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11. 7. 1969

Mr. Quintin Whyte,  
The Director,  
South African Institute of Race Relations,  
P.O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I would refer you to your letter of 29th April 1969 addressed to the Chairman, Management Committee, which has been passed to me for reply.

The bulk of the Public Transport Services being operated between the Coloured Townships and the City are provided by the South African Railways and PUTCO. The services for Coloureds, operated by the Council, within the Johannesburg municipal area are relatively sparse and for economic reasons the buses are manned by those Europeans who are also required to undertake duties for the greater part of their shifts on the European services. At this junction it would be uneconomic and impracticable to employ a small Coloured labour force exclusively for the operation of a limited service for Coloureds. In addition the cost of providing separate facilities for a relatively small group of employees would be too costly. I may mention that the proposal by the Council to employ Coloureds on its European transport services is still under consideration.

I wish to thank you for your observations and the comments made on behalf of the Institute.

Yours faithfully,

  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.

*W. 9 people*

*-7 MAY 1969*

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG  
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Town Clerk's Department  
Afdeling van die Stadsklerk  
P.O. Box/Posbus 1049

*5 May* ..... 19 *69*

Dear Sir,  
Meneer,

Re/i.s. *Use of Coloured Bus Crews.*

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of *29 April*  
Hiermee erken ek ontvang van u mededeling van .....

which is receiving attention.  
wat aandag geniet.

Yours faithfully,  
Die uwe,

A. P. BURGER,

YOUR REF. No.  
U VERWYSINGSNO. ....

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL  
KLERK VAN DIE RAAD



To/Aan:

Directie

South African Institute of Race Relations

P O Box 97

Johannesburg

29 April 1969.

The Chairman,  
The Managing Committee,  
Johannesburg City Council,  
City Hall,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

The Institute has followed with some interest the efforts of the Council to ensure an adequate and regular bus service for Johannesburg citizens. It appreciates the efforts that the Council has made and has noted the difficulties encountered.

While the Institute would obviously recommend the general recruitment of non-white bus drivers at the rate for the job it realises that there might be considerable difficulty in achieving this and it would suggest that a useful first step would be to use Coloured bus crews on routes to Coloured townships.

The Institute understands that there are numbers of experienced Coloured men with heavy duty and public service licences who would be available.

We think that all citizens in Johannesburg would be delighted and relieved if this transport problem would be sorted out.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte  
DIRECTOR.

Mr. Whyte

Eric Tyacke thinks it would be a <sup>first</sup> useful step if Coloured bus crews were used on routes to Coloured townships.

He says there are numbers of Coloured men with both heavy-duty driving licenses and Public Service licenses (the latter implying a clean record). Many have years of experience in driving 50-ton Trucks with Trailers. Numbers have come to his office (Republican Transport Workers' Union) asking help in finding jobs. Officially such work is reserved for Whites, but the job reservation doesn't operate in practice because of a shortage of White drivers, thus Mr. Tyacke can place the experienced Coloured men with commercial concerns.

There are also Coloured men licensed to drive lighter vehicles, looking for work, who could be trained to drive buses.

When the discussions about bus drivers began, Mr. Tyacke gained the impression that the municipality was prepared to pay Coloured men at the rates Whites receive. That is why he and others ~~were~~ were indignant with the (White) T'busg Municipal Transport Workers' Union for refusing to countenance the use, or partial use, of Coloured men.

If the municipality does decide to use Coloured men (as the Coloured union is expecting, it will do some time) and does pay them at the rates Whites receive, one result probably would be that Coloured crews employed by Putco would leave and apply for municipal jobs. They are dissatisfied with their wages. Presumably, Putco wouldn't be crippled in this event - could take on more Africans.

But, as stated, there are other suitable Coloured drivers, too.

EH  
26/4/69.

M.H.

23/4/67.

St. G.P.C

Can you find out from Mr Tyacke  
all information about licensed  
bus drivers so that we may  
or may not make representations  
to the City Council.

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303 Comm. H.  
836-8502

*Self*

3 June 1968.

Dr. Liston Pope,  
School of Divinity,  
409 Prospect Street,  
New Haven,  
Connecticut,  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*c/c/1/1/1*

Dear Liston,

I may be all wrong but I think it was you who phoned last week about the police action in Grahamstown against four university lecturers who protested against the removal of Coloured from Parliament and against the Improper Interference Bill. The line was very bad and in addition I had just jumped out of bed from a deep sleep.

The position is that under municipal regulations they should have asked the Grahamstown city council for a permit to carry on the demonstrations. They did not do so and so are being charged with breaking the regulation. They appeared before the magistrate who said it was a technical offence and postponed decision until June 13.

Actually it is a slight offence and they are in no danger of getting more than a few dollars fine, if that. They may just be warned and discharged. So there is no real need for money for defence and really nothing to worry about.

In South Africa the juggernaut rolls on, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to do anything positive and constructive. Maida stays well but feels she must increasingly withdraw from work. I am trying to do the usual - raise money to keep the Institute alive. This is not so easy nowadays and progress is slow.

I hope you are well. You must be missing Bennie so much and Maida and I often think of you.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

QUINTIN WHYTE.

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