

NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

Notice is given that the next meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held in the Foundation's offices, Hut No.8, Union Grounds, Johannesburg, on TUESDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1949, at 12.45 p.m. (Tea and sandwiches will be provided).

Hut No.8.
Union Ground,
JOHANNESBURG.
14th April, 1949.

A. Allerton
for NATIONAL SECRETARY/ACCOUNTANT.

A G E N D A.

1. Confirmation of Minutes.
2. Board of Trustees. Resignation of Mrs.N.Seuffert (Mrs. Norma Pienaar).
3. National Executive Committee - To report
 - (a) Dr. I.B. Welsh -(resignation withdrawn);
 - (b) Mr. S.R. Hellig - Inability to accept membership.
 - (c) Messrs.H.E.van Santen and R.E. Grieveson. Brig. Hartshorn to report.
4. Government Negotiations. To report.
5. Approach to Sir Ernest Oppenheimer. To report.
6. National Appeal : Planning. To consider replies from Regions.
7. General Staff Situation. To report.
8. Foundation Projects - Standardised Title and Programme.
To consider replies from Regions.
9. O.F.S. Region: (a) Heatherdale Community Centre.
(b) "Link Committee" System.
10. Natal Coast Region : Lamontville Project. "Ceiling Budget"
11. Cape Midlands Region : To report general situation.
12. Northern Transvaal Region : Rest Centre. To report.
13. Cape Eastern Region. To report :-
 - (a) Health Fields, Mount Coke.
 - (b) Youth Centre.
 - (c) Duncan Village Project.
14. Wits. & S.Transvaal Region. To report :-
 - (a) Moroka Community Centre : Progress
 - (b) Project Organiser.

15. Cape South-Western Region: To report Fund-raising scheme.
16. Natal Inland Region: To report projected meeting at Pietermaritzburg.
17. S.A. Health Society, Lovedale. Invitation to Director to attend Annual Meeting at Lovedale, 20/5/49.
18. S.A. National Council for Child Welfare. To appoint representative for three years from August, 1949, and delegate to attend Annual Council Meeting in Queenstown, week beginning 15th August, 1949.
19. Safnit Mills : Jersey Scheme. To report.
20. Health Minutes. Mrs. Lean to report.
21. Membership of UNESCO.
22. Routine Administration.
23. General.

NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of the National Executive Committee held in the offices of the Foundation, Hut No. 8 Union Grounds, Johannesburg, on TUESDAY, 26th APRIL, 1949, at 12.45 p.m.

PRESENT.

Dr. C.C.P. Anning (in the Chair)
Dr. E.H. Ashton.
Dr. F.A. Donnolly.
Commander C.E.D. Enoch.
Mr. Max Greenberg.
Dr. V.C.J. McPherson.
Col. L.E.C. Price.
Mr. J.R. Rathebe.
Major General H.S. Wakefield.
Dr. I.B. Welsh.
Mr. C. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr. J.C.D. Orr (National Secretary/Accountant).
Mr. A. Robinson (National Organiser).
Mrs. P.S. Lean (Technical/P.R.O.)
Mr. A. Norton.

APOLOGIES.

Brig. E. P. Hartshorn.
Mr. G.C. Jennings.
Col. H. A. Olsen.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd March, 1949, which had been circulated, were CONFIRMED.

2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The resignation of Mrs. M. Seuffert (Mrs. Norma Pienaar), owing to residence overseas, was ACCEPTED WITH REGRET and an expression of THANKS AND APPRECIATION for her services in the past.

3. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It was reported that Dr. I.B. Welsh had withdrawn his resignation; that Mr. S.R. Hellig and Mr. H.E. van Santen were, unfortunately, unable to accept membership of the Committee owing to the many other calls on their time, and that it was not yet known whether Mr. Grieveson would be able to accept membership of the Committee.

4. GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

It was reported that a letter (dated 22nd April, 1949) had now been received from Dr. A.J. Stals, Minister of Education, Health and Social Welfare, stating :-

- (a) That official recognition of the Foundation was in fact to be inferred from the Government grant of £25,000.
- (b) That Foundation activities will be considered on their merits for normal subsidies in the ordinary way, that he would submit the Foundation's memorandum (addressed to the Prime Minister) to the Cabinet upon being supplied with additional copies, but that he cannot recommend the granting of the Foundation's request for a "globular" grant of £250,000.

Dr. Donnolly pointed out that Dr. Stals' reply went far beyond the Foundation's request to him, which was merely for an assurance that the Foundation's policy, as outlined in the memorandum, does not overlap with that of the Departments under his control. This tacit assurance, however, appears to be implied by the fact that normal subsidies will be available to the Foundation.

After considerable discussion, it was DECIDED that the required copies of the memorandum (as amended) should be forwarded to Dr. Stals, asking if he would be good enough to submit the document to the Prime Minister, and pointing out that the Foundation's request for £250,000 is for the Union's National War Memorial as such. In this connection it was considered that a further interview with the Prime Minister might be desirable before the memorandum is actually considered by the Cabinet. To that end it was AGREED that Dr. Karl Bremer should be asked to approach the Prime Minister in the matter through Dr. Stals. Further, that Members of Parliament, who are friendly to the Foundation, should also be informed, and invited to help wherever possible.

5. APPROACH TO SIR ERNEST OPPENHEIMER.

Letter from the National President (General George Brink) to Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, under date 8th April, 1949, appealing for a donation of £10,000, was NOTED.

6. S.A. HEALTH SOCIETY, LOVEDALE.

It was AGREED that the Director should accept an invitation to give the Presidential Address at the Annual Meeting of the S.A. Health Society, at Lovedale, on 20th May, 1949.

7. S.A. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CHILD WELFARE.

It was DECIDED to ask Mr. L. Bagshawe-Smith, Chairman of the Cape Eastern Region, to represent the Foundation on the S.A. National Council for Child Welfare for a period of three years from August, 1949; and to attend this organisation's Annual Council meeting in Queenstown during the week beginning 15th August, 1949.

8. FOUNDATION'S ORGANISATION.

Dr. Donnolly stated :-

- (a) That all Regional staff to be retained after 30th June, 1949 (or earlier as already agreed upon in certain cases) is a total Regional financial responsibility; but

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(b) That Headquarters and Witwatersrand Region staff re-organisation was necessary now on the assumption that Dr. Stals' reply foreshadows an unfavourable response from the Government, and in view of the fact that there would be no further funds available for administration after 30th June, 1949.

The Committee ACCEPTED this, but not as affecting Appeal PLANS "A" or "B", which must await the Government's final decision in the matter.

(c) That there are sufficient funds to meet all commitments until 30th June, 1949, including reimbursement of £1,914 provided for the Roll of Honour, with all staff given notice of termination of service with effect 30th June, 1949, plus accrued leave thereafter, and with the Director continuing until 31st August, 1949, including leave; provided a deficit of £737 at 30th June, 1949, is offset by an amount of £1,800 in respect of uncommitted Mothercraft and Dietitian bursaries. The attachment of this sum for administration and reinstatement of the Roll of Honour provision was APPROVED.

(d) That all Regions will be solvent with the release of their Appeal Reserves, but that only the Witwatersrand & Southern Transvaal Region is in possession of unappropriated funds, amounting to approximately £8,000 (including Appeal Reserve levy).

(e) That future development of the Regions beyond June 1950, (including maintenance of their own projects) is dependent upon their own collections, except that it would be necessary for the O.F.S. Region to collect additional funds immediately, if an office and paid staff were to be retained.

(f) That the Headquarters' commitment in relation to Miss M. A. Alexander, the Foundation's Social Worker at Edendale, is covered until 14th March, 1950, but that, thereafter, it would be necessary to ask, say, the Witwatersrand Region to undertake this additional "project" responsibility.

(g) That, as stated above, there are no funds presently available from National sources for the combined National Headquarters/Witwatersrand Region staff beyond 30th June, 1949. Therefore, that the only staff that can be retained for these purposes will depend upon the amounts that Regions (particularly the Witwatersrand Region) are prepared to contribute to this requirement. As previously indicated, the minimum sum required for such an effective Headquarters/Witwatersrand staff is £6,000 per annum (including office costs, etc.,) and the absolute minimum costs for a skeleton secretarial staff would be £3,000 per annum (including administration). This would cover solely the following posts :-

Secretary/Accountant.

Clerk/Typiste.

Typiste.

Native Messenger/Clerk.

A separate establishment would cost the Witwatersrand Region an amount of £1,380 per annum, whereas

the combined organisation would require an additional amount of £1,620 per annum. It was hoped that the Witwatersrand Region would be prepared to hold itself responsible for the full £3,000 required for general administration as from 1st July, 1949, to 30th June, 1950, but that other Regions would continue to allocate a minimum sum for headquarters administration so as to reimburse, in part, the £1,620 guaranteed by the Witwatersrand Region; such reimbursement to be on the lines of the present budgets. (Overall contribution of £1,400).

The Director, at this stage, emphasised the fact that this proposed skeleton staff would not be able to carry out adequately all the necessary duties that would devolve upon it; but he thought that, as the Foundation is very short of funds for administration, this scheme should be tried out; the only alternative to his mind being complete decentralisation with all the attendant legal difficulties and responsibilities, and with the necessity of altering the Foundation's Constitution — a step that should be considered only as a last resort.

- (h) That the National Executive and Witwatersrand Committees should fuse. Commander Enoch stated that he would raise this matter with his Regional Committee, as also the above financial proposals and the question of staff to be retained.

The National Executive Committee RESOLVED :-

- (i) ~~That all members of the combined National Headquarters/Witwatersrand Region be given notice with effect from end June, 1949, with leave to follow thereafter, EXCEPT those members of the staff to be retained in terms of the above proposals;~~
- (ii) That the posts and their incumbents be decided upon by a Sub-committee consisting of the Chairman of the National Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Witwatersrand Committee and the Director, their decision to be made as soon as the Witwatersrand Region has indicated its intentions in regard to these proposals.
- (i) That the Committee might consider the appointment of paid collectors for Appeal work. Other appeal items were also discussed but were left over for final decision reference Appeal Plans "A" & "B".
- (j) That in the interests of economy, and the necessary curtailment of work, Regional Councils should be disbanded in those Regions that are agreeable to this procedure. In such cases all "branch" committees at Cape Town, Durban, etc., would function directly under the National Executive Committee.

9. NEXT MEETING.

The remaining items on the agenda were DEFERRED for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee, which will be held on Wednesday, 11th May 1949, at 12.45 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of the meeting of the National Executive Committee held in the offices of the Foundation, Hut No. 8, Union Grounds, Johannesburg, on Wednesday, 11th May, 1949, at 12.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. C.C.P. Anning (in the Chair)
Dr. F.A. Donnolly.
Commander C.E.D. Enoch.
Mr. Max Greenberg.
Dr. V.C.J. McPherson.
Colonel H.A. Olsen.
Mr. Quintin Whyte.
Dr. I.B. Welsh.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J.C.D. Orr (National Secretary/
Accountant)
Mr. A. Robinson (National Organiser)
Mrs. P.S. Lean (Technical/Public
Relations Officer)
Mr. A. Norton.

BY INVITATION: Mr. L. Kuper (Member, Witwatersrand
Regional Executive
Committee)

APOLOGIES: Dr. E.H. Ashton.
Maj-Gen. H.S. Wakefield.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of meeting held on 26th April, 1949, which had been circulated, were CONFIRMED.

2. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Resignation of Brig. E.P. Hartshorn, owing to impending departure from Johannesburg, was accepted with much regret. The Committee resolved that an expression of its thanks and appreciation be conveyed to Brig. Hartshorn for his valuable services in the past.

3. APPROACH TO SIR ERNEST OPPENHEIMER:

It was reported that General Brink's recent appeal to Sir Ernest Oppenheimer for a donation of £10,000 had been unsuccessful. Mr. Max Greenberg suggested that Sir Ernest should be personally approached when he returns from overseas.

4. LEADER IN "STAR" 30/4/49:

Reference was made to a leader in "The Star" of 30/4/49 under the heading "Monuments Mute in Stone". In general, the leader supported the merits of the traditional form of stone memorial and tended to criticise "living" memorials. Discussion took place on whether or not it would be politic to reply to the leader, remembering that negotiations now in train with the Government for

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financial assistance might be prejudiced if contentious correspondence ensues in the press. It was decided to circulate the leader to members of the Committee for an expression of opinion.

5. FOUNDATION'S ORGANISATION:

It was reported:-

- (a) That the following Regions had so far agreed to contribute to National Headquarters administration as from 1st July, 1949, roughly on the basis of their present contributions in terms of the budgets:-

Wits. & S. Tvl.	£350	per	annum.
Cape South Western	250	"	"
Cape Eastern	150	"	"
Natal Coast	100	"	"
O.F.S.	100	"	"

Replies had not yet been received from the Northern Transvaal and Cape Midlands Regions.

- (b) That the Witwatersrand and Southern Transvaal Region is prepared to guarantee £2,000 (£1,500 salaries, £500 general administration) for the cost of administering a combined National Headquarters/Witwatersrand skeleton secretarial staff for the six months 1st July/31st December, 1949. This amount provides for the skeleton staff originally suggested by the National Executive to be augmented by a Senior paid official, the opinion of the Region being that the proposed staff was inadequate for the proper carrying out of both National and Witwatersrand work. In view of the necessity, in terms of the Welfare Organisations Act, to maintain a reasonable relationship between administrative costs and income, it was considered that the salary of this additional member of paid staff should and could be raised specially from separate sources. The Region emphasized that the amount of £2,000 is to be regarded as a loan and stand as a first charge against any funds that might accrue to National Headquarters and be reimbursed, in any case, to the extent of the budgetted contributions from Regions; also, that every effort must be made to raise funds by means of appeal canvassers, fund-raising functions; etc., the organisation of which is to be the main function of the additional paid member of staff. The urgent necessity for raising funds for administration was emphasized and it was hoped that members of the Committee would make personal approaches to persons in a position to contribute substantially. Voluntary clerical assistance is also essential, and Colonel Olsen kindly offered to provide typing assistance as and when required.

The National Executive Committee expressed its appreciation of the Witwatersrand Region's consideration and sympathetic understanding,

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and, in accepting their proposals, decided that the combined staff establishment should be:-

Manager.
National Secretary/Accountant. }
Honorary Secretary (National)
Honorary Secretary (Witwatersrand
Region)
Honorary Editor (for the Bulletin)
Typist/Clerk (First Grade)
Typist (First Grade) }
Native Messenger/Clerk

It was resolved:-

- (a) That the post of Manager should be on the salary grade £800 x £900 plus cola and that Mr. A. Norton be the incumbent at the maximum salary of £900 p.a. plus cola as from 11th June, 1949. This is the date the Director, in terms of previous Reports to the Committee on 26/4/49, proceeds on leave prior to relinquishing his post at 31st August, 1949, unless adequate Government support materialises and enables his post to be continued.
- (b) That Mr. J.C.D. Orr continue to fill the post of National Secretary/Accountant, his salary increasing from £792 to £860 p.a. as from 1st May, 1949 in accordance with his present salary grading.

Under these proposals the Foundation has no alternative but to lose the services of Mr. Arthur Robinson (National Organiser) and Mrs. P. Scarnell Lean (Technical/P.R.O.), one native clerk, and certain temporary typing assistance, as from 30th June, 1949. The Committee is deeply conscious of the valuable services to the Foundation of Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Lean and others, and, in conveying its thanks and appreciation to them, wishes to record sincere regret at the necessity for this step. As regards Mr. Robinson, who is at present doing certain appeal work in Johannesburg, it was agreed that he could, if desired, spend the month of June on appeal work in Cape Town. Any arrangements in this regard to be carried out with the authority of the Chairman.

- (c) In view of the opinions so far received from Regions, it was decided not to disturb the present system of Regional Councils.

6. NATIONAL APPEAL PLANNING:

As comments on Plans "A" and "B" had so far only been received from the Witwatersrand, Cape Eastern and Cape Midlands Regions, it was decided to defer this matter for later consideration, especially as, to a certain degree, Plan "B" was now being implemented in the development presently taking place in the Foundation's organisation as per Item (5) above.

7. LITERACY BURSARIES:

The Director reported that 7 of the 12 Literacy bursaries of £30 p.a. granted by the Foundation for the year 1949 through the S.A. Institute of Race Relations, had been awarded, and asked for approval for the remaining 5 bursaries to be devoted to Literacy group teaching at various places in the Union. AGREED.

8. FOUNDATION PROJECTS - STANDARDISED TITLE AND PROGRAMME:

Suggestions from the Witwatersrand and O.F.S. Regions were considered. After discussion, it was agreed to recommend to the Annual General Meeting of Members that the standardised title of all Foundation projects should be:-

National War Memorial
----- (Goodwood) ----- Centre.

9. O.F.S. REGION:

- (a) Heatherdale Project. The Director reported that the O.F.S. Region had allocated £25 for the financial assistance of a project for the Heatherdale Coloured community near Bloemfontein. It was the intention of the O.F.S. Region to reserve a further sum of £75 for the future development of this project. It was pointed out that the National Executive Committee had adopted a definite policy of concentration upon its own projects, and of limiting financial assistance to cases in which the Foundation was already committed. In view of the special circumstances of this case it was agreed that the allocation of the sums mentioned be confirmed, but the Committee resolved that in no circumstances would it approve any further financial assistance schemes anywhere.
- (b) "Link Committee" System. Proposals in regard to the "Link Committee" system were discussed and, at the request of the O.F.S. Region, referred to the meeting of the National Council on 25th June, 1949.

10. NATAL COAST REGION - LAMONTVILLE PROJECT:

It was reported that the Natal Coast Region had submitted a "ceiling" budget for the period ending 30/6/50 in respect of the Lamontville Project which had been considered and approved under authority delegated at the last meeting by the Chairman and the Director. The budget involved a sum of £1,180 being the full amount standing to the Region's credit as at 31/3/49. NOTED and CONFIRMED.

11. CAPE MIDLANDS REGION:

It was decided that the general situation that had arisen in the Cape Midlands Region should be discussed at a special meeting of the National Executive on Thursday, 19th May, 1949, at 12.45 p.m.

12. NORTHERN TRANSVAAL REGION : REST CENTRE : FINANCES:

The Director reported that the Foundation Rest Centre at Pretoria was now operating. The financial situation of the Region had been investigated (Director's letter to Regional Chairman of 21/4/49 quoted). The Region was solvent if the National Executive Committee would authorise the immediate allocation now to Project Account of the Region's full appeal reserve levy (£1,200) as a contingent obligation due by this Region for appeal work. AGREED.

It was reported that some confusion had arisen since the closing of the Pretoria office, in the matter of the Region's accounts, the Hon. Treasurer being absent on leave.

In order to compensate for the loss of permanent staff, and to ensure continuity in the control of the Region's finances, it was approved that (subject to concurrence by the Regional Committee), the accounting work should be taken over by Head Office, preferably operating directly upon the Pretoria banking account.

Through this account, the control would also extend to the Rest Centre project, for which a strengthened Management Committee would be required.

13. CAPE EASTERN REGION:

The Director reported that the Cape Eastern Region had submitted a "ceiling" budget proposal for their Mount Coke Health Field (Boys Club) project involving a capital cost of £1,200 (£100 contingencies) and recurrent costs of £200 p.a. (£50 contingencies). The Region had sufficient funds to its credit to meet these commitments. It was AGREED to approve the "ceiling" budget within the sums mentioned.

Youth Centre Duncan Village Project.

Noted that nothing further to report.

14. WITWATERSRAND AND SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL REGION : MOROKA COMMUNITY CENTRE:

It was reported that good progress was being made with the construction of the Moroka Centre, which should be completed and in operation by 1st August, 1949. The roof was "wetted" on 10th May, 1949. A Sub-Committee of Advisers was now planning the organisation and running of the Centre, including the possible engagement of a European Project Organiser to assist the Bantu Supervisor in the early stages.

15. CAPE SOUTH WESTERN REGION : FUND RAISING SCHEME:

It was reported that the Cape South Western Region was contemplating the organisation of a fund-raising scheme to be based on the sale of units or "bricks" representing items necessary for the Goodwood project. NOTED.

16. NATAL INLAND REGION:

It was reported that arrangements were in hand for meetings to be held at Pietermaritzburg in the first week in June 1949 with a view to the resuscitation of the Natal Inland Regional Committee. NOTED.

Agreed that £10 be made available, ex Natal Inland Regional funds, for Women's Work Classes, Edendale.

17. ANNUAL REPORT FOR GENERAL MEETING AND NATIONAL COUNCIL:

The Chairman was authorised to approve the draft Annual Report.

18. MEDICAL TRAINING COMMISSION:

It was reported that written and oral evidence had been given to the Medical Training Commission and had been well received, and that further evidence on the use of Foundation Centres for the training of medical students was being prepared with the help of Prof. Brock and Mrs. Joseph.

19. COMMISSION ON NATIVE EDUCATION:

It was reported that written evidence has been submitted to the Commission on Native Education, specifically regarding school courses for Non-European girls who might be suitable for training as Nurses.

20. ESTATE LATE I.H. LEWSEN:

It was reported that the Executors of the Estate of the Late I.H. Lewsen had directed that the interest on the £1,500 bequest should be devoted to bursaries (roughly half for Europeans and half for Non-Europeans) to be known as "The Isidore Harry Lewsen Bursaries".

As required by the Trustees, it was resolved:-

"THAT the National War Memorial Health Foundation hereby authorise PATRICK ALAN GORDON NORTON, in his capacity as National Secretary of the Foundation, to accept from the Administrators to the Estate of the late Isidore Harry Lewsen, the sum of £1,500. (Fifteen Hundred Pounds) which amount the said Administrators propose to donate to the Foundation in their capacity as Trustees of the Isidore Harry Lewsen Trust Fund, and duly authorise the said NORTON to sign any acquittance, discharge or receipt therefor."

21. SAFNIT MILLS JERSEY SCHEME:

It was reported that distribution of the 100 dozen jerseys generously donated by Safnit Mills was about to be effected at Johannesburg, East London, ~~Port Elizabeth~~ CAPE TOWN and Edendale, as agreed with Mr. E.J.G. Roy.

22. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION:

(a) Staff Matters:

Confirmation was given for decision on routine staff matters, dealt with by the Staff Committee:-

(i) Resignations.

Miss A.M. Ingram (Mrs. O'Brien)
with effect 30th April, 1949, with
payment in lieu of 22 days leave.

Miss M.H. Krohn, O.F.S. Region.
with effect 30th April, 1949, with
payment in lieu of leave, 19 days
accrued, accepted as a debit for
Regional account.

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(ii) Leave:

<u>Mr. D.J. O'Connor</u>	11th/14th April, 1949.
<u>Miss A.M. Ingram</u>	22 days, as recorded above.
<u>Miss M.H. Krohn</u>	19 days, as recorded above.
<u>Mrs. A.D. Scholtz</u>)	Balance of accrued leave to be taken in June, 1949. (Regional Office closing on 31st May, 1949).
<u>Miss E. Ackerman</u>)	
<u>Director's leave</u>	(To report) 15 days occasional leave taken to date.

(iii) Appointments:

<u>Mrs. M. Krohn.</u>	Regional Secretary, O.F.S, with effect 1st May, 1949. Salary £25. 0. 0d plus cola. (Debit for Regional account).
<u>Miss C. Franklin.</u>	(Temporary on 1 week's notice). Short-hand Typiste @ £22.10.0d per month plus cola, with effect 2/5/49.
<u>Miss J. Garraway.</u>	(Temporary, on 1 week's notice). Short-hand Typiste @ £30 per month plus cola, with effect 3/5/49.

(b) Alteration and amendment of Mandates:

Reference Banking and Investment Accounts, with:-

- (i) Barclays Bank (D.C. & O), Pritchard Street Branch.
- (ii) S.A. Permanent Mutual Building and Investment Society.
- (iii) United Building Society.

RESOLVED:

THAT resolutions dated 25th October 1946 (Barclays Bank Accounts), and 18th December 1946, (Building Society Accounts) be amended by deletion of the words "Member of the Finance Committee for the time being of the said Council" and/or "Member of the Finance Committee (in his capacity as representative of the Council)" and substitution of the words

"Nominated representative of the Council."

THAT all previous authorities granted to persons to operate the accounts named in the resolutions dated

25th October 1946, and 18th December 1946, are hereby cancelled.

THAT authority is hereby given to the following to operate these accounts, in the manner indicated:-

TRUSTEES' ACCOUNTS.

	<u>Board of Trustees.</u>	<u>Authority.</u>
<u>Signing:</u>	Bernard Friedman. Arthur William Blaxall. George William Gale. Violet Margaret Livingstone Ballinger. Charles Mitchell Hoffe.	Any <u>one</u> member to sign, on "Trust Account" with Barclays Bank, Pritchard Street Branch, and on Savings Account and Fixed Deposit Account with S.A. Permanent Mutual Building & Investment Society, and/or United Building Society.

	<u>Nominated Representative of the Council.</u>	<u>Authority.</u>
<u>Counter-signing:</u>	Helmer Arnold Olsen. Cyril Emile Delgado Enoch. Gerald Clarence Jennings.	Any <u>one</u> representative to Countersign, on Trust Account with Barclays Bank, Pritchard Street, and on Savings and Fixed Deposit Accounts with the S.A. Permanent Mutual Building & Investment Society and/or United Building Society.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

	<u>Nominated Representative of the Council.</u>	<u>Authority.</u>
<u>Signing:</u>	Helmer Arnold Olsen. Cyril Emile Delgado Enoch. Gerald Clarence Jennings.	Any <u>one</u> representative to sign, on General Account with Barclays Bank, Pritchard Street Branch.
<u>Counter-signing:</u>	John Cyril Davis Orr. Patrick Alan Gordon Norton.	In capacity as Secretary. Deputy to the Secretary, either one to counter-sign on General Account as noted above.

23. GENERAL:

The remaining items on the Agenda, i.e. "Health Minutes" and "Membership of UNESCO" were left over for consideration at a later meeting of the Committee.

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PRESENT: Dr. C.C.P. Anning (In the Chair)
Dr. F.A. Donnolly
Comrander C.E.D. Enoch
Dr. V.C.J. McPherson
Colonel L.E.C. Price
Maj-Gen. H.S. Wakefield
Dr. I.B. Welsh
Mr. Quintin Whyte.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J.C.D. Orr (National Secretary/Accountant)
Mrs. P.S. Lean (Technical/P.R.O.)
Mr. A. Norton.

APOLOGIES: Colonel H.A. Olsen
Mr. C. Williams.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of meeting held 11th May, 1949, which had been circulated, were confirmed.

2. CAPE MIDLANDS REGION.

At the request of the Chairman, the Director outlined in detail all the circumstances leading up to the position that has arisen in the Cape Midlands Region. In addition to visits to Port Elizabeth by Dr. Anning, Miss Horrèll, Mr. Robinson and himself, lengthy correspondence had ensued over some months. In order that the Committee should be fully aware of the background as well as the present points at issue, and in order to avoid any possibility of misunderstanding, the Director read the following correspondence:-

Letters to Mr. D. Polack of 11/3/49 and 28/3/49.
Letters from Mr. D. Polack of 14/3/49, 18/3/49 and 7/4/49 (2).

Sundry correspondence from the Regional staff was also quoted, as were letters from the Secretary for Social Welfare (25/2/49 and 3/5/49) and from the Senior Social Welfare Officer, Port Elizabeth (5/3/49).

In brief:-

- (a) The Region now has an amount of approximately £4,360 (including £800 appeal reserve levy, less direct appeal costs) standing to its credit.
- (b) The Region for various reasons having had to agree to the replacement of its full community centre scheme for New Brighton, with a scheme for Boys' and Girls' Clubs in New Brighton, now considers that it would be better to hand over all its resources to the Bantu Youth Club in this township, in terms of its resolutions of 6.4.49 - quoted below.
- (c) The Region desires the immediate release of the £800 appeal reserve levy.

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- (d) The Region is not prepared to bear the Port Elizabeth staff and office costs after 30th June, 1949, when these become a Regional responsibility. As a Car Competition and Street Collection are in course of being arranged there is a suggestion that the part-time services of Mrs. Scholtz, the present Regional Organiser, be retained for appeal purposes.
- (e) Mr. Polack alleges that he was misquoted on the question of the Foundation possibly assisting coloured people in Port Elizabeth, reference the National Executive Committee minutes of 26th March, 1949. In view of this the National Executive Committee considered carefully the full relevant text of Mr. Polack's letter of 18/3/49, and the recorded summary as contained in its minutes of 26/3/49. The Committee came to the conclusion that the minutes recorded a fair and reasonable attempt to report Mr. Polack's opinion, and that if any misquotation might be construed in such report, it was unintentional.

As directed by the Committee at its meeting on 26th March, 1949, the Director had written on 28/3/49 to Mr. Polack in regard to the Committee situation in Port Elizabeth, stating that, in view of all the difficulties that had arisen, the National Executive Committee had come to the unanimous conclusion that unless somehow or other these difficulties could be resolved, it might be wiser, in the Foundation's interests, for certain members of the Port Elizabeth Committee to consider whether they can in fact remain as Foundation Committee members under circumstances which, time and again, have been regarded by the Chairman as highly unsatisfactory.

The response of the Cape Midlands Regional Executive Committee is contained in the following resolution dated 6.4.49:

- "(i) Headquarters be advised that the Executive as a whole is not prepared to let any of its Members resign independently, and that if this is insisted upon all the members will resign simultaneously.
- (ii) That whatever sums so far collected in this Region and allocated to our New Brighton and other projects, as well as the proceeds of the Car Competition and Street Collection, should be handed over to the Bantu Youth Club in New Brighton on an undertaking from that Club that activities planned for our own Project at New Brighton should be carried on by them in a building to be erected on the land allocated to us and that the name of the Foundation be associated with such Project.
- (iii) That after this had been done, the Executive would be prepared to resign en bloc to enable Headquarters to appoint a new Executive for this Region who would be prepared to carry on with work for Coloured people in accordance with National Executive Committee resolutions."

After a full and careful discussion the National Executive decided:-

- (a) To reiterate that it has no wish for the Cape Midlands Regional Executive Committee to resign in whole or in part, and that it hoped that the full Port Elizabeth

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Committee would continue now to push ahead with its own project for New Brighton. The suggestion of the National Executive, as conveyed in the Director's letter, was merely that certain Port Elizabeth Committee members might, from their own point of view, desire to resign if, as it seemed, they are out of sympathy with the policy of the National Executive Committee.

- (b) That the Foundation must proceed with its own project in New Brighton, namely, National War Memorial Boys' and Girls' Clubs with suitable buildings, even in the immediate absence of subsidies from Government departments on account of the financial stringency now operating.
- (c) That the Region's suggestion that all or any sums collected regionally be handed over to the Bantu Youth Club could not be entertained. Not only is (b) above preferable, but the Foundation has now discontinued its former financial assistance policy and, in any case, the necessary control of funds collected under the aegis of the Foundation would be lacking if handed over en bloc to the Bantu Youth Club.
- (d) To re-affirm that, if possible, something be done later for Coloureds in Port Elizabeth.
- (e) That the Region's £800 Appeal Reserve Levy must stand if a National Appeal is proceeded with in the light of the Government's reply, but if Appeal Plan 'B' operates, it will be available to the Region, less direct appeal costs.
- (f) To recommend most strongly that in view of the Region's impending appeal arrangements, the services of Mrs. Scholtz be retained, say at her present salary, from 1st July, 1949 to 31st December, 1949, provided that (i) Mrs. Scholtz is prepared to carry on her Foundation appeal activities, etc., from her own home, and (ii) that the cost of Mrs. Scholtz' salary for the period 1st July, 1949, to 31st December, 1949, be met ex Port Elizabeth Car Competition and other local appeal proceeds.

3. DIRECTOR.

- (a) Leave. The Director mentioned that, in terms of his notice, and in the absence of adequate Government support being promised or obtained in the meantime, he would be leaving the service of the Foundation on 1st August, 1949; and, as a total of 79 days leave will have accrued and be due to him at that date, he requested to be permitted to proceed on leave for the period 13th June/31st August, 1949, thus exhausting all leave due to him (11 working days occasional leave 13th/24th June, 1949, and 68 accumulative leave 25th June/31st August, 1949). Approved and payment in advance for the full period of leave authorised.
- (b) Representation: The Director pointed out that he at present represented the Foundation on the following Organisations :-
 1. National Health Council (Council and Standing Committee).
 2. National Social Welfare Organisations Board (Board and Executive Committee)
 3. Uno Working Group (Family, Child and Youth Welfare, as Social Medicine Representative).
 4. South African National Council for Child Welfare (Health, Nursing and Mothercraft Technical Committee).
 5. All

5. All Ex- Service Organisations (Ordinary and Honorary Membership).

It was decided that the question of replacing the Director (where possible) on these organisations be deferred for later consideration.

- (c) Health Talks for Bantu: The Director mentioned that he had already prepared a number of the health talks for Bantu Night Schools, and that he would carry on preparing these as long as practicable. He suggested that some arrangement might have to be made for the preparation of the balance of the talks. This, too, was deferred for later consideration.

4. STAFF: MR. A. NORTON.

The Director reported that Mr. Norton, who had been offered the post of Manager of the Foundation as from 11th June, 1949, had since resigned from the service on the grounds that, in his opinion, the Foundation could not afford his salary. The Committee, in accepting the resignation with regret, expressed the hope that Mr. Norton might be induced to withdraw his resignation. The Government's reply is still outstanding and might well alter the position; and, in any case, the main function envisaged in the post of Manager, in addition to being the senior official of the Foundation, is the organisation, stimulation and actual carrying out of appeal activity.

5. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION:

(a) Staff Matters.

Confirmation was given for decisions on routine staff matters, dealt with by the Staff Committee:-

- (i) Resignation: Mr. Arthur Robinson: released from service, last working day 17th May, 1949.
- (ii) Temporary Service: Miss. C. Franklin: Service to terminate on 20th May, 1949, (Payment for 19 days).
- (iii) Leave: Mr. Arthur Robinson: payment approved in lieu of 27 days accrued leave, on termination of service on 17th May, 1949.
Mr. A. Norton: Annual leave due 1st June, 1948 to be carried forward.
- (iv) Hire-Purchase Car Accounts:- (Mr. A. Robinson & Mrs. A.D. Scholtz). Approval given for continuation of monthly instalments on the present basis, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, on cessation of service.
- (v) Sundry Payments approved:
Miss J. Booysen: £2.2.0 special typing fee.
Mrs. M. Westerby: £30, on completion of Street Collection business.
Temporary assistance, as necessary, for purpose of preparation and completion of notices for General Meeting and Annual reports.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

*Will they get another committee
if found in the magazine -
I find better.*

From 30th April
June 10th - July - Aug.

The Chairman has asked me to send you this copy of a "Star" leader of April 30th, 1949, with the request that you will consider the advisability of our preparing a reply to it, remembering that negotiations now in train with the Government for financial assistance might be prejudiced if contentious correspondence ensues in the press.

Your written comments would be welcomed.

A. Norton

(A. Norton)

for NATIONAL SECRETARY/ACCOUNTANT.

Nat Exec. - my right hand.

P.E. - Hand over money to another organization to put it up

Enclosure.

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STAR LEADER OF APRIL 30TH, 1949.

MONUMENTS MUTE IN STONE.

A prevailing fashion decries monuments in stone, and insists that what is memorable should be commemorated in useful institutions. Thus if there be no money to finance a particular field of medical research, for example, the next best thing is a plan to harness the memory of some eminent man, or even the memory of men killed in battle. To some of us this seems a new kind of share-pushing or log-rolling; but many people can become extremely indignant at what they call "mute monuments in stone." Marble and brick do not seem to excite the same animosity. Yet there is much to be said against these views. Sculpture, as one of the arts, has as much right to a free and prosperous existence as any institution whatever. Its contribution to human happiness down the ages probably amounts to more than many institutions ever will signify. Monuments raised by the science and art of architecture, and graced by sculpture prove that a nation is not lost to the arts; and every nation requires to give this proof, if it does not wish to travel a path to extinction.

No service is done either to art or science by placing them in a false rivalry of the useless opposed to the useful. This challenge is calculated to harm science much more than art; and for the simple reason that whereas art is concerned with the joy of living, science is largely occupied with various miseries. In no way has a love of science been helped by scientific weapons in war; and its association with disease does tend to divorce it from the instincts of people healthy in body and buoyant in mind. Sympathy with pain and suffering is one of the marks of a civilised spirit, but it is no more than one. It cannot become, this side of the morbid or insane, the whole significance of a personality. And yet, when we listen intently to all the agitations, requests, pleas, whines and bleats that rise daily to the skies, well may we wonder whether anybody has a right to be happy. Certainly it is true that organisations devoted to a relief of misery seem highly qualified in the arts of advertisement.

It is not true, on the other hand, that "mute, useless monuments in stone" - to set out the abuse in full - are either mute or useless. In Edinburgh, to take one outstanding example, the memorial to the war dead of 1914-18 is one of the sights of Europe. It reveals how inanimate things can speak forever to thinking minds. It truly is a glory of Scotland; and nothing worthy of such words in any nation is other than a tremendous achievement. In South Africa we have the Rhodes Memorial at Groote Schuur, the Women's Monument at Bloemfontein, and the Voortrekker Monument at Pretoria. We have, too, such things of minor elegance and touching grace as the memorial to Captain Scott in Cape Town.

Only an incorrect sense of proportion would weigh these things against hospitals, clinics and what not else of the kind. But many people, if forced to the choice, would ask whether our civilisation came from a preoccupation with misery, or whether it came from the joy of life. And finally they might decide that for nations, as for individual men and women, there are extremes when it is wise to beware of pity. Certainly in too many of our days the atmosphere seems to be charged with morbid pleas; and this may be why our civilisation seems to be in a steep decline. The corrective, of course, is not to ignore any call to help, but to deprecate a nagging manner in the call; and to ask, at least, that monuments in stone be left to their dignity and peace.

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NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION.

WITWATERSRAND AND SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Darragh Hall, Hoek Street, Johannesburg, on FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1949, at 5 p.m.

A. Norton
(A. NORTON)
REGIONAL SECRETARY.

P.O.Box 8171,
Johannesburg.

16th May, 1949.

A G E N D A.

1. Opening of Meeting.
2. Apologies.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of Second Regional Council Meeting held on 25th February, 1948.
4. Report of the Action Committee for the period 1.2.48/30.4.49.
5. To make representations to the National Council regarding any matter brought under consideration by the Annual Report.
6. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Regional Council.
7. Election of Action Committee.
8. Delegation of Powers to Action Committee.
 - (a) To co-opt members to Action Committee.
 - (b) To appoint Sub-Committees.
 - (c) To appoint a representative to the National Executive in terms of Article 22 (d) of the Constitution.
9. Election of five representatives (members) to the National Council in terms of Article 16 (c) of the Constitution.
10. Any other business.

NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION.

WITWATERSRAND AND SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

P.O.Box 8171,
JOHANNESBURG.

30th April, 1949.

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO ANNUAL
GENERAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE PERIOD
1ST FEBRUARY, 1948, to 30TH APRIL, 1949.

Your Regional Action Committee has much pleasure in presenting its Report for the period 1st February, 1948, to 30th April, 1949.

The Committee held regular meetings throughout the period under the Chairmanship of Commander C.E.D. Enoch. Colonel A.E. Trigger, one of the Vice-Chairmen, unfortunately had to resign owing to many other commitments. The Rev. L. du Manoir carried on as the other Vice-Chairman. Dr. L.F. Freed continued to act as Honorary Treasurer until the necessity for this office fell away with the Region's accounts being kept by the Foundation's National Accountant.

In January, 1949, the Committee decided, with a view to expediting business and reducing administrative costs, to appoint a Regional Executive Committee, consisting of four members of the Technical Advisory Committee and five members of the Action Committee, with the Regional Chairman having a casting vote. This Committee has met regularly and reports quarterly to combined meetings of the remaining members of the Regional Action and Technical Advisory Committees. In addition, a small Sub-Committee of Advisers on the Foundation's Moroka Community Centre is at present functioning.

ACCOUNTS.

Regional books form part of and are audited with the accounts maintained by the National Headquarters. An audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 30th June, 1948, which are being presented by the National Executive to the Foundation's Annual General Meeting on 24th June, 1949, are already in the possession of members of the Foundation, but the annexed statement gives the financial position of the Region as at 30th April, 1949.

APPEAL.

Your Committee has much pleasure in reporting that a grant-in-aid of £15,000 for the financial year 1948/49 was received from the Johannesburg Municipality on 6th December, 1948, being endowment grant £5,000 and ordinary grant £10,000. While the ordinary grant of £10,000 was made in order "to assist the Foundation in commencing with its manifold projects", the endowment grant of £5,000 is to be invested and only the interest expended. Further, the Johannesburg Municipality also made provision for a grant of £1,500 for the year 1947/48 to the Foundation's Moroka Community Centre (now being built and referred to later), but this amount has not yet been received. Application has been made to the Municipality for further assistance for the financial year 1948/49. Your Committee conveyed to the City Council, and wishes to record here, its sincere appreciation of this very generous recognition of the National War Memorial by the Johannesburg Municipality.

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As regards general fund-raising, the report of the National Executive Committee is already in your possession and there is no need to elaborate here upon the circumstances which have persistently acted against the holding of a National Appeal, which will be launched later this year if negotiations now proceeding with the Government for financial assistance are successful. The continued deferment of the National Appeal made it necessary for the Region to press on with its local fund-raising.

The Johannesburg Fund-Raising Committee has continued to function throughout the period. Mr. J.G. Finlay, former Chairman, is now resident in Cape Town and his place as Chairman has been taken by Mr. E.J.G. Roy. The active assistance and influence of these gentlemen have been invaluable to the Region in its fund-raising efforts. While collections have now fallen off to a serious degree, over £1,000 per month was obtained during the period May/August, 1948, mainly as the result of personal and postal canvassing. Special mention must be made of the United Building Society, African Metals Corporation and Transvaal Coal Owners Association, each of which donated £500 to the Foundation. The Region is also grateful to the many other donors who have given so generously to the funds of the Foundation; to the University of the Witwatersrand for the proceeds of £205 from a concert by the Amsterdam String Quartet; to the Johannesburg High School Old Girls Club for an amount of £197 from a play "Viktoria and Her Hussar"; and to the S.A.W.A.S. for a sum of £146 from a Morning Market. The Region is also to receive an Estate Bequest of £1,500 for investment and utilisation of the interest on bursaries to be known as the "Isidore Harry Lewsen Bursaries".

Two Street Collections on 10th May, 1948, and 25th October, 1948, kindly convened by Mrs. M. Shearer, realised £678 and £447 respectively. The Region is also to have two Street Collections in 1949. It is desired to record our appreciation of the services of the many voluntary workers who so generously give their time to these Street Collections.

Your Committee studied a memorandum from the Johannesburg Municipal Department of Social Welfare on the question of a Community Chest and asked for further information regarding the administration of the proposed Chest and the distribution of its funds. These aspects are now being investigated by the Department.

FINANCE.

In terms of the National Executive Committee's budgeting, which allocated presently held funds at 30th April, 1948, to specific Headquarters and Regional technical activities, the over-all cost of administering the Foundation and other non-subsidisable activity has been met from the Government Grant of £25,000; all Regional collections, less an Appeal Reserve Levy and a small minimum contribution to Headquarters, then accruing in whole to specific local projects. For the period 30/4/48 to 30/6/49 the Region's Appeal Levy was assessed at £2,000 and the minimum Headquarters contribution at £350. This budgeting envisaged, in terms of the promise of the Smuts Government to consider further financial support in due course in the light of the country's response to the Foundation's Appeal, that State assistance would continue to underwrite the cost of administration and other non-subsidisable activity in the future. The National Executive Committee is at present negotiating with the Government for substantial financial assistance. Owing to the earlier delay, however, in obtaining the balance of the Government grant, and the necessity for the Foundation to initiate negotiations de novo for further financial assistance, your Committee decided to assist National Headquarters by bearing

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