.

11th July, 1952.

Mr. Whyte

M/GG/14/1

Quintin Whyte, Esq.,
C/o The S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
19, Stiemens Street,
Braamfontein,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

Thank you very much for letting me have a copy of
your report.

I have already commented on this report to Mr.
Rheinhold-Jones prior to its being circulated.

Yours faithfully,

16 JUL 1952

Maurice Webb, Esq.,
P.O. Box 2612,
DURBAN.

21st May, 1952.

Dear Maurice,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have received from Clarence Pickett. I shall be very glad if you will give me a line on which to reply. I also enclose copy of the letter which I wrote to him originally.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

Dictated but not signed by Mr. Whyte owing to his absence from the office.

2612. Durban

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Letter
to Mr. Larcher Burke,
of Standard Bank,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C. 2.

re S.W.A Correspondence.

Ref:

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (INC)
SUID-AFRIKAANSE INSTITUUT VIR RASSEVERHOUDINGS (INGELYF)

To: Maurice Webb, Esq.,
P.O. Box 2612,
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From: Head Office,
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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Twenty South Twelfth Street,

Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

April 15, 1952

Dr. Quintin Whyte,
The S.A. Institute of Race Relations
19 Stiemens Street,
Braamfontein
Johannesburg, S.A.

Dear Dr. Whyte:

I greatly appreciate your letter of March 12 which came to me by way of Channing Tobias. The information you sent concerning South West Africa is very valuable. It will be especially useful since this matter will probably come before the 7th UN Assembly in October.

In my letter I had intended to make a rather broader inquiry. When the South West Africa matter was before the Assembly several members of our Quaker delegation at the Assembly discussed it with Mr. Fourie and Mr. Chamberlain of the South Africa Delegation, not primarily to criticise their action but to let them know that we wanted to discuss the matter with them if they felt agreed. This led to considerable discussion of the whole racial situation in South Africa and to the full expectation that the present conflict in your country would arise. However, we felt very helpless to see how we could do anything to change the impass into which things got. If only the South Africa government could have seen fit to have issued travel papers to the spokesman for the Hereros that, I think, would very greatly have modified the intense feeling that was aroused over the issue. I would suppose that the likelihood of that happening is less now than it was at the time when the Assembly was held; but if you have any guidance for us with regard to that or other related matters which may effect South Africa and which are coming up before the Assembly, I should greatly appreciate having your comments. I think our delegation does feel the importance of the South West Africa issue and the general race situation in South Africa because it is only one of many sumptoms of the issue in various parts of the Continent of Africa. I think it is unfortunate that France was able to resist having a discussion on Morocco. It deepened the line between the people of color in UN delegations and those from predominantly white countries.

Again my appreciation for your letter and the enclosed material. I should appreciate any counsel you can give which would help the very modest efforts of our delegation at UN to be more effective.

Very cordially yours,

(sgd.) Clarence E. Pickett.

COPY:

QW/MSB

12th March, 1952.

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put together -*

Mr. C. Pickett,
c/o Dr. Channing Tobias,
Phelps Stokes Fund,
101 Park Avenue,
NEW YORK. 17. U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Pickett,

Some weeks ago I received a letter from you and although I have searched the office and asked everyone there whether they have it I simply cannot find it. I rather think I took it away to deal with personally at home but in the interval I have acquired a house and have been moving into it.

As I remember your letter however, you asked for suggestions as to what could be done effectively about S.W.A.

The Institute has given a great deal of thought to the South West Africa issue. It does not feel qualified to enter into the international law aspect of the matter though the feeling is that legally South Africa is in the right. Morally, however, we believe South Africa is in the wrong. We have not felt inclined to engage in any international dispute, for it would weaken our position considerably in South Africa and not be very helpful in the ultimate end. We do appreciate that the pressure brought to bear on the South African government has had a considerable effect in making South Africa think more clearly on the issues involved and shown that South Africa is sensitive to international opinion. On the other hand there has been as you are aware, a hardening of attitudes on the part of the government as well as a certain antagonism felt towards U.N. by almost every European South African. The total effect, in my opinion, has been for the good on balance.

As to the future - Mr. Rheinallt Jones had drawn up a memorandum on South West Africa and has made certain suggestions for constructive action. The Institute has adopted this memorandum and is going to publish it with a statement of its attitude on S.W.A. Our feeling is that the South African government is morally responsible for carrying out the intentions of the Mandate and in our memorandum we point to certain steps that must be taken for the indigenous inhabitants. We feel that South Africa must be urged constantly to take these steps and the Institute is going to seek every opportunity this year to bring the attention of the public in South West Africa. While U.N. may dispute the validity of South Africa's action in relation to South West Africa, we feel that we must stand on the moral responsibility of our country for the indigenous inhabitants of South West Africa.

With this letter I send the memorandum and the Statement, the memorandum can be used as it has already been sent to the Press. The Statement has not been released for we wish to time its publication for the most effective moment.

From the memorandum you will see that the following points are raised:

1. A demographic survey.
2. A fair distribution of land is fundamental.
3. Help with marketing and production.
4. Health and medical services.
5. Education.
6. Living working conditions and wages.

We feel that the government should be called to implement a constructive programme embracing these points. The memorandum and the statement have been submitted to the Prime Minister but he has made no comment as yet.

I do hope this is helpful. I send this letter care of Dr. Tobias for your present address is lost with your letter.

With all good wishes, Yours sincerely, (sgd.) Q. Whyte.

• APREG/14/1

See file APREG/13/1

re letter to Janssen Burke
on S.W.A.

RECRUITING OF MINE NATIVES IN OKAVANGO

The Administration has given the Witwatersrand Native Labour Association (WENALA) permission to establish a recruiting officer in SWA.

The S.W.A. Native Labour Association (S. W. A. N. L. A.) has objected strongly. They fear serious repercussions if two similar organisations are competing in a Native reserve.

They also point out that SWANLA cannot offer terms as attractive as WENALA. This would have a grave effect on the labour position in the territory.

Previously the Rand Mines had had what was left over when S.W.A. requirements had been filled. Now they would recruit directly, at the expense of S.W.A. labour seekers.

8. 3. 1952

THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER

CONSTITUTION OF SWANLA STILL UNSETTLED

In the Legislative Assembly, Mr. McDonald asked:



MR. B. McDONALD

a) Whether the Commission appointed to enquire into S. W. A. N. L. A's constitution has submitted its recommendations.

b) Whether these recommendations have been considered by the Administrator-in-Executive Committee.

c) Whether any recommendations have been made by the Executive Committee on its own initiative.

d) Whether His Honour will be prepared to lay the papers and correspondence upon the Table?

The Administrator replied:

a) Yes, the Commission has submitted its report which contains various recommendations too numerous to quote.

b) and c) Yes. The reactions of the Executive Committee on first consideration of the report have been communicated to the S. W. A. N. L. A. Board, and it is intended later on to introduce legislation incorporating the final decisions taken.

d) The report will be tabled when the consultation and draft legislation have been finalised.

REHOBOTH AND EUROPEAN FARMERS

In the Legislative Assembly Mr. Lategan asked the Administrator: —

1. Whether the Commission of Enquiry in regard to the Rehoboth Gebiet has submitted its report.

2. Whether it has been brought to the notice of the Administrator-in-Executive Committee that the Advisory Board of the Gebiet intends to remove European farmers from the Gebiet.

The Administrator replied:

1. The Report has been received but a translation is not yet available.

2. I have heard rumours in regard to this matter and a deputation of European farmers who lease land in the Gebiet mentioned it, but the Administration has no official knowledge of such a decision.

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J. D. Rheinallt Jones, Esq.,
P. O. Box 4587,
JOHANNESBURG.

11th March, 1952.

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R.F.
1) *M.H. Inf.*
2) *W.H. Inf* ✓
3) *M.O. : file A/Reg/14/1*

Dear Mr. Rheinallt Jones,

I have studied your report as I mentioned in my last letter, and have the following comments to make:-

- (1) In regard to wages, particularly in the case of domestic servants, employers pay very much more than the regulation wage. This is, of course, not always the case and it would be difficult to ascertain the percentage of Ovambos that do get more than the regulation wage, but in towns, like Windhoek, I can assure you that it is quite considerable. A wage in the vicinity of £4. 0. 0 per month plus board and lodging is not unusual.
- (2) Another factor to be considered is that both the Town Council and the Administration are very particular in regard to the housing of Ovambo servants. The standards laid down are in fact higher than most towns require in the Union, the minimum size being 3 meters by 3 meters by 3 meters. *(This does not apply to farms)*

In regard to housing one must acknowledge first of all that the cost of building is extremely high in the territory, as much as 20% higher than in Johannesburg. This, of course, is not a burden on Municipalities here because they do nothing about housing. However, you will be pleased to know that the Windhoek Council have decided to retain the location in its present position and also to spend £40,000 per year on improvements. If one considers that there are no facilities whatsoever in the location at this time, then in fifty years time one should say that the location would be fit to look at providing, of course, that there is no increase in the population.

- (3) Another aspect which was not covered in your report was the quite surprising lack of serious crime in the territory in spite of the conditions under which most non-Europeans live.

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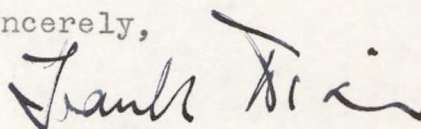
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J. D. Rheinallt Jones, Esq.

11th March, 1952.

- (4) I enclose a copy of the "Windhoek Advertiser" indicating proposed changes in regard to the South West Africa Native Labour Association.
- (5) As far as industrialisation in South West Africa is concerned, this, of course, will force better conditions upon the employers. However, with the transport as bad as it is at the moment, industrialisation must come slowly.

Yours sincerely,



Frank Dixon.

Encl.

Mr. Hecht

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Dear Sirs,

12 February 1952.

I should be grateful if you would be good enough to arrange that the following publication be despatched to:

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Acquisition Unit/G&E
New York, U.S.A.

If for any reason you should be unable to comply with this request, I should appreciate it if you would inform me accordingly.

Rheinnalt-Jones, I.D.

Memorandum on conditions in
South-West Africa. 1951

Very truly yours,

V. A. Colman

Chief, Acquisition Unit

sent 27/3/52
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South African Institute of
Race Relations
P. O. Box 97,
Johannesburg,
Union of South Africa

APR 26/4/52
QW/HD.

11th March, 1952.

Mr. Frank Dixon,
P.O. Box 980,
WINDHOEK.....S.W.A.

Dear Mr. Dixon,

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The South African Institute of Race Relations has not involved itself in any of the international arguments which have been discussed at United Nations as to the legality of South Africa's attitude. We are much more concerned with the implications of the Mandate and that they be observed there. We feel that South Africa has as a mandatory power a full moral responsibility to ensure the progressive advancement of the Non-Europeans in that territory. Mr. Rheinallt Jones, our President, has prepared a memorandum, which I enclose. You will see he has tried to indicate some of the lines along which progressive measures might be taken and I shall be very glad if you will comment on the memorandum. Also enclosed is a Statement which the Institute proposes to publish. It should be treated as confidential.

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Quintin Whyte.
DIRECTOR.

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yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte - DIRECTOR

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Mr. Whyte

South West Africa

The following are the names which Mrs Benson gave us of South West people who might be helpful.

1. Mr. J. Ormon, ^(?) Box 26, Windhoek.
2. Mr. J.W. Kiwi, 49 Kaiser Strasse, Windhoek
3. Frank Herian, Box 980, Windhoek
(Latter is ~~an~~ Torch Commando person).

We should

(a) Get a correspondent - in SWA.

(The Institute's Executive Committee has decided that we should this year give as much attention as possible to South West.

(b) Try to establish some sort of Committee in SW; preferably in Windhoek

(c) As a start, I suggest that R J's memorandum be sent to the persons mentioned above.

Thank you,

JW

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SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

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To: Mr. Quintin Whyte,
Director.

From: The Regional Representative,
S. A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 737, 2612,
DURBAN.

30 copies

7th February, 1952.

A/REA/14/1

Dear Mr. Whyte,

S.W.A.

Has R.J's memorandum now been altered for submission to the government and for publication? If so, I would be glad to have a few copies.

If there are supplies available for sale I could perhaps dispose of some at a meeting to be addressed by Leif Egeland on S.W.A. at the beginning of next month.

Yours sincerely,

11 FEB 1952

APR 26/1952

Maurice Webb, Esq.,
The Regional Chairman,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 2612,
DURBAN.

12th February, 1952.

Dear Mr. Webb,

Under separate cover I have sent you thirty copies of Mr. D.D. Rheinallt Jones's S.W.A. Memorandum and I wish you luck with the sales at the meeting you mention in your letter.

The Publications committee decided that this Memorandum should appear in Journal No. 1 of 1952, preceded by the Institute statement, and an endorsement by the Executive Committee of the Memorandum. The copy for this Journal is at present being prepared for the printer (Moriya) who has undertaken to return the Journal by March 31st. 52.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte.
DIRECTOR.

QW/MH/CL.
A/Reg/14/1.

February 14th , 1952.

The Secretary,
Jewish Board of Deputies,
Commercial House,
Fox Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Mrs. J.K. Robertson of 21. Lansdowne Road, Manchester 20, England, has been asked to give a talk on South-West Africa, and has asked us to send her material. One item we are unable to supply is South African reactions to the South-West Africa Act of 1949.

I wonder whether you will be kind enough to send to her any relevant press digests, together with your account.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

MH/CL.
A/REG/14/1.

February 14th, 1952.

The Government Printer,
Bosman Street,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

Mrs. J.K. Robertson of 21, Lansdowne Road, Manchester 20, England, has asked us to send her a copy of the South-West Africa Act of 1949. Unfortunately, we have no copies to spare. I wonder whether you will be kind enough to send a copy to her, together with your account?

Yours faithfully,

¹
Muriel Horrell, (Miss).
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.
for
DIRECTOR.

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS.
P.O. BOX 97,
JOHANNESBURG.
SOUTH AFRICA.

February 14th, 1952.

Ref: QW/MH/CL.
A/Reg/14/1.

Mrs. J.K. Robertson,
21, Lansdowne Road,
Manchester 20,
ENGLAND.

Dear Mrs. Robertson,

Thank you for your letter of 8th, February, 1952. I enjoyed hearing from you, but am very sorry to know that your mother is ill.

I have asked the Government Printer in Pretoria to send you a copy of the South-West Africa Act of 1949. Under separate cover I am sending you memoranda produced by the Institute, you kindly offered to pay for these ^{- the price} (including postage) is 2/-.

So far as the Act is concerned, the Institute concerned itself only with the question of representation of Non-Europeans. Provision was made for only one Senator (to be nominated by the Government for his knowledge of the reasonable wishes of the Africans of the territory) to represent all the Non-Europeans of South-West Africa. They have no elected representatives.

The Institute urged that they should be represented in the Upper House by at least two elected Senators. It stated that while it maintained that they should also be represented in the House of Assembly, it was not at present pressing this point in view of the fact that Africans in the Union, with the exception of those resident in the Cape, have not been granted such representation.

The press cuttings we kept deal mainly with this aspect of the problem, but I am asking the Jewish Board of Deputies to send you relevant Press Digests.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSURED THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.



Mr. Quentin Whyte
or Secretary Institute of Race Relations
P.O. Box 97
Johannesburg
South Africa

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Mr. G. R. Robertson
21 Lansdowne Road
Manchester 20
England

To open cut here

12 FEB 1952

M.H.
Pb. 100/100

21, Lansdowne Road,
Manchester 20
England

8th February 1952

Dear Mr. Whyte,

I have been asked to give
a talk to the local United
Nations Association on
South-West Africa, on 7th April.

Though I have all the
records of the United Nations
on the subject, except I think
what General Smuts put the
matter to the U.N. at the beginning,
I am not fully informed as to
the terms of the incorporation of S.W.

in the Union except that it has six
M.P's in Parliament, nor have I
South African comment. I have
been receiving the Press Digest
(issued I think under the auspices of
the Jewish Board of Deputies, I am not
sure,) but as I have been travelling
more for two years, I could not
keep them.

If you have anything on the
subject, or can get it for me, I
should be most obliged, and will
pay price and postage.

At present I am living in
Wat Didsbury a pleasant suburb
in the south of Manchester,
nursing my mother, and this takes
up very nearly all my time.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Whyte & yourself
Yours sincerely
Jenny K. Robertson

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