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A key within a city - Miss Anna Smith
City Librarian

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SPREK ASSEBLIEF/PLEASE ASK FOR
Miss A.H. Smith.

16th August, 1966.

Councillor P.R.B. Lewis,
607 Union Castle Building,
Loveday Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

RECEIVED 16 AUG 1966

Dear Councillor,

I have read your paper, "A 'City' within a City - the creation of Soweto" with the greatest interest, and I am sure the audience will find it absorbing.

I have taken the liberty of making some pencil notes on the script you submitted - mostly of an editorial nature, but generally speaking there is very little I have to suggest, as I think you have done an excellent job.

Your suggestion about an appendix giving statistics is a good one, and perhaps you can avoid a little repetition e.g. the appointment of Mr. Graham Ballenden which occurs a number of times (e.g. paragraph 7, 31). The figures I have entered in paragraph 22 are from the Annual Report of the Native Affairs Department for the year ended 30 June 1930. Are they what you wanted?

Paragraph 25. Is Public Health Department the correct name at the time?

Paragraph 27. Health Department. Is this correct?

Could 36 and 37 be combined? To me the opening sentence of 37 is too condensed. As I see it your meaning is that there was the danger to health and also the possibility of violence. As you are speaking about the City would it perhaps be wiser to omit public land and any mention of Alexandra?

50. In 1952 differential incomes, I presume for the various Non-European groups. Should this be stated?
Is it National Housing Commission and National Housing and Planning Commission (see 51)? Should both be used?

51. The last line should read (I think) "done, and thus the Council's legal rights disappeared".

52. Have you an exact date or can one say "during the 'fifties"?

53. line 4 "trades"?

60. I do not know the number.

61. Could the sentences starting line 6 from the foot read:
"Trained carpenters, plumbers and bricklayers from the Council's Vocational Training Centre formed the nucleus of the staff from which teams of workers were organised"?
Mr. Goodman gave me the figure for the last line.

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65. Mr. Goodman supplied the date.
67. The last sentence may be used to say that the Bantu are paid starvation wages. Should "with the use of Bantu labour" be omitted? You are concerned here with the cost of houses and not wages. Also 68. Some of the figures in these two paragraphs could perhaps go in an appendix.
90. Is the "36 miles" of stormwater drains excluded from the charge on the Bantu Services Levy? If so, I suggest "but" not "and a total"...
92. The "this activity" on p.24 is a little ambiguous. I suggest "to mechanise the cleansing services".
93. Omit "as an item of interest".
Last line: "corresponding decrease" I suggest "with a marked decrease in personnel".
96. As far as I know Mr. Mentz became Deputy Minister in 1959. Please check 1958.
Line 6. I presume it is "on a white background"?
100. You yourself questioned friction between the Government and the City. My own feeling is if relations are good at present, to mention friction once only.
Line 8 from end of paragraph. I am unsure of the meaning of "but tenants at Alexandra too".
I have no figure for the number of houses built.

Pages 31-33

Figures could be tabulated in an Appendix, I suggest. Under 115 would the first and last figures given in the last three lines be sufficient in the address as spoken?

Paragraph 116.

I suggest words only e.g. Government loans, Loans from Bantu Services Levy Fund, etc., giving the total only, and the details again in an appendix to which you could refer.

117. The table as an appendix, I think.
120. Line 3 from foot. The missing word please.
- p.41. Third paragraph (end of 137). May I suggest that you stop after "spare time" and then go on to "During the 1960"... to end?
149. Line 3 from foot. "With the sweep of his pen" sounds less usual to me than "With a stroke of his pen".
Line 2 from the foot. I suggest "or he can, by lack of consideration damn him to a life of penury and statelessness".
152. Is the suggestion that each Superintendent has 560 Bantu graded staff? I presume the salary figures are the latest, but there have been changes, and I am not sure.
156. Line 12 from end. Perhaps it will be clearer if the Manager's full title is given here.
Line 2 from end. I suggest full titles for officials.
158. I am uncertain about "vested with quite far reaching statutory powers". Can one say "granted quite far reaching"...?

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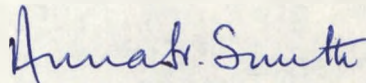
158. Line 4 from foot. Give U.B.C. in full.
162. Line 6. Write C.C. in full.
165. To me there appear to be two objectives. I do not know if you will agree with my suggestions as marked on p.49.
- 166 and 167. To cut down, omit the repetition, I think.
- p.50. Do you mean Matabele or Ndebele from Rhodesia? I am on uncertain ground here!
Are you using past tenses because "foreigners" may no longer come?
168. Line 2 from foot. "and the better living conditions in general"? Is this what you mean?
169. Line 2 from end. I suggest "World War II".
179. Line 2 from end. Omit "what are the results". I think "What brew"... is stronger by itself.
180. My suggestion is to put 181 before 180.
182. Line 12. Can one still speak of Polly Street? Would not the name of the Centre be more in accordance with the present position?

In conclusion, I have but one point to make. Can you anywhere suggest that man soon finds that he cannot live by bread alone and that the many amenities provided by the Council - concerts, film shows, sporting events, libraries, books in hospitals - are filling a very real need. Sanitary and health services as well as housing and roads come high on the list of necessities, but amenities become essential as soon as a person has enough to eat and a roof over his head.

When you first spoke to me, you said you had too much for the time at your disposal. I agree with you that it is very difficult to cut much, and I suggest that if you can get ten extra minutes or so, it will be better than mutilating a very fine piece of work.

I hope you have had the early picture of the Brickfields. I regret that we have nothing of Shantytown.

Yours sincerely,



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22nd July, 1966.

Councillor P.R.B. Lewis,
City Hall,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Councillor,

EARLY NATIVE AREAS

Your request about early Johannesburg Native areas I take to refer to the period before 1900, and the following information, slight as it is, is offered to you for what it is worth.

The names "Kaffir Location" and "Coolie Location" appear on the Plan of Johannesburg by Tompkins dated September 1890 in the area south and south-west of the present-day Braamfontein railway station. On Pritchard's Commercial Map of Johannesburg dated 1896 a much larger area in this neighbourhood is marked just "Location". Grocott and Sherry's Plan of Johannesburg and Suburbs of 1898 shows "Native Location" more or less on the site of Pageview; also "Kafir [sic] Location" situated between the railway and the "Coolie Location", which is also marked. The Mining Commissioner in 1896 mentioned a "Malay Location" also in this area, but it does not appear on Grocott and Sherry's Plan.

My own impression is that the peoples who inhabited these areas were not just those designated by the names, and that Natives, Indians, Coloureds and even poor whites were intermingled. This is, I think, borne out by the fact that when plague broke out in the Coolie Location on 19 March 1904, the inhabitants were sent to a segregation camp at Klipspruit (the later Pimville).

Under the Gold Law there seems to have been no reason why a white standholder on proclaimed ground could not let his stand to a non-white, and so except in the townships where restrictive clauses were written into the conditions of sale, non-whites could in the early days live in various parts of the town. One area not yet mentioned was the so-called Brickfields, partly incorporated in Newtown at a later date, where there was a very mixed population.

You may find it worth your while (if you have not already done so) to look at the Transvaal Asiatic Land Tenure Act Commission Report (U.G. 7-1934) which gives some history, although the emphasis is on the Asiatic. It is available in the Reference Library (Bl. Bk. 333.09682). Another official publication including much historical matter is the Report of the Johannesburg Insanitary Area Improvement Scheme Commission, 1902-1903 (Reference Library Bd.Bl.Bk. 614.096822 Tra).

If this is not the sort of thing you require, please let me know, and I will do my best to assist, but to my knowledge there is not very much with a Johannesburg background of this early period.

Yours sincerely,

A.H. Schultz

(Miss) A.H. SMITH.
CITY LIBRARIAN.

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From:

Miss Sinclair

Mun. Ref. library

25/8/66

Gold production figures

Witwatersrand

Source :- Chamber of mines Annual reports, 1904, 1900-1, 1899.

1898 4, 295, 608 oz 15 dwts bullion.
(3, 564, 581 oz) fine gold

Value £ 15, 141, 376.

1899 Owing to war complete returns of gold output were not received by the Chamber of mines after August. Several September returns were deficient and October output was for only a portion of a month. Return for November was published by government. Dec production was normal again - after may 1901 research was done and accurate figures were compiled. These are the supplementary figures

4, 233, 296. 650 oz

3, 549, 827 oz (equivalent in fine gold)

value £ 15, 078, 703.

1900 Workings of mines practically suspended in Oct 1899. 6 companies continued working under their own bonds and 6 were worked by the government. On 31st May 1900. (By occupation), all mining ceased and only resumed in May, 1901.

428, 761. 350 oz

352, 871 oz (equivalent in fine gold)

value. £ 1, 498, 701.

1901 238,994 oz 17 dwts fine gold
value £ 1,014,687.

1904 3,658,241 oz ~~dwts~~ fine gold

value £ 15,539,219

highest yet attained in any one year
since opening of fields - 1887. ~~£ 38~~
£ 397,843 in excess of record year 1895.

P. O. BOX 1198.

WITWATERSRAND NATIVE LABOUR ASSOCIATION, LTD

CHAMBER OF MINES' BUILDING

JOHANNESBURG

17th August, 1966.

Mr. C.B. Anderson,
Union Corporation Limited,
Union Corporation Building,
74-78 Marshall Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Anderson,

In August 1899 before the outbreak of the South African War, 111,697 Natives were working on the Witwatersrand gold mines. In July 1903 the number of Natives employed was 55,507.

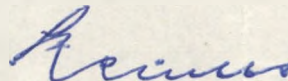
The importation of Chinese labour commenced in 1904 under the provisions of the Labour Importation Ordinance promulgated in that year. By 31st December 1904 there were 20,918 Chinese on the mines.

The number of Chinese employed on the gold mines reached a maximum of 57,828 in 1907. The Labour Importation Ordinance was repealed in that year and, as a result, the Chinese had to be sent home at the end of their contracts. The repatriation of the Chinese had virtually been completed by the end of 1909.

By 31st December 1909, the number of Natives employed on the gold mines had increased to 154,071.

I trust these details will provide you with the information you require.

Yours sincerely,



(F.K. Stubbs.)

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