

PRETORIA JOINT COUNCIL OF EUROPEANS AND NON-EUROPEANS

The Secretary,  
Land Tenure Board,  
Libri Buildings,  
PRETORIA.

Sir,

re: Land Tenure Advisory Board Investigation in terms of the  
Group Areas Act 1950 (Act 41 of 1950) as amended: Pretoria  
and Environs.

I, Mark Nye, do hereby on behalf of the Pretoria Joint Council of  
Europeans and Non-Europeans and on my own behalf lodge objections to the  
desirability of proclaiming

Lady Selborne (area 78 on map A) for either European or Coloured  
occupation,

The Asiatic Bazaar and Cape Location for European occupation,

The area numbered 214A to 216, 218 to 221 and 239 on map F for occupation  
by members of the Indian group,

on the following grounds:

- 1) Lady Selborne was established in 1907 by the then Lieutenant Governor of  
the Transvaal as a native township. In 1913 it was proclaimed a native  
territory,  
  
The Asiatic Bazaar was set aside in 1890 by the Republican Government for  
occupation by Asiatics,  
  
The Cape Location was given as a dwelling place to the Coloured by  
President Kruger.
- 2) The natural and man-made boundaries make these areas suitable for  
occupation by their present inhabitants.
- 3) The present inhabitants and private bodies have invested much capital  
there and have entered into contracts on the strength of the present  
condition.
- 4) The new proposed area for the Indian group is not suitable for business  
purposes and only a small fraction of the shops presently conducted by  
members of the Indian group in the Asiatic Bazaar could earn a livelihood  
in the proposed area.
- 5) The lack of proper accommodation and amenities in the new areas as all  
building either by the people themselves or by the authorities would have  
to await financial provision which always takes time.
- 6) The cost of compensation to the State would be enormous.
- 7) Higher transport costs for individuals and a high outlay of capital for  
the Railway Administration and bus companies.
- 8) Lower general labour efficiency as workers would have to travel longer  
distances to their work and accordingly would suffer greater fatigue.
- 9) Unhappiness and frustration would be caused by loss of land tenure and  
freehold rights.
- 10) Compulsory removal of these freehold groups (from Lady Selborne, Asiatic  
Bazaar and Cape Location) would be contrary to the following principle:  
Justice and fairplay should be used in our dealings with Non-Europeans.

(2)

It is respectfully submitted that we/I are/am entitled to appear in person and/or represented at the meeting of the Board to adduce evidence and/or raise arguments in support of our objections, and I request that you advise me of the place, time and dates of the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

CHAIRMAN

Pretoria, 179 Proes Street  
June 5th, 1955

THE PRETORIA JOINT COUNCIL OF EUROPEANS & NON-EUROPEANS

PRETORIA

13 Windsor House,  
643 Church Street,  
Arcadia,  
PRETORIA.  
13th July, 1955.

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

JULY 15 1955

Dear Sir,

As you probably know, there are proposals before the Land Tenure Board for moving Africans from Lady Selborne. The Joint Council is opposing such proposals, and is attempting to collect as much information as possible about conditions at Lady Selborne.

I have been directed to inquire whether the Institute would be able to assist in making a Social and Economic Survey of Lady Selborne. It was suggested that you might be able to make available the services of a Social Worker.

The sort of information we were thinking would be valuable includes: rents, transport costs and regular modes of transport, where residents are occupied, to what extent Pretoria shops are patronised and whether Pretoria shops deliver to Lady Selborne. *apricam*

It is likely that Father Nye will have to appeal on behalf of the Joint Council some time in August.

Yours faithfully,

*C. M. Elder.*

C. M. Elder (Miss)  
Act. Hon. Sec.

*Brent  
Assistants*

*Discussed with Mr. Whit  
since your instructions  
on memorandum, 18th July  
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15/7/55*

*John v. Wyke*

*Mr. Whit*

*Urgent*

NO. OF PUPILS ATTENDING SCHOOL IN SELBORNE.

| <u>Name of School</u> | <u>No. of Pupils.</u> | <u>Teachers.</u> | <u>Cl-rooms.</u> | <u>Ch-halls</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. African            | 423                   | 6                | 4                | 2.              |
| 2. A. M. E.           | 689                   | 14               | 9                | 1.              |
| 3. L/S High           | 630                   | 12               | 14               | -               |
| 4. Lutheran           | 597                   | 12               | 3                | 2.              |
| 5. Methodist          | 796                   | 15               | 11               | 2.              |
| 6. N. G.              | 328                   | 5                | 5                | -               |
| 7. Rebone             | 215                   | 3                | 3                | -               |
| 8. St. Peter's        | 985                   | 16               | 7                | 1.              |
| 9. Swiss Mission      | <u>484</u>            | <u>9</u>         | <u>6</u>         | <u>1.</u>       |
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to City Council.

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local authorities had the right under central  
govt acts to establish & administer locations.

Limitation on acquisition of land under the  
Gold Law. Apart from this, land could be bought  
anywhere.

The Native Land Act (1913) - prevented the  
acquisition of land by a Native from persons  
other than a Native except with approval of Gov Gen.

1923 Natives (Urban Areas) Act.  
1937 - Amendment - virtually  
debarred Africans from acquiring property from non-Africans  
in cities & townships.

1945 The Natives (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act.

4-7-55

|       |                          | <u>FORGES</u>   | <u>PASS.</u> | <u>ROUND TRIP.</u> | <u>TRIPS.</u> | <u>MILES TURN RY.</u> | <u>FREQUENTLY</u>   |
|-------|--------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|
| LS. - | V/SJR.                   | 3 <sup>a</sup> - 4 <sup>a</sup>                       | 22312.       | 72 miles           | 395.          | * 14.2                | AM. 4-5 15 mins 5-6 10 mins.<br>6-7. 6 mins 7-8. 9 mins 8-9. 10 mins<br>9-4p. 12 mins. 4-5. 10 mins 5-6 9 mins<br>6-7. 6 mins. 7-9. 15 mins 9.-10. 20<br>10.30p-11. 15p |
| LS. - | Isc - P.W. Only          | L.S. 3 <sup>a</sup> - 4 <sup>a</sup> - 6 <sup>a</sup> | 2180.        | 90 miles           | 61            | 19.6.                 | 5 <sup>a</sup> 7 <sup>a</sup> 15 mins 6 7.15 <sup>a</sup> 1.00p.<br>3 - 6. 20 mins.   |
| LS -  | R.M. Royal (with) Mint   | 4 <sup>a</sup>  | 1519.        | 80 miles           | 31.           | 14.0.                 | 5.- 8. 20 mins. 4- 6.30-20 mins   |
| LS. - | C.P. Only                | L.S. 3 <sup>a</sup> - 4 <sup>a</sup>                  | 515.         | 60 miles           | 10.           | 11.2.                 | 6-8. 1HR. 3-6 1HR.  |
| LS. - | Hosp. (misses) only L.S. | 3 <sup>a</sup> - 4 <sup>a</sup>                       | 515          | 72 miles           | 8.            | 14.4                  | 6. ant. 1.00p 4.00p - 6.00p   |

Royal Mint station Bureau of obs. defense hdqts.  
dam saw. railway sheds.

Sabonier Mitchell st  
eng.  
bat.  
dry cleaning  
dam servants.

Women. (2,000).  
only Lady field buses to  
biggest.  
Men.  
State.



Members of Town Council

Margaret Bailey

Miss Crabbe

DRC

small A.M.E

Tumelong Staff

Bishop of Pretoria  
Father Nye

St Peter's

small African Catholic

Swiss Mission

Rev. Bill  
Miss Ernst

Shanghaan

Method.

Chueu

- Classroom

High Sch.

govt Lutheran.

Choma ?

Swiss

Kekana?

- Cyber.

primary school

Col. secondary

Kwakwa

- in hospital

Kuzwayo

- Prot. Methodist

Lethoba

A.M.E. School

Cath. - Little Flowers

made they industrial

Leshoai

- Ann High School  
Masamela

Mphomane

XXXXXXXX Nuwane

Dr. Nkomo

- America

Mtombeni ?

Malope

Uoane

Lutheran School

Others

Rev. Tamotsi - A.M.E.  
~~Schools~~ Method. Schools - very bonded

Schools - Church

NCAW

Mrs Kwakwa

Miss Kwakwa

cost of bldgs.

NWATHZ NCAW  
- no of schoolchildren

licenses

Paul Strait - shops

Village Committee

Mr Makaba - Ditsela

Sibeli

Park St.  
Balawayo

most of them  
are house.

Lady Selborne Removal - Points Facts - no political basis

I Divide into 3 parts - Economic: Amenities: Construction.

A Economic - Size of plots + houses - (200x50); costs; many just paid off; others still owing Building Cos -  
No of schools; Churches; shops; ~~etc~~  
Compensation for all these?

B. Amenities: Maternity Hospital 100 beds - last year  
Confinements 4008  
Babies born 4040  
Patients' days 60,360

(Old Govt Clinic Tunstrey) Clinic + Dispensary 30,139 people (+ Govt Clinic)  
Total No. sent to Hospital <sup>General</sup> ~ ~

Tunstrey:  
1,300 primary  
200 nursery

Schools no of children in schools. Past years figures  
1. Elementary 1236 +  
2. Secondary 189 +  
2/Diverted Science 13 'House Class' 20 girls +  
domestic science: arts & crafts activities

Notes 91 is perhaps unfortunate that the Joint Council is being represented by an Anglican Priest - considering (a) the bias against Churches (b) that there is a 'vested' interest i.e. Tunstrey - Church - + school -  
Suggest that when facts are drawn up Doreen Daynolle + Mrs Ripper <sup>b. asked to</sup> accompany him to offset this drawback

Questions  
1. Size of Site + Service jobs - compare with present one  
2. Will amenities be provided before any removals take place? Hospital; Medical services; Chinco; Creches; Schools; Shops <sup>visiting</sup>; Social; Public <sup>houses?</sup>  
3. Transport - extra strain on workers - bicycling now etc -  
4. Will Compensation cover cost of equally good houses & can these be erected before removal?

C. Construction: L.S. is a Nature unit + not a 'Black' Spot -  
1. To East: Little Flower + buffer land - No European + should west of this

2. South: railway + buffer land - Small minorities  
of Whites + Colored can easily be removed -

3. Extension to West - overcrowding on east side can  
be moved to west side provided ~~for~~ houses such  
as at Wakefontini can be just erected with  
schools + shops - recreation grounds etc

This can leave the bulk of L.S. as it is + it is  
in no case a 'Black' spot -

Saving of money; disputes; frustration; etc. etc -

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