

itation of the case for the Natives by several semi-political
propagandist bodies - such as the Peoples Club, ~~Communist Party~~
Communist Party and others, some of whom enlisted Mr. Ballinger's
services.

Wage Board Draft Determination.

The Wage Board issued its findings at the beginning of this
year in the form of a "Draft Determination". So far as the Native
workers are concerned the findings, for the first time in South
Africa, approximate near to what is considered to be the bare mini-
mum for existence - namely a minimum wage of £6.10. 0. per month
for the average family of five persons, man, woman and three chil-
dren. The "Draft Determination" ^{provides} a minimum £6.10. 0. per month
for Cape Town and Port Elizabeth; £6.0.0. per month for Johannes-
burg; £5.8.4. for East London and Witwatersrand and £4.15.4. -
£4.6.8. per month Bloemfontein - Orange Free State, Durban-Natal,
and Uitenhage-Cape.

There is provision in the Determination for a 46 hour week for
skilled and 48 hour week for unskilled workers, overtime rates of
pay and holidays. This is the first Determination that has made
such provisions without an implied colour bar.. Unfortunately ~~it~~
~~is regretted that~~ 107 objections have been lodged against the Deter-
mination. The hearing of these objections practically amounts to
another enquiry by the Wage Board, with little or no hope that the
Board will be able to gazette the Determination this year.

Most of the objections are to the scales fixed for the higher
grades - which are calssed as skilled, and are done by Europeans.
There are, however some employers who claim that the provision to
allow employers who board and lodge labourers to deduct £1.1.8 per
month from the proposed ^{wage} cash is not sufficient.

Efforts to Combat Objections.

The services of Mr. Ballinger are in demand to explain the
nature of the objections and how they can be combated. He has addres-
sed meetings of ^{interested} organisation ~~interested~~ in Port Elizabeth, East London,
Pretoria, Johannesburg and Cape Town. Arising out of the discussions
/at these....

segregated Europeans and Africans in rural areas aggravated poverty among the African people. The Urban Areas Act segregating Africans from Europeans in Urban Areas has had the same effect upon the town dwellers. The Colour Bar in industry, the White labour Policy and the restriction or exclusion of the African Industrial Labourer from certain Industrial legislation awares has not only forced the African out of what seemed to be traditional employment but has tended to depress his wage scale. The ~~xxxxxxxixixixixix~~ result has been to doom the African as a worker to the lowest

"meant a deficit on the year of something like £1,500 if normal revenue was not supplemented by profits from the beer halls. Because of these profits the Council is able to budget for an increase of about £500 on health services to the location and for an increase of about

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