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Dear Mr. Jones,

I write to give you a report on a meeting of the Interim War Memorial Committee which I attended yesterday afternoon. Mr. Kuper will arrive in Cape Town next week and will no doubt call a Committee meeting down there, but in the meantime it is just as well that you should know the developments.

This Committee has now decided to recommended the appointment of General Wakefield as National Organiser at £1,200 a year, although General Wakefield has not given any definite indication of acceptance and has merely stated that he is interested. Also, he has as yet no assurance from the Chief of General Staff that he will be released for this task, though Col. Sayer seems to think that there is no doubt that it will be granted.

The Committee must be prepared for opposition at the Conference from the B.E.S.L. who wrote a strong letter, signed by the National President, in reply to the invitation to attend. They contend that the whole scheme is hasty and ill-conceived and that no account has been taken of the wishes of the dependants of the men who went on active service. They state further that there is no evidence to show that the scheme has the backing of the majority of soldiers. Mr. Ross suggested that the Conference should postponed until after the National Conference of the B.E.S.L. in April when the matter will be discussed!

In contrast to this letter there was a very encouraging letter from Brigadier Hartshorne in which he urged that on no account must the original idea of the soldiers for non-European Health Services be pushed into the background. There was also a very sympathetic letter from Dr. Malherbe in which he sounded a note of warning - he suspects that the Government will try to shelve responsibility for the Institute of Hygiene being planned for Durban by trying to incorporate it into the War Memorial Scheme.

The Draft Constitution was discussed and minor amendments made. I raised an objection to the inclusion of the definition of "non-European" on page 3, which, though no doubt true, may antagonise a good number of people at the Conference. No decision was taken on this.

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No decision was taken, either, on Paragraph 6^A - Board of Trustees. The Committee was undecided as to whether the Trustees should be appointed by National Bodies, elected at the Conference, or appointed or elected on a regional basis.

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I enclose a copy of the Draft Constitution for your information.

Yours sincerely,

J.R. Altman
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ACTING SECRETARY

/Encl: Draft Constitution.

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THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

CONSTITUTION

Name 1. The National War Memorial, in commemoration of those who have fallen in the Second World War, shall be known as "The National War Memorial Health Foundation", (hereinafter termed "The Memorial Health Foundation"). It is founded in the recognition of a principle which was at stake in this great conflict, namely, the fundamental human rights of all peoples.

GENERAL PURPOSE.

General Purpose. 2. The General Purpose of The Memorial Health Foundation is to promote good health amongst the needy of all sections of the population in the Union of South Africa with special regard to the non-European, and the particular field in which it shall make its contribution is the field of ~~"health-promotive services"~~. *Personal Promotive Health Services.*

SPECIFIC OBJECTS

Specific Objects. 3. The specific objects of The Memorial Health Foundation are:-

- Memorial Health Foundation Institute.
- (a) To establish an Institute having as its purpose the realisation of adequate nutritional standards and the promotion of measures for the effective application of scientific knowledge upon health matters and serving the needs of all sections of the population, but with special regard to the non-European.
- Bureau of Health Education & Propaganda.
- (b) To assist in the education of all sections of the population in sound food habits and other matters related to personal and community health.
- Memorial Foundation Scholarship & Bursary Fund.
- (c) To provide scholarships and grants-in-aid for research in all fields of inquiry related to the promotion of health and prevention of disease, with special reference to health problems peculiar to South Africa.
- (d) To provide bursaries for the training of personnel, particularly non-Europeans, ~~for the National Health Service, or generally~~ in medicine, hygiene, midwifery, physical training and other health services.
- And Generally
- (e) To support any other projects which, in the opinion of the trustees, will promote the health of the people of the Union of South Africa, and
- (f) To do anything conducive to the attainment of the General Purpose of The Memorial Health Foundation or in furtherance of the specific objects or any of them.

Powers. 4. The Memorial Health Foundation shall have all such powers as are necessary to carry out and realise its objects and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, powers:-

/(a) To

- (a) To establish a Fund for the endowment of The Memorial Health Foundation, and for this purpose to set up fund-raising committees, employ officials and take such other steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise as may from time to time be deemed expedient.
- (b) To purchase, take on lease or acquire, whether by donation or otherwise, any movable or immovable property, rights or privileges which may be considered necessary or convenient for the realisation of its objects.
- (c) To lend and invest its moneys on mortgage or such other security as may be deemed fit.
- (d) To sell, donate, lease, mortgage or otherwise deal with all or any of its assets.
- (e) From time to time to borrow, by way of overdraft or loan and if necessary to pledge or mortgage any of its assets as security for such advances.
- (f) To construct, maintain, alter and equip any buildings necessary for its purposes.
- (g) To employ and train personnel, to establish Technical Advisory Boards, Educational, Film and Publicity Departments and generally to secure the services of, or to collaborate with, such persons and organisations as may be able to assist in realising its objects.
- (h) To determine the conditions under which scholarships, research grants and bursaries shall be given, to set aside moneys and establish funds therefor.
- (i) To make representations to Government Departments or to Provincial, Municipal, District, Rural, Local or Educational Authorities or to Industrial Conciliation Boards, Wage Boards, Employees' and Employers Organisations, or generally to any body whose decisions or activities affect the health of the people of South Africa and to enter into arrangements with any such body.
- (j) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals books or leaflets that may be desirable for the promotion of its objects.
- (k) To provide a superannuation fund for the servants of The Memorial Health Foundation, or otherwise to ~~assist~~ any such servants, their widows and children.
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- (m) To establish the Headquarters of The Memorial Health Foundation in such ~~province~~ *place* as may be determined by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

Property and Funds.

5. The property and funds of The Memorial Health Foundation shall vest in the Trustees for the time being thereof, and shall be held and employed by them for the purposes herein specified.

(Legal Actions)

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6. The Executive Body of The Memorial Health Foundation shall be its Board of Trustees and the full control and administration shall vest in and be exercised by the Board. The Board, moreover, shall have authority to exercise all the powers specified in Clause 4 hereof.

Board of Trustees.

- 7. Number
- Method of appointment
- Period of office
- Resignation loss of office
- Filling of vacancies
- Terms of office - no remuneration
- Delegation of Powers.*

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Proceedings of Trustees etc.

8. The Board of Trustees shall frame regulations governing the conduct of its proceedings, in such manner as it may deem fit, provided, however, that:

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- (b) The results of research undertaken or sponsored by The Memorial Health Foundation shall be published at reasonable intervals, and
- (c) Once a year the Board of Trustees shall publish and widely circulate a report of all its activities during the preceding year, and an audited financial statement.

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