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13 FEB 1959

Councillor P. R. B. Lewis, Chairman, Non-European Affairs Committee, MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

Dear Councillor Lewis,

#### OFFICIAL OPENING OF NOORDGESIG HALL.

I am attaching, for your information, copy of the programme for the official opening of the Noordgesig Hall by His Worship the Mayor tomorrow afternoon. You will observe that the Mayor is due to arrive at 3.00 p.m. and that you are to receive him.

I am also enclosing notes for your address of welcome.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. P. CARR.

MANAGER.

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#### OFFICIAL OPENING : NOORDGESIG HALL.

(1) 3.00 p.m.

Arrival of Mayor.

Guard of Honour of the following:
20 Boy Scouts, 20 Boys Brigade Cadets,
20 St. John's Ambulance Cadets and a
number of school children to be lined
up outside the Hall.

- (2) Address of welcome by the Chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee, Mr. P. R. B. Lewis.
- (3) 3.10 p.m.

Presentation of Certificates to winners of the races held during the morning.

Opening speech by His Worship the Mayor.

- (4) 3.30 p.m.

  Mayor and guests enter Hall where tea is served.
- Speech by Mr. G. Beck in reply to the Mayor's opening address.
- (6) Manager, Non-European Affairs Department, to close the proceedings.
- (7) When Mayoral party enter the Hall the school children return to the sportsfields where the school teachers will see to the serving of cold drinks, etc.

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DRAFT FOR CHAIRMAN OF NON-EUROPEAN COMMITTEE: OPENING OF HALL. NOORDGESIG: 14/2/59.



Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege on behalf of the Non-European Affairs Committee and the tenants, to welcome you to Noordgesig and express our pleasure at your undertaking to perform the official opening ceremony of this Hall. In arranging this Celebration, the Tenants' Committee asked that the children of the township be given a major part in the Celebrations, because the prime purpose of the Hall is to provide a central point where Club work can be carried out and leisure time activities organised for children to discourage them from roaming the streets.

With the co-operation of the Principals and teachers of the two schools, a sports meeting for the children was held this morning and refreshments will be served to them on the Sportsground after the opening ceremony, but before they leave this area, we would be grateful, Mr. Mayor, if you will present to the winners of the various events, a Certificate to commemorate this Celebration.

The completion of this Hall has provided an amenity for which the people of this Township have striven for a great number of years, but which the Council, for reasons beyond its control, has been only recently able to provide. Although the Council is aware that the Township still lacks amenities for a fuller Communal life, the development of these is retarded owing to the uncertainty of the future of the Township as a residential area for Coloureds

It is hoped that a favourable decision will soon be reached by the Group Areas Committee on the Council's suggestion to proclaim a large area on the farm Langlaagte No. 13 as a Group Area for Coloureds, to enable the Council to lay out on modern Town planning lines, a Township of which the Coloured Community may be justifiably proud. Until this is achieved, it is trusted that this Hall will meet the Tenants' need for a place in which they may foregather socially.

Mr. Mayor, I now ask you to formally open the Hall.

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