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JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOHANNESBURG  
INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION HELD  
IN THE INDIAN CLINIC, 15 BRED STREET,  
FORDSBURG, JOHANNESBURG, ON THURSDAY 26th  
JUNE 1947.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. W. Hoernle (in the Chair) Mr. Ernest, Miss Katz, Mrs. C. Kuper, Mr. K. G. Moodley, Miss Rochman, Mr. Royeppen, Miss E. Hunt (Hon. Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES: Miss Granger, Mr. Muller, Miss Shaer, Mr. Vandayer.

Mrs. Hoernle announced that Mrs. Ritchie had returned from England and wished to receive the minutes of the meetings of the Association.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

(a) Maternity Hospital.

Mrs. Hoernle told the meeting that Paragwanath Hospital would be opened to Non-Europeans in October and would have a maternity ward for Non-Europeans with 20 beds, which would be expanded to 80 beds. The Provincial authorities also planned a maternity ward for Non-Europeans at Coronation.

(b) Motor Car:

Nothing definite could be done about the new car until the return from Durban of Mr. Ernest Hunt of Williams, Hunt & Co. Ltd. Mr. Amed Mia would give £50 as a special donation towards the cost of the car.

4. SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT, MAY 1947.

"I paid the following visits during last month:

Fordsburg, Vrededorp .....	103
Doornfontein, Fertrams, Pez. Valley, City	
Suburban .....	79
Ferreirastown, Newtown .....	28
Denver, Cleveland, Wollhuter .....	25
Newlands, Newclare, Albertsville, Sophia-	
town .....	59

On my rounds I found quite a number of children with mumps. They usually go back to school after a few days and in this way infect the other children. As the weather is still warm we have not had the pneumonia cases as last year. The birthrate for the last year is 700 babies. The death rate amongst Indian babies is the lowest in this city.

Groceries: We are still selling groceries. The prices have gone up and are the same as the retail prices. Before the groceries were always below retail price. I intend to continue the sale of groceries as our people can only obtain rice, sugar, candles and tea at black market prices.

Child Welfare: We applied for one new case - a widow with 5 minor children. All but three of our cases have been renewed. These three cases have not yet received books. I rang Pretoria, and again sent in a list of their correct addresses, but Mr. van Rensburg of the Social Welfare Department informed me that he could do no more. I applied for Poor Relief and rent for these cases.



Poor Relief: The cases in receipt of increased Maintenance Grants are no longer allowed to receive rations. Most of the factories are working part-time and are retrenching staff. I have sent 7 people who applied for help to the unemployment bureau. Four returned to inform me that they got a card and will receive £1/10/- per week. In two cases I applied for family allowances, both of which are ex-soldiers who cannot settle down. They are not entitled to any more help from the Governor General's National War Fund. They are hawking at present. They both have incomes under \$9 per month and more than three children. For another ex-soldier I found work at Mia's farm as an all-round hand. Most of the ex-soldiers do not seem to be able to settle down.

Old Age Pension: We applied for six more cases for Old Age Pensions. In one case an old woman who lives in Kiptown is supposed to 100, she lives with her widowed daughter who is 56 years old. When I went there I found a young boy in bed, who was mentally deficient, but had worked till a few months ago. I referred this case to the Mental Hygiene and requested the District Surgeon to examine him.

Clinic: This month we did not have as many patients as the previous months. We attended to 99 patients. Four pregnant mothers are receiving courses of injections. One patient who was 4 months pregnant and had a blood pressure of over 240 was sent to hospital, and the baby was removed, in order to save the mother's life. Twenty-five school children were treated at the clinic and nineteen school children were injected against diphtheria.

Dental: We attended to 164 children during May - 12 dressings, 30 fillings and 112 extractions.

Moses Boy: The Moses boy will be admitted to the deaf and dumb school at Witteboom. He must bring an outfit with him. I still have money on hand from the pension and I will be able to buy it.

5. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT.

(a) Rations:

Mrs. Hoernle stressed the necessity for claiming the maximum grant of £6 in cases where ration allowances were no longer received.

(b) Clinic:

Mrs. Hoernle suggested that Miss Katz ask Dr. Grunther to compile a list of the new instruments required in the Clinic and enquire from Dr. Frazer whether he could buy them for the Clinic at a reduced rate.

6. FINANCE:

(a) The Financial Statement was presented by Mrs. Hoernle, and was adopted and confirmed.

(b) Mrs. Hoernle reported that Mr. Parbhoo had accompanied her on her visits and that, during June she had collected £229/2/- in donations.

(c) Mrs. Hoernle suggested that a letter be sent to the Provincial Secretary pointing out that since the original application for a grant the work at the Clinic had increased considerably, that five schools in the area were served by the Clinic as well as being visited by the Social Worker, that the Association now had a fully equipped Dental Clinic at which conservative work was done, and upon which their own Medical Inspector had reported very favourably, and that, in view of this expansion the Association felt justified in requesting that the Annual Grant be increased to £200.

AGREED.

(d) On Mrs. Hoernle's suggestion,

IT WAS AGREED that the Association be authorised to pay the whole of its Annual Secretarial fee to the Institute of Race Relations at once.



(e) The Secretary was instructed to write to the Muslim Institute to remind them of their guarantee to pay three-quarters of the salary of the Assistant Social Worker, and to ask for an amount of £83/5/- for the six months ending 30th June 1947.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Letter from the System Manager, (S.A.R. & E.) in connection with the shortage of first and second class accommodation on Reef and Pretoria electric trains, regretted that until new rolling stock, now on order, arrived in this country, the number of vehicles on the trains could not be increased. He stated that when suitable vehicles were available steps would be taken to eliminate congestion.

NOTED.

(b) Letter from the Secretary, Food Supplies and Distribution stated that the Union had been granted an allocation of 15,000 tons of rice for the first six months of this year, but that we did not receive any allocation from Portuguese East Africa and could not, therefore, entertain offers for importation from that source.

NOTED.

8. GENERAL:

(a) Representation on other Bodies:

Owing to the difficulty Mr. Rovoppen experienced in attending meetings of the Transvaal Cripple Care Association,

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to elect Mr. K. G. Woodley as this Association's representative on the Transvaal Cripples' Care Association.

(b) Leave:

As Miss Rochman, the Assistant Social Worker, was taking the remainder of her annual leave and would be away for 22 days from 30th June, the Committee conveyed its best wishes to her for a happy holiday.

THESE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING ENDED  
AT 5.50 P.M.

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