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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
4 p.m. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1938, AT THE OFFICES OF
THE INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANN-
BURG.

PRESENT: Professor R.F.A. Hoernlé (in the chair), Professor C.M. Doke, Mr. J.L. Hardy, Senator the Honourable J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Mr. L. Marquard, Rev. S.S. Tema and Mr. A.L. Saffery (Secretary).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Senator the Honourable E.H. Brookes, Mrs. Rheinallt Jones, Professor F. Postma and Mr. Maurice Webb.

(1) DEATH OF CAPTAIN H.L. SELIGSON:

The Chairman referred with deep regret to the sudden death of Captain Seligson, and those present stood in silence.

The following minute WAS ADOPTED

"On behalf of the whole Institute, the Executive wishes to put on record its deep sense of the loss which the Institute has sustained through the sudden death of Captain H.L. Seligson. Although he had been a member of the Executive for only a short time, he had already proved the value of his assistance in the work of the Institute. He was outstanding among business men in Johannesburg by his public spirit and unselfish devotion to many organisations and institutions engaged in constructive social work. The Institute as a whole, and its Executive in particular, had been looking forward to many years of fruitful co-operation with him. It was not to be. But his example remains as an inspiration and encouragement to us all".

(2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of a meeting held on November 20th, 1937, having been circulated, were taken as read, and were confirmed.

(3) MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING OF COUNCIL:

(a) Vice-President

It was noted with satisfaction that Major J.F. Herbst had agreed to accept office as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Institute.

(b) Deputations to Cabinet Ministers

It was reported that the various matters regarding which efforts had been made to interview Cabinet Ministers and others, had been referred to the Native Representative Council. IT WAS, HOWEVER, DECIDED

to refer these matters to the
Senators and Members of Parliament
elected by the Natives, before the
next session of Parliament.

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(c) Finance

The Secretary reported that the special campaign for new members had been started, but it was too soon yet to say whether the campaign would be successful or not.

IT WAS DECIDED

that municipalities should again be approached for subscriptions now that the Institute is incorporated under the Companies Act.

Rev. S.S. Tema stated that several Orlando residents were interested in the work of the Institute and would probably become members if they were told about the Institute's activities.

IT WAS DECIDED

that Rev. S.S. Tema should endeavour to arrange a meeting at Orlando which would be addressed by the Chairman and Secretary.

The Adviser stated that he would, with the assistance of Mr. Maurice Webb, conduct a membership campaign in Durban, towards the end of April. He would also try and get new members at Port Elizabeth, East London and other Eastern Province centres.

The Adviser further informed the meeting that he would be attending the opening of the Bhunga, and IT WAS DECIDED

that the Adviser should

- (a) endeavour to persuade the Bhunga to affiliate with the Institute.
- (b) ask some of the chiefs to become members.

The Chairman stated that the Adviser, as Honorary Lecturer in Race Relations at the University, would give a course of lectures on racial topics early in May. The lectures would probably be under the joint auspices of the Institute and the University, and although they were intended primarily for teachers from overseas, the general public would be encouraged to attend. Institute literature would be distributed at the meetings.

NOTED

(d) Administration of Justice

The Adviser stated that the Committee appointed by Council had not been able to meet owing to the absence from Cape Town of several of the members. He anticipated, however, that the Committee would meet on his return to Cape Town the following week.

NOTED

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(e) InvestigationsI. Native Marriages

The Adviser reported progress regarding the negotiations for the above enquiry, and he stated that the Community of the Resurrection had been asked to arrange for Father Shropshire to commence investigations. It was possible that application would be made to the Council of Educational and Social Research for grant to cover the cost of the Enquiry.

Rev. S.S. Tema stated that the Native Ministers' Association was gratified to hear of the investigation, and would lend it all possible support.

NOTED

II. Farm Labour Investigations

Mr. Marquard reported that good progress was being made with the Orange Free State investigation, but he would not be in a position to submit a Report before the end of the year.

NOTED

The Chairman stated that the Transvaal investigation was being held up owing to the illness of the person who was to carry out the investigation. It was hoped, however, that a start would be made during the year.

NOTED

III. Indian Agricultural Community in Natal

The Adviser reported that tentative negotiations were taking place and he hoped to arrange something definite when visiting Natal in April.

NOTED

IV. "Mechanisation in the Modern World"

The Adviser stated that he had been invited by the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation to co-operate in an investigation into the effects of mechanisation in the modern world. The matter had been considered by the Cape Town members of the Executive Committee and a number of suggestions were made, including one that Professors MacCrone and Frankel be asked to collaborate in the investigation.

After discussion, IT WAS DECIDED

that the Chairman and Secretary should approach Professors MacCrone and Frankel.

V. Health in Native Areas

Suggestions submitted by Dr. Gear regarding the health of Natives in rural areas, were considered and IT WAS DECIDED

that the Chairman and Professor Doke should consider the suggestions, and, if necessary, interview Dr. Gear.

Mr.

Mr. Hardy stated that many Natives were certified as physically fit on leaving the mines, but developed Phthisis afterwards. He had no idea of the numbers affected.

Senator Jones said this matter had been discussed in Parliament, and it was hoped that it would be referred to a Select Committee of the Senate.

(4) MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
IT WAS DECIDED

that the following be asked to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee!

Dr. C.C.P. Anning (with Dr. Gale as alternate)

Mr. A.H.L. Burmeister

Mr. Henwood.

(5) NATIVE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY:

The Secretary reported that a committee of members of the Rotary Club and Joint Council was engaged in arranging a conference of those bodies and individuals interested in the problem of Native Juvenile Delinquency. It was anticipated that the Conference would be held in May.

NOTED

(6) MEETING OF CAPE TOWN MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE:

Senator Jones stated that he had met the Cape Town members of the Executive Committee and they had discussed a number of matters. A report of the discussion was laid on the table.

(7) NATIONAL COLOURED-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE:
IT WAS DECIDED

to adopt a recommendation of the Cape Town members of the Executive Committee that £25 be voted towards the cost of organising the National Coloured-European Conference to be held in June, and which was being convened jointly by the Institute and the Cape Town Coloured-European Council.

(8) JULY MEETING OF COUNCIL:
IT WAS DECIDED

(a) that Council should on July 11th, 12th and 13th at Durban.

(b) that the subjects for discussion and the arrangements regarding the meetings be left to the Adviser and Mr. Maurice Webb.

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(9) REPRESENTATION ON SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS SOCIETY:

The Institute had been invited to nominate someone to serve on the Red Cross Society's newly constituted Social Services Committee and IT WAS DECIDED

that Mr. A.L. Saffery be appointed to serve on the Committee.

(10) LEGAL AID:

It was reported that Mr. Britten was engaged in preparing a report on the Legal Aid Bureau, and this would be submitted to the Executive Committee in due course.

It was felt that the time had come to extend the scope of the Bureau, but IT WAS DECIDED

to await consideration of Mr. Britten's report before taking any action.

(11) NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

In view of the lateness of the hour, IT WAS DECIDED

that the Executive Committee should meet on May 14th to consider the items on the Agenda with which it was not possible to deal at this meeting.

(12) RHODES TRUSTEES:

Mr. Marquard stated that he would sail for England on May 17th, and that he was prepared to approach the Rhodes Trustees regarding further support for the Institute.

IT WAS AGREED

that Mr. Marquard be given authority to discuss the matter tentatively with Lord Lothian.

(13) LIBRARY:

The Secretary stated that Mr. Rollnick's appointment would cease on July 31st, and he felt that it was desirable that he should be appointed for a further period to complete the valuable work which he was engaged in.

IT WAS DECIDED

- (a) to extend Mr. Rollnick's appointment for a further six months and to increase his salary by £2 per month.
- (b) to approach the Carnegie Corporation with a view to getting a special grant to build up what should be a unique library on racial topics.

(14) LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

IT WAS DECIDED

that the Secretary be granted six months' leave from February 1st, 1939, in order to pursue special studies in England.

(15) DAY PASSES:

Rev. S.S. Tema stated that several Natives of whom he knew, had been refused "day passes" by the Pass Office.

IT WAS DECIDED

that Mr. Tema should give the Secretary details of specific cases and that, if necessary, the Chairman, Secretary, and Mr. Tema should interview the Chief Pass Officer.

THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 6 p.m.

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