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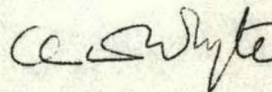
Employment Opportunities for African Girls.

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum by Professor the Hon.
E.H. Brookes.

I wonder whether you will be kind enough to give some thought to this matter? There may, possibly, be ways in which you can assist by creating new employment or training opportunities for African girls.

We are setting up a sub-committee to consider this question, and should be most grateful to have suggestions from you. There is very great need of action.

Yours sincerely,



Quintin Whyte.
DIRECTOR.

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INFORMAL MEMORANDUM ON THE FINDING
OF NEW OPENINGS FOR AFRICAN GIRLS

Sent by Professor the Hon. E.H. Brookes.

1. African girls who are taking secondary school courses, and particularly those who are matriculating, find before them increasing difficulties. Some of them are genuinely unwilling to go into the new "tribal colleges"; some are unwilling to go into the teaching profession as it has developed under the Bantu Education Act. In nursing the supply now seems to exceed the demand. Thus, for various reasons, two of the courses which have attracted most girls in the past, namely teaching and nursing, are far less attractive than they were.
2. This memorandum does not set out to be exhaustive. It is rather a plea that those who are interested in the education of African women should get together and discuss what new careers are available for girls leaving school and how they can be helped to enter these careers. The examples given are only a few out of many possibilities.
3. It is suggested that an approach should be made to the African newspapers and to those controlling them to see whether there is not scope for a few women reporters. As the African newspapers develop they will have a social side to them, and there are also many situations regarding home and family which women journalists should be able to tackle as well as or better than men.
4. Although at the moment it would only affect a few people, there should be scope for child photography among the Africans for girls if they could be trained and assisted to open studios on these lines, which would be of benefit to them and to their community.
5. The future of social work and social work training is very obscure at present in view of the threatened closing of the Jan Hofmeyr School, and the lack of information as to what is to replace it, but surely it ought to be possible for some of the larger churches to provide a form of social training and opportunities for social work in the church for girls, particularly those of their own denomination.
6. Although ordinary teaching is not as attractive to girls as it used to be, there is surely scope for a few in "special" schools and institutions, for example, cripple care, the blind.

7. It is an unchallenged part of government policy to encourage the opening up of African businesses in the Reserves. Is there not some way not merely of providing commercial training, but putting any girls so trained into touch with those business men who run larger businesses ?
 8. These are only a few suggestions and I have little doubt that they could be added to in number and that some of these additional items would be more valuable than those mentioned here. My plea today is that those in a position to do so should get together and see what they can do in the matter.
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14/10/59

To the Secretary.

Dear Madam -

Can you give me this information? Is there any tribal law which says that a married native woman cannot go out to work without the permission of her husband? Has Parliament passed a law enacting this? If so I've never heard of it - Have townships & municipalities the power to control husbands in this way?

We have just been served a notice by the local magistrate that we can no longer employ the native girl that we have as she has not the permission of her husband to work. Her husband denied she has been fired because he was convicted of stealing. He is now in employment but she was told

by a previous magistrate that he was
to live with her father until her husband
had paid all the lobola. She claims
to belong to the Church of the Province.

Apologising for troubling you,
but I should like the information,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
(Mm) Eleanor Kinsey.

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20th October, 1959.

Mrs. Eleanor Kinsey,
"The Manse,"
Fraser Street,
HOWICK, Natal.

Dear Mrs. Kinsey,

Thank you very much for your letter of 17 October. I am afraid that in Natal, unless she becomes emancipated, an African woman is a perpetual minor. I take it that under tribal law her husband would be able to forbid her to go out to work, although I am not certain of the Natal law, which differs very considerably from that in other provinces.


There may be a moderately simple solution, though, and that is for the woman to apply to the Native Commissioner to be emancipated. If the husband is a bad character this would, no doubt, be taken into account in considering the application.

Could you perhaps find time to go with her to the Native Commissioner to explain matters and to find out the procedure for emancipation? It makes such a difference if an employer is there.

I do not know the procedure because it applies only to Natal. An authority on it, should you want advice, is Miss Nicholson, Matron of the African Women's Hostel in Durban. The Durban office of the Institute of Race Relations (telephone 29210 Durban) would be able to find out her telephone number for you.

I do hope that this suggestion proves successful.

Yours sincerely,


Muriel Horrell (Miss)
Research Officer.

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African Chamber Of Commerce

(ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY)

353. MOFOLO SOUTH.
JOHANNESBURG.

P.O. Box 7.
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6th. November, 1959.

Mr. Q. Whyte,
South African Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

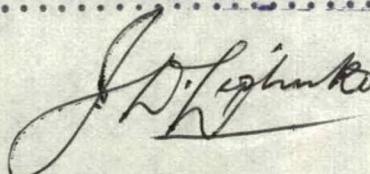
Dear Sir,

Subsequent to your letter in regard to training centres for young African women, we shall be glad to learn from you if you are able to come and meet members of my Executive on a day suitable to you to discuss the matter.

We shall be glad to receive an early reply on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

FOR AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



J.D. Liphuko.
SECRETARY.

JDL/ET.

2nd December, 1959.

Mr. J.D. Liphuko,
Secretary,
African Chamber of Commerce,
P.O. Box 7,
JABAVU

Dear Mr. Liphuko,

Thank you very much for your letter of the
6th November which was received here on the 16th November.

I have just returned from my lengthy trip
overseas and next week I shall be fully engaged all week.
If you could fix a time, day and place in the week starting
Monday, 14th December, I will be very glad to meet with your
members. Will you please let me know as soon as possible?

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

African Chamber Of Commerce

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353, MOFOLO SOUTH,
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14th December, 1959.

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

Miss Fowler
[Signature]

Dear Sir,

re: ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING CENTRE.

I have been directed by the Executive Committee of the above Chamber to request you to see its Executive members on MONDAY, 21st. DECEMBER, 1959, at 4.30 p.m. at the offices of the Chamber at the above address.

Trusting that this arrangement and time will
Your presence will be much appreciated.
be suitable for you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully.

J.D. Liphuko

J.D. Liphuko.
SECRETARY.

JDL/ET.

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SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (INC.)
SUID-AFRIKAANSE INSTITUUT VIR RASSEVERHOUDINGS (INGELYS)

TO: The Director,
S.A Institute of Race Relations,
JOHANNESBURG

FROM: ~~Head Office~~, S/Tvl. Region,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.
22nd December, 1959

Dear Mr. Whyte,

re : Training of African Traders

I am enclosing a copy of the main points discussed at the meeting with the Executive of the African Chamber of Commerce, yesterday. I hope that you will find them adequate.

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Fowler.

Marjorie Fowler. (Mrs.)
SECRETARY

/ Encl.

29th December, 1959.

The Hon. R.B. Loder,
c/o Anglo-American Corporation,
44 Main Street,
JOHANNESBURG

Dear Mr. Loder,

Enclosed are brief notes of a meeting I had recently with the African Chamber of Commerce at their request. The Institute "Survey" should be completed by the end of January. The men I met are keen but I do not think fully appreciate what has to be done on their side.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

Encl.

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30th December, 1959

Quintin Whyte, Esq.,
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P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

Thank you for letter dated 29th December, 1959
to Mr. Loder, enclosing notes of a meeting you have
recently had with the African Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Loder is on leave in England at the
moment, but I have placed your letter in a prominent
position, so that he may deal with it on his return.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. Melville

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