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12th February, 1963

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

With reference to our request to obtain a copy of the record of the Paarl Riot Commission, my Committee, at their meeting of Friday, 8th February, have asked me to state the following:-

The Committee is unanimously of the opinion that a copy of the record is vitally necessary for Counsel. For purposes of argument it is essential that Mr. King has easy and ready access to the record. The Committee also wish to point out that the Institute is extremely fortunate to have received an offer of the record on the basis of 10c. per page instead of the normal price of 40c. per page. At the same time this expenditure should not be considered as a separate item but as part of the overall defence costs.

Lastly, my Committee is not in favour of approaching other organizations for assistance as they feel that when the Inquiry has ended the record should make a very interesting addition to the Institute's library in Johannesburg. It was therefore suggested that it should be considered whether the costs for the record might not come out of the Library vote.

As this offer of 10c. per page will not remain open indefinitely, I would be most grateful if this matter could be dealt with urgently.

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Mand.

Regional Secretary.

P.S. The cost of the record would probably be a maximum of R250 (i.e. 2,500 pages at 10c. per page).

Mr. Mand telephoned last week asking
if we would buy this. Mr. Van Hook
said it would be too expensive &
we should wait for the Commission's
report. I sent a telegram to that
effect. W.S. 14/2/63

Mr. Ruan Maud,
Utilitas Building,
1, Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

21st February, 1963.

Dear Mr. Maud,

I write with reference to your letter of the 12th February.

The Finance Committee considered the request contained in your letter. The Library purchases vote is R635 and to purchase the record out of this small amount would hardly be justifiable - in fact could not be done because that sum is largely committed for regular acquisitions.

With the Institute's finances as they are, the Committee considered that it could not find the R250. It asked me to suggest that you try to borrow a copy of the record and arrange to have it done free of charge. The Institute would bear only the cost of material used.

I hope this will be possible.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director.

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27th February, 1963

The Director,
S.A.Institute of Race Relations,
P.O.Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

Thank you for your letter of the 21st February, 1963.

The Institute's expenses with regard to the Paarl Riot Commission of Inquiry have been causing us in Cape Town some concern. Financially we have received, or have been promised, R550.00, of which only a minimum amount of R130.00 has been received through our newspaper appeals. We have gone carefully into the figures and estimate that, should the Inquiry continue into April, which appears very likely, additional expenses for that period would be at least R1000.00. This would include the cost of the record.

It is considered that the Paarl Riot Commission of Inquiry is of great importance, especially as the Commission has given the Institute an admirable opportunity to express views that it has long held in regard to the migratory labour system. Evidence has already laid bare not only the evils of this system, but also the fact that its operation must inevitably result in corruption amongst administrative officials. Important evidence has also been revealed about Poqo.

Advocate E.L.King has not only lead evidence brilliantly to bring out the factual substance of the Institute's Memorandum, but he is also appearing for the Institute at the minimum amount of R21 per day, which is approximately one fifth of the normal fee.

The Cape Western Region has undertaken to show Sponono in Cape Town and it is proposed that this Region should keep R1000

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of the revenue from Sponono to pay our expenses at the Paarl Riot Commission. If our total revenue from the takings of Sponono does not in addition meet this year's allocated budget this Region will endeavour to find other means to meet this amount.

Yours sincerely,

Oscar D. Wollheim

O.D. WOLLHEIM

CHAIRMAN

6th March, 1963.

Dr. O.D. Wollheim,
Utilitas Building,
1 Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Dr. Wollheim,

I write in reply to your letter of the 27th
February, 1963.

I agree with you that the Paarl Riot Commission
of Inquiry is of importance because it high-lights certain polic-
ies which may have application in other parts of the country. The
proceedings are well reported here and Mr. King is doing an excel-
lent job.

With regard to your proposal that you keep R1,000
from the revenue from Sponono, I should really refer this to the
Finance Committee but the latter, however, does not meet for at
least a fortnight. I myself would have had no objection to your
doing this provided your allocated budget is also met. I feel this
way because the Paarl Commission of Inquiry has national implicat-
ions and national importance. I will, however, put the matter to
the Finance Committee eventually.

Incidentally if you are getting half the nett
proceeds from Sponono with a ten day run, the Region should do
pretty well. Are you having a programme with advertisements?

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director.

19 MAR 1963

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15th March, 1963

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

re: 'SPONONO' AND PAARL RIOT COMMISSION EXPENSES.

Thank you for your letter of the 6th March, 1963 to which Dr. Wollheim has asked me to reply as follows:-

If there are profits from the showing of 'Sponono' in Cape Town, this Region will keep them back in order to pay for the expenses involved in the Paarl Riot Commission. This Region will of course do all it can to meet it's annual allocated budget.

As final arrangements for the showing of 'Sponono' in Cape Town were only completed about ten days before the cast arrived it was necessary to have the programme hurriedly printed in Johannesburg where the type was standing ready. There was thus no time available in which to obtain advertisements.

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Maud.

Regional Secretary.

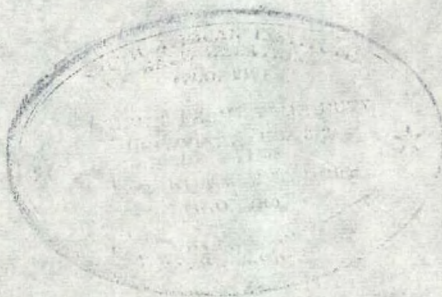
20th March, 1963.

MISS. PIKE.

'SPONONO' & PAARL RIOT COMMISSION EXPENSES.

This should have come up at F.C. - my fault.
Please return correspondence I may bring it up
up at G.P.C.

Q.W.



Applied to see letter to O. Schreiner

22 MAR 1963

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21st March, 1963

The President,
The Hon. O.D.Schreiner,
S.A.Institute of Race Relations,
P.O.Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Mr. Schreiner,

The Paarl Riot Commission as you know, has turned out a much lengthier and involved inquiry than was envisaged at its start. We have been extremely fortunate in obtaining the services of Advocate E.L.King, who generously offered to appear on our behalf and that of the Paarl African residents at a fee of R21 per day instead of the normal fee of R105 per day being paid to the other advocates involved in the Inquiry. For the purposes of argument Mr. King has found it essential to have a copy of the Record which he also arranged for us at the unusually low figure of 10c.(instead of 40c.) per page.

To date the total we have received towards the cost of the Inquiry from all sources has been R1064.25. We estimate that the total expenses will amount approximately R2000.00. This leaves the Institute with a short-fall of R1000.00.

Why a failure

We had hoped that the 'Sponono' show would provide us with a good profit and that it might be possible to use some of this money towards this short-fall. We wrote to the Director about this, but have not yet had confirmation. In any case the show has not been a success in Cape Town for many reasons, chief of which was that we finally only had about ten days notice in which to prepare everything. It looks as if we may yet have to call on the sponsors of the show here to pay up our share of the loss, if any.

At its last meeting our Regional Committee reiterated that the Paarl Riot Commission was really a national matter and that we were really acting on behalf of the Institute as a whole

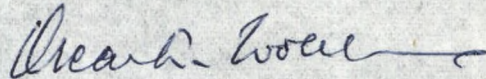
since we are on the spot. The Committee suggested that I should write to you to ask you whether you would not personally write to a number of persons throughout the country who might be in a position to contribute reasonably substantial sums towards the costs of the Inquiry, and appeal to them to help. We feel that such a letter would have much more effect than one sent out from this office and in any case we feel that a letter from us here might interfere with the Gifts Campaign which Head Office is preparing at the present moment.

Would you be so good as to consider this request and also discuss it with the Director and possibly the members of the Finance Committee who may be involved?

I would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible whether this can be done.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



O.D. WOLLHEIM

CHAIRMAN

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29th March, 1963

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG

Dear Mr. Whyte,

re: Paarl Riot Commission

Dr. Wollheim is anxious to know whether Judge Schreiner has received his suggestion that a personal letter of appeal be sent to a selected list of prospective donors for funds for the Institute's expenses in the Paarl Riot Commission.

Dr. Wollheim would very much like to know Judge Schreiner's reaction to this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Mand.

Regional Secretary.

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29th March, 1963.

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The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

re: Paarl Riot Commission, Commissioner's
Interim Report.

Dr. Wollheim has asked me to write to you with
reference to the above.

The Civil Rights League has discussed in some
detail the implications of the Interim Report and they were
worried about the acceptance of hear-say evidence such as the
press cuttings on Leballo's remarks being included in the record
and secret evidence which may have been included in the Record,
or if not may have influenced the Commissioner. The reason for
our anxiety is that neither of these two kinds of evidence could
be tested by cross-examination.

The Civil Rights League is also worried as to
whether the Interim Report which was presented before argument
was given, did not in effect anticipate the findings in certain
respects since findings can only really be made after argument.

The Civil Rights League will however take no action
until the final report is published.

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Mand.

Regional Secretary.

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The Regional Secretary,
Utilitas Building,
1 Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

2nd April, 1963.

Dear Mr. Maud,

PAARL RIOT COMMISSION

Thank you very much for your letter of the 29th March 1963. I doubt whether there is anything that we can do about the inclusion of material in the Interim Report. I presume that this can be debated and discussed only when the final report has been made public.

Is it possible to get a copy of the Interim Report.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director.

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The Regional Chairman,
Utilitas Building,
1 Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

11th April, 1963.

Dear Oscar,

We had a special sub-committee meeting to examine the current financial position of the Institute in light of your appeal for R1,000 and in light of a more optimistic analysis of our position which Mr. van Wyk offered the General Purposes Committee. We found, however, that Mr. van Wyk had been too optimistic. As you may have noticed we have had to borrow R3,000 to tide us over a bad period and this will have to be paid off within the next two or three months. A new fund-raising project has been held up owing to inability to find a suitable chairman and the frequent absences of Douglas Roberts from Johannesburg.

The net result is that the sub-committee told me to write and say that we cannot find the R1,000 and to appeal to you to try Cape resources. Cannot you approach F.C. Robb whose wife is so energetic and interested. Is Clive Corder unapproachable? And there must be others, for although the Inquiry could be regarded as of National significance it very vitally affects the Cape Western areas.

I realise this is not very helpful. Please do write and let me know the position and what efforts your Committee is making.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director.

D.D.

~~22 APR 1963~~

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19th April, 1963

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O.Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

PAARL RIOT COMMISSION

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd
April.

I have obtained from Mrs. Helen Suzman,
M.P., her copy of the Interim Report which is now
being roneod. When it is completed I shall
immediately send copies to you.

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Maud.

Regional Secretary.

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22nd April, 1963

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

re: Paarl Riot Commission
Expenses.

Thank you for your letters of the
2nd and 11th April, 1963.

At the Regional Committee Meeting
of the 19th April it was agreed that a
further letter of appeal would be written
to the newspapers and that this letter
would be roneod and sent to all this
Regions' members who had not, as yet
donated to the Institute's Paarl Riot
Commission Fund.

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Mand

Regional Secretary.

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22 JUL 1963
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18th July, 1963

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

Advocate King has suggested to me that it is highly likely that Judge Snyman has his own private copy of his Paarl Riot Commission Report, and that it might be a good idea if Judge Schreiner were to ask if he might borrow this copy in order to have a photostat made.

Dr. Wollheim has meanwhile suggested that if this copy can be loaned, the Institute should roneo about fifty copies and present one or two, to, amongst other people, the Paarl Town Council!

Yours sincerely,

Ruan Mand.

Regional Secretary.

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29th July, 1963.

The Hon.O.D. Schreiner,
24 Sixth Avenue,
Lower Houghton,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Oliver,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Cape Town.
Could you take this matter up with Judge Snyman? We have
a photostat machine available.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director

Encl.

Mr. Ruan Maud,
Regional Secretary,
Utilitas Building,
Dorp Street, CAPE TOWN.

29th July, 1963.

Dear Mr. Maud,

Thank you for your letter of the 18th July, 1963, concerning Judge Snyman's Paarl Riot Commission Report. I have written to Judge Schreiner asking him to see Judge Snyman and see if it is possible to borrow his copy.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director

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[Handwritten signature and scribbles]

28th August, 1963.

Mr. Ruan Maud,
Utilitas Buildings,
1 Dorp Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Mr. Maud,

Disturbances at African Schools

We discussed the above matter at the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee and it was agreed that the Southern Transvaal Region initiate investigations and ask other Regions to co-operate in this. It was considered to be inexpedient to ask the Government for a committee of inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
Director

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INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS VOICES ABHORRENCE
OF SABOTAGE

In a statement, the Hon. O.D. Schreiner, President of the South African Institute of Race Relations, said that he looked with abhorrence on the outbreak of acts of sabotage in the country. "I condemn these acts and those who engage in them. Violence is no way to resolve issues and sabotage subverts the normal processes by which changes are brought about in a civilized society.

He said that this represented the attitude of the Institute.

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