

W. Robertson

21st November, 1962.

The Secretary,
The Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration
& Development,

P.O. Box 384,
P R E T O R I A.
Tvl.

Dear Sir,

re: NATIVES (URBAN AREAS) AMENDMENT ACT NO.16
OF 1955. "Locations in the Sky"

Will you kindly convey to the Hon. Deputy Minister the thanks of my Executive Committee for agreeing to meet a deputation from this Branch of the Institute of Estate Agents and Auctioneers of South Africa on Tuesday 27th instant. The deputation will comprise Mr. B.J. Rosen, Chairman, and Mr. L.J. Silberman, Vice-Chairman.

You are aware that until the 31st July, 1962, the Johannesburg City Council's formula in use for licenses permitting Non-European servants to reside in the servants quarters of blocks of flats was as follows:-

- 1 boiler boy
- 1 night watchman
- 1 cleaner to every eight flats, plus such number of tenants' Non-European female servants as could properly be accommodated on the premises.

The City Council has altered this formula with effect from 1st August 1962, as follows:-

- 1 boiler boy
- 1 night watchman
- 1 Non-European servant (regardless of sex and regardless of whether such servant is employed by the Lessor or Lessee) to every 5 flats.

Experience /.....

Experience has shown that flats in buildings which do not have adequate servants accommodation are most difficult to let. Since the new formula has been in operation a large number of Investors who were contemplating erecting new flat buildings have abandoned their projects, in spite of the fact that the monthly survey conducted by this Institute in conjunction with the Association of Building Societies shows that the percentage of empty flats in Johannesburg has fallen in one year from 6.3% to 4.1% and in certain areas there is a strong demand for flats which is slowly spreading to other areas.

Unless these Investors are encouraged to carry on building, a shortage of accommodation will certainly result, and great harm will be caused to the Property Market and the Building Industry. Everything possible should be done to encourage investment in bricks and mortar. With this in view the Institute respectfully suggests that the formula which was adopted on the 1st August 1962, be abandoned, and that the previous formula be restored until such time as sufficient housing is made available in Alexandra Township and the Eastern Native Township for the Non-European female servants. Thereafter, provided that there is adequate transport to and from these Townships, the Institute would support the removal of the Non-European female servants to these Townships from all buildings, new and old. Investors are quite prepared to build servants rooms at the new flat buildings now, notwithstanding the fact that ultimately the servants will be moved to the Townships. The rooms at these new buildings will not become redundant for the reason that Tenants will continue to hire the rooms so that their servants will have somewhere to change into their working clothes, to eat their meals, to rest and wash, and to change again before returning to the Townships.

This suggestion is made in the best of good faith with a view to removing the discrimination which exists insofar that anyone now erecting a block of flats will have extreme difficulty in letting the flats without female servants accommodation in the face of competition from owners of existing buildings who are able to offer servants accommodation. The Hon. Deputy Minister's support of these representations will bring about the following results :

a)/.....

a) An immediate revival in the Building Industry in Johannesburg with consequent general improvement in Commerce and the creation of more employment.

b) An assurance that as soon as suitable alternative accommodation is made available (with adequate transport) there will be no opposition to the removal of the servants to the Townships provided that there is no discrimination against any class of property owner.

c) An immediate improvement in the Property Market.

d) Removal of the threat of a future shortage of flat accommodation.

e) General satisfaction for all interested parties, primarily Builders, Investors, Estate Agents, Architects, Quantity Surveyors, etc.

I have been asked by my Executive Committee to commend the foregoing representations to the Hon. Deputy Minister's earnest consideration.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your Obedient servant,
THE INSTITUTE OF ESTATE AGENTS & AUCTIONEERS OF
S.A.

SECRETARY.

File Merit Committee

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P.O. Box 384,
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Tvl.

Dear Sir,

re: NATIVES (URBAN AREAS) AMENDMENT ACT NO.16 OF 1955.

"Locations in the Sky".

Further to my letter of yesterday's date, I should like to draw your attention to the fact that my reference to the City Council's new formula which came into effect from the 1st August, 1962, does not refer to all buildings, but only to those proposed new buildings in respect of which plans are submitted after the 1st August, 1962.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your Obedient servant,
THE INSTITUTE OF ESTATE AGENTS & AUCTIONEERS OF S.A.

SECRETARY.

N O T U L E
M I N U T E S.

DEPARTEMENTELE KOMITEE VIR JOHANNESBURG.
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR JOHANNESBURG.

TIENDE VERGADERING
TENTH MEETING.

GEHOU IN DIE KONFERENSIEKAMER, DEPARTEMENT VAN BANTOE-ADMINISTRASIE EN -ONTWIKKELING, HOOFGEBOU, PRETORIA OM 9.30 V.M. OP 28 NOVEMBER 1962.

HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, HEAD OFFICE BUILDING, DEPARTMENT OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT. AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE 28TH NOVEMBER, 1962.

TEENWOORDIG:
PRESENT:

Sy Edele Mnr. M.C. Botha : Adjunk-Minister van Bantoe-Administrasie en -Ontwikkeling (Voorsitter).

Amptenare van die Departement van Bantoe-Administrasie en -Ontwikkeling:

Menere -

H.H.L. Smuts	- Adjunk-Sekretaris - Blankegebiede.
M. Smuts	- Hoofbantoesakekommissaris, Witwatersrand.
P. Gray	- Ondersekretaris, Blankegebiede.
C.L. Rein	- Adjunk-Hoofbantoesakekommissaris.
C.E. Kruger	- Waarnemende Bantoesakekommissaris, Johannesburg.
L.J. Lemmer	- Hoofrekenmeester.
P.L. Hattingh	- Polisieeskakel.
F.C. Greyvenstein	- Senior Stadsgebiedekommissaris.
J.A. Burger	- Senior Bantoesakekommissaris.
M.G. Lötter	- Stadsgebiedekommissaris.
A.W.F. Wyatt	- Stadsgebiedekommissaris.
D.B. Schwabe	- Sekretaris van die Komitee.

Verteenwoordigers van Johannesburg Stadsraad:

Raadslede -

P.R.B. Lewis	- Voorsitter, Nie-Blankesake Komitee.
H.B. Ismay	- Adjunk-voorsitter, Nie-Blankesake Komitee.
C.J. Ross-Spencer	- Lid - Nie-Blankesake Komitee.
Menere -	
W.J.P. Carr	- Bestuurder Nie-Blankesake Departement.
T.W. Koller	- Adjunk-Bestuurder, Nie-Blankesake Departement.

(vervolg)

Menere -

W. Joubert - Nie-Blankesake Departement.
J.C. de Villiers - do -
W.L. Evans - do -
J.W. Hooper - do -
S. Evans - Afdeling Stadsklerk.

Verteenwoordigers van die Gesondheidsraad vir Buitestedelike Gebiede :

Raadslede en lede van Gebiedskomitee -

B. Muller
G.J. van der Merwe
W.T. Lever
E.C. Smith
P. Grobler
A.I. Abramowitz

Menere -

H.B. Phillips - Sekretaris/Tesourier.
C.H. Kotze - Bestuurder, Afdeling Bantoe-Administrasie.

R.I.L. Llouttit.
J. Potgieter.
J.H. Swart.
C.R.L. van der Merwe.

Verteenwoordigers van die Herverstigingsraad vir Bantoe, Johannesburg :

Menere -

D.H. Heckroodt - Voorsitter.
I. Steyn - Raadslid.
E. Cuyler - Raadslid.
A. Immink - Raadslid.
I.P. Van Onselen - Sekretaris.

Verteenwoordiger van Stadsraad, Randburg :

Mnr. G. Le Roux - Stadsklerk.

A G E N D A
S A K E L Y S

1. VERSLAG VAN AD-HOC KOMITEE OOR ALEXANDRA.
REPORT OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON ALEXANDRA.
2. NUWE FORMULE VIR LOKASIES-IN-DIE-LUG.
NEW FORMULA FOR LOCATIONS-IN-THE-SKY.
3. WAGLYS VIR HUISVESTING VAN BANTOE IN DIE SUID-WESTELIKE BANTOEWOONGEBIEDE.
WAITING LIST FOR ACCOMMODATION OF BANTU IN THE SOUTH WESTERN BANTU TOWNSHIPS.
4. VERSLAG OOR OOSTELIKE NATURELLEDORP (INDIEN STADSRAAD JOHANNESBURG GEREED IS OM DIT TE BESPREEK).
REPORT ON EASTERN NATIVE TOWNSHIP (IF THE TOWN COUNCIL, JOHANNESBURG, READY TO DISCUSS).

Die voorsitter het die aanwesiges welkom geheet.

1. Verslag van Ad-Hoc Komitee oor Alexandra :

Die Voorsitter: het aangedui dat die toekoms van Alexandra na aanleiding van die verslag in beginsel bespreek moet word.

Mnr. Muller het sy waardering uitgespreek dat lede van die Plaaslike Gebiedskomitee toegelaat is om die besprekings by te woon aangesien Alexandra binne hulle Plaaslike Gebiedskomitee se gebied lê en dat hulle in die onmiddellike omgewing woon. Hy het saamgestem dat Alexandra 'n kankergewas in 'n blanke gebied is en was van mening dat dit 'n gulde geleentheid was om Alexandra geheel en al te verwyder.

Hy het gevrees dat die aanbeveling van die Komitee, naamlik, die verwydering van huisgesinne uit Alexandra en die daarstelling van hostelle vir enkelopende Bantoe, manlik en vroulik, 'n baie gevaarlike ontwikkeling kan wees. Hy het voorts gesê dat dié aanbeveling net 'n gedeeltelike oplossing is, want die aantal Bantoe vanaf Johannesburg wat gehuisves moet word sal meer as 20,000 wees, soos beperk deur die Komitee se aanbeveling. Hy het aangedui dat Alexandra volgens staatsbeleid verkeerd lê. Hy het gesê dat die bewoners in die omgewing algehele verwydering van Alexandra baie sterk steun en het die voorstel gemaak dat die Bantoe wat in die noord-oostelike gedeeltes van Johannesburg werk, in Tembisa Bantoe-woongebied, en dié wat in die noord-westelike gedeeltes, insluitende Randburg werk, te Meadowlands gevestig kan word. Hy was van mening dat indien nodig, ongeveer 200 tot 500 morg vir toekomstige uitbreiding van Tembisa gekry kan word. Hy het ten slotte versoek dat die Gesondheidsraad en die Plaaslike Gebiedskomitee die geleentheid gegee word om die hele aangeleentheid te ondersoek en verhoë, in verband met die voorgestelde behuising aan die Departement te rig.

Mnr. Grobler het mnr. Muller gesteun. Hy het gesê dat 'n oorwoë verslag van die polisie-oerhede verkry behoort te word en dat hy twyfel of die voorstel deur die polisie ondersteun sou word. Hy het gevoel dat die voortbestaan van Alexandra, selfs op 'n grondslag van hostelle, nadelige gevolge op die ontwikkeling van die naburige blanke gebiede kan hê.

Mr. Abramowitz supported Mr. Grobler and Mr. Muller and said he was at loss to understand how their Committee had come to their recommendations in view of the facts contained in the first part of the report. He felt that the final recommendations were directed by expediency and urged ^{that} urgent effect be given to the entire removal of Alexandra.

Mr. Lever also appealed for the total abolition of Alexandra.

Die Voorsitter het kortliks verduidelik dat slegs grondbesit deur Bantoe in Alexandra teenstrydig met beleid is, dit wil sê dat slegs die interne aard teenstrydig met beleid is en nie die geografie van Alexandra nie. Onbesette grensstroke is wel nie volgens beleid voorsien nie. Tembisa kon ook, byvoorbeeld, soos Alexandra later deur Blanke ontwikkeling omring word, maar dit wil nie sê dat dit dan volgens beleid, verkeerd sou lê nie.

Councillor Lewis suggested, that subject to the approval of the Council, the council owned farm Lombardy could be made available and a model township, with the required buffer strips,

established in place of the old Alexandra. He submitted that accommodation on a family basis as well as on a single basis should be provided in the new Alexandra. He also maintained that persons holding freehold title in Alexandra should also have it in re-sited township. He felt that single accommodation could be conveniently provided in the new Alexandra for females who had been removed from the locations -in-the-sky. Tembisa and Meadowland were situated too far out for such accommodation. This was a consideration against the total removal of Alexandra.

Mr. Carr said that although he had been in favour of maintaining families in Alexandra he had fallen in with the majority in the recommendation made by the Committee.

Die Voorsitter het gesê dat die gevoel van die persone in daardie omgewing goed verstaan word en dat die gedagte om Alexandra heeltemal af te skaf, grondig oorweeg is. Die Departement was terdeë bewus van die probleme om Alexandra en hy was huiwerig om die saak verder te vertraag. Indien dit nie prakties was om die beste uitweg te volg nie, moet die tweede beste oplossing aanvaar word. Spesiale wetgewing word oorweeg om middele by te bring waar beskikbare wetgewing onvoldoende bly om Alexandra van 'n gewone dorp na 'n toekomstige stedelike Bantoe-woongebied te verander.

Mnr. Muller het gesê dat aangesien die Departement oor die saak besluit het, was hy bereid om daarby te berus en hy het belowe dat die Gesondheidsraad soos in die verlede, sou saamwerk.

Die Voorsitter het aangegaan om te sê dat dit nie waar was dat daar min ondervinding met huisvesting van enkellopendes bestaan nie. Hy het verwys na die ervaring wat opgedoen is met myn- en nywerheids-kamponge. Die huisvesting van enkellopendes is baie makliker om te beheer as dié van gesinne. In verband met verdere nywerheidsontwikkeling in die gebied het hy gesê dat die Departement sulke ontwikkeling sterk sou teenstaan aangesien dit die aanvraag van Bantoe-arbeid ernstig sou verhoog. Hy het herhaal dat dit onprakties was om Alexandra te verwyder omdat daar geen alternatiewe terrein was nie. Die vergroting van Tembisa sou kwaai teenstand veroorsaak en 'n vervoerprobleem sou skep. Die vraag ontstaan ook waarvoor 'n ontruimde Alexandra in die toekoms gebruik kon word en 'n oplossing moet gevind word vir die huisvesting van Bantoe van die Noordelike gebiede van Johannesburg. Die Departement het aanvaar dat Alexandra nie verwyder kan word nie. Dit moet ook nie uitgebrei word nie, maar die ontwikkeling daarvan vir enkellopendes is aanvaar. Die voorsitter het opgedra dat die betrokke liggame op die posisie soos in die verslag gestel is, moet ingaan en in detail bespreek (kapitaal, regulasies ens.) waarna die saak verder gevoer kan word. Indien die grond wat die Stadsraad aanbied benodig word sal die Stadsraad van Johannesburg genader word. Die vraag oor welke liggaam Alexandra moet regstel sal op ministeriële vlak afgehandel word.

Mnr. M. Smuts het verwys na mnr. Grobler se punt oor die sienswyse van die polisie-owerhede. In die geval van die Costelike Bantoe-dorp is die polisie oor die wenslikheid van 'n konsentrasie van enkellopende Bantoe aldaar geraadpleeg en hulle het hulle ten gunste daarvan uitgespreek. Hulle sou dus dieselfde mening ten opsigte van Alexandra herhaal. Alexandra was ook noodsaaklik om ontspanningsgeriewe vir Bantoe wat in die Noordelike kompleks werk, te voorsien.

Councillor Ismay supported the scheme suggested by Councillor Lewis but re-iterated that at this stage it was a suggestion and not a formal resolution of the Council.

Councillor Lewis said that they nevertheless felt Alexandra should not be for single persons only.

The Chairman said no new families should be brought in.

2. NUWE FORMULE VIR LOKASIES-IN-DIE-LUG.

Die Voorsitter het verwys na die nuwe formule wat deur die Stadsraad voorgelê is en het gesê dat hy nie oor die feit wens te redekawel nie, dat die Stadsraad dit reeds in werking gestel het ofskoon die Departement aangedui het dat dit eers bespreek moes word. Die nuwe formule is, een Bantoe, afgesien van geslag, vir elke vyf woonstelle en een nagwag en ketelman vir die hele gebou. Die formule bevat geen voorstel vir ou geboue nie.

Councillor Lewis said the new formula only applied to buildings, the plans of which were approved after the 1st August 1962. The Council's point of view was that there would be no solution to the location-in-the-sky until alternate accommodation for Bantu females was available and the question of old buildings could only then receive consideration. He said estate agents had raised the objection that the application of the new formula was holding up the erection of new blocks of flats. They favoured a formula based on the total number of rooms in the building. He said the Council could not agree to females being housed in old houses in Alexandra. The Council had suggested erecting a hostel for females at Eastern Native Township.

Mnr. Cuyler het gesê dat die nuwe formule ook op ou geboue toegepas moet word en het voorgestel dat dit soos voorheen 1 Bantoe per elke 8 woonstelle behoort te wees. 'n Maksimum van 5 Bantoe per gebou behoort die ideaal te wees - werkkragte word nie beperk nie maar slegs die aantal Bantoe wat in die gebou mag woon.

Die Voorsitter het beklemtoon dat daar baie duidelik onderskei moet word tussen Bantoe wat in woonstelle werk en Bantoe wat daar woon. Hy het voorts gesê dat tydens 'n onderhoud met eiendomsagente op 27 November 1962, hulle saamgestem het dat allê Bantoe nie in die geboue waar hulle werk hoef te woon nie. Hy het voorgestel dat die formule 1 Bantoe (afgesien van geslag) per 8 woonstelle (soos voorheen), behoort te wees. Die formule moet ook aldus so spoedig moontlik vir ou geboue toegepas word. Ten opsigte van ou geboue kan die goedkeuring hersien word sodra 'n Bantoebediende diens verlaat, of sodra 'n huurder wegtrek wanneer die reg om die bediende op die perseel te huisves verval. Hy het akkoord gegaan met mnr. Lewis dat beter huisvesting vir veral Bantoevroue in Alexandra voorsien behoort te word, maar hy was van mening dat intussen, as 'n tydelike maatregel, enkellopendes aldaar in onbesette woonstelle gehuisves moet word.

Mr. Lewis said that as they experienced difficulty in satisfying people he thought it should be left at 1 Bantu to 5 flats as already approved by the Council.

Mr. H.H.L. Smuts asked whether it would be possible for the Council of Johannesburg to switch over to the licencing of occupiers of flats.

Mr. Lewis said he would have to consider this proposal with his officials. He mentioned that accommodation for Bantu to change and for eating and resting purposes was necessary. The Chairman agreed to this.

The Chairman said that officials should meet under the chairmanship of Mr. H.H.L. Smuts to discuss the application of the formula on a sliding scale to old buildings, the possibility of licencing the tenant as suggested by Mr. H.H.L. Smuts and

the question of the endorsement of building plans to indicate to the owners of blocks of flats how many Bantu would be allowed to reside on the premises.

Mnr. H.H.L. Smuts het gesê dat die kwessie van wetswysiging om voorsiening vir goedkeuring van gebouplanne te maak, alreeds met die Provinsiale Administrasie opgeneem is. In antwoord op n navraag deur mnr. Le Roux dat Randburg geen wetsmasjienarie het om inwoning van Bantoe in geboue te verhoed nie, het mnr. H.H.L. Smuts gesê dat die Departement van Randburg se probleem bewus was en dat sodra alternatiewe huisvesting beskikbaar is, sou n afsonderingsproklamasie afgekondig word.

Dit was toe besluit om van die oorspronklike sakelys af te wyk en n bespreking oor Protea te voer.

3. PROTEA.

Mnr. H.H.L. Smuts het daarop gewys dat volgens die Mentz Komitee, Protea binne die toekomstige Bantoewoongebiede van Johannesburg behoort te lê en dus vir die doel verkry sal moet word. Dit blyk dat die enigste oplossing is om die Stadsraad van Johannesburg te kry om daardie gebied aan te koop en dan miskien die huise aan meer gegoede Bantoe te verkoop. Die kleurlinge sal vir hulle wonings vergoed moet word. Dis noodsaaklik dat die saak nou aangepak word. Hy het die samewerking van die Stadsraad versoek en het gesê dat die finansiële probleme met die Bestuurskomitee uitgepluis behoort te word.

Mr. Lever appealed for a decision to be given as quickly as possible, for a suitable place to be provided for them to live and that they should be safeguarded against having any losses. He emphasized that they were an orderly and civilised community. He said the Peri Urban Areas Health Board had been unable to provide amenities for them in view of the uncertainty of the future of Protea.

The Chairman said that it was known what should be done with Protea. It should become an area for residence of Bantu. He suggested that officials of Johannesburg City Council, the Peri-Urban Areas Health Board and officials of the Department meet under the Chairmanship of Mr. H.H.L. Smuts to discuss the matter and make proposals.

Councillor Lewis expressed agreement with the suggestion but saw some difficulties. He did not think there were sufficient well-to-do Bantu to buy the properties and said that financial aid would have to be given. He added that he did not want to be a party to removing the Coloureds against their will and that the question of alternate accommodation was the concern of the Department of Bantu Administration and Development.

Mnr. Muller het gesê dat hy onlangs n vergadering van Kleurlinge bygewoon het waar hulle te kenne gegee het dat hulle bereid was om pad te gee mits hulle nie geldelik skade sou ly nie.

Dit was besluit dat mnr. H. Smuts as sameroeper sal optree vir verdere samesprekings tussen die Stadsraad en die Gesondheidsraad waarby die Departement van Gemeenskapsbou en Behuising ook betrek kan word. Proklamering as n groepsgebied is nie nodig nie - Protea moet slegs as n Bantoewoongebied verklaar word.

4. WAGLYS VIR HUISVESTING VAN BANTOE IN DIE SUID
WESTELIKE BANTOEWONINGEBIEDE.

Mnr. Heckroodt het gesê dat die verskuiwing van Bantoe gesinne uit Alexandra stadig was. Die Hervestigingsraad wou dus sommige van die gesinne op Johannesburg se waglys hervestig. Tot Oktober 1962 is slegs 522 gesinne van die Stadsraad se gebied hervestig. Hy wou dus graag besonderhede hê oor hoeveel gesinne op die waglys nog hervestig kon word.

Mr. Carr said there were 7274 families on his waiting list. The majority were sub-tenants in the townships. It was impossible to say how many of these families would accept accommodation. At the last approach about 200 of approximately 1000 families approached accepted accommodation. He suggested that the matter be discussed between officials of the Resettlement Board and himself. He said enquiries could be made by letters and followed up by interviews, if necessary. The Chairman agreed with Mr. Carr's suggestion and said Mr. M. Smuts, Chief Bantu Affairs Commissioner, should act in a liaison capacity at the discussions between officials of the Non-European Affairs Department and the Resettlement Board.

5. REPORT ON THE EASTERN NATIVE TOWNSHIP.

The Chairman said that this item was put on the agenda for discussion only if Johannesburg was ready to discuss the matter.

Councillor Lewis said that his council would like to get some lead on the siting of hostels generally as this would be of assistance in considering reports such as that on the Eastern Native Township.

The Chairman said a further meeting should be held to discuss the point raised by Councillor Lewis and the Eastern Native Township report. The meeting would have to be arranged in the usual way in the next year.

Mr. M. Smuts said that the Committee had felt that they could not plan in detail until the matter of principle had been decided by the Government after consultation with the Council.

6. Die vergadering is afgesluit met 'n woord van dank, deur die voorsitter, aan die aanwesiges.

City of
Johannesburg



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Johannesburg

NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

AFDELING NIE-BLANKE-SAKE

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Please ask for/Sprek asseblief

Mr./Mnr. de Villiers.

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JOHANNESBURG.

21 DEC 1962

Councillor P. R. B. Lewis,
Stakesby & Lewis,
P.O. Box 2543,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Councillor Lewis,

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR JOHANNESBURG.

With reference to the meeting of the Inter-Departmental Committee for Johannesburg which was held in Pretoria on Wednesday, 28th November, 1962, I attach hereto for your information brief minutes of the meeting which I have prepared for my own departmental purposes until the comprehensive minutes are received from the Department of Bantu Administration and Development.

If you do not agree that my notes are a fair reflection of what transpired, I would be pleased to receive your comments.

Yours sincerely,

W. J. P. CARR.
M A N A G E R.

JCdeV/VC.
Encl.

NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

BRIEF NOTES ON THE MEETING OF THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
FOR JOHANNESBURG IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, DEPARTMENT OF BANTU
ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT, PRETORIA, ON WEDNESDAY,
28TH NOVEMBER, 1962.

PRESENT : The Hon. the Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration and
Development, Mr. M. C. Botha, (Chairman).

Messrs. H. H. L. Smuts Department of Bantu Administration
and Development.

M. Smuts	- do -
P. G. Gray	- do -
Lemmer, Acct.	- do -
Kruger	- do -
Rein	- do -
Greyvenstein	- do -
Wyatt	- do -
Hattingh	- do -
Lötter	- do -
Burger	- do -

W. Heckroodt Natives Resettlement Board.

van Onselen	- do -
Councillor Cuyler	- do -
Immink	- do -
I. Steyn	- do -
Councillor van der Merwe	- do -

Muller Peri-Urban Areas Health Board.

Lever	- do -
Phillips	- do -
Loutit	- do -
Abramowitz	- do -
Smith	- do -
Grobler	- do -

G. le Roux Randburg.

Councillor P. Lewis Johannesburg City Council.

H. B. Ismay - do -

Ross-Spencer - do -

Messrs. Hooper City Engineer's Department,
Johannesburg City Council.

Evans - do -

W. J. P. Carr Non-European Affairs Department,
Johannesburg City Council.

T. W. Koller - do -

J. C. de Villiers - do -

W. Joubert - do -

The Deputy Minister welcomed the various delegations and decided to
proceed with item No. (1), i.e., the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on
Alexandra Township.

Mr. Muller, Chairman, Peri-Urban Areas Health Board, whilst appreciating
the work done by the Ad Hoc Committee, queried the wisdom of housing only single
men and women in Alexandra. He felt that single accommodation would create
unnatural conditions and would lead to other problems. His Board favoured the
total abolition of Alexandra and the rehousing of the existing population at
Thembisa and Meadowlands. For purposes of the removal of the township he felt

that the northern portion of the City should be divided into an eastern and a western section for this purpose - the eastern portion to be housed at Thembisa and the western portion to be removed to Meadowlands. He felt very strongly that young men and women should be housed where they could be integrated in normal community life (such as European universities and normal colleges in European residential areas).

To absorb the suggested additional population at Thembisa, he suggested that Thembisa be extended by another 300 to 400 morgen particularly as Thembisa would in all probability have to be extended to cope with the economic development of Isando and the immediate surrounding area. His Board felt that the solution suggested by the Committee would only be a partial solution and pleaded strongly for an opportunity to submit a report outlining, and dealing in more detail with, its suggestion for the total abolition of Alexandra, particularly as it was felt that the time was ripe for such a step.

Mr. Grobler, Local Area Committee, Peri-Urban Areas Health Board, in supporting Mr. Muller felt that no responsible police officer would favour the establishment of Alexandra as a hostel area only. He felt that the development suggested would retard progress in that area and felt that Johannesburg should not solve its problems at the expense of the Peri-Urban Areas.

Mr. Abramowitz, Local Area Committee, Peri-Urban Areas Health Board, supported Mr. Grobler and Mr. Muller and felt that the total removal of Alexandra would be in line with Government policy. He felt that the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee were completely at variance with the facts as outlined in the first portion of the report and felt that the final recommendations were dictated by expediency. He accordingly advocated the total removal of Alexandra with all possible haste.

Mr. Lever, Peri-Urban Areas Health Board, also appealed for the upholding of Government policy of separate residential areas and therefore the total abolition of Alexandra.

The Deputy Minister at this stage pointed out that if Alexandra was retained with the normal buffer strips and established as a well organised township, it would not be against Government policy.

Councillor Lewis then suggested as an alternative that the Alexandra area be reduced by 500 yard buffer strips all round and that the lost ground be made up on Lombardy Farm where a modern location could be established which would eliminate the menace posed by the present Alexandra and where those Natives in Alexandra who had freehold title could have it also in the new area on Lombardy. He continued that this was his own personal scheme and although he had discussed it with a few of his colleagues, he could not at that stage say that his Council would accept this proposal. Councillor Lewis continued that his Council opposed the idea of Alexandra for single people only and was also against the removal of females either to existing homes in Alexandra or to Thembisa. He felt strongly that the new Alexandra should be laid out for

families and single people and reiterated the need for single accommodation to absorb "locations-in-the-sky" females from the northern suburbs of Johannesburg. For this reason his Council was not in favour of the total removal of Alexandra.

The Deputy Minister in reply to the suggestion that a further report be prepared by the Peri-Urban Areas Health Board to outline their proposals for the total removal of the area, said that he did not favour further delay to wait for the report. He felt much sympathy and understanding for the European residents in the area, but wanted to do the best thing for Alexandra also. Although he would be pleased to see the total removal of Alexandra, the practical implications could not be ignored, e.g., where to house the people now resident there. On the question of control of single accommodation he pointed out that officials present had a good deal of experience in the housing of single Bantu in mines, industries and municipalities and felt that such accommodation was not necessarily a danger and it was, in fact, easier to control singles than families who lived under dispersed conditions. He added that nothing should be done and, in fact, strong opposition could be expected from the Department of Bantu Administration and Development towards extending industrial development in the Wynberg area to increase the demand for Bantu labour in that area. His own attitude and, in fact, the Government's attitude in respect of Alexandra was that although it was desirable to remove the township it would be impracticable to do so. He added in parenthesis that Thembisa would have to absorb Bantu from adjacent industrial areas; the assurances given that Thembisa would not be extended might have to be reviewed. Transport problems from Thembisa to the northern areas of Johannesburg are real and very difficult.

The Government, therefore, supported the third alternative put forward by the Committee, namely the use of Alexandra for the accommodation of single people only. He pointed out that present legislation was inadequate to re-establish Alexandra on a proper basis as a proclaimed Native township and location and hinted that new legislation would be introduced to allow this development. He expressed the hope that Johannesburg would be supporting the Government in this respect.

Mr. Smuts, Chief Bantu Affairs Commissioner, in reply to the point raised by Mr. Grobler dealing with the views of the South African Police, explained that the police were, in fact, consulted by the Committee in regard to a suggestion that Eastern Native Township be used as a hostel area for single persons only and had expressed its support for the recommendation put forward for Eastern Native Township.

Mr. Muller, Peri-Urban Areas Health Board, repeated that he felt a colossal mistake would be made if the opportunity to remove Alexandra was lost. He wanted to repeat this although he accepted the position if the Government accepted it.

Councillor Ismay, Johannesburg City Council, supported the scheme put forward by Councillor Lewis, but reiterated that it was at this stage only a tentative proposal and not a formal resolution by Council.

The Deputy Minister said that he could not give a complete reply to Councillor Lewis' proposal. Although he appreciated the magnanimous offer,

the proposals would have to be gone into properly and he did appreciate that it did not mean an extension of the township.

The Government favoured the third alternative put forward by the Sub-Committee and the details thereof would now have to be considered by appropriate authorities together with the planning which had become necessary. Meanwhile, however, he felt that no new families should be accepted in Alexandra.

Councillor Lewis asked if he should pursue his proposal with his Council.

The Deputy Minister felt that the best thing would be for his Department to plan further steps in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee with full knowledge of Councillor Lewis' proposal. If the need for the additional land on Lombardy should arise, his Department would then approach the Council.

Item (2) NEW FORMULA FOR "LOCATIONS-IN-THE-SKY".

The Deputy Minister outlined the two formulas, i.e., the one previously applied and the one which the Council now adopted in respect of buildings the plans of which are approved after August 1962. The Minister added that a distinction must be made between Bantu employed by owners and who cleaned the buildings and Bantu in the service of tenants. He emphasised strongly that servants who are allowed to sleep on premises should be kept to the minimum.

Councillor Lewis pointed out that the new formula could not be applied until such time as the Council had alternative accommodation for the displaced servants. He added that the Council was unable to agree to accommodate females in the old houses in Alexandra in the meantime until proper hostel facilities were created.

The Deputy Minister agreed with Councillor Lewis that it would be wrong to put women in the old Alexandra houses, but the Council could not exclude the possibility of this step on a short term basis. The Minister would, however, prefer to put men in such houses. Mr. Botha expressed the view that new buildings should not be placed in more / ^{favourable} circumstances than the old buildings. All buildings should be dealt with at the same time and on the same basis. As a possible means to achieve a reduction Mr. Botha suggested that when an individual tenant left a building and had the right to house a domestic servant, that privilege should not be extended to the new tenant.

Councillor Lewis pointed out that the building was licensed as a whole and not the owner or tenants separately.

The Deputy Minister continuing, suggested that the old formula of Johannesburg, i.e. one servant per eight flats be retained minus the female servants. In other words one servant irrespective of sex per eight flats. He suggested that this should be adopted for new blocks and should be the general direction in which the Council should work in respect of old buildings so that all buildings could be on the same basis as soon as possible. Mr. Botha further felt that the owner of a building should have his accommodation licensed for his own use (i.e. for cleaning the building) and if any tenant

wanted a servant he should apply for it as a separate issue. He made this suggestion as he thought that it was wrong for owners to draw tenants because of the licence existing for the accommodation of a Bantu servant.

Councillor Cuyler said that the formula should aim to establish the position as it existed in 1956. In other words each building should be limited to five only. This would be the ideal situation. Discussing the formula he felt that it should be changed to eight flats per servant instead of five flats per servant.

The Deputy Minister repeated his suggestion to revert to the old formula of one to eight minus the women and suggested that negotiations should take place between the Department and the Council to decide on what date this formula would be applied to old buildings.

Mr. Smuts asked Councillor Lewis whether the Council would license separately Bantu employed by owners and tenants and Councillor Lewis said that he could not reply at once as he would have to go into it.

The Deputy Minister stated that he had no objection to licences being given to tenants on compassionate grounds. Referring to the plans of buildings he felt that the owner should apply for the number of Natives he wished to house when submitting his building plans. In this connection he agreed that accommodation was necessary for servants for changing, eating and resting purposes.

Mr. G. le Roux, Town Clerk, Randburg, pointed out that flats were being erected in Randburg and that the town had no authority to limit the number employed and housed. He had no legal power in this respect at the present time and he merely wanted to bring this matter to the Deputy Minister's notice.

The Deputy Minister in conclusion suggested that officials should get together to discuss this formula in the light of the views expressed and to consider how they could on a sliding basis reduce the existing buildings. Officials should also discuss building plans with a view that it should be indicated to the owner what licence he would be granted when he submits his plans for approval.

Item (5) PROTEA.

Mr. L. Smuts, Department of Bantu Administration and Development, explained that the Mentz Committee recommended that Protea be incorporated in Johannesburg's Bantu areas. At the moment Coloureds lived in Protea and owned ground in the area. There had been pressure from the Group Areas Board to remove the Coloureds to a proclaimed Coloured area and he felt that Johannesburg was the best authority to buy out Protea Township and to sell the properties and improvements to Bantu. He asked the City Council of Johannesburg to consider the matter. He appreciated that there would be a financial problem, but suggested that officials of his Department should discuss the matter with the Management Committee and Councillors of Johannesburg.

Mr. Lever, Peri-Urban Areas Health Board, appealed for a decision on Protea. He emphasised the orderly and civilised Coloured community existing

in Protea and the fact that the Peri-Urban Areas Health Board had been unable to provide amenities in the area in view of the uncertainty. The Coloureds in Protea were a most law abiding and loyal community and a decision should be made in regard to their township.

The Deputy Minister asked what Johannesburg's attitude was to Mr. Smuts' suggestion and felt that officials should get together under the chairmanship of Mr. L. Smuts, Deputy Secretary, Bantu Administration and Development, to consider the matter.

Councillor Lewis expressed agreement with the proposed incorporation of Protea into the South Western Bantu complex, but saw some difficulties. He did not think that there were enough well-to-do Bantu to buy established properties from the Coloured people and financial aid to them might be necessary. He added that he could not be a party to the removal of Coloureds against their will.

Mr. Muller, Peri-Urban Areas Health Board, stated that the Coloureds were aware that they had to leave the township and were prepared to do so provided they did not lose financially.

Item (3) WAITING LIST.

Mr. Heckroodt, Natives Resettlement Board, referred to the accommodation of families from the Johannesburg area at Meadowlands and Diepkloof and said that more empty houses were available there and enquired whether any Bantu on Johannesburg's waiting list would be prepared to go there.

Mr. Carr said that there were 7,274 families on his waiting list and without approaching each applicant individually it was impossible to say how many would be prepared to go. He suggested that this enquiry be made by letter, followed up, if necessary, by interviews. He suggested that officials of the two authorities should get together to consider this matter.

The Deputy Minister agreed with Mr. Carr's suggestion and proposed that Mr. Smuts, Chief Bantu Affairs Commissioner, be co-opted as he wanted him to be in the picture.

Item (4) EASTERN NATIVE TOWNSHIP.

The Deputy Minister said that this item was put on the agenda for discussion only if Johannesburg was ready to discuss the matter.

Councillor Lewis said that his Council would like to get some lead on the placing of hostels generally as this was relevant to the Eastern Native Township matter.

The Deputy Minister suggested a further meeting to discuss the matter raised by Councillor Lewis together with the Eastern Native Township report.

The Deputy Minister then thanked the various delegations for attending the meeting and for the manner in which the agenda was discussed. He then adjourned the meeting at 12.50 p.m.

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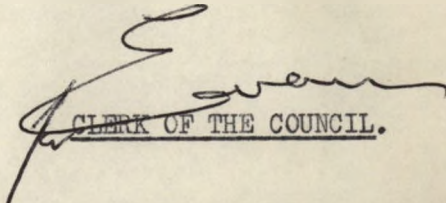
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR
JOHANNESBURG - 23RD SEPTEMBER 1963.

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ELFDE VERGADERING
ELEVENTH MEETING

GEHOU IN DIE KOMITEEKAMER, DERDE VERDIEPING, BANTOE-
ADMINISTRASIE EN -ONTWIKKELING HOOFKANTOOR-GEBOU,
PRETORIA, OM 9.30 V.M. OP 23 SEPTEMBER 1963.

HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, HEAD OFFICE
BUILDING, DEPARTMENT OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND
DEVELOPMENT, PRETORIA, AT 9.30 A.M. ON 23RD SEPTEMBER,
1963.

Teenwoordig:
Present :

Sy Edele mnr. M.C. Botha : Adjunk-Minister van Bantoe-
administrasie en -ontwikkeling.
(VOORSITTER)

Amptenare van die Departement van
Bantoe-administrasie en -ontwikkeling:

Menere

H.H.L. Smuts	-	Adjunk-sekretaris (Blankegebiede)
M. Smuts	-	Hoofbantoesakekommissaris, Witwatersrand.
C.L. Rein,	-	Adjunk-Hoofbantoesakekommissaris.
B.J. Smithers,	-	Bantoesakekommissaris, Johannesburg.
F.C. Greyvenstein,	-	Senior Stadsgebiedekommissaris.
W. Botes,	-	Stadsgebiedekommissaris.
B. Wolvaardt,	-	Stadsgebiedekommissaris.
D.B. Schwabe,	-	Sekretaris van Komitee.

Verteenwoordigers van Johannesburg Stadsraad:

Raadslede -

P.R.B. Lewis,	-	Voorsitter, Nie-Blankesake Komitee.
H.B. Ismay,	-	Adjunk-Voorsitter, Nie-Blankesake Komitee
C.J. Ross-Spencer,	-	Lid - Nie-Blankesake Komitee.
E. Cuyler,	-	-do-
C.P. Venter,	-	-do-

Menere -

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Menere

- W.J.P. Carr, - Bestuurder, Nie-Blankesake Departement.
- T.W. Koller, - Adjunk-Bestuurder, Nie-Blankesake Departement.
- J.C. de Villiers, - Nie-Blankesake Departement.
- W.J. Joubert, - -do-
- H.B. Venter, - -do-
- S. Evans, - Stadsklerk se Afdeling.
- M. Penrose, - Stadstescurier se Afdeling.

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(PTY.) LTD.
COMPOUND ACCOMMODATION OF WITBANK COAL AGENCY AND COAL CARTAGE
(PTY.) LTD.

Die Voorsitter het die aanwesiges welkom geheet.

1. LOKASIES-IN-DIE-LUG.

The Chairman pointed out that as the items on the agenda were inter-related it would not be possible to have water tight discussions on each item.

Hy het daarop gewys dat hy die laaste vergadering almal saangestem het dat n nuwe formule nodig was. Daar was twee voorstelle, naamlik sy eie : 1. bediende per 8 woonstelle en dié van die Stadsraad : 1 per 5 woonstelle plus die "boiler-boy" en die nagwag plus die barmhartigheidsgevalle.

He also referred to his direction that the Departmental officials and Council officials work together in the implementation of the new formula and of the old buildings being brought into line with the new formula.

He further referred to the difficulty of the local authority in not being in a position to determine the number of Bantu quarters to be permitted in a building at the time when the plans are considered for other purposes and drew attention to the provisions of Ordinance No. 14 of 1963 giving local authorities the required powers to make such determinations. He said that in reply to a further request to the Provincial Administration for legislation to provide for owners converting Bantu quarters

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into rooms for other purposes, the Administration had advised that such provision already existed in the present Ordinances.

Councillor Lewis stated that these powers would necessitate a change in the Council by-laws. This was being gone into.

The Chairman continued to say he was a little disappointed that he had not received an official communication that understanding had been reached between Johannesburg and Departmental officials in regard to the formula and the manner of implementing it. He enquired whether the Council was able to report.

Councillor Lewis replied that Departmental officials had met Council officials. In previous resolutions owners had been allowed to put up as many rooms for females as they required. The Council decided this must stop and had adopted a resolution altering the formula for new buildings. The Council's standpoint in regard to the old buildings was that the new formula could not be applied until alternative accommodation for females had been provided. Quite a lot of progress had been made on the question of hostel accommodation. Meetings had taken place and the Council had approved of participating in the hostel scheme at Alexandra but had always felt that there should also be accommodation for married persons and were unhappy about people being deprived of freehold rights. The Council was prepared to co-operate on provision of hostel accommodation, recreation facilities and had agreed to make available a portion of Lombardy for recreational facilities and a cemetery on a long lease basis at a nominal rental.

The Chairman said he had given approval some months previously for a hostel for females.

Councillor Lewis enquired whether ground was available.

The Chairman said that he thought it could be obtained in a very short time - voluntarily.

Councillor Lewis contended that alternative accommodation was the solution and that an application for hostels in the Orlando area was before the Housing Board. They wanted to discuss Eastern Bantu Township in which the third hostel would be situated because it was suggested that various zones feed various hostels. He said that the delay had been due partly to his absence overseas. Resolutions were going to the Council the following day and the Department had been advised of this.

Mr. Greyvenstein said this information had been received on the preceding Saturday.

The Chairman said he wanted clarity on what formula was to be applied, 1 per 5 or 1 per 8 plus compassionate cases, etc.

Councillor Lewis replied that the formula 1 per 5 had been introduced for new buildings, the plans for which were lodged after August, 1962. The Estate Agents said this was placing an embargo on new flats as owners would not be able to let the flats. The Council had said that it was not prepared to alter the formula for new blocks. To change to the formula 1 in 8 would be a very great hardship as the new blocks were already adversely prejudiced by being 1 in 5 in comparison with older blocks which have the formula but then as many females as were required.

The Chairman asked what about males from then onwards, as provision for accommodation, even if limited, could be made at Alexandra and elsewhere.

Councillor Lewis replied that the new blocks were 1 in 5.

The Chairman enquired why the formula could not also be applied gradually in the old buildings - the males being put temporarily in old homes at Alexandra. He said it was a very important financial aspect in the transformation of Alexandra in that other more important work such as the provision of a female hostel could be proceeded with. He agreed it would be better to put the females in hostels.

Councillor Lewis did not agree that males should be placed in these old homes under no control and not necessarily with washing or cooking facilities. He added that there was still a tremendous amount of crime in the Alexandra area. He enquired whether the Chairman could say how a formula for compassionate grounds was to be arrived at. There were under 400 in Johannesburg at the time.

The Chairman said this was a difficulty which had previously been overlooked. He felt the formula should be devised to cover compassionate cases but with a limitation being placed on such cases. He said he was prepared to accept the Council's formula of 1 per 5 (excluding the boiler attendant and watchman) but it would have to include compassionate cases. The flat owner would have to either keep a reserve from his allocation of quarters or endeavour to meet applications on compassionate grounds from vacancies occurring by other compassionate cases moving out.

Mr. H.H.L. Smuts said that if the compassionate cases were not fixed by formula and the City Council determined the number of quarters where would these servants be housed.

Councillor Lewis replied that they would never licence for more persons than the accommodation provided.

Councillor Ishmay pointed out the case of a tenant requiring a servant on compassionate grounds after already being installed in the building. He could also see flat owners not wanting people requiring servants on compassionate grounds.

Mr. H.H.L. Smuts said that to accept the Chairman's proposal would in fact mean the Council continuing as it was doing at present in respect of buildings approved after August, 1962. As the Council had asked that the flat owner do the distribution he felt the proposal should be acceptable.

Raadslid Cuyler het gepleit vir die 1 per 8 formule. Hy het gevoel dat die huisvesting tot die minimum beperk moet word en dat die formule die barmhartigheidsgevalle moet insluit.

Councillor Ross-Spencer said that if compassionate cases were included in the formula owners would apply for the maximum number with the result that they would not be able to meet compassionate cases as they would already have that number of servants.

Mr. Carr giving his personal views felt that the Chairman's suggestion would absolve the Council and his Department from arguments between tenants and owners re compassionate cases. It would also enable the Council to plan its hostel accommoda-

tion for the future as the plans for flats came in.

The Chairman reiterated that the flat owner would have to keep a reserve or rely on the possibility of vacancies occurring and so sub-allocate to tenants - males and females included.

After further discussion Councillor Lewis said he would take the matter back to the Council and the Chairman asked for an early decision.

Councillor Lewis then referred to the interview which had been asked for to hear the non-licenced hotels appeal against the formula which the Council had wished to introduce. He said that the request had been made over a year before and asked that the matter be expedited.

Mr. H.H.L. Smuts said the matter would be put before the Minister within a few days.

Mr. M. Smuts then raised the question of the Bantu males to be accommodated in rooms at Alexandra.

Mr. H.H.L. Smuts said in respect of new buildings the formula could be applied irrespective of sex. Regarding old buildings reductions could be made as tenants leave and the males could be accommodated at Alexandra.

The Chairman said this should be proceeded with. He said buildings could be renovated. Assuming the formula suggested was agreed upon the scheme could be implemented immediately in respect of applications for new buildings and re old buildings a start to move males out to Alexandra could also be made. Housing of females in Alexandra and elsewhere could also be enforced as soon as hostel accommodation was available.

Councillor Lewis said he was genuinely unhappy about moving males to Alexandra. He felt that security, as well as facilities such as cooking and washing, was not adequate.

After further discussion it was agreed that officials of the Department and the Council would investigate and report on the basis on which accommodation would be provided - what facilities and security measures would be required.

The Chairman added in this respect that he wished to repeat what he had said at Vereeniging a while back, namely, that if a Council placed councillors with Departmental officials on investigations such as this, the level became unbalanced. He therefore suggested councillors stay out of the Committee inspecting the rooms at Alexandra.

Mnr. Cuyler het gevra of n ooreenkoms tussen die Staat en die Stadsraad om alternatiewe akkommodasie op n bepaalde tydperk te verskaf nie bereik kan word nie en vanaf daardie datum die nuwe formule ten opsigte van alle geboue toe te pas.

Die Voorsitter het gesê dat hy graag nie self n "zero" datum wou bepaal nie en het versoek dat hierdie kwessie ook deur die komitee uitgepluis word.

Mr. M. Smuts stated that if inspections were undertaken at Alexandra the same conditions as before would be found because buildings could not be prepared before it was certain they could

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be occupied. As soon as they were prepared they would have to be occupied otherwise they would fall into a state of neglect again.

Mr. H.H.L. Smuts suggested that he and Mr. Carr prepare a report indicating what was required to be done for consideration by the Council and the Department.

This concluded the discussion on the Locations-in-the-Sky.

2. DIE AD HOC-KOMITEE SE VERSLAG OOR OOSTELIKE BANTOE-DORP.

Die Voorsitter het gesê dat hy die skedules baie versigtig deur-gelees het. Hy het gevoel dat die Oostelike Bantoe-dorp nie net met betrekking tot kamponge van belang was nie maar ook ten opsigte van lokasies-in-die-lug asook huisvesting vir ander Bantoe wat noodsaaklike dienste verrig.

Op hierdie stadium was daar geen voornemens om die dorp weg te vat nie maar hy kon nie sê wat mense oor twintig jaar sou rede-neer nie. Oostelike Bantoe-dorp is redelik goed geïsoleer en indien dit vir 'n sekere beperkte doel uitgebrei moet word kan dit oorweeg word. Gesinne wat daar gehuisves is is in ou huise wat slegs is. Hulle kan na die Suidwestelike Bantoe-woonbuurte oorgeplaas word. Voorsiening moet gemaak word vir lokasies-in-die-lug mense en ander Bantoe wat by winkels ens. werk.

Hy het voorgestel dat 'n gesamentlike beplanningskomitee van amptenare van die Departement en amptenare van die Stadsraad onder die sameroeping van die Departement, aangestel word om op die hele posisie insluitende kamponge, in te gaan. Johannesburg moet amptenare benoem en mnr. Smuts moet besluit hoeveel mense op die Komitee moet dien. Terwyl hy graag nie die komitee met voorafgaande beperkings wou bind nie het hy die volgende aanduidings gegee. Wat kamponge betref moet dit nie aangeneem word dat al die munisipale werkers wat in kamponge gehuisves is, in een lokasie gehuisves moet word nie.

He continued to say that compounds in European residential areas should however be eliminated. He could for instance see no reason why Norwood compound should remain and mentioned that other Departments were pressing for removal of Waterval. Buildings could be disposed of or used for other purposes. It may be necessary for the Committee to consider possibility of compounds where there were none now. As far as Eastern Bantu Township was concerned provision would have to be made for more hostels but not more on a family basis. There were more Bantu who worked in the Eastern area but resided in the Western area than those who lived in Eastern Bantu Township. There were only a limited number of families there. Schools demolished because of the highway could thus not justifiably be replaced. Social facilities could also not be justified. He felt that for these reasons it would be better for the families to be housed in the South Western Townships. He said however that there need be no hurry in this respect.

Councillor Lewis welcomed the establishment of such a Committee. He felt that it would help the Council if they knew what the policy in regard to the siting of hostels was. They would like to know which were permanent and which would have to go.

The Chairman replied that it was not a strict requirement that they be placed in Bantu Townships but that they were not wanted

in European residential areas. He said the Committee should work out a scheme and take into consideration the directions of policy.

Councillor Lewis then referred to a map of the area and suggested another site for the proposed female hostel and the extension of the township to the East. He said that in the redesigning of Eastern Bantu Township they had not intended increasing the number of families but to accommodate existing families. Further he did not think they should wait for the outcome of the deliberations of the Committee before proceeding with the erection of the hostel for females in Eastern Bantu Township, which was essential for the implementation of the locations-in-the-sky removals.

In reply to questions from the Chairman he said families in 83 houses would have to be removed to make way for the hostel and that 2000 females would have to be accommodated in the hostels. He said the hostels would have to be built in units starting at units for 500 or 1000 females. He felt that the area was suitable as it does not encroach on white areas.

Mr. Carr and Councillor Cuyler supported Mr. Lewis in regard to the urgency of providing the hostel for females.

Die Voorsitter het gemeld dat huisvesting vir die 83 gesinne in die Suidwestelike dele gereël behoort te word. Hy kon nie sien hoe behoorlike voorsiening volgens moderne maatstawe in die gebied van die Dorp vir meer enkellopendes en 'n klomp gesinne gemaak kan word nie. Hy het daarop gewys dat in die Suidwestelike gebiede die gesinne alle sosiale geriewe soos kerke, skole, gemeenskapsale, biersale kan kry. Hy het saamgestem dat die kwessie van 'n hostel vir Bantoevroue eers deur die Komitee ondersoek moet word.

Mr. Carr said that he still felt that if the 600 families were allowed to remain on in the Township it would be a gesture of goodwill to the Bantu and it would also afford a good opportunity to try out new town planning methods. A further consideration was that land for housing was running out. He felt that as the old people died out their children should be allowed to take their place so that the 600 families would remain in the Township.

Mr. H.H.L. Smuts stated he personally thought it was basically wrong to put single Bantu women and men numbering about 5000 or 6000 together as it led to various social problems. He felt that Eastern Bantu Township and Alexandra should be pegged once and for all. He thought that with new transport methods it would be possible in 50 or 60 years to be able to move people with greater ease in big cities. Eastern Bantu Township should not be allowed to grow even as far as hostels were concerned and if this was accepted he agreed that it did not make any difference if the 600 families were left alone.

No further discussion on this point took place. The members of Committee from the Department were to be:-

Messrs. M. Smuts - Chairman
F. Greyvenstein
W. Botes (Secretary/Member)

The Council would furnish the names of their officials as soon as possible.

3. KAMPONG-HUISVESTING VAN WITBANK COAL AGENCY EN COAL CARTAGE
(PTY.) LTD.

Councillor Lewis informed the Minister that the Witbank Coal Agency Compound would close altogether and the Bantu concerned be accommodated in Eastern Bantu Township. In regard to Coal Cartage's compound he said that the original number of 419 was reduced to 300 and there was a further possibility of a further reduction to 250. He had personally inspected the compound on the 20th September, 1963. It was a good substantial building and conditions were satisfactory. No complaints had been received.

The Chairman said that the future of this compound should also be considered by the Eastern Bantu Township Planning Committee.

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