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KANTOOR VAN DIE—OFFICE OF THE

Technical and Vocational Education
Commission,
Union Education Department,
New Standard Bank Buildings,
PRETORIA.

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

Dear Sir,

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION.

With reference to your letter of the 5th December, I am directed to inform you that my Commission will be glad to receive a written memorandum from your institute. It will however not be possible for the Commission to meet representatives of your institute during March as the Commission will be at Cape Town at that time.

Yours faithfully,

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY: TECHNICAL AND
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Educational Inquiry

The commission appointed by the Government to investigate and report on technical and vocational education in general will arrive in Cape Town on March 4 and will sit in the council chamber of the Cape Technical College.

The members of the commission, which is named the Technical and Vocational Education Commission, are Dr. F. J. de Villiers, chairman; Messrs. L. H. L. Badham and C. H. Crompton, and Professors John Orr and Alexander Sinton. Mr. J. J. P. O. Hof is secretary.

Cattle Killed by Lightning.—

Ten cows and a bull were killed by a flash of lightning in the Fort Victoria district recently. The farmer estimates his loss at about £400.—(Sapa.)

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1st March, 1946.

The Secretary,
The Technical and Vocational Education Commission,
c/o Union Department of Education,
Parliament Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith six copies each of memoranda Nos. RR127/45 and 168/45, prepared by a Committee of this Institute appointed to consider a proposal to establish a Civilian Conservation Corps, more particularly for Africans.

The Memoranda represents an effort to outline a definite scheme for Africans, and I have been asked to submit these to your Commission and to offer to appear before your Commission in support thereof, and to deal with any further points that may be found desirable to discuss with the Commission.

I shall be in Cape Town until March 14th, but I shall be fully occupied on the 5th, the afternoon of the 8th, the 9th, 13th and 14th, otherwise I will gladly attend at the Conference of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

J.D. Rheinallt Jones
DIRECTOR.

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KANTOOR VAN DIE—OFFICE OF THE

J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Esq.,
Director of S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, forwarding six copies of memoranda on a proposal to establish a Civilian Conservation Corps for Africans, I am directed to inform you that it is regretted that, owing to a very full time-table at Cape Town which included visits to several schools in the Western Province, it has not been possible for the Commission to fix a date on which to meet you before you return to Johannesburg.

The Commission is completing its investigation here at the end of the month and will resume its sittings at Pretoria, and possibly Johannesburg, during April and May, when it will be glad to give you an opportunity of tendering evidence in connection with the proposed establishment of a Civilian Conservation Corps.

You will be advised of the place and date as soon as the Commission's time-table for the coming months has been drawn up.

Yours faithfully,

A.S. Wessels

for SECRETARY: COMMISSION ON TECHNICAL AND
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JOHANNESBURG.

Ref. No. N.A.
Verw. Nr.

13th April, 1946.

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

Dear Sir,

AFRICAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING
SERVICES.

I regret that owing to my
absence from town on official duty,
I will be unable to attend the meeting
of your Committee on African Vocational
Training Services on Monday, the 15th
instant, at 10 a.m.

Yours faithfully,

L.I. VENABLES.
M A N A G E R .

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KANTOOR VAN DIE—OFFICE OF THE

COMMISSION ON TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION,
NEW STANDARD BANK BUILDINGS,
ROOM 320,
PRETORIA.

30th April, 1946.

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J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Esq.,
Director: S.A. Inst. of Race Relations,
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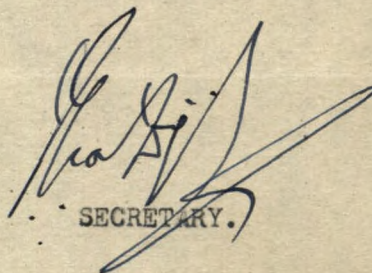
Dear Sir,

TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION.

With reference to your letter dated Cape Town, 1st March, 1946, I am directed to inform you that the Commission is holding its next meeting at the Witwatersrand Technical College, Johannesburg, on Monday, the 13th May, and will be pleased to hear you in connection with the proposal to establish a Civilian Conservation Corps at 10.15 a.m.

Please let me know whether you will be able to attend.

Yours faithfully,


SECRETARY.

UNIE VAN SUID AFRIKA.—UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA. S. 157 A.
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Communications to be addressed to the
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No. H. R.

/TD. NASIONALE ORGANISASIE TEEN VERKWISTING,
NATIONAL ANTI-WASTE ORGANISATION,

Howard House,

H/v c/r Loveday en/and Main Sts.,

JOHANNESBURG.

15 Jan., 1947.

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

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Dear Mr. Rheinnalt Jones,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant and enclosures which were placed before a meeting of our Executive Committee on the 9th instant.

This matter has received the attention of our Committee for some time and will again be considered at a special meeting later this month, after which I hope to send you a further reply.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]
ORGANISING MANAGER.

JDRJ/OMA.

8th January, 1947.

The Secretary,
Anti-Waste and National Resources
Development Organisation,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Scheepers,

NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

During the past eighteen months a committee of this Institute has, from time to time, considered proposals for mass vocational training for the youth of all races on lines in many ways similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps. of the United States of America. I enclose copies and memorandum RR.127/45.

At a recent meeting of the Transvaal Research Committee of this Institute a memorandum prepared by Dr. E. Jckl and myself (copies herewith) was considered, and it was decided to ask your Organisation to consider the possibilities of the proposals, and, if they commend themselves to your Organization, to suggest joint representations to the Minister of Education on them.

I shall be glad to discuss these memoranda with you or your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

DIRECTOR.

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SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (INC.)

NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING

AND

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Organisations
DRAFT MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (FOR NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

P R E A M B L E .

Recognising that large sections of the people of all races grow into adulthood ill-prepared both educationally and socially for life and work with adverse effects upon the human resources of the country and its social and economic development;

that the Government and People of South Africa have a moral responsibility with all the means at their disposal to make a special effort to advance the welfare and happiness of those sections of the population who, because of social, educational, economic and other shortcomings beyond their control, cannot maintain a satisfactory level of living or contribute adequately to the national economy;

that, despite their handicaps, all these sections of the population possess potential abilities of great value to the country capable of development;

that the full development of these abilities is possible through the use of educational and social measures;

that when developed these abilities should, for their welfare and the advancement of the country, be used for the development of the national resources through suitable employment;

it is proposed

that organisations be created, ~~under the general name of CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS~~, to provide education and vocational training for the youth of all races and to assist them, after training, into employment advantageous to themselves and useful to the country; and

that the education and training shall aim at helping the youth of all races to attain to satisfactory standards of fitness, knowledge, health and discipline, as well as cultivating in them the appropriate moral incentives and attitudes.

M E T H O D S .

The methods to be used by ~~the Civilian Conservation Corps~~ will be fundamentally educational in character, and will deal with the vast numbers of all races between the ages of 14 and 19 who are not catered for by the existing post primary educational facilities - scholastic or vocational - because they have not the necessary educational qualifications or do not live in the areas where such facilities exist or for other reasons. These vast numbers are not equipped for life or for work, they live at a low level, and are inefficient workers. Many become a burden upon the State as offenders or paupers. It is paramountly important that steps be taken at once to prevent this waste of the country's human resources by providing some form of training facilities. Existing training facilities - scholastic and vocational - are available only to small numbers in each racial section of the population. It is intended, ~~through the Civilian Conservation Corps~~ to make some form of vocational training available to all between 14 and 19 who do not benefit from existing facilities. The varied kinds of training required, the large numbers involved, the special measures that will be necessary to link up the

training with the economic needs of the country, and the necessity for assisting those trained to find suitable employment - all make it necessary to organise the training under the special conditions of the Civilian Conservation Corps, with separate organisations for each racial section. It is believed, however, that the scheme can be established and operated under the Higher Education Act, which is administered by the Union Department of Education.

The training must include such measures as are necessary to enable the youth to reach and maintain a satisfactory degree of physical fitness, and vocational competence. The Training must also be linked with employment under approved conditions ensuring progressive training and remuneration.

ORGANISATION .

There should be
The Civilian Conservation Corps ~~should consist of~~ autonomous organisations, for European, Cape Coloured and Indian, and African, each controlled by its own Council, making its own appointments and responsible for the finance and administration of the organisation.

Each organisation should have power to establish training centres, to which youths between 14 and 19 years of age would be admitted with the consent of their parents or guardians, for stated periods, varying from year to years according to the nature of the training to be provided. No period should be less than is necessary to ensure physical fitness and as high a degree of competence as the trainee is capable of. ~~Whilst enrolment must be voluntary, the training should be under the same sanctions as the compulsory education laws.~~ At each training centre medical and dental care, educational, recreational and religious facilities would be provided, and all possible steps taken to raise the level of living, the health, efficiency, and moral life of the youths.

Each organisation should have power to enter into contracts for work to be done under training conditions.

N.B. It must be emphasised that trainees should be placed at training centres as near as possible to their homes so that their severance from home ties may not be too great, and that their practical training may be as closely related as possible to their home conditions and the needs of their areas.

Each organization should have power to remunerate trainees on a progressive basis in accordance with the work done by the trainees, and to arrange for deductions in respect of training fees, allowances to parents or guardians, and/or deferred pay.

Each organisation should be assisted to procure camps, buildings and other equipment now becoming available from the army organisation.

Each organisation should have the trained and experienced staff necessary for its varied and extensive programme.

FINANCE .

Whilst the organisations of the Civilian Conservation Corps should be subject to the provisions of the Higher Education Act in respect of State grants, special initial capital and maintenance grants from the State will be necessary.

QW/CT.

8th May, 1947.

The Organising Secretary,
National Anti-Waste Organisation,
P.O. Box 8612,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Scheepers,

NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

I write with reference to our letter of January 8th and your reply of January 15th and I shall be very glad to know what the opinion of your committee is on the idea of establishing a National Vocational Training Scheme for the youth of all races. Mr. Rheinallt Jones suggested that it might be desirable that joint representations be made to the Minister of Education in the matter.

The scheme has been before the Institute for many months and I feel that some decision regarding it could very fittingly be made soon.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR

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THE NATIONAL ANTI-WASTE AND CONSERVATION ORGANISATION

EMBRACING NATIONAL ANTI-WASTE PROBLEMS AND THE CONSERVATION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES

JOINT PRESIDENTS: THE RT. HON. JAN H. HOFMEYR, P.C., M.P., AND SIR ERNEST OPPENHEIMER

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MR. I. K. M. SCHEEPERS
ORGANISING MANAGER

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OFFICES:
SEVENTH FLOOR, HOWARD HOUSE,
LOVEDAY AND MAIN STREETS,
JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

REF. No. HR/6. OF 14/5/47.

The Acting Director,
The South African Institute of Race Relations,
22, Ameshoff Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant and regret not having sent you any progress report after my letter of the 15th January. My Committee has given considerable thought to the matter and has had a Memorandum from Dr. Jokl not unlike the documents forwarded under cover of the letter of the 8th January.

My Committee, without expressing any particular opinion in the proposal to send a deputation to the Government, seems to feel that the whole training of the Youth of our country should be reviewed by way of examination to show:-

- (a) The labour requirements of the country.
- (b) The resources.

Having obtained this all-over picture it is possible to recommend steps to remedy deficiencies. We are hoping to hold a National Conference of all interested parties towards the end of this year. In view of certain obstacles which have been encountered we have not been able to take substantive action in the direction of advising all concerned. That also explains why I am unable at this stage to send you more precise details but I hope to be able to let you have full details within the next few weeks.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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JRA/CT.

26th May, 1947.

The Organising Manager,
National Anti-Waste and Conservation Organisation,
7th Floor, Howard House,
Loveday and Main Streets,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Scheepers,

Vocational Training

Thank you for your letter No. H.R./6 of 14.5.47 with reference to Vocational training for youths.

I look forward to hearing from you again when you are in a position to give me fuller information on your Committee's views.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR

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15th March, 1948.

The Secretary for Labour,
Compensation House,
Schömann Street,
WINDSOR, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

Commission on Technical and Vocational Training

I shall be most grateful if you can give me an indication as to when the report of the Commission on Technical and Vocational Training (the De Villiers Commission) is likely to be published.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR

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Senator Dr. the Hon. E.H. Brookes,
88, Pietermaritz Street,
PIETERMARITZBURG.

11th May, 1948.

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DIPLOMA

Dear Dr. Brookes,

African Vocational Training Service.

As you know the Institute over the past two - three years worked out a scheme for the vocational and technical training of Africans on a large scale. It was to be under the Higher Education Act, self financing or with initial government grant, and a constitution was drawn up and agreed to. The Social and Economic Planning Council also suggested the desirability of a Civilian Conservation Corps.

The General Purposes Committee is very anxious that this should not drop out of sight but it has suggested that we should await the Report of the de Villiers Commission before going any further. I told Major Rodseth, who favoured our scheme rather than that put forward by Col. Stubbs and Mockford, but we could not see our way to going further. Being overwhelmed and very tired I felt that some addition to the staff of the Institute would have to be made if the scheme were to be organized and made effective. This was some six months ago. I feel that there is something which we should be preparing to do when the elections are over, but I am a little uncertain what. The Native Affairs Department has the Zwelitsha Training Scheme going and I do not quite see what the link up might be e.g. with it and with the Native Trust and the Native Affairs Department. Mr. Rheinallt Jones is preparing something on the Sudan Gezira Scheme.

What could be done, though I hesitate to do so because of the very heavy programme we have over May, June and early July, is to call a meeting of persons interested. That would include representatives of the trade Union world which is split and which might join in opposing everything that savoured of lower

wages for Non-Europeans. I feel that the best preliminary step would be to get in touch with the Trade Union world informally to find out attitudes and what co-operation could be forthcoming. I shall be glad of any advice you can give.

QW/11

Yours sincerely,

11th May, 1948.

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88, Pictorial Street,
ELIZABETHTOWN.
Quintin Whyte
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FROM

SENATOR EDGAR H. BROOKES

TELEPHONE 2714

88 PIETERMARITZ STREET
PIETERMARITZBURG

28th May, 1948.

*ATTN: Mr. Whyte
Lansburgh
Johannesburg*

Quintin Whyte, Esq.,
C/o S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

I thank you for your letter of the 11th May regarding African vocational training services. I do not think that you should embark on a full time study of this matter before your assistant is appointed as I can appreciate the fact that you have a very heavy load at the moment.

The concrete suggestions which I should make are:-

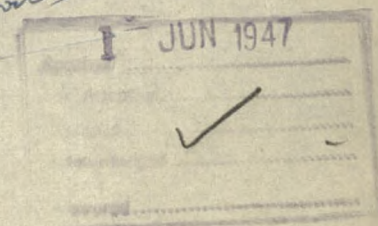
(a) An interview with Dr. Mears; (b) if possible, an interview with Dr. Smit of the Native Affairs Commission; (c) a brief memorandum stating fairly clearly alternative lines of possible action; (d) a discussion on the basis of (a), (b) and (c) at the Executive meeting in July.

Executive
I do not think that the Secretary needs or would appreciate a lengthy memorandum. Two pages giving the essential facts would do. We could then, at the Executive Meeting, agree on the main lines of policy and leave you to get on with the job when you have more staff.

You must be your own judge about discussing the matter with the Trade Unions, but my own suggestion is that any contacts should be informal and that you should not risk ~~of~~ arousing opposition from unfriendly elements.

Yours sincerely,

Edgar H. Brookes



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JRA/CT.

24th June, 1948.

The Colonial Secretary,
Accra,
GOLD COAST.

Dear Sir,

AFRICAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICES.

In response to your cable received on 23rd June, I have pleasure in enclosing copies of all available memoranda and minutes of committee meetings on the subject of mass vocational training for Africans. This will *give* you in chronological order the development of the scheme which, unfortunately, never came to fruition.

The Institute has for years been urging the establishment of some body, statutory or semi-statutory, to establish a mass vocational training scheme. Under the Higher Education Acts of the Union of South Africa such a scheme could have been initiated by the Union Education Department had there been sufficient moral support for it in the first place. I do not know whether it will be possible for you to work on the same lines in the Gold Coast, but the enclosed material may give you some guide as to the approach.

Yours truly,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

J.P.B.

Send him our various A.I.T. memos

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25th October, 194

Dr. H. Ashton,
Municipal Non-European Affairs Department,
His Majesty's Building,
Eloff Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Dr. Ashton,

I enclose copies of memoranda in connection with the African Vocational Training Scheme. Please treat these as confidential.

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR'S SECRETARY.

QW/ZL.

15th November, 1948.

The Secretary for Education,
Union Education Department,
New Standrad Bank Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

I understand that an Inter-departmental Committee on the Vocational and Technical Training has been set up. The Institute is very much interested and will be very grateful if you will forward its terms of reference and any itinerary it may have marked out.

I shall be very grateful if you will send me the terms of reference of the Committee which has been appointed to go into the question of Native School syllabi and any itinerary which the Committee has adopted.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR.

JRB for my information



IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
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No. 53/68.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
OFFICE OF THE—KANTOOR VAN DIE

Office of the Committee on Vocational
Training and Employment of Native
Operative,
Union Education Department,
New Standard Bank Buildings,
PRETORIA.

24/XI/48

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

29 NOV 1948	
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Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant referred to me by the Secretary for Education, I am directed to inform you that the Committee appointed by the Minister of Education is a departmental one, representative of the Departments of Education, Native Affairs and Labour. The terms of reference are -

The Committee should investigate and report upon:

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- (i) The advisability of regulating the employment of Native operatives in the various trades through the Native Building Operatives Advisory Board under the Department of Native Affairs.
- (ii) The advisability of providing uniform training for all Natives desiring to become operatives in some or other trade.
- (iii) How these objects could best be achieved.

The Committee set out the attached questionnaire to all institutions providing industrial training for Natives and has already been to all which is considered necessary to visit.

I have no knowledge of the Committee on Native School Syllabi to which you refer.

Yours faithfully

SECRETARY TO COMMITTEE.
C/O UNION DEPARTEMENT OF EDUCATION.

JRA/PE

8th Dec., 1948.

The Secretary,
Committee on Vocational Training and
Employment of Native Operatives,
Union Education Department,
New Standard Bank Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

Many thank for your letter 53/68 of 24th November; the
information supplied is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR.

QW/LR

14th December, 1948.

The Secretary,
Committee on Vocational Training and
Employment of Native Operatives,
Union Education Department,
New Standard Bank Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

I write with reference to your letter 53/68 of 24/11/48 and the enclosed questionnaire.

This Institute has for many years been interested in the training of Africans in various fields of work. About three years ago it convened a representative committee to consider the vocational training of Africans on a large scale. It was hoped that as a result of experience gained during the war, by using equipment such as camps and hutments and by drawing on experience from other countries a national African Vocational Service might be brought into being. The Committee was widely representative and had on it amongst others, Dr. G.W. Eybers, formerly Director of Adult Education, and Mr. Rodseth of the Department of Native Affairs.

After prolonged discussion, records of which should be in the files of your Department, a final scheme was elaborated and Articles of Association drawn up. This I now enclose (R.R. 168/45) together with other relevant material.

I shall be very grateful if your Committee will give the proposed scheme its consideration. Before he left for meetings of UNESCO, I gave Mr. Theron, Director of Adult Education, a copy of this material in which he expressed considerable interest. Members of my Committee will be only too glad to meet members of your Committee and the Institute will offer what help it can in the implementation of the scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

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23rd February, 1949.

Mr. A. Immink,
P.O. Box 2636,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Immink,

Thank you very much indeed for your survey of vocational training for Non-Europeans. It will be very useful. I have not been able to go through it in detail but I did notice that you said that Vlaktefontein Industrial School was burned down. My colleague van Wyk says this is not so and I have asked him to check up.

I also notice you say that the number of students on the roll at Blythswood is 12. I know that they had a riot there and that many were sent home but when my wife taught there some time ago there were very many more than 12. There is a High School, a Training School, and there was a domestic training course which may have been stopped since then. There was also a large primary school.

I was also very surprised to see that at Lovedale there were only 1 bricklayer, 2 carpenters and one printer in the final year. When I was at Lovedale some six years ago, the "apprentices" numbered between 60 and 80. I know this for I had the doubtful pleasure of teaching Scripture while they sat three in a seat meant normally for two.

I understand that you wish to have your survey roneed. I'll get in touch with you by telephone about this.

Many thanks once more,

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

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Office of Committee on Control of
Native Vocational Training,
New Standard Bank Buildings,
PRETORIA.
10th March, 1949.

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

Dear Sir,

Further to your letter Q.W./22 of the 15th November, 1948,
and to my telephone conversation with you Mr. van Wyk on Tuesday
afternoon, I wish to inform you that my Committee would like to
know whether your institution would care to give evidence before it.

The Committee is meeting again on Tuesday, 15th
instant, and could hear you at 10 a.m. in room 409, New Standard
Bank Buildings, Paul Kruger Street, Pretoria.

Should you desire to place your views before the
Committee I shall appreciate it if you could let me know how many
members will be coming over.

Yours truly,

T. Van Rensburg

SECRETARY.

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NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

(See R.R. 127/45, R.R. 168/45,
R.R. 89/47.)

1. Proposed to set up an organisation to provide education and vocational training for African youth (14 - 19 years) to assist them to assist them to subsequent employment.
2. The scheme would be administered under the Higher Education Act.
3. The organisation would set up training centres and youths admitted with parents' consent for varying periods 1 to 3 years according to the training.
4. The organisation would have power to enter into contracts for work to be done under training conditions.
5. Trainees would be remunerated and deductions made for allowances to parents, deferred pay, training fees.
6. The Government would be asked to subsidise the organisation initially, thereafter it would be self-financing and non-profit making.
7. A memorandum and article of association have already been drawn up R.R.168/45.
8. It is suggested that this scheme might be linked with the Gezira Scheme for South Africa outlined by Mr. Rheinallt Jones - See R.R. /48.
9. It is suggested that a deputation meet the Minister of Native Affairs and put the idea forward.

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