

ABX. 420900 politics - General

FROM : J. D. RHEINALLT JONES

Senator for the African
people of the Transvaal
and Orange Free State
1937 - 1942.

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Johannesburg
and
"Glandwr"
4th Avenue, Florida.

30 September, 1942.

AFRICANS AWAKE ! THERE IS DANGER !

If you choose the wrong man on November 4th it will be a disaster.

Many of you have been misled and have been told untrue things about my work in the Senate. I have given you the facts in my Report. What has my opponent been doing for you? He has done nothing, except take cases in the Courts for which he has been paid in money out of African pockets, run around the country creating bad feeling, and making you angry. When a man gets angry he makes mistakes. Look Out ! He has made you angry, hoping that you will forget what I have done for you and will choose him.

Now just think over these facts :-

1. In 1936, I spent many weeks in Cape Town opposing the abolition of the Cape Native Franchise.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

2. In 1936, I also spent many weeks in Cape Town trying to get better terms for you under the Land Act.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

3. In 1937, I went round the Transvaal helping Chiefs and other Africans to tell the Native Affairs Commission what land they wanted.

You didn't see Mr. Basner there.

4. Ever since, I have fought hard against some of the Trust rules by speeches and pamphlets and by representations to the Government.

Mr. Basner has done nothing except act as a lawyer and, of course, take fees from Africans for what he did.

5. In 1937 and 1938, I travelled through the Transvaal and Orange Free State to help the farm labourers to tell their grievances to the Government's Committee on Native Farm Labour.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

6. In 1939 I opposed the application of Chapter IV of the Native Trust and Land Act in the Lydenburg district, and so saved the farm labourers from having to work six months instead of three months and for no wages. I also prevented this law from being used anywhere else.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

7. I have spoken in Parliament and outside on the grievances of the farm labourers and published a pamphlet on this.

Mr. Basner has done nothing.

8. I have since 1922 worked for higher wages for Africans. I have spoken several times before the Wage Board, and the Institute of Race Relations (of which I am Chief Executive Officer) has also helped African trade unions to put the facts before the Wage Board. As a result, over 70,000 Africans have had their wages increased. The additional money put in the pockets of African

- workers -

workers is £1,200,000 a year. 50,000 more Africans will soon have their wages increased. I have also helped workers who were on strike to get better wages.

I have never seen or heard Mr. Basner do anything about these things.

9. I helped to get the pension of 10/- per month for African Blind, and to persuade the Government to increase the pension to £1 for Africans in large towns and 15/- in the smaller towns and farms. These increases are now being paid.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

10. I have organised committees to look after the Blind and the Cripples

Mr. Basner has done nothing.

11. I have for 20 years worked to extend Education in all forms for Africans. I have organised deputations to the Government every year for more money, so that today 16/8d. out of every £1 tax you pay goes to African education and welfare. The Institute of Race Relations has also helped the Transvaal African Teachers Association with typing and other assistance in its campaign for higher salaries, and I have myself fought hard for many years for the teachers.

What has Mr. Basner done?

12. I worked for the abolition of school fees.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

13. I helped to get the door opened for Africans to be trained as doctors at the University of the Witwatersrand, and helped to get the Government to give each student bursaries of £200 a year each.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

14. I have helped to persuade the Government to open new posts for Africans in the Native Affairs Department and the Post Office.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

15. I have since 1932 fought for trading rights for Africans, travelling many times to the Orange Free State for this special purpose. I have also fought to protect Africans trading in Johannesburg.

What has Mr. Basner done?

16. I helped to prevent the Government from paying African soldiers only 1/- a day and to get 2/3d., (which they get now). I also fought hard for an extra rent allowances of 6d. a day.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

17. I helped to secure pensions and allowances for African soldiers injured or invalided in the war and the families of those killed or dead of sickness.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

18. I am serving on two committees which look after the welfare of African soldiers, and I am constantly interviewing the Military authorities on their behalf.

What is Mr. Basner doing?

19. I helped to secure increased compensation (in some cases twice as much as before) for African workers under the new Workmen's

- Compensation -

Compensation Act, and fought hard for pensions for those permanently injured, and the widows and children of those killed.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

20. I have helped to secure an increase in wages, pensions, better houses, better rations and better treatment for African workers on the Railways.

Mr. Basner did nothing.

21. Since 1926, I have advocated that Africans should have trade unions and I have worked hard to persuade the Government to give African trade unions full recognition. I also help the unions with their difficulties.

What has Mr. Basner done?

22. I have worked hard to get increased compensation (and pensions) for African victims of Miners' Phthisis, and persuaded the Government to enquire into the matter. In co-operation with Mrs. Ballinger, M.P., I gave evidence before the Commission which is now sitting.

What has Mr. Basner done?

23. I organised the great opposition to the Colour Bar Bill in 1926, and I opposed the colour bar clauses of the Factories Bill in 1941.

I never heard of Mr. Basner in these matters.

24. I have pressed for better position and salaries for Chiefs.

Has Mr. Basner done anything?

25. I helped to get the Pass Laws relaxed, and I have asked the Prime Minister to abolish them. I have also helped Africans to get exemptions, and with many other difficulties over the pass laws.

What has Mr. Basner done?

26. I have helped the All-African Convention, the African National Congress and the Congress of Advisory Boards in many ways. I secured financial help for them to send deputations to Cape Town in 1936, 1939 and 1942.

What has Mr. Basner done?

27. I have helped a large number of Advisory Boards in their troubles with Municipalities.

What has Mr. Basner done?

28. I work on many organisations for the social welfare of Africans.

What does Mr. Basner do?

Africans ! Don't hurt yourselves by throwing away all the work I have done for you and sending Mr. Basner to the Senate, a man who has done nothing for you in all these years, except talk to you in order to stir up your feelings. Words alone help no one.

Don't cripple the other representatives of the African people in Parliament by taking from them the man they need.

A VOTE FOR MR. BASNER MEANS NOTHING FOR THE AFRICAN NATION.

A VOTE FOR RHEINALLT JONES MEANS SOLID PROGRESS.

Social Welfare - General

ABX - 420901

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

P.O. Box 4767,
JOHANNESBURG.
1st September, 1942.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The next ordinary meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bantu Men's Social Centre, will take place in the Committee Room, on Thursday 8th October, 1942 at 5.P.M. Please make a special effort to be present.

Yours Faithfully,

JULIUS G. MALIE.
ACTING SECRETARY.

AGENDA.

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes.
3. Matters Arising Out Of Minutes.
4. Founder's Day.
5. House Committee Report.
6. Kitchen Statement.
7. New Members.
8. General.

N.B. All African members of the Executive, as well as those European members who will find it possible to attend, are kindly requested to attend a meeting of the House Committee on October, at 4.P.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ON THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1942, AT 5.P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. Ray E. Phillips (Chair) Messrs J.M. Pim (Hon Treasurer) L.C. Koza, G. Motsieloa, S.P. Mqubuli, A.K. Nobanda, C.N. Setlogelo, Dr. Dexter Taylor, G.B. Xorile, the Acting Secretary (Mr J.G. Malie) and the Acting Assistant Secretary (Mr T.B. Mdaniso).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Messrs P.J. Bennett, A. Bovet, D.M. Denalane, and L.M. Povall.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, and adopted.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: The Secretary reported that the Bakwena Ba Mogopa Committee, The Merry Blackbirds Band, and the A.M.E. Board Of Extension having been granted the option of choosing dates, had decided upon the 11th September, 16th October, and 6th November, respectively. The Chairman then intimated that the sub-committee appointed to purchase furniture for the reading room, had bought the furniture for an amount of £35.2.6. The action was approved, and the same committee was then appointed to go into the question of having erected a portable stand for billiard spectators to sit on. The coat hangers, said the Chairman had now been installed behind the doors of the toilet rooms.

THE BLINDMAN BEQUEST: The Chairman then informed the committee that the Social Centre was to benefit by another Bequest of £1,000 (One thousand pounds) from the Estate of the late Mr Blindman. The Executors had pointed out that certain death duties would have to be paid from this amount; as a result of which, he communicated with Mr Murray of the Social Welfare Department and the Executors concerned, explaining that the Social Centre, being dependent on grants and donations, should be exempted from such duties. The matter would probably be settled on the same line as that of the Lighthome Bequest on which no death duties were paid.

The Chairman then reported on the inspection of the building by officials from the Union Social Welfare Department. The Secretaries he said had cleaned up the place satisfactorily and it was hoped to have an annual grant of around £250 (Two hundred and fifty pounds) from the Social Welfare Department.

FOUNDERS DAY: The Secretary intimated that Founder's Day would be due in October. In the light of this, the 30th October was decided upon. The Secretary was then authorised to proceed with arrangements, and to contact Mr J.H. Hofmeyr (Minister of Finance) Mr Kuschke (Union Social Welfare Department Secretary), or the Mayor of Johannesburg, with the view of having one of them speak on this day. Dr. Taylor pointed out the importance of having influential members of the European public invited to the occasion, which should serve to interest the Europeans in the affairs of the Bantu Men's Social Centre. AGREED. It was also decided to serve tea on the day instead of the light meal as had been suggested.

BILLIARD CHARGE: A discussion on whether a charge for a game of billiards should be made then followed. The members of the committee felt that as the game of billiards was a game most enjoyed by members of the club, it would be unfair to levy a charge for a game. The scheme would require someone to collect the fees, which was impracticable with the depleted staff of the Social Centre. The scheme it was felt might be reconsidered when a second table was bought.

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In the light of this, the committee decided to leave the matter over until further facilities are provided.

RESIGNATION OF MR H. BRITTEN. A letter of resignation from the Executive Committee signed by Mr. H. Britten, was then read. Mr Britten stated that he had been transferred to Pretoria which he said will make it impossible for him to attend Executive meetings. The resignation was accepted with regret.

SOLOMON G. SENAONE: The chairman then informed the committee of the death of Mr S.G. Senaoane. He asked the members to rise and observe a minute's silence in token of the respect and recognition of the services which the late Mr Senaoane had rendered to the Institution. It was agreed that Mrs Senaoane be written to expressing the sympathy of the committee in her bereavement. At this stage, the Chairman asked to be excused and the Vice-chairman Mr S.P Mqubuli took over the chair.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr Lawrence Jenga who applied for the use of the hall on Thursday 24th September, for a Wedding Reception, was granted the date. (2) The Rand African Students' Association which applied for the use of the hall on Wednesday 30th December for the purpose of holding the students' Annual re-union, was granted the date, the Secretary being instructed to ask for the Constitution of the Association. (3) The Bobby Jones Golf Club applying for the use of the hall on any available date, for the purpose of holding a Concert and Dance to raise funds for the club, was granted 5th November which was one of the dates preferred by them.

KITCHEN: The Secretary stated that as the accounts had not all been received, there was no Kitchen Statement for the month of August drawn up.

Mr Xorile said that he had been approached by some of the members in connection with the penny rise in the price of the tea and minerals sold by the Club. The Treasurer explained that the price of all commodities had risen considerably. Only a small profit was made as shown in the kitchen statement. This was made possible by the presence of the Hofmeyr students on the premises. The question to be faced is whether the members would be prepared to pay more for food served at the club, instead of a small rise in the price of tea and minerals. A sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Treasurer, and the staff was appointed to go into the question.

MEMBERSHIP: The following were accepted into the membership of the Social Centre--: H.H. Hermanus, A. Letlala, H. Mareme, S. Matale, R. Medume, J. Mhlambi, S. Mosaka, G. Ramokgadi, L. Ramotlau, J. Taukobong, W. Keswa.

GENERAL: It was felt that as Wednesdays are inconvenient days on which to hold house committee meetings, the meetings should be held on Thursdays between 4 and 5 P.M. AGREED.

TENNIS TOUR: The Secretary stated that the Tennis Committee had decided to go to Bloemfontein only. The funds raised were approximately £30, and it recommended that the indoor games team be also sent down to Bloemfontein out of this money. This however would require the additional expenditure of about £6 to send down a team of twelve players. The Committee accepted the recommendations, and authorised the expenditure of not more than £6 from the Sports' Fund to send down a team of Tennis and indoor games players to Bloemfontein.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.50.P.M.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....

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UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.—UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA,

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NATIVE COMMISSIONER,
P.O. BOX 7758,
JOHANNESBURG,
2 September,
1942.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
85 Toby Street,
Sopiatown,
JOHANNESBURG.

Sir,

Suggested Alteration of Certain Principles
in Native Law of Inheritance.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly ascertain the opinion of the African National Congress to the appended minute dated 25th August, 1942, from the Secretary for Native Affairs, and cause me to be furnished with a report thereon in due course:-

" Representations have been made to the Department that provision should be made for the alteration of the Native Law of Inheritance so as to enable widows to inherit the cash savings of their late husbands and to have full control over such money without the intervention of male guardians. It has been pointed out that while male heirs or guardians are quick to obtain control of money deposited by the deceased in the Post Office Savings Bank it is no longer easy under present conditions to ensure that widows and their children receive adequate support in return. Complaints have been received that such moneys are in many instances appropriated by the legal guardian to the prejudice of such widows.

" Natives in Natal who have adopted European ideas have, of course, available to them the remedy of exemption from Native Law or emancipation under section twenty-eight of the Natal Code of Native Law.

" The matter was discussed by the Natives Representative Council and the Select Committee on draft legislation reported that it was satisfied that where it is clear that the intention of the deceased was that moneys saved, whether by depositing in the savings bank or other banking societies, or by insurance, should be kept available for the support and maintenance of the woman or her children without the intervention of the legal guardian, means should be sought to give effect to this intention, particularly where it has been expressed by will.

" The Committee felt that, where there are children, it is imperative that their inheritance should be assured by placing some restriction on the management of the estate by the legal guardian.

" It was finally recommended, however, that as the principle involved is of such far-reaching importance its discussion by all shades of Native public opinion should be arranged for before a final decision is reached."

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
ACTG. NATIVE COMMISSIONER.

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C O P Y .

2nd September, 1942.

Mrs. Ethel Nkomo, Nurse,
 Croghan Community Clinic.
 P. O. Wilberforce.

Dear Nurse,

With reference to your note on leave of absence for this month, I wish to make the following statement.

- (1) At our last Board Meeting in March we decided definitely on leave absence with pay for nurses employed in the clinic. Before then we had no definite system.
- (2) The procedure to have been followed should have been to make an application in writing requesting leave in this month to the Medical Officer of Health.
- (3) This could have been seen by the Executive Committee of the Board most of whom are local.
- (4) The Executive Committee could then decide.
- (5) The reason for the request of a written application rather than the verbal interview of the Sister, grows out of past confusions, where verbal statements seem to take on a different meaning. As a result the Medical Officer of Health and I have agreed that such important concerns of the Clinic, regarding applications, decisions, and opinions, be reduced to writing, thus becoming more business like and at the same time avoiding confusion.

A holiday leave at this time: I do feel that a different procedure, and particularly an earlier notice might have been given.

Your letter states that the Medical Officer of Health had approved of it. My difficulty is that I have no statement affirming this.

I request a written notice in keeping with what I have explained above. To receive the note on the same date, your offer for me is not satisfactory. I am not too much interested in the procedures of 1940 and 1941. In 1942 I desire that we should have a policy that gets better results.

Faithfully yours,

J. R. Coan.

JRC/CBM.

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DR. P. KA I. SEME,

B. A., L. L. D.,

SOLICITOR, ETC.

(TRANSVAAL & SWAZILAND.)

P.O. Box 7943

2 - 3, ROSENBERG ARCADE,

55, COMMISSIONER STREET,

Johannesburg,
TRANSVAAL.

Native R-eps

.....3rd September..... 1942.

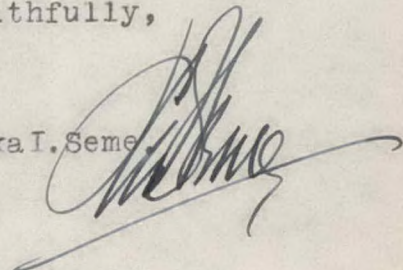
Dr. A. B. Xuma, M.D., Etc, Etc.,
65 Tobby Street,
Sophiatown.

My dear Doctor,

Greetings: I beg to send you herewith a copy of the explanatory note which I have asked the "Umteteli" to publish. I also enclose copies of circulars which were handed to me some little time ago. No doubt, these must have influence^d my action in advising the chiefs to sit tight - Anyway I trust that the explanatory note will clear up our misunderstanding and convince you of the fact that I dont want to oppose the policy of Congress or to play solo in any shape or form. The President General must be supported by all our people and I will do the same.

Yours faithfully,

P. ka I. Seme



2 - 3, Rosenberg Arcade,
55 Commissioner Street,
Johannesburg.

3rd September, 1942.

Sir,

I have been requested by the Executive of the African National Congress to explain that my article which appeared in your issue of the 29th Ultimo was not consistent with the policy of Congress concerning the present elections.

Yours faithfully,

P. ka I. Seme.

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SECRETARY

*Address all communications, Money and
Postal Orders to the Superintendent.*



*P.O. Wilberforce,
Transvaal, S.A.*

4th September, 1942

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
Crogman Community Clinic, .

Dear Sir,

Sister Wares has been recently pressing me regarding the necessity for bags, and has left the note of the following bages as being urgently needed in the Clinic.

1. District Bag - Jagers.
1. Maternity Bags, £9-9-0.
Lenons.

She has claimed that the only maternity bags the Clinic has been using was her personal bag, which is just about warn out.

In the light of these revelations, I shall be prepared to agree that the necessary bags for the nurses be purchased, so they will be able to do efficiently their district work.

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Coan
J. R. Coan.

JRC/CBM.

Social Welfare - General

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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

PHONE 33-8110

P.O.Box 4767,
JOHANNESBURG.
4th September, 1942

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The next ordinary meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bantu Men's Social Centre will take place in the Committee Room, on THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1942 at 5 p.m.

Please make a special effort to be present.

Yours faithfully,

JULIUS G. MALIE
ACTING SECRETARY.

A G E N D A.

1. Apologies
2. Minutes.
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5. Billiards Charges
6. House Committee Report
7. Kitchen Statement
8. New Members
9. General.

All African members of the Executive Committee, as well as those European members who will find it possible, are kindly requested to attend a meeting of the House Committee on Wednesday, 9th Sept., at 5 p.m.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST, 1942, AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. Ray E. Phillips (Chair) Messrs J.M. Pim (Hon Treasurer) W.G. Ballinger, D.M. Denalane, L.C. Koza, L.M. Povall, A.K. Nobanda, Dr. James Dexter Taylor, The Acting Secretary (Mr J.G. Malie) and The Acting Assistant Secretary (Mr T.B. Mdaniso).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Immink, S. Senacane, C.N. Setlogelo, and G.B. Xorilê.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, and approved.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: The Secretary asked that permission for the use of the hall on the 7th August, by the Merry Makers, omitted in the previous minutes of the Executive Committee, be recorded. AGREED. He then intimated that Mr Setlogelo had requested that the matter concerning the admittance of Hofmeyr students living on the premises, into the hall on nights of functions, be left for discussion in the next meeting, when he would be present. AGREED.

The Chairman then reported that the sub-committee appointed to go into the matter of the Billiard table, had decided to transfer it into the quadrangle temporarily, as quotations given for tables presently available, were very high. Messrs Thurstons had however been asked to inform the Secretary when ever a cheap table was available. The present table he said had been covered with the best available Billiard cloth at a cost of £21, from the £40 voted over from the Sports' Fund for the purpose. The Committee approved the action of the sub-committee, and agreed that attempts to purchase a second table be left until after the war, when it is hoped a number of tables from the military camps will be available at cheaper rates.

The Secretary then reported on the meeting held by Billiard enthusiasts when it was decided to make a small charge for a game which would help to maintain the table. After a brief discussion on the matter, it was agreed to have the matter included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive Committee for discussion.

PURCHASE OF FURNITURE: The Chairman then intimated that the removal of the billiard table from the lounge, would necessitate the purchase of some furniture for the place; he had already enquired into some of the items; and had been furnished with the following quotations:-

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| (1) A Setee and Two Chairs | £14. 10. 0. |
| (2) Sisal matting for Floor | £ 8. 17. 6. |
| (3) Kitchen Table for Magazines | £ 3. 15 000 |

It would also be necessary to have a strip of cork matting cemented around the billiard table for about £8, and to have a movable stand for billiard enthusiasts to sit on. After a short discussion, a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Messrs D.M. Denalane, A.K. Nobanda, and G.B. Xorile was appointed to go into the matter, with power to act.

CORRESPONDENCE: The application by Mr H.M. Basner for the use of the Hall for a meeting on Sunday 16th August, was granted. (2) The Bakwena Ba Mogopa Committee who applied for the use of the hall on Friday 11th September, for a Concert and Dance, was granted the date, and the Secretary instructed to inform the Committee that this would not be a profitable means of raising monies. (3) Rev K.M. Nkabinde applied for a rebate on the hall fees charged on the 19th June on the occasion of his show for the Presbyterian Church funds, which he stated proved a failure, or alternatively the granting of the use of the hall for another date free of charge. He was granted the use of the hall

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on a date to be arranged with the office, for the usual rental of £4.10. (4) The A.M.E. Church Board of Education who applied for the use of the hall on 4th September, was asked to choose another date. (5) The application by the Rand Leas's Sports Board for the use of the hall on Thursday 1st October for the purpose of presenting trophies, was granted, the usual rental to be paid if a charge be made for admittance. (6) The application by Mr J. Piliso for the use of the hall on Wednesday 30th September, for the purpose of a Wedding reception, was granted. (7) The T.A.T.A. which applied for the use of the hall and a room on Saturday 15th August, 22nd August, and 29th August for the purpose of holding meetings, was granted the date. (8) The Iron and Steel Metal Workers Union which applied for the use of the hall on Sunday 27th September for the purpose of holding a meeting, was also granted the date. (9) Mr Ngoyi who, on behalf of the Public Servants Association (Africans) applied for the use of a room in which to hold a meeting, on Saturday 23rd August, was granted the date. (10) The application by the Johannesburg Municipal African Graded Staff Association, for the use of the hall on Friday 9th October for the purpose of holding a Concert and Dance, was granted. (11) The application by the Transvaal African Municipal Workers Union for the use of the hall on 14th and 30th August respectively for the purpose of holding meetings, was also granted. (12) The Merry Blackbirds Orchestra which applied for any Friday in October on which to hold their annual anniversary, was asked to arrange a date with the office (13) The Challenge from Durban to have a boxing match against the B.M.S.C. was then read, and the Secretary was instructed to proceed with arrangements, and to make certain of the regulations relative to travelling.

KITCHEN REPORTS: The Kitchen reports for the months of June, and July were then presented, and approved.

REPORT ON FUNCTIONS: The Secretary then reported on the functions of 1st June, and 3rd August. The June function he intimated was run at a loss of 9/- whilst the function held on August, brought in a profit of £6.13.6.

GENERAL: On a request made by Mr Koza, it was agreed to have a coat hanger installed behind the doors of the toilet rooms. Arising out of a question by Mr Nobanda with regard to the Secretaries working hours and play during such hours, it was pointed out that whilst participation in games could only be undertaken during free time, and on occasions when members required someone to play against. The Secretaries should pay full attention to their work, during working hours.

NEW MEMBERS: The following were received into the membership of the Social Centre: H. Mcholosane, J. Msebenzi, P. Msimang, M. Ndabula, A. Pama, J. Piliso, K Qalaba, R. Qubeka, A. Ramathibela, S. Skakane, P. Tshabalala, K Morase, O. Mon-dhlana, R. Mokoena, J. Moloatsi, P Matjekane, J. Martin, A. Maoto, M. Maima, S. Khama, P. Kewudi, H. Job, P. Gaeshwe, E. Dhlamini, N. Cagwe, V. Cele, S. Mzizi,

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.50. P.M.

CHAIRMAN.....

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Queen Street
Hope-Town
4/9/42

The Provincial Treasurer
Cape African Congress.

Dear Sir,

Greetings!

I have to inform you that under the direction of Mr S. P. Sesedi, a branch of the African National Congress has recently been started in Hope-Town.

You will be glad to learn that this branch which promises to be a strong one, intends affiliating to the Cape-Congress in due time.

Kindly find enclosed the sum of £1.2. for 11 membership cards, which please forward without delay. I hope to place a further order of in the course of a few days time.

I remain Sir
yours Truly

A. M. Pitso
Secretary

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Politics - General

8, Somerset House,
Fox Street,
Johannesburg.
10th September, 1942.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. RHEINALLT JONES.

by H.M. BASNER.

Dear Mr. Rheinallt Jones,

On the 1st of September 1942, the African voters nominated their candidates to the Senate. In the Transvaal and O.F.S. the nomination results were as follows :-

H.M. Basner	309,274	votes
J.D. Rheinallt Jones	205,716	votes
T.A.C. Emmett	25,047	votes
J.R. Cooper	17,367	votes

The African voters gave me a majority over you of 103,558 votes. I did not regard this as a personal triumph. I knew it was a victory of my policy and programme. I knew it was a sign that the African people were tired of your policy of begging for bread and being grateful for crumbs. I knew it was an expression of the growing political consciousness, of the hunger for organization, and the desire for national unity, which exists in the African people.

You regarded my victory as a personal defeat

A few days after nomination you allowed yourself to write and to circulate an ill-mannered, offensive personal attack on me, and a hymn of praise to yourself. That shows your lack of political ability, your lack of political understanding. I have never attacked you personally. I have always attacked your politics.

YOU CANNOT ATTACK MY POLITICS, SO YOU ATTACK ME PERSONALLY

So now, your personal approach to politics, your self-glorification, your personal methods of political controversy, leave me no other choice but to answer you thus:

Your circular is not only insulting to me, it is insulting to the intelligence of the African people. It is especially insulting to the African voters. You set out 28 points of your work in the past and you repeat after each point "What has Basner done? Basner has done nothing."

WHO WAS THE SENATOR FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS, BASNER OR JONES?

WHO WAS THE PAID OFFICIAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACE RELATIONS INSTITUTE, BASNER OR RHEINALLT JONES?

WHO WAS THE PAID MEMBER OF THE TRANSVAAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION, BASNER OR RHEINALLT JONES?

Who was a Trustee of the Bantu Welfare Trust, Basner or Rheinallt Jones?

WHO HAD A CHANCE OF REACHING THE PUBLIC, OF SPEAKING TO THE GOVERNMENT, OF TEACHING AND ORGANIZING THE AFRICAN PEOPLE, BASNER OR RHEINALLT JONES?

WHO RECEIVED A SALARY OF £1300 per year, PLUS EXTRA TRAVELLING EXPENSES, PLUS EXTRA OFFICE EXPENSES, BASNER OR RHEINALLT JONES?

Y O U, NOT I, MR. RHEINALLT JONES.

Each one of the 28 points mentioned, all the work which you boast of having done, was part of your job. You were elected to do these things. Before your election, you were paid to do these things. WHY DO YOU BOAST ABOUT DOING THINGS WHICH YOU WERE ELECTED TO DO, AND FOR WHICH YOU WERE PAID TO DO, AND WHICH IT WAS YOUR DUTY TO DO?

Do you really think that the African voters are so simple that they will not understand all this? YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO GREAT THINGS AND YOU FAILED; you failed the African people. You failed during your term of office as any man of your mentality, of your political outlook must fail.

You failed, among other things, in these:

YOU DID NOT WARN THE AFRICAN CHIEFS AND PEOPLE REGARDING THE TRUST FARM REGULATIONS.

You allowed the Native Trust Regulations to be enforced without raising a public outcry, without appealing to European public opinion. You allowed thousands of Africans to face starvation on five morgens of land, without letting the public know what was happening. You merely discussed the matter with officials in the Native Affairs Department, and wrote articles in "Race Relations."

You allowed the Municipalities to set up beerhalls in every location, without organising a public protest.

You allowed thousands of Africans to lose their land, without organising a public protest.

You allowed hundreds of African traders and artisans to lose their livelihood, without organising a public protest.

You allowed hundreds of African women to be driven out of Municipal locations without appealing to the conscience of the European public.

You allowed the Native teachers to starve without appealing to the conscience of the European public.

You never pressed for the complete abolition of the pass laws. You were weak and uncertain on this question. You advocated a "Single certificate." Your attitude was such, even as late as 1942, that the African members of the Johannesburg Joint Council, were disgusted and disappointed.

Your recommendations to the Labour Department regarding African juvenile employment were so reactionary that even your own organization, the Race Relations Institute, had to repudiate your recommendations.

In general you failed because you are too fond of saying "THE AFRICAN IS NOT YET READY."

You have been a bad influence on European and public opinion because you do not stress the economic reasons for the racial exploitation of the African people, and because, although you pay lip-service to industrial and political organizations, you do not really believe or understand the value of these.

You do not really believe in the African people, in their power to help themselves. YOU BELIEVE ONLY IN RHEINALLT JONES.

In your speeches, in your writings, even in your report and in your circular you continually use the word "I". You very seldom use the word "We". You write and speak as if you were the only European interested and working for African progress. Your attitude is insulting not only to me, but to your own colleagues, your own fellow workers in the Institute of Race Relations, to the other men and women who work for African progress.

That is why you failed as Senator. It is foolish and unfair to blame me for not having done the things which you did, which you should have done. I have not failed. I have not yet had my chance to show what can be done. But - even so, I have done a great deal to teach, to organise, to encourage the African people, but - I cannot boast about what I have done, because I do not believe in working alone.

If the African teachers get better salaries, it will be because of the militant spirit of the teachers, because of the correct leadership of the T.A.T.A. and because of my advice and encouragement.

The African trade unions have made progress. That is due to the hard work of the African organisers and trade union officials; of Europeans like Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Gordon. I have also helped because I have continually and vigorously preached trade-unionism.

I have worked in many fields to help Africans, but I can never say I did this or that. I can only say we did this or that. You, Mr. Rheinallt Jones, won't understand what

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I mean. The African voters, however, will understand.

You and I, both do our work in Johannesburg, the Reef and Pretoria. All the Johannesburg Advisory Boards (Orlando, Pimville, Eastern and Western Native Township) nominated me; they did not nominate you. The Pretoria Advisory Board nominated me; it did not nominate you.

You live in the Roodepoort district. The Roodepoort Advisory Board nominated me; it did not nominate you.

Of the twelve Reef Advisory Boards, nine boards nominated me; only three boards nominated you. In two out of three of the boards which nominated you (Benoni and Randfontein) the boards voted against the wishes, in spite of the protests of the residents.

Does not all this prove that I have done good work, I have achieved a good reputation, I have helped in the progress of the African people.

Your suggestion that the African voters voted against you in the nominations because I ran around the country creating bad feeling and making the voters angry, is not only insulting to the African voters -- IT IS UNTRUE.

My manifesto is a public document, which the African people can judge. I have not run around the country because of the petrol shortage and because I was busy fighting against the Trust regulations in the Pietersburg District. I have only visited seven districts and spoken at seven meetings in the whole election campaign. MANY CONSTITUENCIES ONLY NOMINATED YOU BECAUSE I COULD NOT GET THE CHANCE TO VISIT THEM.

I do not make Africans angry. I make them think.

I do not stir up feelings against you; I only explain where and why you fail.

All this which I am telling the African people now, I knew before nomination day. I did not write or speak so then because I wanted to beat you on political issues. I did not dream that you would start a campaign of personal issues, and of personal abuse.

Your vulgar reference to my work as an attorney cannot be answered here, because the rules of my profession forbid a public discussion of my professional work. Any African leader will tell you that you are wrong, however,

Of course I take cases and charge fees for taking cases. This is my profession, this is how I make my living.

But I have never claimed to be elected because of my work as a lawyer. I have always been careful to say (and fifty members of the Reef Advisory Boards will bear me out because they have heard me say it) "DON'T ELECT ME FOR MY WORK AS AN ATTORNEY. I GET PAID FOR THAT. ELECT ME FOR MY WORK AS A POLITICIAN. ELECT ME FOR MY KNOWLEDGE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCE. ELECT ME FOR MY BELIEF IN ORGANIZATION. ELECT ME FOR MY ABILITY TO EXPRESS YOUR WRONGS AND YOUR ASPIRATIONS." I do not believe that fighting court cases is an important contribution to African progress. The Laws have to be fought in Parliament, not in Court. My study and knowledge of the Laws which discriminate against the Africans will help me to be a good parliamentary representative for the African people. I do not claim however, that, as my chief qualification for election.

WHAT, HOWEVER, DO YOU SAY, MR. RHEINALLT JONES?

You say, elect me for my work as Adviser to the Institute of Race Relations. YOU GET PAID FOR THAT WORK THE SAME WAY AS I GET PAID FOR TAKING COURT CASES.

You say, elect me for having travelled around the country, for having advised Chiefs and Advisory Boards.

YOU GET PAID FOR THAT WORK THE SAME WAY AS I GET PAID FOR TAKING COURT CASES.

You say, elect me for having spent so many weeks in Capetown for having opposed this Bill or that Bill.

YOU GOT PAID FOR THAT WORK THE SAME WAY AS I GET PAID FOR TAKING COURT CASES.

You say, elect me because I can show 28 instances of where I worked for the African people.

YOU ALWAYS GOT PAID AND YOU ALWAYS GOT WELL PAID FOR YOUR SERVICES TO THE AFRICAN PEOPLE.

Before you were elected as Senator, you were paid a salary by the Race Relations

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Institute. After your election, you were paid £700 per annum by the Government, £300 per annum by the Race Relations Institute, £300 per annum for your services on the Council of Education. You got an extra allowance for Typists, you got extra allowances for travelling expenses. WHY THEN DO YOU BOAST ABOUT THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE DONE, WHICH IT WAS YOUR DUTY TO DO, AND FOR WHICH YOU WERE PAID FOR DOING? Are you not ashamed to attack me for taking fees for my work?

You should never have raised the question of payment as an election issue. You have made social welfare your profession. You get paid for helping and advising people. In your nomination form you give your profession as "Adviser". Whatever services I render the Native people as a politician I do freely, voluntarily, in my own time, at my own expense, with my own money. My election will not mean a financial gain to me, it will mean a financial loss to me. I FIGHT THE ELECTION BECAUSE I HATE THE COLOUR BAR, I HATE OPPRESSION I HATE SOCIAL INJUSTICE, I WANT A FREE AND HAPPY SOUTH AFRICA FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IRRESPECTIVE OF COLOUR OR CREED.

I never made the question of payment an issue in this election. You did so when you saw that you were beaten in the nominations.

I do not ask for election as an attorney. I ask for election on my policy. WHAT IS YOUR POLICY MR. RHEINALLT JONES?

WHY DO YOU CLAIM RE-ELECTION? IS IT BECAUSE OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS? WHAT HAVE YOU ACHIEVED?

You achieved nothing in the last five years.

You achieved nothing and you knew it.

You knew it so well that you did not want to stand for re-election. You knew it so well that you put your wife forward as a candidate. NO MAN WHO SUCCEEDS IN PARLIAMENT RETIRES FROM HIS SEAT, AS YOU TRIED TO DO WHEN YOU PUT YOUR WIFE FORWARD.

You put your wife forward as a candidate and you tried to get your old job back on the Race Relations Institute.

On the 21st of May 1942, you wrote a letter to Professor Hoernle, the President of the Institute saying that you decided not to stand for re-election, and suggesting that you be given your old post back. Your exact words on this point were:

"I therefore suggest that the present post of Secretary be abolished, and that I resume my former combined functions of Secretary and Adviser on Race Relations, and that the Institute's responsibility for my salary of £1000 per annum be re-affirmed."

This letter of yours was circulated to all the Executive members of the Institute. The Institute turned down your suggestion. You learnt that your wife had no hope of being elected. You then issued another public statement. You stated that so many Chiefs, organizations, and members of Parliament urged you to stand that you reconsidered the question.

Which Chiefs urged you to stand? You have not been nominated by a single Local Council.

Which Chiefs urged you to stand? Only ^{ELEVEN} Chiefs out of 58 Chiefs nominated you.

Which purely African organisation asked you to stand? I do not know of a single one.

Which members of Parliament asked you to stand? The ones who tolerate the Land Act of 1913, the Masters and Servants Act, the Urban Areas Act, the Colour Bar? If these people ask me to stand at the end of my term of office, I will know that I have failed in my duty as a representative of the Africans.

At the meeting of Pretoria's Chiefs you said, "I have decided not to stand for re-election because I have important war work to do."

YOU WILL SEE ON NOVEMBER 4TH MR. RHEINALLT JONES THAT THE AFRICAN VOTERS ARE NOT AS SIMPLE AS YOU THINK. YOU CANNOT DO THESE THINGS AND EXPECT TO BE RE-ELECTED.

YOU TOLD SOME VOTERS TO RE-ELECT YOU BECAUSE YOU HAD BUILT A FOUNDATION IN PARLIAMENT, BECAUSE YOU WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR WORK AND YOU DID NOT WANT TO BE TAKEN AWAY IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR WORK. UNFORTUNATELY SOME OF THE VOTERS BELIEVED YOU AND NOMINATED YOU BECAUSE OF THIS ARGUMENT OF YOURS.

WHAT IS YOUR FOUNDATION? DID YOU THINK OF YOUR FOUNDATION WHEN YOU WROTE ASKING FOR YOUR OLD JOB AT THE INSTITUTE? WHAT IS YOUR FOUNDATION? DID YOU THINK OF IT WHEN YOU ANNOUNCED THAT YOU WOULD NOT STAND FOR RE-ELECTION?

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