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that the policy of Trusteeship governs the general relationships
between Europeans and Africans. Since an essential aspect of this
policy is the purchase of more land for Africans as provided for under
the Native Land and Trust Act No. 18 of 1936, it is convenient to begin
by reviewing the land purchasing programme.

The Native Land and Trust Act of 1936 provided for the purchase of Native lands up to a maximum of 7,250,000 morgens. The allocation of this quota to each province was to be as follows:

Sup TABLE I

QUOTA OF LANDS TO BE BOUGHT ON BEHALF OF AFRICANS IN RELEASED AREAS AS UNDER THE NATIVE LAND & TRUST ACT OF 1936

Province	Extent of land- in Morgen	% of total
ransvaal	5,028,000	69.3
Cape	1,616,000	22.3
Vatal	526,000	7.3
Orange Free State	80,000	1,1
Total	7,250,000	100

The reason for the allocation of so much land to the Transvaal was that in that province no adequate provisions for the land needs
of the Africans had been made before 1881. Even between 1881 and 1886
very few Native reserves were beaconed off in the Transvaal.

Since 1936, the total area and percentages of quota land that have been purchased (by the South African Native Trust and by the Africans) and those still to be purchased are as follows:

TABLE II) SHOWING PERCENTAGES OF QUOTA LAND VESTED IN THE TRUST AND LAND STILL TO BE ACQUIRED

	Description of quota land	Extent in Morgens	Percentage of quote-
#	Crown Land vested in the Trust Land purchased by the Trust Land bought by the Africans Land still to be bought	1,497,646 1,762,797 238,789 3,750,768	20.7 24.3 3.3 51.7
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Report of the Native Affairs Department, 1945 U.G. 44, 1946, p.6.

(2) Senator E.H. Brookes, a member of the Native Affairs Commission, in an article in the Natal Mercury of 4th November, 1947.

(3) U.G. 14 of 1948, p. 11.

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It is reasonable to believe that but for the war when land purchases were suspended, until 1945, more land would have been bought by the South African Native Trust.

It is very instructive to notice how much quota land still remains to be bought in each province. In the Transvaal 2,140,760 morgens or 59 of the Provincial quota still remains to be acquired; in the Cape 1,174,916 morgens or 75% of the Provincial quota still has to be acquired; in Natal 409,523 morgens or 85% of the Provincial quota remains to be acquired and for the Orange Free State the balance is 25,569 morgens or 32% of the Provincial quota.

conditions of many reserves in the Ciskei and in Natal need the kind would provide of felief to be provided by additional lands is common cause. I The which has been african people in theseareas are anxious that the additional land promised them since 1913 should not be made available. That more land will eventually be acquired cannot be doubted. The question is how long will it take?

In the Cape selony there has been since 1936, political has since 1936 been exercised pressure on the Government to excise in favour of Europeans some of the released areas, and, at the same time, difficulties have been encountered in obtaining the consent of the Khosaf of the Ciskei to move to new settlements in British Bechuanaland a different tribal, social, and physical environment. In Natal, the difficulty is that about half of the promised land must be found outside released areas. The cry is trade everywhere that "No more land must be acquired for Natives until they show that they can use beneficially what they have".

Souternment must resist this pressure and proceed with the policy to which the Policy to which the The Nation, is however, committed to the policy of 1936.

THE REHABILITATION SCHEME

It is to the interests of the Government and the Africans able that the existing and new Native lands should be beneficially occupied.

To ensure this the Government has introduced the Rehabilitation policy

D 14) Percentages calculated on the basis of the figures given on p.11 of the Report of the Native Affairs Department, 1945 - 47.

157 Senator Brookes, in the Natal Mercury 4th November, 1947.

168 Vide Report of the Native Affairs Department, 1944/45, pp.9-10.

with its betterment area schemes. Informed persons are by now sufficiently familiar with the details of these schemes, on trust lands settlement is controlled by Proclamations 12, 13 of 1945, while overstocking and grazing is regulated by Proclamation 31 of 1939.

scientific merits and promising exonomic potentialities. Already there have under its aegis some outstanding local results have been achieved as regards improved grazing capacity for cattle, improved cattle breeds, raising milk and crop yields, intensive farming on irrigation lands. If many of these schemes could be speedily introduced in other Native areas as well and extensively carried out the level of production and the standard of living among Africans in the Native reserves would be raised considerably.

Although the betterment area schemes have been accepted by certain African communities, the number of these increasing each year, there is no mass enthusiasm for these schemes. The reasons for this is eve three-fold: firstly, the rehabilitation scheme involves a radical departure from African traditional usages and practices as repards land. cattle and forests, secondly, the manner in which the scheme is introduced and carried out in several areas deep not commend itself to Africans. has been For example, in speaking to African audiences too much stress is laid on the technical and scientific values of rehabilitation schemes, and in the demarcation of arable, pastoral and other lands it (sometimes happened that certain families become landless and have to be accommodated else-Thirdly, Africans are feeling uncomfortable in having to pay higher rentals on trust lands and to subsisting on five morgens of arable land. // however,

In the prevailing circumstances of African life it is inevitable that reform should come from outside the Native areas and that the Rehabilitation Scheme should be imposed on African peasants. The

Council, Vol.11, 1944, pp.177-180, and debates in the Senate under policy motions moved by Ministers for Native Affairs in 1945, 1946 and 1947.



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¹⁷ Ibid. pp.9 - 25.

pay for progress. This is not to suggest, however, that rural reconstruction can be successfully undertaken and permanent results achieved without africans understanding what is going on and without their cooperation. These suggestions may be put forward by way of antisting the good will of a pricans and their support for pressive methods.

findly, The extension of general elementary education through the the provision of feat community type of schools and facilities for adult education would create in the African masses a mental climate favourable to the desired changes; such means would enable African peasants to appreciate better propaganda literature, placards, magie lanterna and cinema pictures dealing with their health, agricultural and pastoral problems. A The suitably trained training and appointment of Africans to professional and technical posts under the South African Native Trust would provide a corps of persons African who could very well interpret European aims and intentions to Africans, and African needs and reactions to Europeans. If next to communally held lands, lands under freehold title could be cultivated by selected African farmers/enjoying assistance in respect of credit, seeds and/sale as a whole of their produce, African peasants/would then be provided with occular demonstrations and living examples in progressive farming the securing

where purchased it is an admitted fact that there will never be insufficient land for all africans needing land. It is also a will known fact that conditions in the reserves do not allow for the development of large scale barning even with improved agricultural techniques. In ouch circumstances therefore it is almost impossible to develop any independent african peasanting. I have many Apricans have perfect to find means of weekhood wither on the forms of in whom areas

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PROBLEM OF FARM LABOUR

The problem of the shortage of African farm labour has been with us ever since Europeans and Africans came into contact. The real reason why there has been this continual cryabiliths shortage of African labour on the farms is that the level of remuneration on the farms is to low that the capacity of the farmers to employ labour is almost limitless. By legal and political means farmers have for a long time sought to defeat economic tendencies towards the raising of wages on the farms; likewise, any farmer who tries to pay his farm servants believe is sooner or later made to feel that he is breaking the custom of the district. Hence, most farmers tend to keep to the ruling rate of remuneration and that rate is to low one indeed.

In discussions as to how to meet the shortage of farm labour, farmers generally think mainly of the number of labourers they can employ and of the number of African labourers who are in the reserves or the manual in the urban areas. But the supply of labour, it is necessary to emphasise does not only depend on the potential numbers of labourers but also on their willingness and ability to work. The extent to which men are willing to work depends to a large extent on the inducements offered by those needing their services; thus the extent to which Africans are willing to come and work on the ####### farms depends on the inducements farmers are offering or willing to offer.

For a long time, in the days when farmers had very little cash and before amoney sense had developed among Africans, farmers offered African labourers land upon which to reside, land to cultivate, and grazing privileges. But the development of commercial farming among Europeans has meant that less land for cultivation and grazing purposes has been made available to the Africans. Also, the tendency of modern South African legislation has been to discourage or prohibit the African from residing on the farms as a share -farmer or a labour tenant. The position today is that the respect of the average arable land, the average number of stock, and in respect of a few other essentials of rural living Africans in the Native areas are better off than Africans on the farms. This fact was very well brought out in the Report of the Farm Labour Committee of 1940.

This in part explains why Africans from the reserves are disclined to go to Tabour in the farms. When they do have to go to work, they prefer urban areas and labour centres. to the farms. The attractions in urban areas in higher cash wages, paid holidays, free week ends, regular and shorter hours of work. Africans prefer weekly wages in urban areas to monthly wages on the farms; they also prefer to receive their remuneration entirely in cash and to decide for themselves what they shall spend on food, clothes and shelter rather to have the employer decide what they shall receive in cash and what they shall receive in kindit is difficult to persuade many Africans that the real income of African farm labourers is equal to or even higher, so it is claimed, than that of Africans in urban employment, as sometimed in the cash and kind, these are better than on the farms. Even in those areas where farm servants are remunerated entirely in cash, wages are much lower than in many urban occupations.

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It is clear, therefore, that if farm work is to be made + attractive to Africans, farm, cash wages must be raised. If farmers/do so voluntarily, they will/be forced to do so by the upward trend of urban wages. Also Helpful would be improvements in living conditions.

hereing, these things could be helpful for a time. Remore and
it is not sufficient that farmers should discuss their labour difficulties only with the Government
farmers and African leaders (chiefs and headmen) should meet and try to understand
each other's problems either at farmers' meetings or at meetings of
Africans convened by the Native Commissioners.

the long-range point of view Africans would welcome
the arrangement suggested to the Minister for Native Affairs in 1945
by the South African Agricultural Union. That Organisation advised
the Minister that the African population should be divided into three
categories: (a) urban Natives who shall work in urban areas and have
their families resident therein; (b) Native peasants who should be
taught improved agricultural techniques and encouraged to derive their
income from the land, and (c) farm labourers who should be accommodated
on European farms, not as tenants nor as part—time workers, but as
full—time agricultural workers. Although Economic forces are already
tending in these directions and it is hoped that in legislation seeking
to control and direct the processes of change; the welfare of farm
workers will be carefully considered.

THE AFRICAN AS A WORKER

The majority of Africans employed in urban and labour centres are people from the rural areas who find it necessary to supplement their income from land and cattle by cash wages. Indeed, in the case of those who have neither land nor cattle, cash wages obtained in urban areas are the only means of subsistence. What is often overlooked is the fact that cash is needed by Africans not only to buy goods/not produced in the reserves, but also to meet several obligations which have traditionally been dealt with through the exchange of goods and the fact that same dealt with through the exchange of goods and services. There is now taking place in the reserves that same commutation male members of every in the reserves that same commutation of customery obligations into mency terms as occurred in England during order to obtain employment and cash wages.

In order to assist Africans to find jobs when they do move

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¹²⁷ Vide: Senate Debates No.4, March 1945, pp.844-45.

131 Vide: the Social and Economic Planning Council Report No.9, p.40.

to establish Labour bureaux. From the point of view of saving

Africans the time and energy spent in looking for work contacting

prospective employers, studying the supply and demand for labour and the of African employment and unemployment hands are useful building up useful statistics there is much that can be said in favour of the proposed labour exchanges or bureaux could undertake.

But much depends on how the system works out in practice.

If these institutions are located in places easily accessible to Africans, if they are run by persons who understand the Africans, if Africans are not compelled to take jobs for which they have neither experience, inclination, physical ability or the requisite state of health, and if these bureaux do not function in such a way as to depress wages by making the movement of African workers in search of the higher reward difficult, then they will be rendering a useful national service and will dispel African fears and anxieties.

Labour exchanges are to be established because of the endemic shortage of Native labour at the mines and on the farms. The intention is that through these institutions Native labour will be distributed as between the mines, the farms and urban occupations. In short, Native labour will be canalised through these labour bureaux.

Two/problems concerning Native labour will face those who

will administer/labour bureaux. (1) that of sorting out and dealing properly with the various classes of African labour. Whilst migrant labourers, casual labourers and seasonal labourers are unskilled labourers, the converse is not true, Among the unskilled labourers are included in Their both being who tend to be urbanised Africans, detribalised Africans who are more stable in employd. These classes of Adrican ment than other classes of the unskilled labourers have different standards of workmanship, different standards of living, and different expectations in regard to work and wages. The second (will be that of breaking through the established habits of African workers in regard adopted b to obtaining work, and also those of the employers as regards engaging labourers, just outside their gates or fences.

The (role of Africans as unskilled labourers is not properly

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Refer to the Native Laws Amendment Bill, now before Parliament.

appreciated. The work they do is generally regarded as being simple and capable of being such as can be performed by any person taken off the streets who has no previous training. This may be true of necertain ranges of jobs that classed as unskilled, It is not true of many so-called unskilled jobs done by Africans where acquired skill, experience and specialisation is acquired.

In these cases Africans doing such jubs are no longer (Evan though legally dassed as labourers seven afficients ignorant and untrained workmen. They are boss-boys in the mines, machine minders in factories, and tractor drivers on the farms even though legally classed as labourers.

Because of African workers definite preference for certain types of employment, their tendency to remain in continuous employment, their tendency and because of technological development semi-skilled repetitive work, Africans have been able to raise their status as workers.

in the trades and industries regulated by Wage Board Determinations
between 1937 and 1946, there were 35.6% skilled workers, 18.3% semi-skilled,
and 46.1% unskilled torkers. Of the skilled workers the Africans contencent for cent for cent
stituted 5.3%, Asiatics 5.4% and Coloureds 4.4% Thus Africans, who
are newcomers to industry and commerce, have in this respect caught up
with their immediate rivals. With respect to semi-skilled workers, the
Africans constituted 33.0%, Europeans 35.9%, Coloureds 20.1%, and
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skilled workers. It is of course natural that they should strive to
escape the status of ordinary unskilled labourers to which they are mostly
confined by the civilised labour policy and industrial colour bar. But
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Africans seem to think that the line of development is the removal
of the economic colour bar and the provision of apprenticeship facilities.

This may be true.

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Eventually pear but not immediately in view of the political and economic

Vide: the Report of the Department of Labour for 1945, par. 59.

[16] This figure excludes the majority of Africans who are controlled by the Wage Board determination for unskilled labourers.

which beset the country. In the interior Africans should strive difficulties. What Africans should strive for in the meantime is to Semi skilled workers or become more efficient/labourers and to entrench themselves as operatives. Ordinary economic forces will inevitably elevate the more efficient and experienced operatives into skilled workmen. In the interests of productivity and economic co-operation the industrial laws of the country should encourage rather than discourage these developments.

AFRICANS IN URBAN AREASA

Figures contained in Report No.5 76f the Social and Economic Planning Council indicate that Africans have been coming to work and ide in urban areas at a more rapid rate than the Europeans since the Census of 1936 The Report of the Native Laws Commission tells much the same story. According to the 1946 census, out of a total urban population of 4,253,983 persons, of all races the Africans constituted 42.2% Europeans 40.4%, and Asiatics and Coloureds together 17.4% Mul 181

The arrival and settlement of Africans in urban areas, while

it may suit urban employers, presents difficulties alike to the Europeans and the Africans. When Africans come to live in urban areas there is usually no adequate accommodation and, as newcomers, such accommodation as they can obtain outside locations is in outlying areas where dwellings have structure of defective material and social environment unredemp journeying to and from work from such areas is costly both in energy and In money. Again, since Africans from the reserves have neither the skills nor the capital with which to acquire a better economic status, they have to stary life at the bottom of the economic ladder. very numbers and their lack of working experience makes competition for jobs keen and remuneration low. The complexities of an urban pattern of life based on money and prices must be baffling to a people so ill prepared to live up to its requirements. Hence it is not surprising

that Africans in urban areas are afflicted with the evils of drunkenness,

debt, disease, dirt. and death. To some extent the experiences of Africans

today are similar to those of the English peasants during the Industrial

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It is fashionable among Africans to regard these difficulties as being due to legislation, European opposition or ill-will. Africans often point out the negative policy contained in the Native Urban Areas Act of 1945 and to the opposition to Native urbanisation usually offered by the Chamber of Mines and by the farmers. While this may be true, it is doubtful twee legislation different the problems of the disappear ton the Africans to a conditions the disappear ton the Africans to the Africans to be roblems to the initial available.

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Africans would be more ready to see these points and to co-operate in their approach if they could be satisfied that the development of the rural areas agriculturally, commercially and industrially would give them comparable advantages.

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Firstly, by residence and contact with Europeans in urban areas Africans become civilised and educated at a faster rate than is contact with possible through the schools and missions. Secondly, in urban employment are africans obtain better cash wages which they have come to realise are in order to so necessary in buying the goods and services they need. Thirdly, through being employed in urban occupations, they gain in skills in the manner already indicated. Not only do they gain in skills, but they

and a working knowledge of the European language all which improve their employment opportunities. Fourthly, through trade unions they are learning the techniques of collective bargaining as a means in improving their working conditions and their status as workers. Fifthly, Africans believe that they improve their claims to citizenship better by residing in urban areas/than by remaining in the reserves.

that he should no longer be treated as a marginal person in the country's economy, and that he should be fully integrated into the industrial and urban life of his country. In putting forward these claims the with the fact that a change in doubt in principle be afficient is more concerned with the policy being accepted than with the stages by which integration might be accomplished. That is a task for social engineering.

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