

September 2nd, 1935.

Adv. A. B. Molteno,
4 Wale Street,
Capetown.

Dear Mr. Molteno,

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th instant. I am sorry to hear that your Council will not be giving evidence before the Committee on Natives in Urban Areas as I think it most important that everybody capable of putting the Native viewpoint before the Committee should do so. I note, however, that Mr. Cook is well qualified to give evidence and I shall inform the Secretary of the Committee accordingly.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY.

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KROONSTAD JOINT COUNCIL : KROONSTAD GESAMENTLIKE RAAD

S. Francis' Priory

From:--

The SECRETARY

Kroonstad September 9th. 1935

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Die SEKRETARIS

Dear Mr. Saffery,

Many thanks for your letter referring to police court procedure.

I enclose a copy of the memorandum to be submitted by the Joint Council to the Committee on Natives in Urban Areas which will be here on Friday.

Our October meeting promises a hot debate on Kaffir Beer.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Charles F. Martin

Hon. Sec.

September 13th, 1935.

Rev. Father C. F. Martin,
St. Francis Priory,
Kroonstad,
O.F.S.

Dear Father Martin,

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th instant and the copy of the evidence to be presented to the Committee on Natives in Urban Areas. I think the letter is excellent and should be of considerable help to the Committee.

The local Joint Council is preparing a memorandum, a copy of which I shall send you as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY.

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The Pietermaritzburg Society for the Welfare of Natives.

P.O. Box 335,

Pietermaritzburg.

20th September, 1935.

A.L. Saffery, Esq.,
P.O. Box 1176,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Saffery,

I enclose a copy of the evidence given by Major Hunt and myself before the Committee appointed to inquire into the question of Natives in urban areas. Unfortunately we only had one copy of Major Sayers and this was borrowed by the Secretary of the Committee and has not yet been returned.

Yours sincerely,

R. Hughes Mason.

Hon. Secretary.

Legal Defence League & Arbitration Board.

(UMLAMLELI-MONAMOLELI)

H. SELBY MSIMANG,
Msnager.

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P.O. Box 3219

10, Adam's Arcade,
37, Commissioner Street,

Johannesburg October 12th 1935

The Secretary,
Joint Council of Europeans & Africans,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I deeply regret my inability to attend the Joint Council meeting on Monday, October 14th, for I would have liked to be present to protest against the Evidence it is proposed to be presented to the Committee on Natives in Urban Areas, on the grounds:-

- (a) That paragraphs 1(a) and (b) are a direct contradiction or withdrawal of all Joint Council's arguments against the Colour Bar Act.
- (b) That they are in direct conflict with the Resolutions 4 and 5 of Draft Resolutions on the New Native Bills and with the principle acknowledged and recognised in paragraph 3(c) of the said proposed summary of Evidence.
- (c) That paragraph 1(c) thereof betrays the Joint Council's partisanship to and bias in favour of the Pass System, thus turning somersaults against its own past declarations thereon. The inconsistency is unforgivable.
- (d) That the readiness with which the Joint Council accepts the principle involved in the terms of reference would appear to indicate that it does not intend to be militant against the injustice of making the Africans scapegoats of the misfortunes of a section of the European race which are the inevitable consequences of what the late Mr. Aggrey aptly depicted when he said in effect "if you attempt to keep a man in the ditch you must expect to remain there with him for all times".

For all time material to the industrial development of this country, the Africans have been systematically stampeded into industrial areas by means of several agencies sanctioned by the State and the last big drive was staged in 1913 when Parliament enacted the Natives Land Act. Having been dispossessed of the land or any interest in the land, the African did what any reasonable person could have done in the circumstances. He invaded industrial areas and accepted any conditions imposed upon him by those who desired to oppress, repress and economically enslave him. In spite of all economic barriers he played his part and made himself indispensable by his docility, industry, and patience of which General Smuts speaking in America com-

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pared his ~~patience~~ with that of a donkey. It must not be forgotten that when the Government of the country fell into the trap on the agitation against the African acquiring interest in land, it took a big gamble, which has cost it dearly. In the meantime, the African has established himself in the industry.

economic The present Committee is appointed not to adjust the relations between white and black in this country but to declare a change of policy. In the absence of any guarantee that no future changes will result from the present, the African is naturally bound to ask himself the question whether if he accepts the contemplated changes he is not likely to meet with another change especially in view of the foreshadowed contract anent the importation of Central African labour etc.

In the circumstances, I think the Joint Council should not assist this policy at all but should insist upon the recognition of the status quo plus improvements thereon. Short of that the African will have sacrificed more than enough in his own interest if he attempted to compromise on the present policy.

Kindly place these views before the Joint Council and test the feelings of my African members.

Yours faithfully,

H. Selby Msimang

CHURCH OF SWEDEN MISSION

DEAN A. R. KEMPE,
SUPERINTENDENT

PHONE 88
P.O. Box 88

Dundee,

NATAL.

12th October. 1935

The Secretary,
S. African Institute of Race Relations,
P. O. Box 1176
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks yours of the 9th inst., It has been my intention to try to see Mr. Rheinallt Jones when on a visit to Johannesburg. As regards the Joint Council here, the position is the following,-

Last year I went on furlough to Sweden. Before leaving I wanted the Council to select a new Chairman. The Secretary got up and said that this was quite unnecessary as they could substitute somebody during my absence. Although I did not like this and it did not appeal to me, I took it however, as a promise and went away. On my return I was surprised to find that no meetings had been held and everything was at a standstill. I am sorry to say that more than once I have been disappointed with the Secretary as I expected a little more interest from him. Seeing that he is so luke-warm and not wishing to cause any unpleasantness, I am doing nothing for the time being. He will leave Dundee at the end of this year whereupon I will see if we can find somebody to undertake the Secretaryship who has a little more interest in the thing. I will try to revive the Joint Council at the beginning of the year. If not, I am afraid that the whole thing will have to be dropped. I must say that I have a very suitable person in mind, and if he undertakes the Secretaryship I think we will be all right.

I am sorry for all this.

Yours faithfully,

A R Kempe

350a Moore Road,

Durban.

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Mr Lynn- Saffery,

P.O.Box 1176,

Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I have to notify you that owing to the pressure of other work I have been compelled to relinquish the Secretaryship of the Durban Joint Council of Europeans & Natives.

Will you kindly direct all future correspondence in this connection to the new Secretary Dr Crawford Lundie, 139 Manning Rd, Durban.

Yours Faithfully

B. L. Wilkes

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October 18th, 1935.

Mr. H. Selby Msimang,
10, Adam's Arcade,
37, Commissioner Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Msimang,

I thank you for your letter of the 12th instant on the subject of the evidence it is proposed to present to the Committee of Natives in Urban Areas. As you will see from the notice which was sent to all members of the Joint Council on the 15th instant the meeting had to be adjourned before the business could be completed, consequently this matter did not come before the Council. It will be discussed, however, at the adjourned meeting on Monday and I hope you will be able to attend this meeting so as to be able to put forward your objections to the evidence in person.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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HON. SECRETARY.

Legal Defence League & Arbitration Board.

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H. SELBY MSIMANG,
Msnager.

R.O. Box 3210.

10, Adam's Arcade,

37, Commissioner Street,

Johannesburg 31st Oct. 1935

Hon Secretary,
Joint Council
Johannesburg

Dear Sir,

Committee on Natives in Urban Areas

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date which found me in bed. I have been laid up since the 17th inst and I doubt if I shall be well enough to attend the Committee on Monday but if I can I will, for I do not think there is ever a Commission as dangerous as this. If I fail I shall endeavour to send you a copy of a memorandum I had prepared for the Transvaal African Congress, which was never presented.

Yours faithfully

H. Selby Msimang



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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
OFFICE OF THE—KANTOOR VAN DIE

Director of Native Labour,
P.O. Box 1179,
JOHANNESBURG.
25th October, 1935.

Dear Sir,

Committee on Natives in Urban Areas.

With reference to the abovementioned subject, I shall be glad if the Joint Council of Europeans and Natives of Johannesburg could arrange to present the evidence which they wish to tender before this Committee, at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th proximo, at this office, Room 33.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. G. ...
SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE.

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A.L. Saffery, Esq.,
P.O. Box 1176,
JOHANNESBURG.

October 30th, 1935.

R. S. Fair, Esq.,
89 Onderste Street,
KRUGERSDORP

Dear Mr. Fair,
Committee on Natives in Urban Areas

The above Committee has intimated that it will hear the evidence of this Council and the Krugersdorp Joint Council at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday November 6th, in Room 33, Offices of the Director of Native Labour, Market Street.

I hope it will be possible for you and at least one other member of your Council to be present.

Yours sincerely,

HON. SECRETARY

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October 30th, 1935.

Mr. H. Selby Msimang,
10 Adam's Arcade,
37 Commissioner Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Msimang,

Committee on Natives in Urban Areas

The above Committee will hear the evidence of the Joint Council on Wednesday, 6th proximo, and as it has not been possible for the Joint Council to consider the evidence which it is proposed to present, it will have to be left to the Executive to confirm or reject the whole or part thereof.

If you have certain objections to the proposed evidence, I hope you will find it possible to attend the Executive meeting which will be held at 5.15.p.m. on Monday next at the Bantu Men's Social Centre.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

HON. SECRETARY

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Copy of memo under separate cover.

October 30th, 1935.

The Secretary,
Committee on Natives in Urban Areas,
P.O.Box 1179,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 25th instant, I have to state that the Johannesburg Joint Council of Europeans and Africans will present evidence to your Committee at 3.30. p.m. on Wednesday 6th proximo in Room 33, at the Offices of the Director of Native Labour.

Under separate cover I send you four copies of the evidence which it is proposed to tender and which will be lead by Adv. H.T.B. Vieyra.

The Krugersdorp Joint Council has joined with this Council in preparing the memorandum referred to and a representative of the Council will be present when the evidence is submitted.

Yours faithfully,

HON. SECRETARY

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Mr. Falwasser,
Adv. Vieyra
Adv. Fischer
Mr. J.R. Rathebe
Mr. I.B.S. Masole
Mr. S.P. Mqubuli
Mrs. Ballinger
Rev. Father O. Clark.

October 30th, 1935.

Adv. W.H. Ramsbottom,
Corporation Buildings,
CITY.

Dear Sir,

Committee on Natives in Urban Areas

The above Committee will receive the evidence of the Joint Council at 3.30. p.m. on Wednesday 6th proximo in Room 33, Offices of the Director of Native Labour, Market street, Johannesburg.

Please let me know whether you will be able to be present.

I enclose a copy of the evidence which it is proposed to submit. This memorandum will, however, have to be endorsed by the Executive of the Council which meets on Monday next.

Yours faithfully,

HON. SECRETARY

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ALEXANDRA HEALTH COMMITTEE.

PRIVATE BAG:
P.O. ORANGE GROVE,
JOHANNESBURG.
PHONE 45-2469.

2ND AVENUE,
ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP,
JOHANNESBURG,

4th Nov 1935

The Hon. Sec^y.
Tsburg Joint Council
of Europeans & Africans

Dear Sir

Committee on Natives in
Urban Areas

I have to ack. receipt of your
letter of the 30th ult. covering copy of
proposed evidence & note that it will be submitted
at 3.30 p.m. on the 6th inst.

I hardly think I can manage to be present
but if I can possibly put off another appointment
I shall be there.

Yours faithfully

H. G. Salway

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