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**Y**OU ARE ASKED to give your earnest consideration to the scheme outlined below. It has been evolved as part of the answer to a grave social and political problem, the problem of the urbanised African.

The African is in your home : he cooks your food, he tends your garden, he does your housework, he (or she) minds your children. He is in your home because you — and your neighbour — want him there. He is in your neighbourhood in his thousands; he is in urban areas in the Union in his hundreds of thousands. The problem is : how is he to be integrated into the community so that both he and the community benefit?

Investigations into the incidence of crime show that the COMMUNITY'S SECURITY is threatened by inadequate housing, poverty, lack of educational and recreational facilities for the underprivileged. Commissions on South Africa's industrial potential have reported that South Africa's economic progress demands that our labour force becomes literate. The man we want, the man the African himself wants to become, is the second man on the cover — not the first.

### WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH YOU ?

You in your area, and others like you in every urban area in the Union, have a grave responsibility to yourselves, to your children, to the community. You must demand that the Africans in your employ be given a chance to become valuable members of the community and not a menace to it; that they be taught to read and write so that the doors of Christian civilisation be opened to them; that their leisure be spent healthfully and productively.

Do you **really** believe that the streets produce good citizens?

### HOW IS IT TO BE DONE ?

Here is a draft plan of an EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL CLUB which could serve the Africans in your area.

PLEASE study it carefully.

The site, which the Municipal Council will be asked to make available for this purpose, lies immediately adjoining the side of the Transformer House facing on to Melrose Street Extension (The Oak Avenue) within the Cydna Disposal Area. The proposed clubhouse and surrounding grounds would not exceed three to five acres.

The CLUBHOUSE would be of a simple type with READING-ROOMS, where EDUCATIONAL EVENING CLASSES and LECTURES (First Aid, Road Safety, Health, Citizenship) could be held and FILMS shown. Other indoor-recreation rooms could be used for GAMES, such as Ping-Pong and Darts, for SEWING CLASSES and CHOIR PRACTICE. Light refreshments could be served from a canteen, which could also be used for COOKERY DEMONSTRATIONS. Adequate lavatories and washrooms would be provided. **There would be no organised outdoor team sports.**

**Membership** would be restricted to Africans working in close vicinity to the Club, admission would be by **Membership-cards**, and a small monthly (or annual) membership fee charged. It is proposed that a membership of about 500 be accepted: experience will show whether this number is suitable or not.

There would be a full-time European supervisor, in the employ of the Municipality. The Council's Non-European Affairs Department would be responsible for the running of the Centre, for appointing the staff and controlling the finances. It would also provide adequate police patrols to ensure the peace and privacy of the Club.

Administration of the Club would be the responsibility of a Board of Management consisting of European residents in the area; representatives of the City Council and other official bodies; representatives of a House Committee of members elected by members. This House Committee would plan the day-to-day activities in consultation with the Supervisor.

This scheme offers your servants

**CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY rather than AIMLESS LOITERING**

It aims at

**PROGRESS rather than DRIFT**

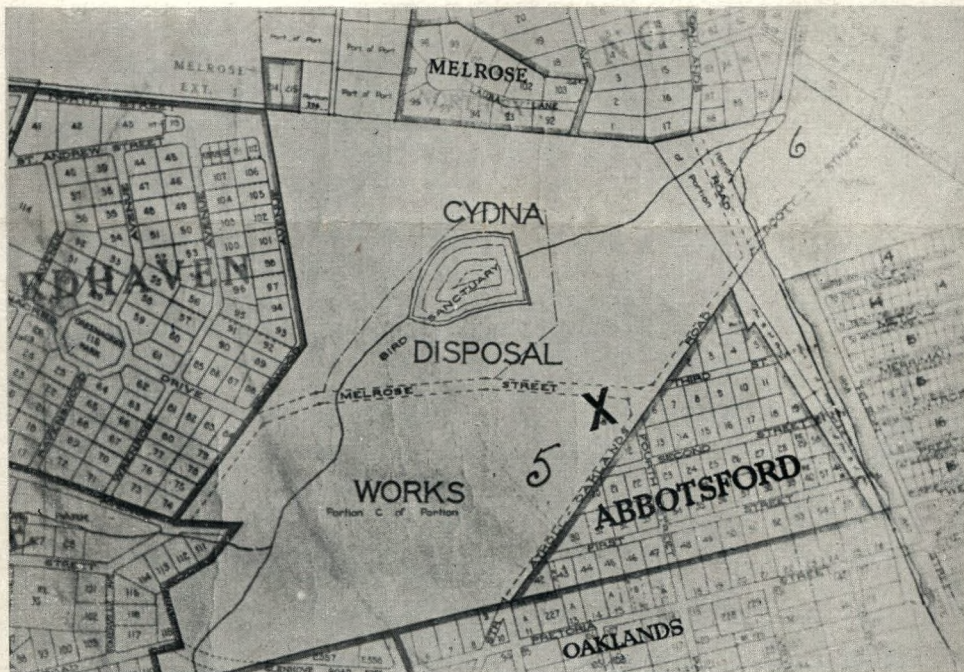
**ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS CITIZENS**

- set an example to citizens throughout the Union
- do your bit to combat crime
- make your contribution to the solution of a grave social problem.

**There is a form enclosed with this leaflet. PLEASE FILL IT IN!!**

At a later stage, after collating the replies of Residents, the Committee will report progress at a Public Meeting.

The proposed Site for the New Scheme  
is marked X on the map.



Issued by the Ad Hoc Committee of residents in Waverley, Waverley Ext., Highlands North, Highlands North Ext., Gardens, Melrose North, Oaklands and Abbotsford.

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THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 6749,  
JOHANNESBURG.

25 March, 1952

Dear Sir/Madam,

You have doubtless heard that certain residents in the North Eastern suburbs have formed a committee to work out a suitable scheme to provide educational and similar facilities for the domestic servants of the area.

We think it may interest you to examine the suggested scheme, an outline of which is embodied in the enclosed leaflet.

Any comments you may care to make will be welcomed.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) Marion Friedmann

SECRETARY.

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