

Grand Opening of the £37,000 Stadium at Orlando Township

ONE of the most important events in sporting circles in so far as Non-European sport is concerned was the opening of the magnificent Sports Stadium at Orlando Township, Johannesburg on 2nd May, 1959.

The Stadium, which cost some thousands of pounds, was built by the Johannesburg City Council, and represents the best athletic Stadium in the Union of South Africa.

It is one of many Stadia erected for the use of Non-European sportsmen, and this particular one will be the testing ground for the Transvaal Non-European sportsmen for the selection of competitors in international events.

The Minister of Bantu Administration of the Union Government, the Hon. Mr. M. D. C. de Wet Nel, officially opened the Stadium and the Deputy Mayor of the Johannesburg City Council, Councillor A. Gorshel, was in attendance.



The Minister of Bantu Administration, the Hon. Mr. M. D. C. de Wet Nel, Mr. W. J. P. Carr and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. Gorshel (extreme right) arriving for the official opening.



(Below): Members of the Municipal Non-European Band refresh themselves with "Coca-Cola".



Sectional view of Grand Stand area: huge crowds watch a keenly-contested cycle race.



Free "Coca-Cola" being sampled to the tuneful singers of the Non-European Choir.

Thanks and Appreciation

Non-European Affairs Department,
Johannesburg.
8th May, 1959.

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Johannesburg.
OPENING OF ORLANDO STADIUM.

Please accept my very grateful thanks for the service you rendered this Department by providing refreshments free of charge to the spectators seated in the Grand Stand at the opening of the Orlando Stadium on 2nd May. I assure you that this service was greatly appreciated and evoked very favourable comment.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the refreshment facilities you made available to the general public on that occasion.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) W. J. P. CARR, Manager.



The Minister, after his opening Address, sits with Johannesburg's Deputy Mayor, both taking a lively interest in the afternoon's proceedings.



(Below): "Fanta" being sampled to European spectators in Grand Stand area, served from Carry Packs in cups.



The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. I. Maltz, with Miss Penny Coelen the famed Beauty Queen, inspecting a handsome doll displayed in the French Pavilion at the Witwatersrand Show. Looking on approvingly is the French Trade Commissioner who presided at the official opening of his country's Pavilion.



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Fascinating Miss Penny Coelen, who headed our uniformed corp of Showground Hostesses, at the Kiddies' Playground, which adjoins the Tower of Light (shown facing, right).



← Our Information Centre is at the Tower of Light — focal point of the great Witwatersrand Agricultural Show — and was Headquarters of our Showground Hostesses, who proved both charming and popular personalities. Pictured are Ann Carr and Sheila Bosman.

"Buzz-bike" Fans Elect a "Queen"

AT the Highway Drive-In Cinema, Maritzburg, on 6th May, about one hundred motor-scooter enthusiasts assembled to elect a "Lambretta Queen".

Of course both "Coca-Cola" and "Fanta" were well to the fore, a special Stand being placed in the foyer at the Cinema, attended by Driver-Salesman Philip Holder, seen standing (below) between two plastic Giant Bottles.



BEAUTIFUL Miss Lynett Dryden was elected Queen, and is seen above being presented with a King Size plastic Cooler by the Deputy Mayor of Maritzburg Miss Pam Reid. On the extreme right is Mr. Harry Guest, the Mayor's Secretary.

(Above): Miss Dryden has just been elected Queen (seen in centre with bouquet, sash and a bottle of "Coke"), and on her right is Miss Hazel Wood, and on her left Miss Barbara van Staden, the runners-up.

On the right is part of the parade of nearly one hundred young contestants.



Geen Dwang deur Staat in Sluiting van Biersale

DIE Minister van Bantoe-administrasie en -Ontwikkeling het nie dreigemente gebruik om die stadsraad van Johannesburg te dwing om Bantoe-biersale in blanke gebiede te sluit nie, het mnr. P. R. B. Lewis, voorsitter van die komitee vir nie-blanke sake, gister op die raad se maandvergadering gesê.

Hy het 'n regstelling van 'n berig van die aard in die pers gevra.

Toe hy die Rotariërklub gister oor die biersale toegesprek het, het mnr. Lewis gesê dat die stadsraad ver wag dat sjebiens sal floreer as die biersale in die blanke gebiede sluit. Die biersale moet net kleiner gemaak word en na geskikter persele verskuif word, meen hy.

Hy het die hersiening van die Drankwet wat die verskaffing van blanke drank aan nie-blankes, betref, aan die hand gedoen en gesê dat die wetgewing 'n slegte verhouding tussen die Polisie en nie-blankes skep en demoraliserend is vir blankes wat drank smokkel.



MR. PATRICK LEWIS
Spectacular rise

CITY HALL DIARY

By RAYMOND HEARD

30,000 don't deserve a swim pool, he thinks

ONLY one councillor in 42 still sniffs at the plan to open the Hillbrow Club all-year swimming pool to the public.

Mr. R. G. Thomas doubts if the people of Hillbrow — all 30,000 of them—deserve a pool. This independent, who thinks like a Nationalist, forgets that Hillbrow, most thickly populated square mile in the Commonwealth (some say the world) has no amenities whatsoever.

Despite Mr. Thomas, it looks as if the council will be able to lease the indoor pool after all. It's up to the Administrator, Mr. Odendaal, now. If he approves, the bath will be open soon.

Mr. Odendaal's predecessor, Dr. William Nicol, had a complex about Hillbrow. Mr. Nicol refused for years to allow the council to turn an acre of Hillbrow into a park.

Then he changed his mind—but it was too late.

Not funny

THERE are councillors who laughed last week when I said that there is a growing

number of ratepayers who want them to check the rising cost of municipal services.

Here is news for them: People in the "working class" suburbs may start a campaign to get the proposed zoo charges abolished.

Mr. Ronald Geldenhuis, of Robertsham, writes to say that because it will cost a man, wife and three children a guinea to visit the zoo, the people of Booysens, Robertsham and Crown Gardens have told their councillor to inform the council they object strongly to the plan.

Writes Mr. Geldenhuis: "Can't you suggest to places like Vrededorp, Ophirton, Westdene and other 'poorer' suburbs to take the same line of action."

Shy Patrick

A SHY accountant, Mr. Patrick Lewis, has had the most spectacular rise to prominence in the council. A few months after entering the council in 1957 he was given the most difficult of portfolios—chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee.

Red-haired Mr. Lewis fights

shy of publicity and often appears to be hurt and bewildered by persistent reporters. But non-White affairs are big news to-day.

Since he assumed control over non-European affairs, times have changed. The council has given certain assurances to the Government on matters of policy, and these often bind it to do the Government's bidding.

The "watchdog" committee, a Government body, also wields the big stick over Mr. Lewis and his colleagues.

Mr. Lewis may be shy, but he handles the affairs of his committee with remarkable tact. And he firmly believes that his first loyalty is to the 500,000 Africans of the city.

His ward includes Parktown, Forest Town and Saxonwold.

Pirates

TRAFFIC police should patrol the Zoo Lake in rowing boats. Bands of ducktail pirates are interfering with week-end rowers.

I had to repel a raiding party of yelling yahoos with my oars a week ago—after my party had been splashed with muddy water and abused.

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R.D.M - 7/5/59

MAI MAI MOB BEATS EUROPEAN

Staff Reporter

A YOUNG business man, Mr. J. J. Baartmann, was attacked at the Mai Mai beerhall in Von Wielligh Street, Johannesburg, last night when he went to the rescue of another European who was being beaten by a group of Africans.

Mr. Baartmann, of Kensington, was later admitted to the South Rand Hospital in a serious condition.

According to statements made to the police, he was driving from his work when he saw a European who was surrounded by a number of angry Africans.

RAN AWAY

He stopped the car and went into the circle. Almost immediately after he was hit from behind with a piece of iron and when he fell to the ground he was struck on the head repeatedly.

The other man ran away.

Mr. Baartmann was picked up by passers-by and admitted to hospital with head injuries.

He will be 33 years old to-day.

R.D.M - 9/5/59
Beerhall 'not

STAR 3/5/59

Officials say assault was not near beerhall

By a Staff Reporter

The reported link between a Native beerhall and an attack on a White man by a group of Natives in Rosettenville Road on Wednesday is completely without foundation, Mr. Patrick Lewis, chairman of the Johannesburg City Council's Non-European Affairs Committee, said today.

Mr. Lewis's statement was confirmed by Colonel K. C. van der Merwe, District Commandant of Police, Johannesburg Central Area, who also told The Star today that police patrols were on duty at the beerhalls, as they always are. The assault took place more than a mile away from the nearest beerhall, he said, and the police saw no incidents involving patrons of the beerhall.

NO INCIDENT

To this Mr. W. J. P. Carr, manager of the Non-European Affairs Department, added that the staff on duty at the beerhall had also reported that they knew of no incident involving a beerhall or any customers of a beerhall.

"It is unfair that an incident more than a mile away from a beerhall should be blamed on the presence of a beerhall," said Mr. Lewis. "We have made the most careful investigation which entirely exonerates any beerhall from blame."

R.D.M. - 21/5/59

Beerhall 'not to blame'

THE assault on a White man by Natives in Rosettenville Road, Johannesburg, on Wednesday night, took place 1.2 miles away from the Central Beerhall, and the beerhall had nothing to do with the assault, Mr. P. R. B. Lewis, chairman of the Johannesburg City Council's non-European Affairs Committee, said last night.

Mr. Lewis said that Colonel K. C. van der Merwe, District Commissioner of Police, Johannesburg Central, agreed with the municipality that it was unfair to link the assault with the beerhall.

R.D.M. - 21/5/59

Nat. plans to close beerhalls

Municipal Reporter

MR. EBEN CUYLER, leader of the National Party group in the Johannesburg City Council, last night announced a plan to force the Johannesburg City Council to close All Bantu beerhalls in the city area by June 16.

Mr. Cuyler told me that he will introduce a motion in the Council on Tuesday calling on the Johannesburg City Council to waste no more time in closing the beerhalls.

Mr. Cuyler's motion comes as a shock to the United Party majority group in the Council. It may upset delicate negotiations between the Council and Mr. Daan de Wet Nel, Minister of Bantu Administration and Development.

The effect of Mr. Cuyler's motion will be this: At a time when Mr. Nel is considering the council's request to make available some drinking facilities to permanent African dwellers, the National Party in the council will make public its total opposition to any plan to permit beerhalls of any sort in the city.

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DIE TRANSVALER 23/5/59

MENINGS VAN ONS LESERS

Misdaad Nie Gepleeg By Biersaal

GEAGTE REDAKSIE, — In verband met die berig oor die Baartman-aangeleentheid in u blad van 7 deser onder die opskrif „Gepeupel by Biersaal Vermink Man", sal dit op prys gestel word indien u die volgende feite wat waarskynlik nie aan u verslaggewer bekend was toe die berig opgestel is nie, onder die aandag van u lesers wil bring:

Volgens mnr. Baartman se verklaring aan die polisie en aan beamptes van hierdie afdeling is hy werksaam by 'n motorsak waarvan die noordelike punt deur 'n straat en 'n treinspoor van die suidelike punt van die sentrale biersaal geskei word, 'n afstand van sowat 30 tree. Tussen vyf- en ses-uur die betrokke middag het hy in geselskap van mev. Van der Westhuizen, kassier by die saak in sy motor vertrek in die rigting van die suidelike voorstede met Rosettenvilleweg, een van die drie hoofweë uit die sentrale stadsdeel, na die suidelike voorstede, dus weg van die biersaal af.

Die aanranding op 'n onbekende blanke man, wat nog nie opgespoor is nie, is deur vier natuurlike gepleeg sowat 1.2 myl ten suide van die sentrale biersaal. Die aanranding op mnr. Baartman is gepleeg deur 'n ander natuurlike wat skynbaar nie betrokke was by die aanranding op die vreemde blanke nie en het plaasgevind onderwyl mnr. Baartman agter om sy motor gestap het in die rigting van waar die vier natuurlike die vreemde blanke aangerand het. Hierdie blanke en vier natuurlike het soos groot spelde verdwyn toe hulle die aanranding op mnr. Baartman sien.

Mnr. Baartman het dus nooit nader aan die sentrale biersaal gekom as die punt waar hy die perseel van sy werkgewers verlaat het nie en hy het teen ses-uur by die Suid-Randse Hospitaal aangekom.

Die Distrikskommandant van Polisie in Johannesburg, kol. K. C. van der Merwe, het na deeglike ondersoek verklaar dat die polisiepatrollies wat die afgelope paar maande al die buurt van die biersale in die sentrale stadsdeel patroonleer, soos gewoonlik aan diens was en geen voorvalle waarby besoekers aan die biersaal betrokke was, opgemerk het nie.

Indien die aanranding op mnr. Baartman in verband gebring kan word met die sentrale biersaal, kan enige misdaad wat deur natuurlike in die sentrale stadsdeel tussen die vier spoorwegstasies — Park, Jeppe, Westgate en Farraday — en die twee bustermini vir natuurlikebusse in Noordstraat en Diagonalstraat, wat daagliks deur sowat 130.000 natuurlike gebruik word, gepleeg word op rekening van die sentrale biersaal geplaas word, wat, soos u sal saamstem, nie billik of redelik is nie.

PATRICK LEWIS,
Voorsitter: Komitee vir Nie-Blanke-Sake, Johannesburgse Stadsraad.

GOUDSTAD-BEESTE „VERTRAP” BOERE

Kla oor Stad se 7,000 Stuks Vee by Minister

DIE JOHANNESBURGSE STADSRAAD hou meer as 7,000 beeste aan op rioolplase by Nancefield, suidwes van die stad. Hierdie reusagtige boerdery bedreig 76 kleinboere in die omgewing met finansiële ondergang. Dit is ook 'n gevaar vir alle boere wat beeste in Johannesburg bemark.

Dit is die bevindings van mnr. Eben Cuyler, leier van die N.P.-groep in die Johannesburgse stadsraad, ndoi hy ondersoek ingestel het na klagtes wat boere by hom aanhangig gemak het.

Mnr. Cuyler het die aangeleentheid onder die aandag van min. Ben Schoeman, L.V. vir die gebied, gebring vir moontlike wetlike optrede teen die stadsraad. 'n Ander ontstellende aspek wat die ondersoek aan die lig gebring het, sê mnr. Cuyler, is die „ontsettende” omvang van onwettige kafferbierbrouery in munisipale lokasies.

Die Suid-Afrika-wet verbied plaaslike besture om met private belange mee te ding, het mnr. Cuyler gister in 'n onderhoud gesê.

'n Vergunning

Sover hy kon vasstel, het die stadsraad met die vleisskaarste in die oorlogsjare magtiging van die Regering gekry om beeste op surplusgronde aan te hou. Hierdie boerdery het ontwikkel totdat daar vandag meer as 7,000 beeste aangehou word, afgesien van trekosse wat met vuljverwydering in lokasies gebruik word.

In die omgewing van die rioolplase waarop die stadsraad boer, is daar 76 kleinboere wat van munisipale weiding afhanklik is.

Deur die jare heen het die stadsraad die boere aangemoedig om beeste teen 10s. stuk per maand op munisipale grond te laat wei. Die weidingshuurgeld lewer £13,000 per jaar op.

Hierdie boere lewer 'n aansienlike deel van die stad se natuurlike gebiede se melk. Hulle het feitlik geen ander weiding nie.

Hulle kla nou dat weens die groot afmetings wat die stadsraad se boerdery aangeneem het, die munisipaliteit nie meer belang stel in die gehalte van hul huurweiding nie.

Hulle Verarm

Die weiding word nie in stand gehou soos die stadsraad onderneem het nie, en die kleinboere word na bankrotskap gedryf, beweert hulle.

Mnr. Cuyler het gesê dat hy vertoë tot min. Schoeman gerig het om die magtiging aan die stadsraad om te boer, te laat intrek. Hy grond sy vertoë op die feit dat:

● Boere in die omgewing afhanklik is van die weiding wat beskikbaar is.

● Die 7,000 beeste wat die stadsraad aanhou, onbillike kompetisie skep vir alle boere wat beeste in Johannesburg bemark. Die stadsraad kan wanneer die mark goed is, dit gou oorlaai met sy beeste, terwyl afgeleë boere eers later hul beeste by die mark kan kry.

● Kafferkoring-uitloopsels wat by munisipale bierbrouerye oorskiet, gebruik word om die munisipale beeste vet te maak. Dit skep onbillike mededinging.

Die boere is verplig om uitloopsels by natuurlike te koop wat uit by „siebren-koninginne” in munisipale lokasies kry. Dit kos hulle van £1 tot £1 5s. per konka. Volgens gegewens wat boere aan hom verstrekk het, koop hulle uitloopsels vir sowat £250,000 per jaar. Dit toon dat daar ontsettend baie bier onwettig in munisipale lokasies gebrou word, aldus mnr. Cuyler.

Vrae Duik op

Hy het ook aan die stadsingenieur oor die saak geskryf.

Mnr. Cuyler is erg verontrus oor die boerdery van die munisipaliteit. Daar is talle ernstige vrae, sê hy, wat opduik:

- Wie beheer die geldbesteding?
- Wie koop beeste aan?
- Wie hou toesig?

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DICK SEELE, at 86 one of the oldest residents of Orlando East, waited patiently this morning while Mr. P. R. B. Lewis, chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee of the City Council, declared Orlando's new £7,000 beer garden open.

The speeches over, Dick nipped smartly through the gate, his worn old blanket flapping around his shoulders, and became the first man to quaff a foaming gallon from the 3,000-gallon tanks.

Drinks were "on the house" this morning and Dick retired to a quiet corner of the beer garden with his plastic gallon mug there to ruminate on the advantages of this modern world.

"No more buying beer from the shebeen—an old man like me can't afford it. Here I can get good beer—and cheap too," he said, smacking his lips.

Dick says his active 86 years are due to plenty of beer. On hearing that the beer garden contains 3,000 gallons his old eyes sparkled.

"Should be just about enough for me," he said.

Mr. C. A. Heald, Under-Secretary for Bantu Administration and Development, travelled from Pretoria today to be present at the opening of the beer garden.

The new building is the first of seven such beer gardens, costing between £6,000 and £8,000 each, which the City Council hopes will be opened in the South Western Native Area before the end of next month.

STAR 25/5/59

Beer halls objections in Alexandra

Property owners in Alexandra Township feel so strongly about the plan to open two beerhalls in the centre of the township that they have briefed a Q.C. to interview the Administrator, Mr. Odenaal, on their behalf. Failing satisfaction they plan to bring a Supreme Court application in an attempt to stop the plan going ahead.

These moves were reported to a meeting of about five hundred residents called yesterday to protest against the beerhalls.

Mr. S. L. Ngatane, an executive member of the Alexandra Standholders' Protection and Vigilance Association, said today "We have no objection to beerhalls on the edge of the township; but the present plan will cause great harm, morally and spiritually, to the people."

BEER, BEER—ALL ^{R.D.M. 27/5/59} OVER THE COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL REPORTER

A BOTTLE of Kaffir beer burst in the Johannesburg City Council chamber yesterday, bespattering councillors with muddy-coloured liquid.

And, when order had been restored, some councillors began to drink the beer in their "water" glasses.

It happened during a long debate on the removal of the beerhalls from the city area.

Mr. Patrick Lewis, red-haired chairman of the non-European Affairs Committee, brought the bottle into the chamber as exhibit A in his case to prove that kaffir beer made by the council had great nutritious value.

Mr. Lewis said: "Here is the report of the chemical analysis made by the National Chemical Research Laboratory, Pretoria, on the sample I sent them."

Then he introduced the bottle. Pointing to it, he said:

● Kaffir beer has a lower—3 per cent. — alcohol content than European beer—4.5 per cent. to 5 per cent. —

● It has a higher nutritious value than White beer.

● A quart of Kaffir beer has 517 calories; White beer has up to 500.

Then, bringing up from his seat exhibits B and C — a quarter of a loaf of bread, and a two-thirdsful bottle of milk — Mr. Lewis said: "Let us see how Kaffir beer compares in calorific value with bread and milk."

Mr. Lewis said that the quart of beer, which cost 6d., was equal in calorie content to the milk (11d.) and the bread (3d.).

Then he went into involved chemical glorification of Kaffir beer.

"On June 16 we are expected to exclude tens of thousands of Natives from having their daily drink of beer in the beerhalls. What must they then do?"

"The increase in the sale of shebeen liquor and White liquor will increase."

Mr. Lewis stressed his remarks with a vigorous shake of the bottle.

That did it. He had hardly put the bottle down when it exploded.

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KDM 28/5/59

Goodman accuses Nel on beerhalls

TWO days before a White man was murdered at a Johannesburg Bantu beerhall, the municipality was told by the Minister of Bantu Administration, Mr. De Wet Nel, that it could not go ahead with its plans to build beer gardens in the townships.

But immediately after the killing the Minister "ordered" the council to build beer gardens.

Mr. Max Goodman, acting leader of the United Party group, said this in the Johannesburg City Council.

The Council was considering a motion from the Nationalists which called upon it to stop negotiating with the Government for permission to build a few small beerhalls in the city area for the permanent African residents of Johannesburg.

TWO YEAR WAIT

After a long debate the Council decided (with the usual Nationalist opposition) to continue negotiations and carry on with its plans to build beer gardens in the African areas.

Mr. Goodman said that the Nationalists had blamed the United Party Council for the murder. But from the facts it was clear that it had taken a murder to convince the Government that the Council should be allowed to get rid of the big, and dangerous, city beerhalls and replace them with beer gardens.

For two years the Council had waited for this permission. Eight of its letters had been unanswered.

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STAR 27/5/59

Beerhall parleys with Government to continue

By a Staff Reporter

THE NATIONALIST GROUP in the City Council decided to press for the closing of Johannesburg's beerhalls on June 16, while the council was still negotiating the whole matter with the Government in an attempt to find a safe alternative, Mr. Patrick B. Lewis, chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee, told the council yesterday.

By opening eight beer gardens in the townships by the end of next month, and the Jabulani hostel beerhall, the council was doing everything in its power to honour its undertaking to the Government to provide township facilities.

But the council also had sound reasons for its reluctance to close all the city beerhalls at once, even though some were too large and wrongly sited.

EXPLOSIVE FOOD

To close the Central Beerhall alone would mean that its patrons would flood Mai Mai. To close all together would compel thousands of Natives suddenly to forgo their traditional daily drink, which was also their food.

And to prove that beer was also food Mr. Lewis produced a quart bottle of this rich amber liquid, a bottle of milk and a small piece of bread and detailed the food content of each, as attested by the National Chemical Research Laboratories in Pretoria.

The kaffir beer was especially rich in vitamins, he said. One quart contained 517 calories, and its protein content was high. Moreover, a quart of beer, which cost 6d., had the same value as milk which cost 11d.

Mr. Lewis sat down—and the beer exploded.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Mr. Max Goodman, acting leader of the United Party group, warmly thanked Mr. Lewis for his excellent, consistent and patient handling of a thorny problem.

"By forcing the issue and ventilating the whole matter, Mr. Cuyler (leader of the Nationalist group) has done the very thing the Mentz Committee asked us not to do."

The council, with the Nationalists dissenting, carried an amendment to Mr. Cuyler's motion that the beerhalls should be closed on June 16: "that, while compliance with the request was still under negotiation with the Minister, the negotiations should be continued."

NON-WHITE BUSES

Another cause for argument at the meeting was a U.P. resolution to employ non-White crews on non-White municipal transport.

The Nationalists insisted that economies could best be effected by giving over the whole of the transport undertaking to Putco.

United Party replies were that the council, already losing £300,000 a year on its transport undertaking, would save £40,000 directly from employing non-Whites. Directly it would save the high cost of White sick leave (£39,000) — some of it caused by fatigue; ordinary overtime (£90,000) and additional Sunday overtime (£85,000).

The council was proposing to do no more than carry out Government policy of non-Whites serving their own people, said U.P. speakers. Every local authority in the country except Bloemfontein and Johannesburg employed non-Whites on non-White services.

The council, with the Nationalists voting against the motion, agreed to inform the Municipal Transport Workers' Union of its intention to introduce the new system.

EXTRACT FROM *DIE TRANSVAALER*...
 DATED 27 — 5 — 1959...

TOE DIE BOTTEL OORKOOK —

Water word Sopies in Stadsraadsglase

DIE POT, of liever die bottel, het gistermiddag letterlik op die maandvergadering van die Johannesburgse stadsraad oorgekook.

Dit was geurende 'n gewigtige bespreking van Bantoebiersale wat afgesluit het met 'n kafferbier-heildronk op die onderburgemeester, mnr. A. Gorshel, wat in die afwesigheid van die burgemeester as voorsitter opgetree het.

Mnr. P. Lewis, voorsitter van die komitee vir nie-blanke sake, het 'n brood, 'n bottel met melk en 'n bottel kafferbier na die vergadering saamgebring om lede onder die indruk te bring van kafferbier as 'n voedingsmiddel.

So deeglik het hy kafferbier se voordele uitgepluis, dat 'n oud-burgemeester, mnr. Max Goodman, opgestaan het om hom geluk te wens.

Taalwonder in Stadsraad

Met die oog op die vlering van die Wonder van Afrikaans moet die raad net Afrikaans praat, het mnr. Eben Cuyler (N.P.) gisteraand op die maandvergadering van die Johannesburgse stadsraad voorgestel. Mnr. A. Gorshel het die voorbeeld gestel. Lede wat nie wou waag om hele toesprake in Afrikaans af te steek nie, het darem 'n paar sinnetjies gesê.

Mnr. Lewis het egter vinnig opgespring en na die bottel op sy lessenaar gewys. Met 'n poog het die kafferbier uitgespuut en sy betogade kollegas in die nabyheid bespat.

Blykbaar om hul senuwees te kalmeer, het nabygeleë raadslede elk 'n dop kafferbier in hul waterglase gekry. Dit was, aan die einde van die debat en mnr. Goodman het toe maar 'n heildronk op mnr. Gorshel ingestel — onder luide geing.

ROUGH TRANSLATION.

EXTRACT FROM THE "TRANSVALER" - WEDNESDAY. 27TH MAY. 1959.

WHEN THE BOTTLE BOILED OVER - WATER BECOMES DRINKS IN CITY COUNCIL GLASSES.

The pot, or rather the bottle, literally boiled over at the monthly meeting of the Johannesburg City Council. This occurred during an important discussion on Bantu beer halls which concluded by a kaffir beer health drink to the Deputy Mayor, Mr. A. Gorshel, who, in the absence of the Mayor, acted as Chairman.

Mr. P. Lewis, Chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee, brought a loaf of bread, a bottle of milk and a bottle of kaffir beer to the meeting to convince members that kaffir beer was a food. So thoroughly did he detail the advantages of kaffir beer that the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Gorshel, rose in his seat in order to congratulate him. Mr. Lewis, however, jumped up quickly and pointed to the bottle on his desk; the kaffir beer squirted in an arch and onto his begowned colleagues in the immediate vicinity. Ostensibly to settle their nerves all the Councillors in the vicinity obtained a spot of kaffir beer in their glasses.

It was at the conclusion of the debate that Mr. Goodman instituted a health drink to Mr. Gorshel under considerable laughter.

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HGD/IB.
28th May, 1959.

EXTRACT FROM

DIE TRANSVAALER

DATED

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,V.P. in Goudstad Traag om Biersale te Skuif'

DIE JOHANNESBURGSE V.P.-stadsraad probeer verdragingsaktiek ten opsigte van die sluiting van Bantoe-biersale in die stad toepas. Dit is die mening van mnr. Eben Cuyler, leier van die N.P.-groep in die raad.

Weens gruwelike aanrandings op blankes in die omgewing van die biersale het die Minister van Bantoe-administrasie en -ontwikkeling die stadsraad versoek om die biersale voor 16 Junie te sluit en biergeriewe vir Bantoes net in hul eie woongebiede te hê.

Op die jongste stadsraadsvergadering het mnr. Cuyler in 'n mosie die stadsraad gevra om te besluit om die Minister se versoek uit te voer.

TAKTIEK

Onderhandelings wat die stadsraad op die oomblik voer om kleiner en gedentraliseerde

biersale in nywerheidsdele op te rig, het hy as verdragingsaktiek bestempel.

Mnr. P. Lewis, voorsitter van die komitee vir nie-blanke sake, het gesê dat die raad onderhandel om die kleiner biersale op te rig omdat daar gevrees word dat die Bantoes hulle na sjebiens kan wend en brouels of blanke drank sal drink na die sluiting van die bestaande biersale.

SAAM WERK TOE

Mnr. Cuyler het gesê dat die natuurlike kafferbier by biersale in hul eie gebied kan koop en dit saam werk toe kan bring as hulle dit moet hê. Werkers wat in die stad woon, kan na die lokasies gaan om te drink.

'n Voorstel van mnr. Lewis dat die stadsraad met sy onderhandelings voortgaan, is aanvaar met agt teenstemme — dié van

die N.P.-groep en dié van 'n onafhanklike. Die voorstel is deur mnr. Cuyler as nóg vis nóg vlees bestempel.

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ROUGH TRANSLATION.

EXTRACT FROM THE "TRANSVALER" - THURSDAY, 28TH MAY, 1959.

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U.P. IN GOLDEN CITY SLOW TO REMOVE BEER HALLS.

The Johannesburg U.P. City Council attempts to apply delaying tactics in respect of the closing of the Bantu beer halls in the City. This is the opinion of Mr. Eben Cuyler, leader of the N.P. group in the Council. Because of atrocious assaults on Europeans in the vicinity of the beer halls, the Minister for Bantu Administration and Development requested the City Council to close the beer halls before the 16th June, 1959, and to provide beer facilities for the Bantu only in their own residential areas. At the latest City Council meeting Mr. Cuyler in a motion requested the City Council to decide to carry out the Minister's request.

Tactics.

Negotiations presently carried out by the City Council to provide smaller and decentralised beer halls in the industrial areas he labelled as delaying tactics.

Mr. P. Lewis, Chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee, said that the Council is negotiating for the establishment of smaller beer halls because it is felt that the Bantu would be turned to shebeens and to concoctions of European drink after the closing of the existing beer halls.

Taken to Work.

Mr. Cuyler said that if the Natives must have their beer they could purchase their kaffir beer from the beer halls in their own area and take the beer with them to their work. Employees resident in the City could go to the locations to drink their beer. A proposal by Mr. Lewis that the City Council should continue negotiations was adopted by eight votes against - those of the N.P. group and that of an Independent.

Mr. Cuyler labelled the proposal as "Neither fish, flesh, nor good red herring."

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28th May, 1959.

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Lewis on beerhalls

Staff Reporter

MR. P. R. B. LEWIS, chairman of the Johannesburg City Council's Non-European Affairs Committee, said last night that a report of what he had said in the council on Tuesday about the views of the police regarding the beerhalls question had given the wrong impression.

The report, which appeared in yesterday's "Rand Daily Mail," stated that the police had agreed that to move all the beerhalls from the city area would be dangerous.

VIEWS QUOTED

Mr. Lewis said last night that in the Council on Tuesday he had quoted Mr. F. C. Graevenstein, an urban areas commissioner, who—in his reports of October 6, 1958—had quoted the views of the police as being: "They do not want the Native to be deprived of his Kaffir beer, but it is of primary importance that he should get sufficient Kaffir beer in convenient surroundings, where this would not cause danger, nuisance, or inconvenience to the European population."

"As soon as sufficient and satisfactory beerhall facilities exist in all Native residential areas, those which are incorrectly sited within the European areas of the city should be systematically and gradually closed and removed, with due regard, however, to the needs of the thousands of Natives who would still be lawfully permitted to live and work in the European area."

STAR 4/6/59

Beerhalls: Mr. Nel agrees to see City Council

By a Staff Reporter

WITH LESS THAN A FORTNIGHT TO GO before the "deadline" for the closing of beerhalls in central Johannesburg, Mr. de Wet Nel, Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, has agreed to see a Johannesburg City Council deputation to discuss the whole matter.

Mr. Patrick Lewis, chairman of the council's Non-European Affairs Committee, and Mr. H. Goldberg, vice-chairman, will fly to Cape Town with senior officials from the city's Non-European Affairs Department.

When, on Tuesday last week, the Nationalist group in the council tried to force the closing of the beerhalls by moving that the Minister be informed that the council would close the Mai Mai, Wolhuter and Central beerhalls on June 16, the United Party group carried an amendment that negotiations with the Government should be continued.

FRIENDLY TALKS

Mr. Lewis then reported that all the discussions with the Government to date on the matter had been most friendly and that he was still hopeful that an alternative to the sudden closing of the three beerhalls would be worked out.

The United Party is anxious about a number of possible results of a total closure of all beer-drinking facilities in the city—among them that thousands of Native men legally living in the city will be attracted to shebeens; and that the police will have difficulty in enforcing the liquor laws.

ALTERNATIVES

The council wants to be able to offer some alternative beer-drinking facilities—small decentralized beerhalls in White industrial areas, or the distribution of beer to industries in tankers.

It also wants cheaper rail fares to the townships on Sundays so that the Natives will not have to spend a disproportionate sum on travelling to get a shilling's worth of beer in the township beer-gardens.

R.D.M. 4/6/59

African hostel to be built

Municipal Reporter

A HOSTEL for "essential" African workers will be built soon by the Johannesburg City Council in the White area of Johannesburg. The cost is estimated at £388,000.

The hostel will be built in the White area at a time when other hostels and the beerhalls are being moved to the Black areas.

It has the personal blessing of Dr. Verwoerd.

He gave the Council special permission to build the hostel—near the Eastern Native Township at George Goch—because the employers of "essential workers" said that the cost of milk, bread and meat would go up if the workers were forced to travel to and from the African areas.

TO START SOON

Mr. P. R. B. Lewis, chairman of the city's Non-European Affairs Committee, told me yesterday that the hostel work would start "when we call for tenders shortly."

It is estimated that 3,000 African men will live in the £388,000 hostel.

There are now four African hostels in the White area—Wemmer, Denver, Mai Mai and Wolhuter. All but Denver will have to be removed under the "apartheid" directions given to the Council by the Government.

The Council has found a site for the first "sky locations" hostel for African women. The site is at Orlando West, and the Council has submitted plans to the Government for approval.

It is estimated that 7,000 to 8,000 African women will be moved from White "flatland" to hostels in the African areas.

NEL IS ADAMANT OVER CITY'S BEERHALLS

R.D.M. 6/6/59

CAPE TOWN, Friday. — The Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, Mr. De Wet Nel, told a deputation of the Johannesburg City Council to-day that he could not abandon his request that the Central, Mai-Mai and the Wolhuter beerhalls be closed by June 16.

The deputation consisted of Mr. P. Lewis, chairman of the non-European Affairs Committee, the vice-chairman, Mr. H. Goldberg, and two officials.

The Minister also decided that at compounds and hostels, kaffir beer could be supplied to bona fide residents.

To meet the requirements of Africans who have no other facilities, the City Council may, on a temporary basis and as an experiment, establish two or three new beerhalls at sites to be approved by the Minister.

NO FRICTION

These sites should be selected in the mining area to the south of the city and must be so situated that there is no possibility of racial friction.

At the new beerhalls, beer should be supplied only from midday to 2 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. No beer may be supplied on Sundays. The new beerhalls should begin to function on June 16.

The Minister reserves the right to ask the City Council to close the new beerhalls.—SAPA.

£1,000 an hour spent on Johannesburg Native housing

STAR 6/6/59

By a Staff Reporter

JOHANNESBURG IS SPENDING £1,000 an hour on Native housing and other building in the huge Native townships to the south-west of the city—and there is no sign of any slackening of work.

Homes are being produced at the rate of 45 a day; six new beer gardens are ready and in some the beer is already flowing; the Jabulani hostel for 4,300 beds is nearly ready for occupation; and only weeds and small mounds of debris now mark the spot which was once Moroka, the biggest squatting camp in the Union, "home" of 65,000 people.

In five years Johannesburg City Council's Housing Division has produced more than 30,000 houses of which all but 1,000 are occupied.

Employed directly and indirectly by the Housing Division are 3,500 building workers and labourers, many trained by the division to build homes in their own areas for their own people.

OTHER WORK

Each working day £2,000 is spent on Native wages, £5,000 on stores and building materials and a further £2,000 on other items such as transport.

This rate of spending has been maintained since January, 1957.

The division was asked to complete the Jabulani beerhall and six beer gardens by the end of May. So adaptable did the council's building agency prove that it carried out the extra assignment without disorganization of an already huge programme.

It has also promised to hand over 24 schools with their caretakers' cottages to the Bantu Education Department before the end of March, 1960.

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Minister agrees in principle

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FACTORY CANTEENS FOR KAFFIR BEER

SUNDAY TIMES REPORTER

KAFFIR-BEER canteens in factories, compounds and hostels were accepted in principle by the Minister of Bantu Affairs and Development, Mr. De Wet Nel, in talks with Johannesburg City Council representatives last week.

This development will depend on minor changes in the relevant laws and regulations, but no difficulty is expected.

The canteen will not be allowed to brew the beer, but only to supply it from two or three new municipal beerhalls.

Johannesburg's big Native beerhalls are to go, but the Minister has conceded in principle that the City Council may operate two or three small beerhalls as an experiment or agree to supplies of beer being made available to employees.

Special meeting

Mr. Patrick Lewis, chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee of the Johannesburg City Council, flew back last night from Cape Town and announced that to-morrow afternoon a special meeting of the committee would take place. After this he will make a statement.

Mr. Lewis said: "The Minister displayed an awareness of the complexity of the problem and discussed the practical issues in a spirit of helpfulness.

"He has now formulated his final proposals, which will be put to to-morrow's special meeting."

CITY HALL DIARY

R.D.M. 8/6/59

BY RAYMOND HEARD

Mr. Nel makes concession over the beerhalls

MR. DAAN DE WET NEL, the Minister of Bantu Administration, has shown that he, at least, is prepared to listen to reason, as several instances show.

- He banned servants from worshipping in Forest Town last year; but lifted this ban after having heard representations made to him by the church authorities.
- He stopped Africans from attending non-White cinemas in Cape Town, but later lifted the ban.

And now he says that the Johannesburg City Council can, after all, establish on a temporary basis two or three new beerhalls in the White industrial area.

In doing this, Mr. Nel has made a substantial and very welcome concession.

The City Council presented a sound case: It agreed to close down the disputed big beerhalls by his June 18 "deadline," but contended that to deprive the 100,000 permanent African city dwellers of their beer would be undesirable and perhaps dangerous.

In getting permission to establish the small city beer-

halls, Mr. Patrick Lewis, Non-European Affairs Committee leader, has achieved what even his own friends said was "impossible."

CITY'S "BEERHALL ENVOYS" FOUND MINISTER HELPFUL

Now they must move fast to provide new gardens

By a Staff Reporter

JOHANNESBURG'S "BEERHALL DEPUTATION" to Cape Town has returned home greatly encouraged by the understanding and friendly co-operation of the Minister of Bantu Administration (Mr. de Wet Nel), Mr. Patrick Lewis, chairman of the City Council's Non-European Affairs Committee, said today.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. H. Goldberg, his vice-chairman, are reporting this afternoon, first to a special caucus meeting of the United Party group in the council and then to a special meeting of their committee.

"The Minister was most willing to discuss every aspect of the matter that was troubling us," said Mr. Lewis.

"His decision to allow us to provide some beer-drinking facilities in the city when the three big beerhalls—Central, Mai Mai and Wolhuter—are closed on June 16, is an enormous relief."

The committee will have to decide this afternoon where the three small, alternative beerhalls allowed by the Minister are to be

placed in the old mining area in the south of the city.

These new beerhalls will be supplemented by the Minister's consent to the supply of beer in compounds and hostels, and to employers of Native labour should they want it.

This will create the very thing the council has been most anxious to achieve—the decentralization of the sale of Kafir beer, so that there will not be great concentrations of Natives drinking in only a few spots.

HOME TO DRINK

By allowing beer to be sold in the city between noon and 2 p.m. on working days, and between 6.30 and 8 p.m., the Minister will still enable the 100,000-or-so customers legally in the city to have their beer during the lunch hour and when the day's work is done.

The township Natives will be on their way home in the evenings to their own beer gardens by the time the city beerhalls open.

Furthermore, the supply of beer in compounds and hostels will encourage Natives to go home to drink.

With only a week in which to provide the new facilities in the city before the three big halls are closed next Tuesday, the committee will have to act fast.

STOEP TALK - STAR - 8/6/59

"TO BEER OR NOT TO BEER" seem to be the question keeping Mr. Patrick Lewis, chairman of Johannesburg's Non-European Affairs Committee, and Ds. Dan de Beer, secretary of the Public Morals Commission of the Ned. Geref.

work, busy at present. "It's a food with very high nutritional value," said Mr. Lewis the other day when he produced a bottle of Kafir beer and handed it round to his fellow councillors. "Poppycock," says the Rev. de Beer and quotes a missionary doctor who found in his work among the Zulu that stomach, heart and kidney diseases were aggravated by drinking it. But Mr. Lewis seems to be winning. Mr. Mentz, the Deputy-Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, said it had been proved Kafir beer prevented scurvy when he opened a beerhall at Paarl during the week-end.

He also quoted a Government commission of 1942 which, he said, showed beyond doubt that the beer had its value in building up tuberculosis victims.

This commission said that Kafir beer should be given to non-Europeans and Europeans if they produced a medical certificate.

Other research workers have tried to prove the nutritional and other values of this popular brew.

Dr. B. A. Dormer, of Durban's health department, is on Mr. Lewis's side.

He gave Kafir beer to TB patients and 80 per cent. of them put on weight.

On the platteland scores of Europeans drink it for their ulcers—and swear by it.

Security Branch, too

And I hope I am giving away no State secrets when I say that there is at least one office in The Grays where there is usually a mug of it around.

One Security Branch officer I know uses it for his ulcers.

So it looks as if this is one fight the Public Morals Commission will not win.

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R.D.M. 9/6/59

SMALLER BEERHALLS: COUNCIL PLANS

MUNICIPAL REPORTER

THE United Party caucus of the Johannesburg City Council decided last night that the Central, Mai-Mai and Wolhuter beerhalls should close on June 16, because the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, Mr. De Wet Nel, has now agreed to the Council opening smaller beerhalls in the White industrial areas.

Concessions gained by Council

Municipal Reporter

JUST how much the Johannesburg City Council deputation to Mr. De Wet Nel, has achieved towards a satisfactory settlement of the beerhalls row is shown in the following schedule, taken from Council records:

Before the deputation went to see Mr. Nel, the Central, Mai-Mai and Wolhuter beerhalls, would have been closed to all on June 16; and all other beerhalls, including the Western and Denver, would have had to close on Sundays.

No new beerhalls, however small or decentralised, would have been allowed.

To-day the position is different: the Central beerhall will close on June 16; the Mai-Mai and Wolhuter will close to the general public on June 16, but will remain open for sale of beer to inmates of the hostels. And the Denver and Western Native Township beerhalls will remain open as before.

NEW BEERHALLS

New Facilities include: the opening of a beerhall at the Wemmer Hostel to serve inmates; facilities to be made available to employees for beer consumption on their premises; facilities to be made available for the consumption of kaffir beer at municipal and private compounds.

Three temporary beerhalls will be erected in the industrial area on sites to be selected to-morrow.

Meanwhile, in the African residential areas, the council is building 21 beerhalls and beer gardens — two of which are already in operation, and seven of which will have off-sales facilities.

There would be some difficulty in selecting sites for the new beerhalls, but care would be taken to avoid the "mistakes" of the past, Mr. P. R. B. Lewis, chairman of the Johannesburg City Council's Nnon-European Affairs Committee, said in a statement last night.

The statement was issued after the committee and the United Party caucus in the Council had agreed to accept the solution to the beerhalls problem arrived at by the Council deputation and the Minister.

"It has been the Council's desire for some two years to close the Central Beerhall as soon as two or three smaller beerhalls could be erected in its place," said the statement.

"Permission to establish these new beerhalls on an experimental basis has now been granted. They are to cater for the demand between noon and 2 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m."

Illicit dealers

Dealing with the three new beerhalls in the city area, the statement said: "It has been the Council's desire to provide facilities rather than to make the present patrons of the beerhalls the prey of the illicit liquor dealer and the shebeen keeper. The Minister has recognised this in the new agreement."

It would be possible for the council to supply kaffir beer to those employers who wished to supply employees in compounds in the city.

The supply of kaffir beer to those living in the African residential areas was being catered for by the beer-gardens and beerhalls which had been established, and which were to be established.

Provision had also been made for Africans living in the municipal hostels in the city to obtain beer.

TRANSVALER 9/6/59

DIE EEN SÊ DRINK KAFFERBIER — MAAR DIE ANDER EEN SÊ: MOENIE!

Twee mense wat glad nie 'n voorliefde vir alkohol het nie, is in 'n meningsverskil betrokke . . . oor kafferbier. Hulle is ds. D. F. B. de Beer, N. G. sekretaris vir openbare sedelikheid, en mnr. Patrick Lewis, voorsitter van die komitee vir nie-blanke sake van die Johannesburgse stadsraad.

Mnr. Lewis se vader was 'n aktiewe afskaffer. Hy het waar hy kon propaganda teen die drankewel gemaak. In sy jongdae het mnr. Lewis sy vader gehelp. Hy is vandag nog 'n baie matige gebruiker van drank.

Ds. De Beer het, soos gister berig is, beswaar gemaak teen 'n demonstrasie van mnr. Lewis oor die voedsaamheid van kafferbier op die jongste stadsraadsvergadering. Ds. De Beer meen dat dit 'n dwaalbegrip is dat kafferbier voedingswaarde het. Hy grond sy stelling, sê hy, op die bevindings van 'n Amerikaanse sendeling-geneesheer dat kafferbier maag-, hart- en niersiektes onder Zoeloes vererger het.

Na aanleiding hiervan het mnr. Lewis gister gesê dat hy

kafferbier wat in munisipale biersale gebrou is, deur die Nasionale Chemiese Navorsingslaboratorium laat ontleeft het. Hy het 'n afskrif van die verslag aan Die Transvaler gegee.

Daar is bevind dat die alkoholinhoud (drie persent) laer is as dié van Europese bier, dat dit vitamine en noodsaaklike sure bevat, en dat die kalorie-inhoud van 'n kwart kafferbier gelyk is aan sowat 'n halfpond brood of 1½ pint melk.

Mnr. Lewis het gesê dat as dit by 'n kwessie van prohi-

bisie kom, die saak heeltemal anders is. Op die oomblik bestaan daar nie so iets nie en om te verhinder dat natuurlike gevaarlike brouesels of blanke drank drink, bepleit hy die gebruik van die munisipale kafferbier. Die natuurlike, het hy gesê, beskou die bier as deel van hulle kos en dit is deur die toets as voedsaam bewys.

Die kafferbier-winste, sowat £500.000 per jaar, het hy gesê, word gebruik vir sub-ekonomiese woningbou, wel-synwerk, mediese dienste en ontspanningsgeriewe.

Biersale Gaan uit die Stad Verwyder word

DIE KOMITEE vir nie-blanke sake van die Johannesburgse stadsraad het gistermiddag op 'n vergadering besluit om te voldoen aan die versoek van die Minister van Bantoe-administrasie en -ontwikkeling dat die drie groot biersale in die stad op 16 Junie gesluit moet word.

Die biersale is die Mai-Mai, die Wolhuter- en die Sentrale biersaal. Hierdie biersale is lank reeds bronne van ergernis. In 'n verklaring wat die voorsitter van die komitee, mnr. P. Lewis, uitgereik het, word ge-

sê dat dit reeds twee jaar die stadsraad se begeerte is om die Sentrale biersaal te sluit so gou as wat twee of drie kleineres in die plek daarvan opgerig kon word.

Toestemming om hierdie bier-

sale op 'n proefgrondslag op te rig, is nou ontvang, aldus mnr. Lewis. Met die vestiging van die voorgestelde nuwe biersale sal daar versigtig te werk gegaan word om foute van die verlede, soos die aanlokking van skares natuurlike na die nabyheid van besige deurgange, te vermy.

Die stadsraad meen dat die kleiner biersale noodsaaklik is om te voorkom dat die klante van die bestaande groot biersale onwettige drankhandelaars of sjebiens ten prooi val.

In die verklaring word gemeld van planne om kafferbier by munisipale en private koshuise te voorsien sodat inwoners nie in groot getalle deur die strate na biersale in Bantoe-woongebiede gaan en terugkom nie; 'n ondersoek na die verspreiding van kafferbier onder ander werkgewers om voorsiening te maak vir natuurlike se behoeftes van biertuine en -sale in Bantoe-woongebiede.

STAR 9/6/59

TWO ON MINING GROUND

Provisional sites chosen for three new beerhalls

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Members of the City Council and the Non-European Affairs Department, with the Under-secretary for Bantu Administration and Development, toured the city today.

Three beerhalls will be closed on June 16. They are the Central, Mai Mai and Wolhuter. The last two will continue to serve hostel residents, but not the general public.

Mr. P. R. B. Lewis, chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee, went on the site-choosing tour today. He said: "There were quite a number of difficulties. The Minister wanted the beerhalls to be on old mining ground. We have chosen three, and we still have to find out if we can get permission to trade on them. I cannot tell you at this stage where the sites are."

MADE CONCESSIONS

Mr. Lewis said that the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, Mr. de Wet Nel, had made certain concessions on the beerhall problem.

"It has been the council's desire for some two years to close the Central Beerhall as soon as two or three smaller beerhalls could be erected in its place."

"Permission to establish these new beerhalls on an experimental basis has now been granted. They are to cater for the demand between noon and 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m."

OTHER FACILITIES

New facilities for Natives to drink beer, besides the three beerhalls which are to be built in White industrial areas, include:

Beer to be served to residents of Wemmer Hostel;

Beer to be made available by employers on their premises;

Beer to be served at municipal compounds and at the private compounds of employers in industrial areas;

Nineteen new beergardens, seven of them to have off-sales facilities. (Two are already in operation.);

A new beerhall is due to be completed at Eastern Township on December 31. Off-sales depots will continue to operate there as hitherto.

Mr. Lewis said that, in allowing Natives facilities to drink beer, the council wished to protect them from illicit liquor dealers and from shebeens.

"The Minister has recognized this in the new agreement," he added.

BETTER WAY

THE agreement between the Johannesburg City Council and the Government on African beerhalls is an example of what can be done by the right approach. Mr. Patrick Lewis, chairman of the Council's Non-European Affairs Committee, persuaded Mr. De Wet Nel, Minister of Bantu Administration, to allow the committee to set up two or three small experimental beerhalls in the European areas of Johannesburg to replace the big ones that are to be removed. Mr. Lewis has other such successes to his credit with results beneficial to the city's Africans.

There were those who have held that the City Council should not treat with the Government on any issue. Unfortunately, there is a danger that principles become confused with a desire to score party political points and the chief sufferers are the non-Whites. This has led to much unnecessary confusion in the past.

Johannesburg has a duty to its non-Europeans and part of that duty is to soften so far as is possible the effects of measures introduced by the central Government. Where this can be done in a spirit of reasonableness and by the production of logical arguments, there should be no hesitation on the part of the local authority in adopting this course.

Three new beerhalls in a week

Municipal Reporter

THE Johannesburg City Council will build three beerhalls in the White industrial area of the city within the next seven days.

Mr. Patrick Lewis, chairman of the city's non-European Affairs Committee, said last night: "We haven't chosen sites for the three beerhalls yet. Legal difficulties have to be overcome."

"But somehow we will knock up some wood-and-iron beerhalls by Wednesday next. Later we will erect permanent structures."

By next Tuesday the Central, Mai-Mai and Wolhuter beerhalls will be closed.

On spacious sites

THREE NEW BEER-HALLS TO OPEN ON TUESDAY

By a Staff Reporter

ON TUESDAY MORNING three new beerhalls will open their doors in Johannesburg—an achievement which is "near to a miracle," said Mr. Patrick Lewis, chairman of the City Council's Non-European Affairs Committee today

The opening of these beerhalls, which will coincide with the closing of the three central beerhalls, marks the successful ending of one of the most encouraging negotiations the council has had with the Government on a vitally important matter.

MINISTER AGREED

On Friday last week Mr. Lewis and his vice-chairman, Mr. Harry Goldberg, were sitting in the Cape Town office of the Minister of Bantu Development and Administration, Mr. de Wet Nel.

At 5 p.m. on that day a Ministerial approval was given for Johannesburg to continue selling beer in the city for the thousands of Natives legally living and working there.

GOT BUSY

The Johannesburg deputation flew back and got busy right away.

On Monday morning they examined suitable ground; on Tuesday morning they showed it to Mr. C. Heald, Under-Secretary for Bantu Administration, who had been given authority by the Minister to approve the site. That afternoon plans forged ahead for three new beerhalls, two on mining ground, which had to be negotiated with the mining companies, and one on municipal property.

All the new beerhalls will be on spacious sites, two on five acres each, so that the patrons will not spill over into the public streets.

The first one is west of Selby on old mining land on the corner of Webber Street and John Street; the second is tucked away in Ffennell Road, next to the municipal waterworks between Rosettenville Road and Eloff Street Extension; the third site is well to the east of the city near the old North Mine.

All the new beerhalls will be within easy reach of Natives working in those areas who want to enjoy both their lunch-time and after-work beer.

Natives told where they must go

THE City Council is already working on the big job of explaining to their Native beerhall customers why the old halls will be closed on Monday night and where they must go for beer afterwards.

There are maps in the beerhalls of the new sites; the attendants are telling the customers exactly where to find the new halls, and the people are also being told in the townships.

"We shall do our best to make the switch-over as smooth and easy as possible," said Mr. Lewis. "On Tuesday morning we shall have people at the old beerhalls to guide customers to the new places, and to tell them the hours."

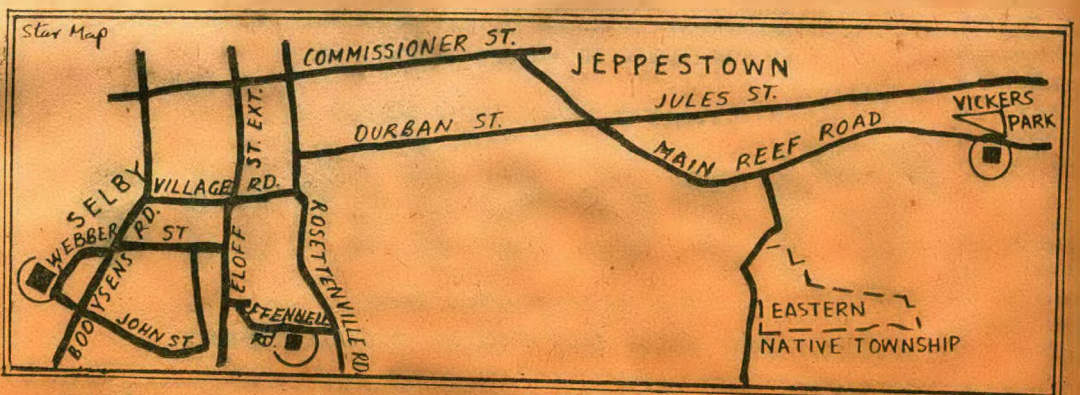
The new halls will be open from noon to 2 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. every working day.

PERMANENT BUILDINGS

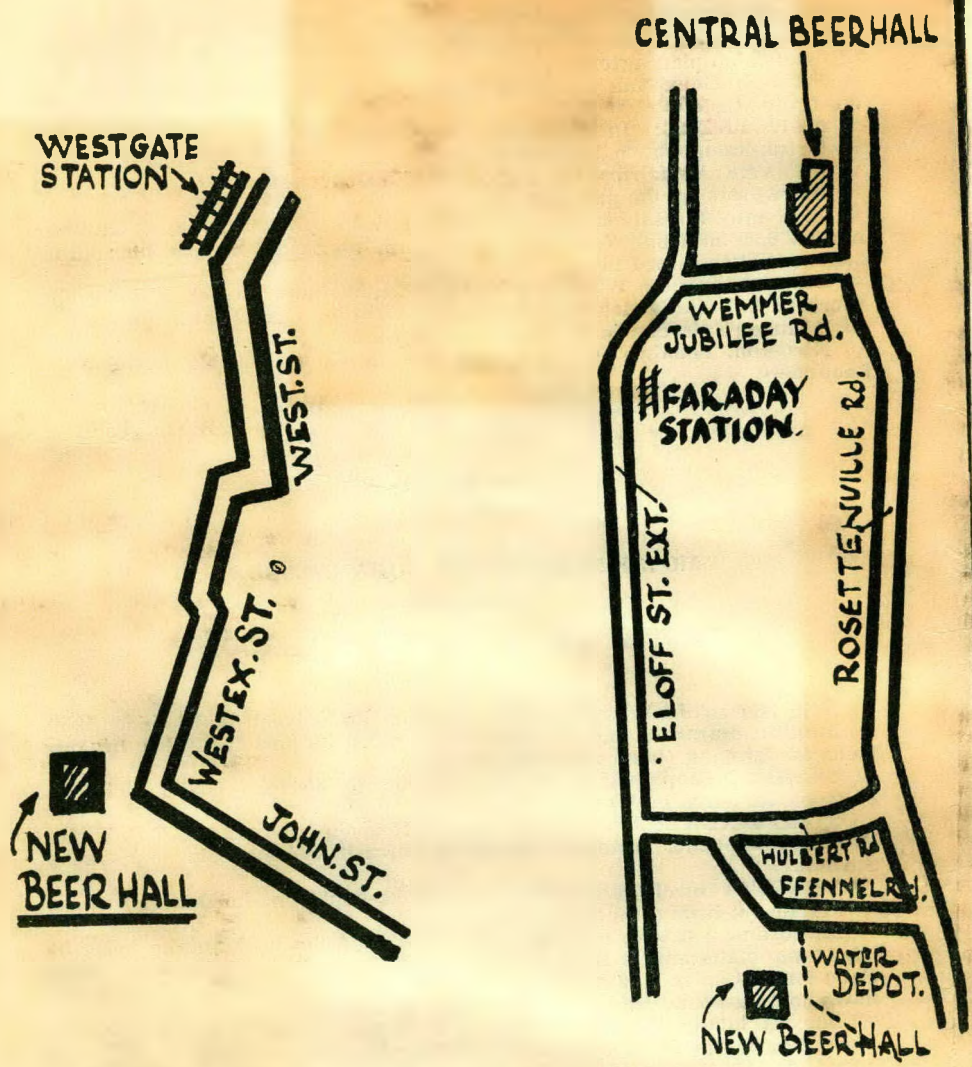
"All this could never have been achieved without the co-operation from everybody concerned, including the Government, the mining houses, and a host of officials in the council itself," said Mr. Lewis today.

"Naturally, when we open on Tuesday the beerhalls will be in prefabricated buildings and austere. But the beer will be there to drink and over the week-end our technical experts on the council will be laying on the necessary water and electricity equipment.

"Later, as the success of these halls is proved, permanent structures will be built."



The location of three new beerhalls which will open in Johannesburg on Tuesday is indicated on this map.



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Police guard at beerhall

A TRUCKLOAD of armed police stood by near the Central beerhall in Von Wielligh Street, Johannesburg, yesterday afternoon, but no incidents occurred.

The city's three beerhalls in the central area will be closed on Tuesday.

The police waited for several hours about 200 yards from the beerhall entrance.

"The crowds seemed quieter than usual and there were certainly no signs of a demonstration," a policeman said.

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

This beerhall will be closed as from Tuesday, 16th June, 1959.
Three new beerhalls will be opened on that date at the following addresses: (see plan at the back).

SELBY: Corner of John Street and Westex Street, half-a-mile south of Westgate station.

NEWCENTRE: In Ffennel Road Extension, next to the C.E.D. Water Branch Compound, half-a-mile south-east of Faraday Station.

DENVER: Half-a-mile south-west of Denver Station.

Road signs will indicate the way.

The new beerhalls will be open from Mondays to Fridays between 12 noon and 2 p.m. and 6.30 and 8 p.m. and on Saturdays between 12 noon and 2 p.m. No beer will be sold on Sundays.

Residents in the Wemmer, Mai-Mai and Wolhuter municipal hostels will get their beer in their own hostels from Mondays to Fridays between 12 noon and 2 p.m. and 4.30 and 7 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

Nobody, other than residents, will be sold beer in Municipal hostels.

W. J. P. CARR,
Manager.

UMZI WASE JOHANNESBURG

GATSHA LABANGASIBO ABELUNGU

Le beerhall iyovalwa kusukela ngolwesibili mhla ka 16th June, 1959.

Amabeerhall mathathu amatsha ayovulwa lelo langa ku address ezilandelayo (Bona ipulani).

SELBY: Ekhona ka John Street no Westex Street, uhafu mayela kuya ngaseningizimu kwo Westgate Station.

INDAWO ENTSHA: E Ffennel Road Extension, eceleni kwe C.E.D. Water Branch Compound ihafu yemayela kuya ngase ningizimu mpumalanga kwase Faraday Station.

DENVER: Ihafu mayela eningizimu ntshonalanga kwase, Denver Station.

Izikhombisa zomgwaqo ziza kukombe ndlela.

Amabeerhall amatsha ayovulwa ngemvulo (Mondays) kufikela ngolwesihlanu (Fridays) Phakathi kwamahora 12, emini no 2 ntambama futhi 6.30 no 8 ntambama futhi nangemqibelo nesonto phakathi kwe 12 emini no 2 ntambama. Akuzothengiswa utshwala ngesonto.

Abahlala E Wemmer, Mai-Mai no Wolhuter Hostels Bazathola utshwala E Hostel Zabo kusukela ngomvulo kuya ku lwesihlanu phakathi kwe hora 12 emini no 2 ntambama, futhi no 4.30 no 7 ntambama futhi ngemqibelo nange sono phakathi kwo 12 emini no 4 ntambama.

Akukho muntu phandle kwabaqashi kuphela, bayo thengiselwa utshwala ama hostel ka masipala.

W. J. P. CARR,
Umongameli.

STAD JOHANNESBURG

AFDELING NIE-BLANKE-SAKE

Hierdie biersaal sal van Dinsdag 16 Junie 1959 af gesluit wees.

Drie nuwe biersale sal op daardie dag geopen word by die volgende adresse: (sien plan agterop).

SELBY: Hoek van John- en Westexstraat, 'n halfmyl ten suide van Westgate-stasie.

NEWCENTRE: In Ffennelweg-uitbreiding langs die C.I.A. se Watertak-kampong, 'n halfmyl ten suid-ooste van Faraday-stasie.

DENVER: 'n Halfmyl ten suid-weste van Denver-stasie.

Wegwysers sal die pad aantoon.

Die nuwe biersale sal Maandae tot Vrydae oop wees tussen 12 en 2-uur nm. en 6.30 en 8 nm., en tussen 12 en 2 nm. op Saterdag. Geen bier sal op Sondag verkoop word nie.

Inwoners van die Wemmer-, Mai-Mai- en Wolhuter-hostel sal hulle bier voortaan in hulle hostels kry Maandae tot Vrydae van 12 tot 2 nm. en 4.30 tot 7 nm. en Saterdag en Sondag van 2 tot 4 nm.

Niemand, behalwe inwoners, sal bier in die munisipale hostels kan koop nie.

W. J. P. CARR,
Bestuurder.

MOTSE-MOHOLO OA JOHANNESBURG

FAPHA LA BA-ESENG MAKHOOA

Ntlo ena ea Joala e tla koaloa ho tloha ka Laboleli la 16 June, 1959.

Matlo a mararo a joala a macha a tla buloa ka lona tsatsi leo, litulong tse na tse latelang (bona setsoantsoka tlase).

SELBY: Makopanong a seterata sa John le Westex, sebaka sa karolo ea maele ka boroa ho Westgate Station.

TULO-E-NCHA: E ho Ffennel Road Extension, mabapa le C.E.D. Water Branch Compound, karolo ea maele ka boroa-boka-bochabela ho Faraday Station.

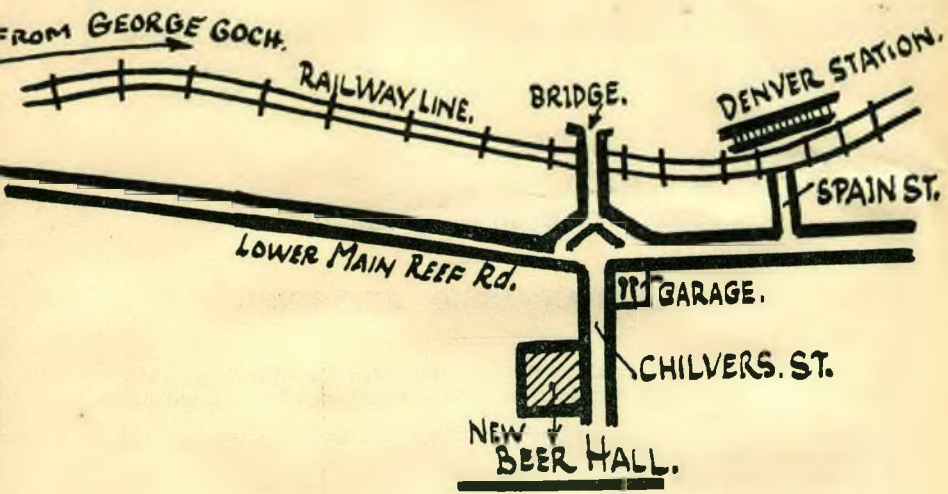
DENVER: Karolo ea maele ka boroa-boka-bophirima ho Denver Station. Matsoao-a-tsela a tla supa tsela.

Matlo ana a macha a joala, a tla buloa ho tloha ka Mantaha hoisa ho labohlano mahareng a hora tsa 12, motseare hoesa ho 2 thapama le ho tloha ka 6.30 hoisa ho 8 phirimana, le ka meqebelo ho tloha ka 12, motseare hoisa ho 2 thapama. Ha ho joala ho tla rekisoa ka Sontaha.

Bao ba lulang Wemmer, Mai-Mai le Wolhuter mo eleng lihostele tsa Masepala, ba tla fumana joala li-hosteleng tsa bona ho tloha ka Mantaha hoisa ho labohlano, mahareng a hora ea 12 motseare, hoisa ho 2 thapama, le 4.30 thapama, le 7 ka phirimana le li-sateretaha le lisontaha mahareng a 12 motseare, le 4 thapama.

Ha ho motho ope, kantlo le ba lulang li-hosteleng, ea tla rekisetsoa joala hosteleng tsa Masepala.

W. J. P. CARR,
Mookameli.



City Deep Mines North Section.

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BEER HALL STORY



Sunday Express Reporter

This week-end—the last week-end in the life of three of Johannesburg's beer halls, more than 108,000 Natives in the city will drink an estimated 50,000 gallons of kaffir beer — that thick, light-brown fluid (3 per cent. alcohol), which is the only form of "strong drink" the Native is legally allowed to buy.

To give Sunday Express readers an idea what a Native beer hall is like, I went last week with photographer James Soullier to the largest in the city, the Central Beer Hall, in Von Wielligh Street.

We needed a permit before we could go inside—and getting in was like trying to get into the Kremlin.

First, I had to see a senior official in the Department of Native Affairs.

A permit, specially dated and signed, was handed over for myself and Soullier. At the beer hall an official examined the pass and telephoned back to the department before we were taken on a tour of the grounds.

Soullier was told he could take any photograph he wished—but I must not speak to any Native or ask any official any question—not even a formal question—about the number of people served or the amount of kaffir beer consumed.

Two white-coated officials and two Native policemen walked with us as we filed past the huge vats where tons of Kaffir-corn are brewed and matured for three days.

The Central Beer Hall is not a "hall" as such; it is a large compound into which 5,000 can cram at one sitting. The biggest rush is between 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

A pungent smell of kaffir beer hung in the humid air as we pushed our way through the hundreds of squatting Natives on the stone-slabbed floor. Each had a large plastic mug nestling between crossed legs.

I examined one of the mugs. Grains of slimy, glistening corn stuck

in thick sediment to the bottom. To me the stench was overpowering. Beer is served in pint, quart and half-gallon mugs, which, when they are empty, are collected by the barrow-load and wheeled away for washing and redistribution.

The beer is served out at a long hut where customers produce

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● A lunch hour scene

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