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NON-EUROPEAN HEALTH EDUCATION WEEK.
MEETING OF INTERESTED PARTIES HELD IN THE BANTU MEN'S
SOCIAL CENTRE AT 3 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 29th JUNE, 1938.

The meeting appointed Mr. Handel Thompson Chairman.

The list of those invited to attend was then called, and the following persons were present and institutions represented :-

Joint Committee of European & African Women.
Superintendent, Diepkloof Reformatory.
National Council of Women.
Chamber of Mines.
Bantu Refuge.
National Thrift Association.
Johannesburg Indian Welfare Association.
Public Health Department, Johannesburg.
Non-European and Native Affairs Department, Johannesburg.
Representatives from Orlando and Eastern Township Advisory
St. John's Ambulance Association. /Boards.
Red Cross Society.
Children's Aid Society.
Non-European Blind Association.
Sophiatown Rescue Home.
The Helping Hand Club.
Lads' Hostel, Orlando.
Salvation Army Home for Delinquent Girls.
The Wayfarers.
The Pathfinders.
The South African Temperance Alliance.
African Girl's Club, Sophiatown.
Bridgman Memorial Hospital.
Nokuphila Hospital.
Alexandra Health Centre.
Sophiatown and Orlando Nursery Schools.
University of the Witwatersrand.
Institute of Race Relations.
Bantu Boys' Club.
Coloured and European Joint Council.
Bantu Men's Social Centre.
Witwatersrand Church Council.
Orlando Teachers' Association.
Orlando Welfare Association.
Eastern Native Township Teachers' Association.
Mrs. Ray Phillips.
Mr. H. Britten.
Mrs. Hellman.
Mrs. Kuper.
Miss Orne.
Miss Brozius.

The Chairman explained that health propoganda work had been carried on during the past ten years, during the week or fortnight prior to Children's Day, first under the direction of Mrs. Bridgman and from last year by Mrs. Ray Phillips. It was thought, therefore, that the proposed Non-European Health Education Week might be run in conjunction with the work already being done. He asked Mrs. Ray Phillips to give the meeting an outline of the work which she was now carrying on.

Mrs. Ray Phillips stated that a health week has been in progress for about 10 years under the direction of the National Council for Child Welfare during the fortnight prior to Children's Day. A series of lectures was given in the native schools in

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which doctors, dentists and the Public Health Department Johannesburg, co-operated. Mothers' meetings were also held, in which lectures on children's foods, sanitation and health in the home generally were given. Health concerts were held for the school children, the primary object of which was to raise money for Children's Day, the proceeds of which were presented on a special day to the Mayoress or the wife of one of the Councillors, at a party for the school children. She stated that the children look forward eagerly to this party and hoped that it would not be overlooked this year.

The education of the Bantu towards health-consciousness was extended to the adults by the giving of lectures on V.D. and lectures for fathers.

The Indian and coloured communities' interests had also been fathered in this work by the holding of evening meetings in various areas and the showing of educational films.

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Dr. Jean Laing, as Convenor, was then asked to address the meeting. She stated that the idea of a Non-European Health Education Week came to her through a letter of one of the Johannesburg Bantu to the press. She had then approached the municipality and obtained Dr. Milne's assurance that he would assist in the compilation of a programme, and the co-operation of Mr. Ballenden, Manager of the Non-European and Native Affairs Department, in the general running of a health week. She wished to assure Mrs. Phillips that there was no wish in any way to interfere with the wonderful work being done under the aegis of the National Council for Child Welfare.

She outlined the objects of the health week as follows :-

1. To have a central health exhibition to demonstrate the advantages of healthy living.
2. To hold meetings, demonstrations, debates and plays.
3. Cookery demonstrations for the women. Miss Coles had expressed the desire that demonstrations in native cookery be also held.

Health is the greatest blessing we can give to mankind, she said, and though it is impossible to dissociate it from the children, the health week would be primarily for adults.

Dr. Laing expressed the hope that an attractive motto would be composed to convey the objects of the health education week.

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The Chairman said that he understood that the Red Cross Society were already considering the possibility of a health week, and asked Dr. Peel to address the meeting.

Dr. Peel stated that the Red Cross Society, in co-operation with the Government Public Health Department, has already committed itself to health propaganda and are at present working along the lines proposed for the health education week. The Society is anxious to work in conjunction with everybody interested and therefore had come to the conclusion that the health education

week should be combined with the Red Cross effort in order to ensure a greater display with no waste of organisation. The Red Cross Society Health Week was held from the 4th to the 10th September, during which propaganda work was undertaken amongst Europeans and Non-Europeans and a wide field of matters relating to health was covered.

In view of the work that is already being done, Dr. Peel wondered whether they might not pool their resources and work in collaboration with each other, and therefore asked that this recommendation be placed before the meeting so that some mutual arrangement might be arrived at along these lines.

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The Chairman stated that he was quite sure the meeting would be desirous of combining in every possible way to make the health week a success, but felt firstly that a date should be fixed. The question also arose whether it should be a united effort for Europeans and Non-Europeans, and the general feeling seemed to be that the two should be combined, but he declared the subject open to discussion.

Dr. Laing (Deputy Medical Officer of Health) said :-

"We have just had a very big European Health Week, and the object of coming here this afternoon was really to do something for Non-Europeans. I think we should stick to that object. Not for a moment do I wish to discourage the Red Cross Society, but it appears to me from my experience of their previous weeks that it was not so much a health week as a Red Cross Week. Certain of the activities were of a health nature, but the primary object was partly to collect funds and partly to do a certain amount of demonstration on the objects of the Red Cross Society as such. It will be rather difficult if we are going to confuse the issue now and bring European activities into what should essentially be a Non-European Health Week. I have no doubt some form of co-operation may be evolved, but I would quite frankly not like to see any question of the Non-European element being swamped by European activities which are going to take some of the publicity and some of the funds, because my impression is that really the Red Cross Week is mainly a drive for funds."

Dr. Peel stated that he had wished to emphasise merely that the Red Cross Society was anxious to combine in the health propaganda amongst the Non-Europeans and that there was no desire to involve the meeting in the activities of the Red Cross Society along any other lines. Every effort and all the means of the Red Cross Society would be placed gladly at the disposal of those responsible for the Non-European Health Education Week whenever and how ever it was held.

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A letter from the Bantu Women's Social and Civic Society, Eastern Native Township, was read and the contents noted.

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Question : As the Red Cross effort is a Transvaal effort, it seems that the Non-European interest would probably be swamped, and more would apparently be done by having a separate Non-European Health Week, to which all the time and efforts of the meeting would be given. Though we are very grateful to the Red Cross Society for their generous offer, would it not be more beneficial to the

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Non-Europeans to devote ourselves entirely to their interests?

The Chairman said that another objection to combining with the Red Cross Society was that the date was too early, and some date towards the end of October would appear to be more suitable. Apart from this the general feeling of the meeting is that a separate health week should be held.

Mr. Ballenden stated that the object of the health week was to carry on the work hitherto done by Mrs. Ray Phillips, Mrs. Bridgman and the National Council for Child Welfare. In view of the fact that the work of these people already has a large following among both Europeans and Non-Europeans, it would be a pity to depart from the time of the year to which everyone was accustomed. Their health week had been held hitherto during October, and to fix another date would only be to stultify their efforts.

The Chairman said that he suggested tentatively the last week in October, commencing Monday the 24th. This proposal was seconded by Mrs. Ray Phillips. It was not considered that the municipal elections to be held during that week would interfere with the carrying out of the health week.

The Chairman said that in order to save time he thought the meeting should now devote itself to the election of a committee and he suggested that they decide to appoint ten or twelve institutions to the committee and the same number of persons who would come on the committee in their personal capacity.

One representative from each of the following institutions was elected to serve on the committee :-

1. Red Cross Society.
2. Municipality - one member from Public Health Department.
 one member from Non-European & Native Affairs.
3. Children's Aid Society.
4. St. John's Ambulance Association.
5. Non-European Teachers - 2 Bantu representatives.
 1 coloured representative.
 1 Indian representative.
6. Alexandra Health Centre.
7. Bantu Trained Nurses Association.
8. One member from each Advisory Board (4).
9. Transvaal Missionary Association.
10. Witwatersrand Church Council
11. South African Temperance Alliance.
12. Bantu Men's Social Centre.
13. Indian Welfare Association.
14. Bantu Missionaries' Association.

It was then suggested that a general committee be first elected and that the general committee itself elect an executive committee. Mr. Ballenden suggested that all the bodies invited to attend be referred to in the health week as being the bodies under whose direction the health week is being run, and that ten people be selected from those present to form the executive.

The meeting showed itself in favour of the suggestion to form a general committee from those already chosen and allow the general committee to appoint the executive.

The following private individuals were then chosen to serve on the general committee along with those institutions already appointed :-

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Mrs. Bridgman.
Mr. Britten.
Mrs. Ray Phillips.
Miss Chaplin, Sophiatown Nursery School.
Mrs. Hoernle.
Mrs. Dr. Laing.
Mr. Handel Thompson.
Reverend Molyneaux.
Dr. Fox.
Mr. Jack Phillips.
Miss Florence Brown, Wayfarers.
Mrs. Christopherson, Salvation Army.

This general committee is to have the power to co-opt.

Suggestions were then called for ideas to be included in the programme for the health week.

1. A central exhibition.
2. The formation of Local Committees.
3. Cookery demonstrations and other domestic matters to be dealt with.
4. A house to be placed at the disposal of those dealing with health week, just as it is, in order that it may be shown what can be done in the way of hygiene, etc.
5. Diepkloof Reformatory willing to give physical training demonstrations during health week, and the grounds and buildings of the institution to be open to those desirous of visiting the place to see what is being done.
6. Prizes given by Non-European and Native Affairs Department for the best gardens in the four native townships (£5, £3, and £2) be awarded as part of the health week programme.
7. An essay competition. The general committee to think the matter out and make suggestions.
8. Food propaganda.
9. The work of the Health Education Week to be followed up.

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The date of the first meeting of the general committee was fixed for Wednesday the 13th July, 1938, at 3 p.m. in the Bantu Men's Social Centre.

The Non-European and Native Affairs Department has undertaken to assume the duties of secretaryship.

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CHAIRMAN.

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG.

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Non-European Health Week.

A Non-European Health Week has been arranged under the aegis of the Public Health and Non-European and Native Affairs Departments, commencing on the 23rd October, 1938, and terminating on the 30th October, 1938.

This will be inaugurated by His Worship the Mayor at a mass meeting of Non-Europeans on the Wemmer Grounds, Loveday Street Extension, at 4 p.m. on Sunday the 23rd October, followed by a procession through the City led by the Paladin's Band.

A CENTRAL EXHIBITION will be held in the "Bantu World" building, Polly Street South, with lecture centres at the Bantu Men's Social Centre and all native locations.

The programme will include the following:-

At the Central Exhibition health talks will be given daily at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. There will also be demonstrations of cookery, physical culture, first aid, etc., etc.

The following special arrangements have been made for Euraficans:-

THURSDAY 27th OCTOBER, 1938, at 8 p.m.

Talk on Venereal Disease in the ARUNDEL CHURCH HALL, Sieviewright Avenue, Doornfontein. (Separate meetings for men and women).

SUNDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1938, at 8.45 p.m.

A musical programme has been arranged by Mr. Jack Phillips in his hall at 5 POLLY STREET, during which a programme of health films and a talk on tuberculosis will be given. A most interesting evening's entertainment is promised.

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