

PROVISIONAL DRAFT OF RESOLUTION TO BE PROPOSED
TO THE JOINT COUNCIL OF JOHANNESBURG.

This Council views with apprehension the crimes of violence constantly being perpetrated by a small unruly section of the native peoples. While the danger to Europeans is not inconsiderable, the danger to the law abiding native is very serious. This Council records the opinion that the present methods of combating this evil are entirely inadequate and that reforms along the following lines are urgently needed :-

1. More attention should be paid to native education, especially from the religious and ethical point of view. Greater facilities should be provided for native recreation including more sports grounds, social clubs and reading rooms.
2. The fact that a high percentage of natives in the gaols of this country are guilty of petty offences only, not only brings natives of good ~~morals~~ under the influence of those of the criminal classes, but also produces a familiarity with prisons which seriously reduces their deterrent effect. Therefore imprisonment as a punishment for petty offences should be abolished. This would also save a considerable sum of money which could be expended to the benefit of the native in other ways.
3. The economic condition of the native ^{in rural areas + Native territories} ~~rates~~ ^{by release of more land for use of Natives and facilities for farming} should be improved to prevent the influx into ^{agglomerations} the towns of natives unable to make a living in their homes and to reduce the unemployment which is producing the present considerable class of vagrants.
4. The brewing of kaffir beer by natives in their compounds and locations should be legalised. This would not only reduce the crime associated with the ~~the~~ illicit liquor traffic but would

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provide the natives with a food more valuable than the customary mealie meal porridge.

3. The natives community itself should be given more responsibility in the maintenance of law and order amongst ~~the~~ its own people. The formation of native societies, committees and associations should be encouraged. Bodies of this nature already in existence and those which may be formed in the future should be urged to place ~~this~~ among their aims and objects the suppression of lawlessness amongst natives. The possibility of the formation of something in the nature of a native civic guard should be explored, and the native press should be asked to spread propaganda against acts of violence. While it is realised that ~~the~~ the development of South Africa has progressed ~~too far to permit of the introduction, in~~ its entirety, of the system of "indirect rule", which has proved so successful in other parts of Africa, this Council is of the opinion that ~~more~~ more of the principles of that system may be adopted with advantage. It would be to the advantage of the community as a whole for the natives themselves to be given greater opportunity of combating the evils existing ~~in~~ ^{among them} ~~their own community.~~

It is suggested that a resolution of this nature be put forward at a meeting of the Johannesburg Joint Council, and that, if it is agreed to, it be given as wide publicity as possible.

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