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FRANKFORT: Re bile le mofetole...

TSHUANE: E bile letsatsi le leholo...

KIMBERLEY: Re bile le mofetole...

MAQUASSI: Mphalisoeng ke la thesoe...

BLOEMFONTEIN: Ho bile ho lefela...

TOKISO: Looqepheng lena ve-keng...

Eersteling - Good Hope: Ka la 17...

TSA FREISTATA LE TRANSVAAL

Kereke ya Setan (Good Hope) e bonetse...

WHITES: Re bile le baeti mona...

STEYNSRUST: Maoba baahi ba motse...

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Ea ntseng a sa phele hantle ke Mor. M. Rakkale...

Bo-nia's A. Liphoko, le ba bang, ba neng...

Ka Sontaha ori e ile e tosa ka ba ha...

Bana ba sekolo sa kopano ba ne ba futhe...

Empa mots'ere oa mantsoha Steynsrust...

Lesokoana (tenese) le lona le ntle e-cha...

Thaaka ea motse eona e ntle e t'ukisetse...

Khele! ka ha e ne e ile la pele ho bora...

Mora Ann'e Sgungwana o khutulle Gauteng...

RE TSEBISA: Ka la 18 Hlakubele...

Khele! ka ha e ne e ile la pele ho bora...

Ntata rona J. Mokhele o tsoa re hlabela...

Bashemane hoseng Whites 3 Steynsrust...

Ba filile ka labohlano, mantso-boea...

Hloho ea sekolo sa teng le sa Whites...

Palapala ea hoseng bana ba Whites...

Ba tsoang Winburg e ne e le Mrs Magoo...

Mamelang ho rona re lifonthe-re...

MAKELEKETLA: Maoba ka li 15 April...

Ke hloho ha rona re futhe hlole...

A koalla mora Vijloen ka morao a ba...

Nama e hlhile hape mona. Hoa hajoa...

MOBETSIS: Maoba ka li 15 April re ne...

Ke hloho ha rona re futhe hlole...

MAKHOLO: Maoba ka li 15 April re ne...

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Black and white spots

The other day, the Minister of Native Affairs told the House of Assembly that the Government was prepared to assist the City Council of Johannesburg to remove "black spots" in the western areas of the city.

In reading this declaration, one is reminded of the fact that a certain man, according to history, thought and believed that he could deal with men as if they were chequers, move them about the board according to his own momentary whim, without a thought of their passions, or character, or traditions; in a word, by ignoring human nature.

In this case the man referred to was white and he was dealing with other white men, and yet he disregarded their feelings, aspirations and ambitions, not because they were less human than him but because he wielded the sceptre of power.

In Cape Town the Minister of Native Affairs was held enough to tell the House of Assembly that as the Government was determined to remove "black spots" in European areas it was equally determined to remove "white spots" in Native areas.

The most important of these "white spots" is the Transkei. But he had to change his tune on his arrival at Umtata, when he met with a strong opposition from "European traders, farmers, Village Management Boards and other organisations."

The truth is that South Africa is a country of black and white spots. The so-called Native reserves, with the exception of the Transkei, are dotted all over the country and are surrounded by European farms and it will not be surprising if in the future the reserve so situated are declared "black spots" by some enterprising advocate of White South Africa.

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Explanations over Fort Hare

Some of the difficulties facing Fort Hare are mentioned in the latest edition of The South African Outlook:

Reporting a recent inter-sports meeting at Maseru, a correspondent writes in our contemporary an act of condescension shown by young Bereng Seeiso, heir-apparent of the Basutoiland Paramount Chieftaincy.

PER—If this Latin preposition is used it should be followed by another Latin word, example: per annum; otherwise we ought to say "a year," "a mile," "a pound," etc.

Reef housing problem

JOHANNESBURG (6)

THE National Housing Commission has granted a loan of £12,500 for the erection of the first houses for Dube Township which has developed from the planning stage to actual operation. The first roads are under construction, electric light reticulation is under way and on the 8th December, 1950, the first sod was turned. Building has now commenced on the first houses and in the near future operations will be extended. The services in the township will be borne by the Council.

Dube township should be an elite housing scheme and will provide housing for the better-off Natives. Domestic installations, water-borne sewerage, and good roads are some of the features of the new township.

A similar scheme for the lower income group is envisaged in the proposed Vukuzenzele Economic Township. This township will lie on the north-western portion of Klipspruit No. 49, and will consist of 4,640 stands. The total estimated capital expenditure on this township is £589,600. This will include roads, sewerage, electricity, administration, two clinics, a £10,000 sports field and two communal halls.

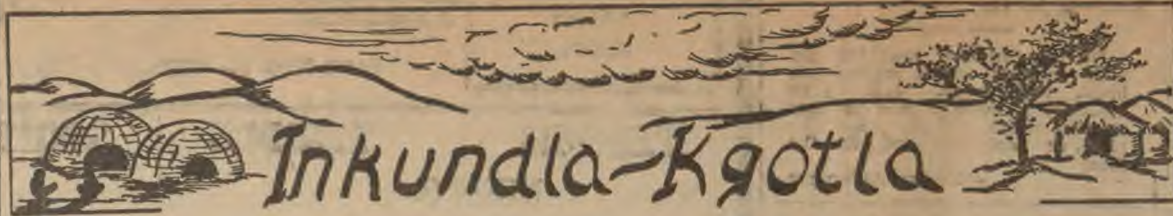
The annual charges are estimated at £105,648. The Council is at present negotiating for a loan from the National Housing Commission and it is hoped that before long Vukuzenzele will also be at a stage where building operations can commence.

Great demand

THERE is a great demand for hostel accommodation in Johannesburg for single men employed in the City. The total applications on the waiting list for this type of accommodation is 11,063. The Council at present runs four hostels for Native men and one for Native women, providing accommodation for 12,320 Natives.

The most important of these hostels is the Wemmer Men's Hostel. This is situated in the City at Eloff Street extension. At present accommodation is provided for 2,318 registered tenants and 1,200 unregistered tenants. These tenants are accommodated in 21 blocks, six to ten people occupying one room. Each room has a fire-place, beds, and above each bed a locker is provided for the effects of tenants.

Wemmer, which provides the least amenities for Natives, has no cooking facilities available. The consequence is that Natives cook in the rooms on primuses, spirit lamps, etc. This soots the walls and roof and although they are constantly whitewashed the appearance is a very drab appearance. Washing facilities are provided by three ablution blocks.



Now that we have had a fore-taste of winter, it is necessary to warn certain of our friends against the danger of those fire-buckets used for keeping the rooms or houses warm. Each year, a number of people get killed this way; they become victims of carbon-monoxide poison as a result of these fire-buckets ("imbawula" as they call it).

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There is no hot water and in these blocks the sanitation system is based on the outdated lavatory trough type. There are no french drains in the hostel. The drains from the blocks are open and the tenants have no facilities for the disposal of dirty water.

Dustbins are provided. The hostel has no hall or recreation rooms. Weekly cinema shows are provided and a sports field and swimming bath are available. The bath, however, is not much used by the tenants and is more popular among school children, who use it in the afternoons.

The rental per bed is 10/- and a proposal has been put forward that the rentals be increased to 17/6. This has been done because the Council's loss on the Wemmer Hostel annually is £10,852. An increase in rentals would put the hostels on an economic basis, for at the moment the Council is subsidising the hostels. The total annual loss on all hostels is £49,531.

A hostel at the best of times is rather austere accommodation. Wemmer, with its drab grey appearance and overcrowding, does not provide pleasant accommodation. However, it does provide basic accommodation for men living under single conditions and is appreciated by them. When one considers that there is no segregation of tribes and people live in crowded conditions it says much for the tenants that the hostel is as peaceful as it is.

This centre adjoins the Wemmer hostel. The centre was completed and handed to the City Council on the 13th February, 1948. It is a well-built modern two-storey structure and comprises an assembly hall, clinic, library, Employment Bureau, milk bar, classrooms, restaurant offices and living quarters for the Wemmer Hostel Superintendent.

The total cost, plus administrative charges was £55,000 and the building has a central heating plant. The building also houses the Jan Hofmeyr School of Social Work for Non-European students. The latter is subsidised by the Council. The restaurant is run on a non-profit basis and provides hot meals and drinks for the Natives. Sixpence buys a plate of porridge gravy and tea, and a meat course with vegetables is obtainable for 1/3d. The restaurant is divided into two sections, one side being of better quality.

This section is decorated with murals depicting in a symbolic manner "Jim comes to Johannesburg" showing the transformation from tribal to urban life and the resultant conflicts. In the future it is intended to place the higher class restaurant in the basement with a separate entrance.

A modern kitchen serves the restaurant and food is cooked in steam pressure cookers. Gas stoves are also provided.

The Employment Bureau provides valuable free service for employers and employees. Natives applying for employment are interviewed and registered and every effort is made to place them in suitable jobs. Private firms advise the Bureau of vacancies or contact the Bureau when they need labour.

The Jan Hofmeyr School of Social Work has at present 62 enrolled pupils. A three-year course in social work is provided and the school represents a valuable training ground for Non-European students.

This multi-purpose centre is indeed of great benefit to Natives in Johannesburg, and extensions of this type of centre to other areas would be of great value.

Restaurant

ANOTHER restaurant was established for the benefit of Natives who use the Alexandria bus service. The point where passengers embark upon the buses for Alexandria is Noord Street.

The Noord Street Restaurant is run on similar lines to the Jubilee Restaurant and has a seating capacity of some 150 people. Refreshments and sandwiches are the most popular purchases and throughout the day the restaurant is patronised by Natives who find it conveniently near the bus starting point.

The Department's Cinema Section has its headquarters at Wemmer Hostel. There are four mobile 16 mm. circuits and in all 90 shows are given at 27 points throughout the townships, hostels, Municipal, mining and private compounds in Johannesburg per month.

It is estimated that the attendance of Natives at these shows exceeds a million people per year. Most of the shows are in the open, but some hostel and communal halls are also used.

The most popular shows are cowboy films but feature, documentary, comic and newsreel films are often asked for. The

in Shaka's days; they would have been ostracised from society," he said indignantly.

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