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PATHFINDER HEADQUARTERS COUNCIL

55/35

MINUTES of the SIXTH MEETING of the PATHFINDER HEADQUARTERS COUNCIL, held in the Cathedral Hall, SALISBURY, SOUTHERN RHODESIA, on JUNE 9th, 1935 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Chief Pathfinder and Chairman of the Council.

Pathfinder Representatives

Orange Free State: Divisional Pathfinder Baron H. von Rapacki-Warnia;  
Special Pathfinder Commissioner H.F.G. Kuschke.

Natal: Divisional Pathfinder D. McK. Malcolm.

Transvaal: Divisional Pathfinder the Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield;  
Assistant District Pathfindermaster J.R. Rathebe;  
District Pathfindermaster F.J. Oliphant.

Basutoland: Mr. L.J. Burton;  
Mr. O.B. Bull, Director of Education

Southern Rhodesia: Mr. J.H. Farquhar, Acting Director of Native Development;  
Mr. G. Stark, Inspector of Native Education;  
Mr. A.R. Mather, Inspector of Native Education.

Northern Rhodesia: Divisional Pathfinder D. Maxwell Robertson;  
Group Pathfindermaster Keman H. Ng'combi

Co-opted by Chief Pathfinder, under Rule 9 (P.O.R.)

Mr. H.J.E. Dumbrell, Director of Education, Bechuanaland Protectorate;

Mr. T.L. Davis, Domboshawa Institution.

Mr. B.J. Mnyanda, Bulawayo.

Scout Representatives

Union: District Commissioner Baron H. von Rapacki-Warnia (see also O.F.S. above);  
District Commissioner L.M. Briggs.

Southern Rhodesia: Colonel T.E. Robins, D.S.O. (Colony Commissioner)

By Invitation

Kenya: Assistant District Scout Commissioner T.G. Benson.

Uganda: Mr. A.S. Foster, Education Department.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Mr. K.N. Fleischer, Honorary Headquarters Secretary; Divisional Pathfinder the Rev. E.W. Grant (Border) and Divisional Pathfinder Captain P.F.F. White (Western Province).

1. MINUTE SECRETARY: In the absence of Mr. K.W. Fleischer, Mr. L.M. Briggs was asked to take the minutes of the meeting.

2. OPENING: At the request of the Chief Pathfinder, Divisional Pathfinder Canon S.P. Woodfield opened the meeting with the Pathfinder Prayer.

3. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA: At this point His Excellency The Governor, Sir Herbert Stanley, arrived His Excellency was welcomed by the Chief Pathfinder and, in replying, he welcomed the members of the Council to Rhodesia and referred to the Pathfinder Movement as one of the greatest powers for good in the country.
4. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.
5. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:
- (a) Proposed pooling of travelling expenses. No replies had been received.
  - (b) Transfers. This matter had been referred to Divisions.
  - (c) Scout Hats for Pathfinders. This matter, which had been held over at the request of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Union, was still sub judice.
  - (d) Training Scheme. AGREED  
That this Scheme be circulated to Divisions
  - (e) Scout-Pathfinder Relations. The Chief Pathfinder reported that, owing to the illness of two of the Scout members of the Scout-Pathfinder Joint Committee and absence from the country of another, the Committee had not met, as originally intended, to consider the proposals referred to it by the last meeting of the Pathfinder Headquarters Council. In view of the Guide-Wayfarer discussions which were taking place early in 1935 and the fact that the Youth Conference (held at Salisbury prior to the present meeting) might throw light on these matters, he had thought it wise not to press for a meeting of the Joint Committee. There were now new developments which called for the Council's re-consideration of the whole matter.

After reading the section of the minutes of the previous meeting dealing with the relations of the Pathfinder Movement to the Scout Movement, the Chief Pathfinder referred to the following matters:-

- (i) Northern Rhodesia Division. The decision (announced at the previous meeting of the Council) of the Governor of Northern Rhodesia to insist upon Native boys and girls being Scouts and Guides was suspended later, and the Administration is awaiting the results of the discussion at the Youth Conference and at this Council before taking any further action.

At the request of the Chief Pathfinder, Divisional Pathfinder the Rev. Dr. Maxwell Robertson (Northern Rhodesia) read the following statement prepared by him:-

"The Pathfinder Movement in Northern Rhodesia is most anxious that the racial bar between the two parts of the Scout Movement should be removed, and is unwilling to do anything which might delay the time when there will be one Scout Movement in Africa, including all Africans of whatever colour or faith. It is unwilling however to do anything which might cause or intensify racial friction.

"With this in view, it is willing to consider either of the two following alternatives:-

(1) To become a part of the Scout Movement of Northern Rhodesia along the lines suggested by the Divisional Pathfinder in consultation with the Commissioner for Scouts in the territory. It would urge however these two points:

- (a) That the name and badges should be the same as those used in the Scout Movement;
- (b) That there should be sufficient elasticity in the combined Scout Movement to allow of Native Troops developing along lines indigenous to the country in which they are operating.

"If such is impossible, the Pathfinder Movement in Northern Rhodesia would prefer to adopt the second alternative, viz.

(2) To become a part of the Pathfinder Movement, in which case it would urge the Pathfinder Movement

- (a) To affiliate directly with Imperial Headquarters, so that the anomalous position would not be perpetuated in which we find Pathfinders in the Rhodesias part of a Movement which in reality is part of the Scout Association of South Africa.
- (b) To recast their system of training to allow of greater scope for the development of indigenous elements in the various territories.

"The Pathfinder Movement in Northern Rhodesia definitely declines to consider any proposal which would perpetuate the present position in which it is legally placed, i.e. under the control of, but not a part of the Scout Association of Northern Rhodesia without the right to the name or badges of the Scout Movement and with the name and badges of the Pathfinder Movement purely through the courtesy of that Movement. Such a position too removes the only incentive to belonging to an organised movement such as the Scouts or Pathfinders - namely, the inspiration derived from belonging to a large movement embracing boys of many countries and conditions.

- (ii) Guide-Wayfarer Relations. Since the last meeting of the Council, the Girl Guide Movement has arranged with the Girl Wayfarers Association to take over the latter Movement (in the Union and the Protectorates) as a branch of the Girl Guide Movement, but retaining the uniform and naming the branch "Wayfarer-Guide".

This has led to considerable disturbance within the Wayfarer Movement and the breaking away of certain supporting bodies in the Transvaal and Orange Free State to form a separate movement. It has also necessitated the severance of the two Rhodesias from the Southern sections.

- (iii) Dutch Reformed Church Movement. As a result of the Wayfarer-Guide development, the Dutch Reformed Church Mission Synod in the Orange Free State called a conference on "Youth Movements among the Natives" to which the Pathfinder and Wayfarer Movements were invited, and the Pathfinder Headquarters appointed the Orange Free State Divisional Pathfinder Baron Rapacki-Warnia and Special (O.F.S.) Pathfinder Commissioner H.F.G. Kuschke as its representatives.

The two representatives then gave an account of the conference (see Annexure A. attached hereto) from which it transpired that the Synodical Committee, which called the Conference, had already taken a decision to initiate a separate movement under the auspices of the Dutch Reformed Churches. In view of the erroneous statements made by the Synodical Committee representatives at the Conference, the two Pathfinder delegates addressed a lengthy letter to the Committee immediately after the meeting, to correct the many misconceptions revealed during the discussion. No acknowledgment had been received. Complaints have since been received that Native Pathfinder Officers are being victimised by Dutch Reformed Church missionaries.

Before the close of the discussion later, the Chief Pathfinder expressed the Council's warm appreciation of the services rendered in this connection by Baron Rapacki-Warnia and Mr. Kuschke, and Mr. Rathebe asked that a record be made of the special thanks of the African members of the Council (all of whom eagerly assented to this).

It was unanimously agreed also

That a copy of this record be sent to the Dutch Reformed Church Synodical Committee, together with a copy of the findings of the Youth Conference referred to later.

- (iv) Findings of the Youth Conference, Salisbury, June 7th and 8th, 1935. The findings of this Conference, at which there were representatives of Governments and organisations working amongst the Youth of all races in East, Central and Southern Africa (see Annexure B.) were read out.

The Chief Pathfinder invited full discussion on the whole situation as now revealed. Colonel Robins said that, as the Pathfinder Constitution for Southern Rhodesia had been modified to meet the objections raised by the Southern Rhodesian Scout Council, the Pathfinder Movement there was now running as a parallel movement, subject to the control of the Scout Movement in Southern Rhodesia. Relations had been harmonious but, while eventually the two Movements might be united, the time for that had not yet come.

District Pathfinder Master Maxwell Robertson, referring to the statement read by him earlier, pointed out that in Northern Rhodesia the Scout Movement until lately had taken no action in respect of African boys. The Pathfinder Movement was started independently and only recently had the Scout Movement come forward with proposals for closer union.

His Excellency Sir Herbert Stanley, who had to leave at this point, drew attention to the difference in the conditions - political and otherwise - to be found in the various territories, and urged that no attempt be made to press for uniformity. He recommended that both Movements retain their own uniforms and badges.

Divisional Pathfinder D. McK. Malcolm suggested that, as the Joint Committee had not met, it would be wise not to discuss the matter further.

There followed general discussion, from which it appeared that the general feeling was that the matter could not be carried further until the Joint Committee had met.

Assistant District Pathfinder Master J.R. Rathebe (on the invitation of the Chief Pathfinder to express the views of Africans on the present relations of the Scout and Pathfinder Movements before the discussion was closed) made a lengthy statement and said that many things had occurred to cause Africans to wonder whether they were wanted in the Scout Movement. He referred especially to the invitation issued by the South African Scout Council for the South African Jamboree to be held in 1936, in which it was specifically stated that Non-Europeans were excluded. If, after ten years or more of experience of Pathfinders, the Scout Movement could not give them full Scout status, he thought it was time to separate.

Mr. Mnyanda said that he was doubtful whether Pathfinders in Southern Rhodesia had advanced sufficiently to justify their being made Scouts.

Group Pathfinder Master Ng'combi, in supporting Mr. Rathebe, asked in what way Scouting differed from Pathfinding so that it could be said that Pathfinders had still to advance before becoming Scouts. He had been told that Pathfinding was Scouting; if so, why should it be said that Pathfinders had still to advance to Scouting.

The Chief Pathfinder described the Joint Rally held at Capetown during the King's Silver Jubilee Celebrations, when His Excellency the Governor-General of the Union had addressed the gathering. Pathfinders were given their fair share in the programme. Nevertheless in the Transvaal and elsewhere the refusal of the Transvaal Scout Council to be identified with the Joint Rally had created considerable feeling among Pathfinders.

Colonel Robins thought that the differences were exaggerated and often existed only in the minds of those who brought them up at the meetings.

The Chief Pathfinder assured Colonel Robins that what Mr. Rathebe and he had said were based upon facts and had not been brought up lightly.

The discussion was closed by the adoption of the following resolution, moved by Divisional Pathfinder Malcolm, seconded by Special Commissioner Kuschke:-

That, in view of the fact that the Joint Committee has not yet met, the Scout-Pathfinder position be left as it is and that the discussion be dropped, pending the meeting of the Joint Committee.

Adopted, with one dissentient.

6. YOUTH MOVEMENTS CONFERENCE:

Agreed

That the findings of the Youth Movements Conference be accepted.

Findings of Conference - See Annexure B.

7. ALTERATION IN THE NAMES OF THE SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE PATHFINDER MOVEMENT - (TRANSVAAL DIVISIONAL COUNCIL):

Agreed

That the word 'Commissioner' be added to the present title of the Senior Officers of the Pathfinder Movement, i.e. 'Divisional Pathfinder Commissioner', 'District Commissioner' (and the Assistants in both cases).

8. COLOURS FOR THE THREE SECTIONS OF THE PATHFINDER MOVEMENT - (TRANSVAAL DIVISIONAL COUNCIL):

Agreed

That the following colours be used to denote the section to which the Pathfinder belongs:

Roamers.....Maroon  
Pathfinders..Dark Blue  
Trackers.....Bright Orange

9. COLOURS FOR GARTER TABS - (TRANSVAAL DIVISIONAL COUNCIL):

Agreed

That the colours for Garter Tabs be the same as above.

10. COLOURED BOYS IN THE PATHFINDER MOVEMENT: A request from the Griqualand West Division that the Council "find a solution of the difficulties arising out of the fact that the Coloured cannot be associated in the same body with the Natives" was considered.

The Chief Pathfinder pointed out that there are now several Troops consisting of Coloured boys exclusively. Here and there, however, notably in Kimberley and Southern Rhodesia, the Coloured leaders express opposition to the use of the Pathfinder Movement by Coloured boys.

He drew attention to

- (a) The Findings of the Youth Conference;
- (b) The following resolution of the Union Scout Council, adopted when the Pathfinder Constitution was approved in 1929:-

"That, with reference to the Draft Constitution as approved, it is understood that, whilst the aims state, 'to extend to all Non-European boys the benefits of Scouting', this will not debar the South African Scout Council from forming separate movements for Indians and Coloured peoples, if at any time it considers it to be in the interest of Scouting."

After discussion, the following resolution (drafted by Mr. O.B. Bull) was adopted unanimously

The Pathfinder Movement is for all Non-European boys, and, if it is desired in any instance to form a closed Troop for the boys of any

racial group, there will be no objection to it.

11. TRANSLATION OF HANDBOOK: Progress in the Afrikaans translation was reported, also a request from the Transvaal Division for translation into Bantu languages was considered.  
Agreed

That Divisions be asked to co-operate in the translation of the Handbook and at the same time undertake a revision of Rules and submit such revisions to Headquarters for consideration.

12. AWARDS: The Council went into Committee to consider awards of the Medal of Merit.  
On resumption in Council, the following recommendations were endorsed:-  
1. Ex-District Pathfinder Master T. Kuhne (Transvaal)  
2. Ex-Divisional Secretary G.W. Meister (Natal).

13. KING'S JUBILEE MEDAL: The Chief Pathfinder reported that the work of the Pathfinder Movement had been recognised by the award of the King's Silver Jubilee Medal to the Chief Pathfinder, Divisional Pathfinder Canon S.P. Woodfield, and Acting Divisional Pathfinder the Rev. J.A. Calata. He reported that the last-named was laid aside at the Nelspoort Sanatorium.

Agreed

That a letter of sympathy with him in his severe illness be sent to the Rev. J.A. Calata, expressing the hope for speedy recovery and also the congratulations of the Council on his receiving the King's Jubilee Medal.

14. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CHIEF'S CORD: The following motion from the Basutoland Division was submitted to the Council:-  
"That qualifications for the Chief's Cord be raised, so as to include a period of probation of at least one year of Social Service as a Pathfinder Master before the Cord can be awarded."  
The Division considered that the Cord was too easily awarded in many instances.  
Discussion showed agreement as to the desirability of revision of the conditions, but no satisfactory clause could be found.

Agreed

That Headquarters should draft a further clause to be submitted to the Divisions for their consideration.

15. APPLICATION FOR GOVERNMENT GRANTS: Recommendation from the Transvaal Division that application should be made for Government grants to assist in carrying on the Pathfinder work, was considered.

Attention was drawn to the Findings of the Youth Conference and the fear was expressed that with grants there would come a wish on the part of Governments to have some control of the Movement.

Agreed

That Headquarters should ascertain if Government grants could be obtained without any Government control of the Movement.

16. REPORTS: The following was the only report received at the meeting:-

Transvaal Division Report (Annexure C.)

(N.B. The following reports were received after the meeting:- Natal and Griqualand West - see Annexures D. and E.)

Agreed

That Divisions be asked to submit their reports and statistics to Headquarters.

17. AFRICAN JAMBOREE IN UGANDA: The Chief Pathfinder brought forward an informal suggestion, made during the recent meetings at Salisbury, that an African Jamboree be organised to take place in 1938, preferably in Uganda. The suggestion was enthusiastically received and the matter was left for Headquarters to take up in consultation with the Divisions, and submit a report at an early date.

18. CONCLUSION: The Chief Pathfinder, in closing the Council, expressed his gratification at such a representative gathering of Pathfinders and African Scout workers from so many parts of Africa, and specially thanked Colonel Robins, Scout Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia, for his interest in Pathfinder work and his attendance at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.

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ANNEXURE A

Report of the Divisional Pathfinder, O.F.S. on discussion at Conference on Youth Movements convened by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church, O.F.S. May 9th, 1935.

Bloemfontein,

12.5.1935.

J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Esq.,  
Chief Pathfinder for South Africa,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I am herewith submitting my report on the conference called by the secretary of the Youth Movement Commission of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church O.F.S. to be held between that body and representatives of the Pathfinder and Wayfarer Movements at Bloemfontein on May 6th, 1935.

The meeting was called for 2.30. It was 3.10 when the last of the gentlemen of the D.R. Commission arrived.

The Chairman opened the meeting with the remark. "You have asked to attend this meeting and we would like to hear something about your Movements". On this Mr. Kuschke replied that representatives of the P. and W. were asked to attend by the Secretary of the D.R. Mission Church. Further as we know nothing about what they had to advance it would be of more advantage to name points for discussion. As nothing but general remarks were forthcoming, the D.P., as well as Miss Marquard, had to request again that something concrete should be put before us.

After this it became quickly apparent that the meeting would be totally abortive.

Rev. Venter declared "that at a previous meeting on the same day, his commission had decided on submitting to the Synodical Commission the proposal to form an independent movement, that this decision had been arrived at after the discussion of the Unification of the Girl Guides and Wayfarers as reported in the Volksblad."

After this a number of points were put before us which were considered to be "foreign to the Bantu" or not in keeping with Bantu custom".

These are some of the statements made by the Chairman and Rev. Wessels and de Beer.

1. P.O.R. is issued in English only  
To this was answered that a translation into Afrikaans Sesutu and Zulu is in progress, but that the publication is hampered by lack of funds. Promise and laws are available in Sesutu and Zulu.
2. The fact that the Bantu has to learn about the National flag is unBantu, as he never possessed any

- flags.

flags.

- 3a. The children are taken away from the church".
  - b. They are induced to leave the church". (I consider this a very sweeping statement. No examples were advanced).
4. Scouts may be fitting for English people, but the Pathfinder Movement is unBantu.
5. The Scout movement, being an International movement, the Bantu are Internationalised by the Pathfinder movement.
6. The Scout movement, so also the Pathfinder Movement are non-Christian.
7. Both movements, prescribed a deity, but as the Jew, the Mohammedan, the Brama Buddhist was admissible to the movement, no Christian church could and would associate itself with such a movement. The expression "Irish Stew" was used.
8. In founding their own movement they would get the support of the Wesleyan and Presbyterian Churches as they were based on the belief in Christ.
9. Games and songs in use were foreign to the Bantu.

The delegates were hardly given a chance to advance concise answers, as the Chairman again and again reiterated that the unification of the Guides and Wayfarers made a fruitful discussion impossible. When it was pointed out by Miss Marquard that before 1940 no definite steps would be taken to bring this unification into execution and that it would then be left to the units to decide what they intended to do, the Chairman remarked that the results were a foregone conclusion "as they knew history".

Mr. Kuschke then asked the Chairman what he would do where the P. and W. existed and where the teachers were the leaders of groups and troops. He was answered that nothing would happen but that "Inspectors" would be expected to assume an entirely neutral attitude.

It would be useless to repeat everything that was otherwise said as the gentleman of the D.R. Mission clearly showed to have no interest to have matters explained to them, apart from the explanation that Miss and Mrs. Marquard had to give as regards the unification of the Guides and Wayfarers which was considered sufficient to prevent any fruitful results.

In conclusion the D.P. desired it to be clearly understood that the P. and W. had come to the conference with the best intentions, fully prepared to hear constructive criticism and to submit such to Head Quarters for immediate consideration.

The members of the D.R. Mission Church were :-

- Rev. -

Rev. J.G. Strydom.

" J.P.H. Wessels

" R.H. Venter

" J. de Beer

" Brink (Zoutpansberg, T.V.)

and 3 Native Ministers who did not speak.

I have the honour Sir, to be

Yours faithfully,

Baron H.Von Rapacki-Warnia.

DIVISIONAL PATHFINDER O.F.S.

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SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS  
SUID-AFRIKAANSE INSTITUUT VIR RASSEVERHOUDINGS

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F I N D I N G S  
OF CONFERENCE ON  
YOUTH MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA  
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SALISBURY  
JUNE 7th & 8th, 1935  
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1. This Conference is of opinion that wherever possible organisations engaged in work among Youth should undertake activities among both Europeans and Non-Europeans, more especially where the organisations have special knowledge and methods applicable to all the racial groups.
2. It is highly desirable that no discrimination should be made against any racial group in respect of full membership of any Youth Movement, even though for various reasons groups may have to be organised separately within the movement.
3. Full membership of any Youth Movement should not necessarily involve uniformity of methods, and encouragement should be given to the development of special methods to meet the different conditions to be found in the various territories.
4. The Conference suggests that where full membership of a particular Youth Movement is not feasible on a common basis for all racial groups within such movement, it would be advisable for there to be concurrent organisations within the same movement, and under the same head, and expresses the hope that such concurrent organisations might ultimately converge.
5. This Conference recommends that movements which have organisation in various African territories should encourage consultation between those interested in the

development of those movements.

6. It is further resolved that this Conference appoint a continuing committee to encourage co-operation between the various Youth Movements and other bodies represented and to prepare for a further Conference when necessary, the South African Institute of Race Relations to act as Secretariat.

7. This Conference endorses the view expressed by the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements that while Youth Movements can benefit greatly from Government recognition and protection it is undesirable that they should be directly controlled by, or regarded as, part of the administration of any territory.

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THE PATHFINDER MOVEMENT-TRANSVAAL DIVISION

REPORT FOR 1934.

To: The Chief Pathfinder for Southern Africa  
and Members of the South African Pathfinder Council.

Gentlemen,

In presenting this Report of our work in the Transvaal during 1934 I am mindful of the heavy agenda before us, and I shall therefore make this as brief as possible.

There has been a steady if slow progress during the past year although there have been few functions of a general Divisional interest to bring Troops together. There have, however, been many occasions on which District Rallies have been held, and it has been a great pleasure to me to attend as many of these as possible. Perhaps one of the most notable features has been the experiment carried out by one of our District Pathfinders on the Reef who is an Officer in the Scout Movement. On three or four occasions he has held combined camps for his Scouts and Pathfinders and these have been a striking success - so much so that campers have anxiously asked when the next camp of that nature would be held.

Our Census Returns show a slight decrease in the number of Troops and of Pathfinders, but this is due to a variety of reasons, not least to the fact that four Districts have not yet sent in their returns. When they do so I think the decrease in numbers will have disappeared. Another contributing factor is the fact that in the Transvaal the Pathfinder Movement has become so well known that its novelty has worn off and we are no longer joined by those who, like the Athenians of old, were desirous of some new thing. While this affects our numbers adversely, it also means that the quality of those who join is better, for they are the lads who know what they are in for and wish to join for the sake of the training they will receive. In this way, I believe that our Movement is far more steady than it was. Strange to say, we have also suffered from the keenness of Missionary Superintendents of Schools who have made Pathfinder experience a desirable thing in making appointments of teachers to vacancies. Many teachers have joined the Movement for the sake of getting a post, and these have weakened the spirit of the Movement. Gradually, I think that this is beginning to right itself. One other weakness may be mentioned, and that is the constant change of Senior Officers. In a country like South Africa I suppose the moving of Officials is bound to take place, but it is not always easy to replace them at once, and the result of the interregnum is soon seen in their districts. It would therefore appear desirable that officers should train understudies who could carry on in time of need.

The policy of decentralising has been continued, with the result that we now have sixteen Districts each with its Divisional Pathfinder Master and at least one Assistant Divisional Pathfinder Master, and a pleasing feature is the number of these senior posts now held by Non-Europeans who are showing great efficiency in the way they carry out their duties. One Divisional Pathfinder Master on the Reef has recently asked for his District to be divided into 5 - a confession of success which he strove in vain to hide.

I am glad to be able to report that at last we have our own Divisional Headquarters with a salaried Assistant Secretary who is in attendance throughout the day. There is also an Equipment Store attached to Headquarters and our takings average about £1 per day - an amount which appears to be gradually increasing.

Training Camps are assuming a more local prominence than formerly with good results. With smaller distances to cover it is more easy to get good attendance of local officers if the Camp is a District one, and the Divisional Pathfinder Masters are doing good work in this connection. It stands to reason that the training for Officers working on the Reef is not identical with that for those in country districts, and by the organisation of local camps each type is provided for.

The Roamer Movement is still in its early stages. I should like to see a Crew in each of the Training Institutions, but the increasing demands upon time and energy by the Educational authorities make Instructors loath to embark upon any new ventures.

That the standard of the Troop work is higher than it was a few years ago is shown by the fact that applications for the Chief's Cord are beginning to come in - a height hitherto considered unattainable.

The King's Silver Jubilee gave an opportunity for Rallies in many parts of the Division and at many such functions it was possible for the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to Scouts, Guides, Pathfinders and Wayfarers to be read.

Finally, I should like to place on record my deep appreciation of the happy relationships that exist between the Scout and Pathfinder authorities in the Transvaal, and also of the hard and efficient work done by Officers - Troop and others. Any success we have achieved has been due to their untiring efforts. For our Chief Pathfinder we have nothing but affection and admiration, and we trust that he will be spared us for many years to encourage and guide the Movement which makes so many demands upon his time and energy demands which have always been met with enthusiasm and goodwill.

S.P. Woodfield.

DIVISIONAL PATHFINDER. (TVL)

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1934

The Division may be said to have gained ground during the year. This is largely due to the fact that our last training camp has borne fruit in the establishment of new troops. The accompanying statistics show that there are now thirty-one troops with an enrolment of 835 Pathfinders.

All of these have been visited by the Divisional Pathfinder and are going steadily forward. Many camp fire gatherings have been held, and there is plenty of enthusiasm for the movement.

As is to be expected with the short school life which most Native children have, there is a considerable leakage from the troops, but new recruits come to take their place. This means, however, that first class and even second class Pathfinders are not so numerous as they should be.

Owing to the Johannesburg educational conference it was not possible to hold a Pathfinder Masters Training Camp this year, but it is hoped to do so in 1935. This is the only means by which we can expand the movement, but it is hoped that the Training Colleges will soon embark upon a scheme of training which is at present being worked out at Headquarters which will give us a supply of officers.

Our relationships with the Scouts still continue to be of a very cordial nature, and we never call upon them for help in vain.

Turning now to individual troops, it is gratifying to be able to report that both Mariannhill and Driefontein who were reported as being asleep last year have now awakened and are doing well.

New troops have been formed at Inanda, Kwa Mondli, Wagalles, and Blaauwbosch, while at Edendale, Sutherlands, Slangspruit, and Adams Practising School, 2nd. Pietermaritzburg, 1st. Umphumulo, and Indulinde troops are asking for registration.

We have suffered a severe loss in the resignation of our Secretary, Mr. Meister, who has given us such yeoman service in the past, and we cannot close without a word of appreciation of the sterling work which he has done for the Movement in Natal, during his tenure of office. For nine months we have been without a Secretary but now we have secured the services of the Rev. A.W. Cragg and we bid him a hearty welcome to our ranks.

The prospect for the coming year is good, but it demands from officers and Pathfinders a determination to be more faithful and more enthusiastic for the ideals of Pathfinding. We look forward!

D. McK. Malcolm.

DIVISIONAL PATHFINDER

CENSUS RETURNS

Troops	30	Officers	38
Packs	1	Pathfinders	824
Crews	--	Trackers	12
		Roamers	-



APPENDIX E.

GRIQUALAND WEST PATHFINDER DIVISION

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1934

Divisional Pathfinder Venerable Archdeacon J.W. Mogg

District Pathfinder Masters S.T. Barnes and the Rev.B.Chatfield

Assistant District Pathfindermasters

C. Augustus and the  
Rev. G. Mosalakae

Divisional Secretary Rev. Father A. Hartjes.

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CENSUS RETURNS

Troops - 18  
(Kimberley - 13; Barkley West - 3;  
Port Nolloth - 1; Taungs - 1.)  
Officers - 28  
Pathfinders - ?

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APPENDIX F.

C O P Y

P.O. Box 999,  
CAPETOWN.

29th, June, 1935.

J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Esq., M.A.  
Chief Pathfinder, South Africa.

Dear Chief,

On the eve of my departure for England, I would like to give you an account of my stewardship during the twelve months I have been in the Cape Western Division.

As you know, I started out on the lines suggested by you in your circular "The Training of Pathfinder Officers" which I found so successful in Pretoria, and my experience here has more than justified the use of the system in this Division.

We have now fourteen Troops, three Tracker Packs, and one Roamer Crew. The latter is part of a complete group (1st Wynberg) which you saw during your visit in May, and is doing splendid missionary work training other new Troops in the Peninsula, some of the Roamers even going so far as Paarl during a week-end to spread the gospel of Pathfinding. As a result we now have three Troops at Paarl.

A Troop of blind boys were recently invested at the Athlone School for the Blind, and we also have a pack of crippled Trackers at the Princess Alice Orthopaedic Hospital at Plumstead. Outside the Peninsula we have one Moslem Troop at Strand, three Coloured Troops at Paarl, one at Beaufort West, the aforementioned blind Troop at Faure, and a Native Troop and Pack at Langa Location.

Our appeal for financial backing to business men and others interested brought us in sufficient to warrant our opening an office and starting a badge, book and uniform stock, and we have also received donations of sufficient khaki uniforms to entirely clothe two very poor Troops.

At present we have assets in the shape of stock and furniture to the value of approximately £50, and nearly £20 in the bank. Our liabilities are an indefinite loan of £10 from the Chairman of the Scout Council, and an outstanding uniform account of £9.4.0. at ninety days.

Voluntary assistance is being rendered weekly by boys from Bishops School, Rovers, and members of the St. John Ambulance Association and Second Class Work is progressing well.

In October next immediately on my return from overseas the local Gilcape Training Centre has arranged to organise a training course for Pathfinder Officers extending over four week-ends. Only Officers who have passed their Tenderfoot Tests will participate.

I would like your permission to ask the Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell, while I am at the Rover Moot in Sweden to be present at the Divisional Rally on the Rosebank Oval in February next, on his return from Rhodesia.

Anticipating your concurrence, and, I hope, your presence on that occasion, I have already drafted the programme tentatively, and have also advised the various Troops what will be expected of them, so that they can be preparing their parts ready for a polishing up during the three months prior to the suggested rally date.

The six episodes in the Life of David Livingstone, which the Chief Scout was so taken with in Bloemfontein in 1927, will form part of the programme, and should be even more successful on this occasion, as we shall have the Moslems for Arab slavers, Coloured for Askari and servants, and Native boys for warriors.

The Divisional Council is functioning very efficiently and the attendance at monthly meetings is good. I leave on the 2nd of July and return on the 30th of September. During my absence Mr. S.J. Fort, a Scoutmaster with a long and distinguished record in the Peninsula and a member of our Council has kindly agreed to act in my place. He is very keen and I anticipate good progress. There is also a possibility that a decided improvement in our financial condition will materialise, as Mr. Fort is very friendly with many wealthy people in the Peninsula, and has just raised £2000 to build and equip a large hostel for poor children at Claremont.

Mr. E.S. Morris, a young energetic man in my own office has recently assumed the duties of Honorary Secretary. Mr. Coates, the late Secretary, is undertaking the care and replenishment of the Pathfinder Shop, and Mr. J.M. Martin, an old military comrade of mine has been appointed Honorary Divisional Treasurer.

I am keenly anticipating my return from this overseas trip in order to go ahead with the development and expansion of the Movement in the Cape Western Division, and to prepare for the Rally.

If you should find yourself in Capetown during my absence, a note to Mr. Fort, Oak Lodge, Grove Avenue, Claremont, advising him of your date and time of arrival will be appreciated.

No details of the proceedings of the Union Pathfinder Council meeting at Salisbury have yet come to hand. I should like, if possible for an extra copy to be forwarded to me. Unfortunately we were unable, owing to the financial position, to arrange to send a delegate from here. If there is anything I can do for you or for the Movement while I am in England, an airmail letter to No.222 Haverstock Hill, London, N.W.3., will always find me, and I shall be delighted to be of service.

Yours very sincerely,

P.F.F. White (Signed)

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DIVISIONAL PATHFINDER  
Cape Western

## SCOUT - PATHFINDER RELATIONS

Points made by Mr. Rheinallt Jones (Chief Pathfinder) in a conversation with Mr. F. Raleigh and Mr. P. Whiteley on Tuesday, September 10th, 1935.

1. Hitherto there has been no colour bar definitely expressed in the South African Scout Constitution.
2. The proposed wording of the new Scout Constitution now introduces a colour bar, which will be objected to by the Pathfinders who have always hoped that some day they would be admitted on equal terms.
3. The fact that the Pathfinder Movement, which extends as one movement from the Cape to Northern Rhodesia, is subject to the veto of the Union Boy Scout Council constitutes an anomaly.
4. A move to dissociate the Pathfinder Movement from the Union Scout Council is threatened in the extra-Union territories, and will be supported in influential quarters on political grounds. It will not take the form of an African movement separate from the Scout Movement because
  1. The African Native is extraordinarily keen on being associated with the Scout Movement because
    - (a) It is identified in his mind with the British Empire, and everything is done (outside the Union), to inculcate loyalty to the Empire and to cultivate a pride in its citizenship. These feelings are intense among Natives, even in the Union.
    - (b) It is, like education, a means whereby he can take advantage of the benefits of civilisation, of which he is most eager to avail himself.
    - (c) He is increasingly aware of the world-wide significance of the Scout Movement.
    - (d) It is not in conflict with the principles underlying the African age-grade groups (e.g. the Swazi "ibutho" system.)
  2. European and Non-European officers cannot see how any better organisation than the Scout Movement can be evolved. A great many of the European officers (missionaries, etc.) are themselves Scouters and proud of the Movement, which they consider well suited for adaptation to Africa.

3. The Governments in the extra-Union territories will insist upon the proposed connection with the Scout Movement as the minimum (some want no colour bar at all.)
5. The Pathfinder representatives on the Joint Committee consider that the effect of the new Union Scout Constitution is to turn the Scout Association into a closed European branch of the Scout Movement.
6. The Pathfinder Movement will probably press, for the recognition of the Pathfinder Movement as a parallel Scout movement for Non-Europeans under its own warrant from the World Bureau. By this arrangement, the present Scout organisations in the Union and the Rhodesias and the Pathfinder Movement would be members of the World Movement on equal terms, but not members of each other in Africa.
7. The Chief Pathfinder thinks that the Pathfinder Movement would be keen to retain the name Pathfinder (with or without the word Scout as a prefix or suffix) and the existing badges and uniform.
8. The Chief Pathfinder urges that the Scout Council and the Pathfinder Movement co-operate to bring about this proposal, and to approach the World Bureau to urge that the areas of jurisdiction be recognised on an ethnic rather than a territorial basis. He believes that the World Bureau would agree to the proposal if the Scout Councils supported it.
9. The Chief Pathfinder urged that every effort should now be made to secure friendly agreement on this matter to avoid racial feeling which might gravely injure both Movements. He believes the proposal will relieve both Movements from an embarrassing position, and yet give the Non-European groups reason for satisfaction in the equal status of the Pathfinder Movement with the other Scout organisations.
10. Mr. Rheinallt Jones does not consider that the admission of Non-European Troops into the Union Scout organisation to form closed Non-European branches would be satisfactory because
  - (a) It would destroy the happy unity of the Pathfinder Movement from the Cape to the Great Lakes.
  - (b) It would tend to emphasise the separateness and even inferiority of the Non-Europeans.
  - (c) It would make less possible the adaptations which are necessary.

He believes that the status of the Pathfinder Movement as a parallel Scout organisation would more easily overcome the sense of inferiority, and help to cultivate self-respect and proper pride in their own movement - feelings which the Pathfinder Movement, even under present conditions, has managed to develop.

11. The Chief Pathfinder described the variations in the methods of dealing with the various racial groups necessitated by the differences in racial feeling, and vicissitudes. For example, the Cape Coloured in the Western Province, Kimberley, Johannesburg and other centres, where they are in considerable numbers, are a definitely separate race-conscious group, and must be recognised as such by the provision of closed Cape Coloured Troops. Elsewhere the same section is subordinate to the Native group and is in consequence found inter-mixed with Natives. Again, there are Euro-Bantu groups which do not easily fall into the Cape Coloured group. In some places, Indians are found in Cape Coloured or Bantu Troops, but for the most part they must be dealt with separately. Lastly, the Cape Malays have to be dealt with as a separate group. The Pathfinder Movement has been increasingly successful in dealing with these difficulties which call for special care and treatment.

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TO DIVISIONAL PATHFINDER COMMISSIONERS:

Dear Divisional Pathfinder Commissioner,

SCOUT - PATHFINDER RELATIONS

At a meeting of the Transvaal Pathfinder Council held recently, there was expressed a strong desire that the Headquarters Council should meet in December in Bloemfontein or Johannesburg.

Apart from a number of matters of internal organisation requiring attention, it seems desirable that the Council should meet to discuss the situation which has arisen as a result of the decision of the South African Scout Council at its meeting in East London in May last to adopt a new constitution which specifically and definitely limits membership of the Scout Movement in the Union of South Africa to Europeans. Although this constitution is not valid at the moment owing to a technical difficulty, there seems to be no doubt that it will be adopted in due course. I have asked that a meeting of the Scout Pathfinder Joint Committee be called to discuss the matter, and this Committee will meet in Johannesburg on November 22nd. The Pathfinder Representatives on this Committee are Divisional Pathfinder Commissioner S.P. Woodfield, Assistant District Pathfinder Commissioner J.R. Rathebe and myself.

I have already had an informal conversation with two senior officials of the Scout Movement, and I enclose a copy of the notes of the conversation. Please regard this as strictly confidential. I shall be very grateful, however, for your views on the documents in time to assist the Pathfinder Delegates at the meeting of the Joint Committee.

Kindly also let me know whether you think it would be convenient for you and your Division to have the Headquarters Council called for December 18th, 19th or 20th. If the Council is to meet at Bloemfontein, it seems undesirable that it should be held on the 16th or 17th, for there is to be held there on the 16th and possibly 17th a great Native Convention on the Native Bills.

With Pathfinder greetings,

Yours sincerely,

J.D. Rheinallt Jones.

CHIEF PATHFINDER

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