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Dr. Edgar H. Brookes, (Senator)

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to place this serious matter before you for your consideration and action.

Reginald Zulu who is the son of late Mtwana George ka Dinuzulu resident at Mahashini Royal Kraal under the guardianship of Cyprian ka Solomon in the Nongoma District, Zululand during last year was attending School at E.T.T.COLLEGE, towards the end of the last term he was singled out by the Principal informing him that if his fees for the term beginning in February, 1949 are not paid in before the closing of the schools in December, he need not to return into school. Cyprian who has the contract with the school was not advised of the position. It is interesting to know that there is no other student who warned to do likewise.

On the 5th February, 1949 Reginald returned to the said college, and on the 7th February, 1949 he was told that his presence was not required in the school, stating that his behavior during the last term was unbecoming, in that on a certain day he was overheard singing a diving song within the precincts of the school. These facts were not communicated to him or warned of his behavior by the Principal to whom we look upon as the representative of Our Lord Jesus Christ, neither Cyprian was informed.

One Hettie Zulu the daughter of Cuthbert ka Dinuzulu resident at Ntsindeni Royal Kraal under the guardianship of Cyprian applied last year and on her arrival was told by the Principal of the E.T.T.C. that as they have less teachers in the school she had to return home as they could not admit her.

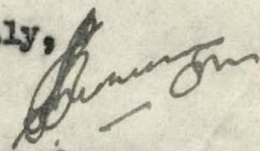
There is a tendency on the part of the Principals of schools not to reply to applications sent ⁱⁿ by pupils and inform them of the position in order to give them a chance to try other schools, for fear of the number of the children who will be able to come into school these are left in dark for the purpose of shaking the number required out of the children that have turned up in school, thus gambling with on the expence of the parents and time of the children causing our children to develop into child delinquency.

Rev. Johanson of Vryheid who is attached to the management of the said school informed me that there have been over 14 children refused admision this year. The school in question is situate in or within the urban area of Vryheid for the benefit of the Northern Natal and Zululand school going children, to the contrary these children who should receive the first preference and enjoy the contributions of their parents are being ignored, and children from other Provinces are better considred, more particularly those who come from Swaziland only because they happen to be members of the church concerned. It is our own contributions that maintains the said school.

The Education Department should take a serious view of this matter which might create very unnecessary bitterness. The appointment of a Board of inquiry would very much save the situation to bring harmony into being.

Parents and African Teachers of the said school to whom we look upon as a bridge between the Principal and children are neglected in these matters, thus ging children no chance to improve themselves as it is required by the Law of the Church, forgive us our trespasses as we fogive those who trespas against us, that is contained in our Lord's Prayer that we sing daily and timely.

Yours obediently,


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