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11th January, 1963.

Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

re : Coloured Location.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th December, 1962, and to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

Yours faithfully,


TOWN CLERK.

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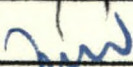








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18th December, 1962.

QW/BA.

The Town Clerk,
City Hall,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

re: Coloured Location.

We are making a study of the rights of Non-Whites to own and/or occupy land in urban areas, and the various conditions that apply. I understand that there is a small area between Struben and Blood Streets in Pretoria, in the vicinity of Lorentz Street, that was set aside in 1925 as a Coloured location.

I shall be most appreciative if you will let me know under what Act or Ordinance this was done, and whether there are any special regulations that apply to this area or to all areas of this type.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

C/O

Mr. Ruan Maud,
Regional Secretary,
Utilitas Bldg.,
1, Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

20th February, 1963.

Dear Mr. Maud,

You will remember that we considered that Cape Town should deal with the transfer of Coloured education and as the Bill is now out, I should be grateful if your Committee will analyse it and draw up a memorandum about it.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director.

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28th February, 1963

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

re: Coloured Mission Stations

Thank you for your letters of the 22nd
January and the 8th February.

A Committee consisting of Mrs. Davie,
Mrs. Grieve, Dr. van der Ross, Mrs. Maytham,
Professor Beinart and Dr. Wollheim has been
appointed to deal with this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Ruan Maud.

Regional Secretary.

The Regional Secretary,
203-205 Bree Street,
CAPE TOWN.

8th February, 1963.

MH/BA.

Dear Mr. Maud,

Coloured Mission Stations

At the Executive Committee meeting Dr. Wellheim described the events at Elandsbloef, and said that eight other mission stations in the Cape were in a precarious financial state, and the Dutch Reformed Church might be forced to sell the properties, in which case the Coloured peasants might be ejected by the new owners. The Committee's decisions are set out on page 8 of the minutes (RR 23 /63).

Possibly this matter might be raised during the Committee Stage of the Rural Coloured Areas Bill, or, if there is not time for this, in an interview with the Minister.

Clause 4 (1) (c) of the Bill provides for mission stations on which Coloured people are settled to be declared areas reserved for occupation and ownership by Coloured persons, provided the owner agrees, and after consultation with the Administrator and the occupiers. Clause 9 provides that owners may sell the property to the Government. The Bill provides for a considerable degree of local self-government in such areas, and for assistance with betterment schemes.

It might be worth asking that the mission stations referred to by Dr. Wellheim be dealt with in this way.


Incidentally, / 2 ...

The Regional Secretary,

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Incidentally, Clause 53 (n) empowers the Minister to make regulations for the control, regulation or prohibition of meetings in a Coloured rural area. Please see page 154 of the 1958-59 Survey of Race Relations for a resolution of our Council in regard to previous regulations limiting the right to hold meetings. If there it time, could you arrange for someone to raise this matter, too, at the Committee stage of the Bill ?

Yours sincerely,


Muriel Horrell (Miss),
RESEARCH OFFICER.

African School leavers.

8th March, 1963.

MD/BA.

Mr. J.P. Pieters,
Department of Labour,
180 Bree Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Pieters,

We are most grateful to you for your letter of 23rd February enclosing a schedule of registrations and placements of Coloured and Asiatic juveniles for the year January 1962 to January 1963. I note that you have now started keeping separate figures for the two races.

As I mentioned over the telephone, I may call in for a discussion with you at a later stage.

Thank you, once again, for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Draper (Miss),
RESEARCH ASSISTANT.

Put in file as it is.
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C O P Y

21st March, 1963

The Secretary for Coloured Affairs,
Monte Carlo Building,
Heerengracht,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

The Institute of Race Relations has convened a small committee of persons interested in the events which took place at Elandskloof, and is anxious in collaboration with any interested organisations and Government bodies, to find ways and means of preventing a recurrence of such a situation.

The Committee has also studied with great interest the Coloured Rural Settlement Bill which appears on the whole to be a sound measure. The Committee is anxious to consult with you with regard to the above matters and to ask for information.

This Committee would like to know whether you would be prepared to receive a deputation at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 28th March, 1963 and that if this date is not suitable, whether you could nominate another Thursday?

Yours sincerely,

Regional Secretary.

C O P Y

J.Driessen
Ref. No. 4/1/3/49

Department of Coloured Affairs,
Monte Carlo Building,
Heerengracht,
CAPE TOWN.

29/3/1963

The Regional Secretary,
S.A.Institute of Race Relations,
No. 1, Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Madam,

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW.

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 21st March, 1963, I have to inform you that this Department is not prepared to reopen the Elandskloof matter. Insofar as you feel that there might be a recurrence of such a situation the Department will be pleased to receive a memorandum in respect of the communities and places which you have in mind.

As far as the Rural Coloured Areas Bill is concerned, the Department should appreciate it if the memorandum could also mention any difficulties or matters which are not clear to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

SECRETARY FOR COLOURED AFFAIRS.

C O P Y

8th April, 1963

The Secretary for Coloured Affairs,
Department of Coloured Affairs,
Monte Carlo Building,
Heerengracht,
C A P E T O W N.

Ref. No. 4/1/3/49

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th March, 1963.

The Institute regrets extremely that the Department of Coloured Affairs has not seen fit to grant an interview since the main object of the deputation was to obtain information which is more easily gained in discussion than through correspondence.

We have had allegations of difficult situations in two Mission Stations for Coloured people in the Cape, and of others in Natal, which are not the concern of your Department. The deputation wanted to ascertain whether these Mission Stations are declared areas in terms of the Rural Settlement Bill. If they are not we wished to know if they could be declared areas. The deputation also wished to know whether under these conditions, the Coloured communities inhabiting Mission Stations are protected so as to prevent a recurrence of the disastrous events of Elandskloof.

As far as Elandskloof is concerned we realise the Department's difficulties in re-opening the matter and have no wish to do so except to point out that as far as the Institute is concerned inter-group tensions have been exacerbated because your Department did not step in timously to prevent a variation in the terms of the ground tenure; to the disadvantage of the inhabitants when the matter came before the court. The Institute fears that similar steps may be taken where other Mission Stations prove to be uneconomic to the legal owners.

The Institute is perturbed because in the case of the inhabitants of Elandskloof the break-up of the community has

resulted in:

- (i) the break-up of a closely knit community with disastrous social consequences which inevitably follow, and,
- (ii) the loss of status of the persons concerned in that they have been changed from independent entrepreneurs able to contract and sell their labour freely in the best market to that of dependent farm labourers with no roots and subject to the whims and caprices of their employers.

The Institute is therefore anxious to know whether:

- (a) your Department considers that the Rural Settlements Bill provides sufficient protection for the inhabitants of the Mission Stations mentioned above and others who may be in the same position, and,
- (b) what steps your Department has taken to have such protection extended to these Missions; and,
- (c) in what way the Bill does, in fact, extend protection if similar developments to those of Elandskloof took place.

Yours faithfully,

Regional Secretary.

African School-leavers

10 April, 1964.

The Chairman,
Graaff-Reinet Welfare Liaison Committee,
12 Cradock Street,
GRAAFF-REINET.

Dear Mrs. Charton,

I noticed a report of your Committee's study of school leavers in the attached information sheet from the Inter-African Labour Institute which arrived today, and thought you might be interested to see it.

Could you please return the document as soon as convenient as it belongs to our Library.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director

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The Regional Organizer,
P.O. Box 803,
DURBAN.

29th April, 1963.

MR/BA.

Dear Mr. van Zyl,

In reply to your letter of 25 April, the Institute has issued no detailed statement on the provisions of the Coloured Persons Education Bill. This whole matter was delegated to the Cape Western Regional Committee, which last year issued a statement urging that provincial control be retained (See 1962 Survey, page 188). I understand that the Committee subsequently discussed certain clauses of the Bill with Members of Parliament, but it did not publish its comments.

In the circumstances I cannot give you the Institute's views on the clauses you list.

My comments, for what they are worth, are:

1 (xxxi) It is obviously desirable that all teachers should be matriculated, but it would probably be unrealistic to ask for the abolition of the post - J.C. training course at present.

5 (1) Members of Parliament pleaded that a State-aided school should not be transferred to the Department unless the body running it agreed to the arrangements; but the Minister said that unreasonable claims might be made. There would in all cases be consultation with existing governing bodies. He added that the churches would for a considerable time continue to play major role in Coloured education. The clause was an enabling one to make it possible for the Department to take over services that churches wished to relinquish. Compensation would be provided for in terms of the common law.

The Regional Organizer,

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6 It does not seem to me to be unreasonable that private schools with more than fourteen pupils should have to be registered and to comply with certain requirements.

11 (3) The Minister promised that teachers will not suffer financial loss when they are transferred.

15(1)(c) The Opposition urged the Minister to provide that teachers whose posts are abolished should not be discharged, but that the Bill should provide also for them to be retired or transferred. The Minister said that the Bill stated that such teachers may be discharged. Normally, however, they would be transferred. He refused to accept an amendment.

25 This seems reasonable to me.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Muriel Horrell (MISS),
RESEARCH OFFICER.

Review

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25th April, 1963.

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

Dear Mr. Whyte,

Mrs. M. Asher, National President of the National Council of Women of South Africa, discussed the Coloured Education Bill with us. She would very much like to know the Institute's comments on the following sections of the Bill:

Sec I (xxxi) - Sect. 5(i) - Sec. 6.
Sec II (3) - Sect. 15(c) - Sec. 25.

Yours sincerely,



Danie van Zyl,
Regional Organiser ; Natal.

3 JUN 1963

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (INC).

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To: Miss M. Horrell,
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P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

From: Regional Secretary,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
Utilitas Building,
1, Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

28th May, 1963

Dear Miss Horrell,

I have been away from the office on leave and have only just ^{read} the Institute's correspondence with Mr. G.S.P. le Roux, M.P. on the future of Coloured people living in African Reserves - your letter of the 7th May. Whilst away I read a short report on the above, but for the life of me I cannot remember in which newspaper.

In case you have not read it, I give briefly from memory the report. Mr. Botha, I think it was, stated that the Commission sitting to investigate the rights of the Whites in the Transkei would also investigate the position of the Coloured people there. There are, he said, about 14,000 Coloured people in the Transkei and these might be exchanged for 14,000 Africans from the Western Cape.

As this is from memory, I do not vouch for its complete accuracy. But nevertheless feel I should pass the information on to you in case you have not already read it yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Mand.

Regional Secretary.

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The Regional Secretary,
203-205 Bree Street,
CAPE TOWN.

4th June, 1963.

MH/BA.

Dear Mr. Maud,

Thank you so much for your letter of 28 May,
about Coloured people in the Reserves. I hope that the re-
port of the commission in the Transkei will be published.
If no action is taken by the Government by next year we must
then remind the Coloured representatives about this matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Muriel Horrell (Miss),
RESEARCH OFFICER.

C O P Y

Mr. J.Driessen.

Ref. No. 4/1/3/49

Department of Coloured Affairs,
Monte Carlo Building,
Heerengracht,
Cape Town.

7/5/1963

The Regional Secretary,
S.A.Institute of Race Relations,
No.1 Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Madam,

RURAL COLOURED AREAS BILL.

In reply to your letter of the 8th April, 1963,
I wish to state that it is not clear to which Mission Stations
in the Cape and Natal you refer to. Will you kindly specify
them.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

acting SECRETARY FOR COLOURED AFFAIRS.

C O P Y

14th May, 1963

The Secretary for Coloured Affairs,
Department of Coloured Affairs,
Monte Carlo Building,
Heerengracht,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

re: RURAL COLOURED AREAS BILL

We thank you for your letter of the 7th May, 1963.

The Mission Stations to which our attention has been drawn are Wupperthal, near Citrusdal, and Zoar in the Ladismith district. We have also been informed of difficult conditions obtaining at Steinthal, near Tulbagh.

Would you please reply categorically to questions in the final paragraph of our letter of the 8th April, 1963, as regards these three Mission Stations?

Yours faithfully,

Regional Secretary.

C O P Y

Department of Coloured Affairs,
Monte Carlo Building,
Heerengracht,
CAPE TOWN.

Mr. B.J.Hegele
Ref. No. 4/1/3/B49

9/8/1963

The Regional Secretary,
S.A.Institute of Race Relations,
Utilitas Building,
1, Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

RURAL COLOURED AREAS.

1. I am writing in reply to your letter of the 14th May, 1963 to which, unfortunately, I have hitherto been unable to answer due to unforeseen circumstances. The delay and any inconvenience which may have resulted is regretted.

2. Before replying to the questions raised in the final paragraph of your letter of the 8th April, 1963, I would like to mention that the "Rural Coloured Areas Bill" referred to in your letters has been enacted by Parliament (Act No. 24 of 1963) and came into operation on the 21st June, 1963.

The letter continued: "

3.1 One of these areas referred to in your letter of the 14th May 1963, namely Zoar, which is situate in the Division of Ladismith (Cape Province), is an existing area to which the provisions of the abovestated Act already apply vide Sections 1(X) and 3(1) thereof. The other two areas namely WUPPERTHAL, situate in the Division of Clanwilliam and Steinthal, situate in the Division of Tulbagh, are not at present subject to the provision of the Act, but as they comprise areas referred to in Section 4(c) of the Act, they can be brought under the provision thereof if the owner consents thereto.

3.2 "Insofar as Zoar which is administered under the provisions of the Act, is concerned, the allegation of "Difficult situations" is unfounded and insofar as Wuppertal and Steinthal, which are administered by the relevant mission authorities, are concerned, this Department has no knowledge of any "difficult situations" obtaining there. Should you be in possession of information to substantiate the allegations please furnish me with the necessary details so that the matter can be investigated.

4. Dealing seriatim with the questions raised in your letter of the 8th April 1963, I wish to advise you as follows:

- (a) It is the considered opinion of the Department that the abovementioned Act provides sufficient protection for the inhabitants of the aforesaid Mission Stations and other

mission stations or similar areas on which communities of Coloured persons reside.

- (b) Inclusive of areas formerly administered under the provisions of the Mission Stations and Communal Reserves Act 1909, (No.29 of 1909, Cape) and The Preservation of Coloured Areas Act 1961 No.31 of 1961), there are at present some 20 areas to which the provisions of the Rural Coloured Areas Act 1963 have become applicable. The Department is constantly undertaking investigations and collecting particulars and information concerning rural areas where Coloured communities are concentrated. Whenever circumstances justify the step and are supported by the relevant facts, the Department will give consideration to the incorporation of the areas concerned under the provisions of the Act. It should be pointed out however, that where privately owned land is involved the Act stipulates that no area shall be declared to be reserved for occupation and ownership of Coloured persons (that is to say 'incorporated') except on the written request or with the written consent of the owner of the land. Furthermore compensation must be paid to the owner of the incorporated land.
- (c) The Department does not expect that similar developments to those of Elandskloof will be repeated in other areas. The scope of the Rural Coloured Areas Act 1963 is considered sufficiently wide to enable the Department to secure the preservation of those rural areas which are situate on privately owned land and in which members of the Coloured Community may be concentrated. The Department will always endeavour to achieve this aim provided however that the circumstances and facts, as revealed by the investigations referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above, are such that the continued existence of the particular area as a Coloured area is considered to be in the best interests of that Coloured Community, having regard inter alia to social, economic and health factors. The essence of the matter is not that the Act is inadequate for the desired purpose but rather that the Department should be timeously apprised of existing conditions and impending events so as to be enabled to negotiate with the private owner of the land concerned for the acquisition thereof with a view to its incorporation under the provision of the Act that is to say if such a step is considered to be justified.

(SIGNED)

SECRETARY FOR COLOURED AFFAIRS

29 AUG 1963

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S.A. INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

(CAPE WESTERN REGION)

PRESIDENT: THE HON. O. D. SCHREINER
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26th August, 1963

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O.Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

re: Rural Coloured Areas &
Mission Stations.

For your information I enclose copies
of our correspondence with the Secretary for
Coloured Affairs, Cape Town.

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Maud.

Regional Secretary.

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