

16. BANTU PRESS:

Mr. Edmunds reported that Mr. Paver of the Bantu Press Ltd. had seen Mr. Rheinallt Jones and himself, following upon the destruction by fire of the Johannesburg premises of the Bantu Press Ltd. The Bantu Press was the most important factor in the country working on behalf of the Native, and the Trust might be of great use in this connection by giving financial help to the Bantu Press Ltd.

IT WAS AGREED to hold over discussion until Mr. Paver had prepared a memorandum.

17. INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS:

Mr. Edmunds reported that the position of the Institute was worse than that reported before. Donations during the year had fallen off by £1500 and it had been impossible to replace them.

Col. Donaldson suggested that an immediate loan of £1100, free of interest and payable only on his decease, might meet the situation.

Mr. Edmunds said that as Treasurer of the Institute he would not like to mortgage the future in this way and suggested that Colonel Donaldson be good enough to give a donation of £250.

Colonel Donaldson authorised a grant of £200

Mr. Rheinallt Jones expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Institute.

NOTED

18. AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS:

Mr. Rheinallt Jones reported that he had had a talk with Dr. Xuma, but that the matter would have to be held over a little longer.

NOTED.

19. NEW APPLICATIONS:

(a) Transvaal Cripple Care Association : Non-European Work.

Mr. Rheinallt Jones reported that this Association had submitted an appeal in the form of a memorandum on its Non-European work.

IT WAS AGREED that copies of the memorandum be circulated to members of the Executive Committee

ii. that the matter stand over pending the report of a special committee of the National Council for Cripple Care now considering proposals for the re-training and rehabilitation of injured and crippled Africans.

(b) Potchefstroom Location Nursery School.

A letter from the Committee of the Potchefstroom

Location Nursery School appealing for help to wipe out a debt of £40, was read.

Col. Donaldson authorised a grant of £20

(c) M.M. Pemba

A letter was read in which Mr. M.M. Pemba appealed for financial help to enable the Cyrene (Anglican) Mission School (in S. Rhodesia) to take him on its staff.

This appeal was not granted.

(d) National Council of African Women

A letter from Miss M.T. Soga, who wrote on behalf of the National Council of African Women, was read, in which help was asked to send a deputation to Pretoria to discuss with the Government the proposed new legislation on Marriage Laws and the position of women teachers. This Council had been helped in the past by the Trust.

Col. Donaldson authorised a grant of £25.

(e) Union Education Department : Non-European Library

A letter from the Librarian of the Union Education Department Library was read, in which help was asked to supplement a government grant of £100 which had been made to help the Non-European section of the Library.

It was felt that strictly speaking this was a task for the government.

Col. Donaldson authorised, as a gesture, a grant of £50.

(f) G. M. Makapan

A letter was read in which help was asked on behalf of G.M. Makapan who was a brilliant scholar in Standard VI. He was an orphan and a grant would be used to send him to a secondary school.

IT WAS AGREED that Mr. Rheinallt Jones should make enquiries as to the possibility of a bursary from the Transvaal Education Department.

Failing such a bursary

IT WAS AGREED that the Institute of Race Relations make arrangements for a suitable school, etc. and Col. Donaldson authorised a grant of £20

K. H. Blom
(g) J. Omer Cooper.

A letter was read in which Professor J. Omer Cooper asked for financial help for a projected tour to the Sudan for the purpose of a comparative study of educational and other conditions there.

This appeal was not granted.

(h) Mphahlele Secondary School.

A letter was read in which Chief Mphahlele, Pietersburg, asked for assistance to build a secondary school, for which the tribe had raised £300 and the Department of Native Affairs promised £1500.

This appeal was not granted.

(i) Miss M. L. Tsengiwe.

A letter was read in which Miss M. L. Tsengiwe asked for help to educate her brother.

This appeal was not granted.

20. MICHAEL MOERANE'S SYMPHONY, "MY COUNTRY" :

A letter from Dr. Alexander Kerr was read intimating that the Symphony "My Country" by Michael Moerane, whom the Trust had helped, would be broadcast by the B.B.C. on the evening of 17th November, 1944.

IT WAS AGREED that notice of this should be sent to the Trustees.

21. JAMES DONALDSON AWARD:

Mr. Rheinallt Jones asked for authority to issue invitations for applications for the James Donaldson Award.

IT WAS AGREED to authorise the issue of such invitations.

22. AUTHORITY FOR LOAN :

Mr. Edmunds intimated that Col. Donaldson had asked the Bantu Welfare Trust to advance a loan of between £7000-8000 under a bond to Mr. C.F.R.L. Grant.

Mr. Edmunds had gone into the matter and had agreed to negotiate the loan if Colonel Donaldson would give his personal guarantee for the loan.

Col. Donaldson agreed to give his personal guarantee.

IT WAS AGREED to grant formal authority to Col. Donaldson and Mr. Edmunds to proceed.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED that the firm Messrs. Edward Nathan & Friedland should be appointed to act on behalf of the Trust in this matter.

23. Mr. Edmunds reported that he had been approached for help by an individual who had paid a deposit of £500 on a farm in Natal and who required £3500 to complete the transaction. Mr. Edmunds had investigated the matter and found that the farm was valued at £3750. There was another property worth £800 which would make the security for a loan £4550. Mr. Edmunds asked for authority to consider this with Colonel Donaldson.

IT WAS AGREED that Col. Donaldson and Mr. Edmunds should be appointed a committee to consider the matter and that Mr. Edmunds should report more fully on the facts.

24. MAJOR HOGGAN:

Col. Donaldson reported that he had now received a report by Major Hoggan on his work in respect of the Orlando Donaldson Community Centre.

Col. Donaldson authorised the payment of £50 to Major Hoggan, the Secretary to write to the Treasurer giving such authorisation.

HOFMEYR AFRICAN HIGH SCHOOL : PRETORIA

Col. Donaldson intimated that he had received an appeal for help from the Hofmeyr African High School, Pretoria.

IT WAS AGREED to hold this matter over until the next meeting.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1.15 P.M.

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