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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE TOWN CLERK

* Mr. A.W.G. Champion,
Chesterville Location,
DURBAN.

Mr. M. Motta,
Somtseu Road Location,
DURBAN.

Mr. S. Jwacu,
S.J. Smith Location,
DURBAN.

Dear Sir,

Unlawful Arrest of Natives in Durban : Deputation
From Native Advisory Boards to Meet Native Commissioner.

I attach copy of a memorandum prepared by Mr. A.W.G. Champion setting out the matters which the Native Advisory Board's deputation desires to discuss with the Native Commissioner.

In this connection I have to-day received a letter from the Native Commissioner requesting the deputation of which you are a member to meet in Room 14, Department of Native Affairs, Stanger Street, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 20th March, 1958, and I shall be glad if you will arrange to be present.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. H. H.
TOWN CLERK.

Annexure.

The Town Clerk
Durban.

Dear Sir,

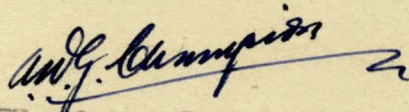
The Locations Advisory Boards of Durban wishes to discuss the following matters with the Native Commissioner: Durban in terms of their resolution that was passed in their last meeting when a deputation of three members was appointed:

1. The indiscriminate arrests of natives who are found in Durban by the members of the South African Police when walking in the Streets of Durban but cannot produce evidence to the Policemen that they are not in Durban for less than 72 hours.
2. The raids conducted by the police for natives who alight from the buses in the early hours when natives arrive from the Municipal Locations and outlying places such as native areas of Inanda Umbumbulu.
3. The two raids that were conducted at Sontseu and S.J. Smith Hostels.
4. The Blue covered Reference Books given to exempted natives.
 - (a) Their privileges.
 - (b) Their registration by the Registration Office.
 - (c) non issue when exemption is lost.
5. Conditional issue of permits to seek work for natives even those who are entitled to seek for work in Durban by the Registration Offices.
6. There is also the matter of the Bus shelters and lavatories at the bus termini.

The letter from the Department of Native Affairs advises us that the Native Revenue Account should not be used for this purpose.

The Transport Department does not want to build them. The result that is a great hardship to natives is that they suffer untold hardship because of the fact that they have been forced by the Native Urban Areas Act NO 25 of 1945. This Act also created the Native Revenue Account.

Yours faithfully



MEMBER of the Deputation
and
Chairman of the Boards meeting

Somtseu Raid Was Carried Out Properly

—SWART

From Our Political Correspondent

CAPETOWN, Friday.

THE allegation that bedding tickets were destroyed by members of the South African Police when they arrested Natives in the raid on the Somtseu Road Municipal Barracks on June 14 had been investigated but no substantiating evidence could as yet be found, said the Minister of Justice, Mr. C. R. Swart, in the House of Assembly today.

He was replying to a question by Mr. Arthur Hopewell (U.P., Pinetown) on the police raid made last week.

The Minister said that the raid took place between 2.30 and 4.40 a.m. on June 14 and 1,546 Natives were detained as suspects, of whom 1,236 were charged and 310 released.

INQUIRY

No Natives were arrested who had bedding tickets.

Asked if he intended to order an inquiry into the manner in which the raid was conducted, the Minister stated: "The police authorities inquired into the matter and according to the report submitted to me the raid was carried out in a proper way.

"It formed part of the present police campaign to curb serious crime.

"The location in question lies one and a half miles from central Durban and adjoins the notorious 'murder mile' where a number of Europeans and non-Europeans were recently murdered.

"Owing to its situation, the location offers an easy refuge for criminals."

Several Natal opposition members had hoped to raise the question of the raid in the Appropriation Bill debate but they were unable to do so because of the number of speakers in the debate and the short time allowed for the Bill.



RUSH FOR CLOTHING

At the coldest day of the year was 55.4F. as compared with Thursday—it was cold enough to go to shops for warm winter

showers fell all day, but the very strong winds which had been blowing most of the week died down considerably when the rain started. There was a slight rise in temperature.

Port Elizabeth: It was fine and sunny most of the day, with a moderate westerly to south westerly breeze and

Durban Wave Of Thefts

CLOTHING, arms, cash and jewellery valued at more than £700 was yesterday reported by the Police as having been stolen in four different crimes ranging in an area from Cato Manor to Kloof, Westville and Durban North.

A door was forced at the Argosy Store, 821 North Coast Road and cash and revolvers valued at about £200 stolen.

At Kloof, on the Old Main Road, Mr. E. M. Kidd reported that clothing valued at £100 had been stolen.

Not one Criminal was found in this raid except pass law regulations contraveners

*These are not
from existing location
but the City boundaries*

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More Seek Homes In Township

MR. S. BOURQUIN, Durban's Municipal Native Administration Manager, will probably be seconded from all his other duties to concentrate solely on the harmonious transfer of thousands of Natives from Durban's slums to the city's new Kwa Mashu Native township at Duff's Road.

The first batch of 133 houses will be handed over to the Native Administration Department on March 15, and soon after that the first families are expected to move in.

Yesterday the City Council's Native Administration Committee recommended that Mr. Bourquin should concentrate on this work and present a detailed report on how he proposes dealing with the transfers over the time it will take to fill the proposed new township, which will eventually have 11,500 houses.

Applications from Natives wanting to move to Kwa Mashu were mounting, Councillor Tom Blakeley, Native Administration Committee chairman, said yesterday.

FIRST HOUSES

There would be more than enough to fill the first houses, with applications coming from all quarters.

He said that his committee had recommended that £4,000 should be voted to pay for lorries to take the families and their belongings to their new homes.

The committee members had also decided in view of Native opinion, that Natives newly settled at Kwa Mashu should be encouraged to enter a vaccination and immunisation programme.

Although they agreed entirely with the suggested programme there should not be any compulsion about it, he added.

RACIALISM WORRIES BUSINESS

NEW YORK, February 20.

Racial segregation is imposing a three-fold economic burden on the Southern States, the most backward area of the United States, since the Civil War ended their slave-owning prosperity 100 years ago.

Businessmen in the South are worried by:

1. The great migration northwards of Negroes, which is depleting the labour force of the South;

2. A series of boycotts of local firms by militant Negro groups;

3. The cost of segregation itself.

Since 1940 more than 3,000,000 of the nation's 17,000,000 Negroes have left the farms of the South for the cities of the North, and the trek is increasing.

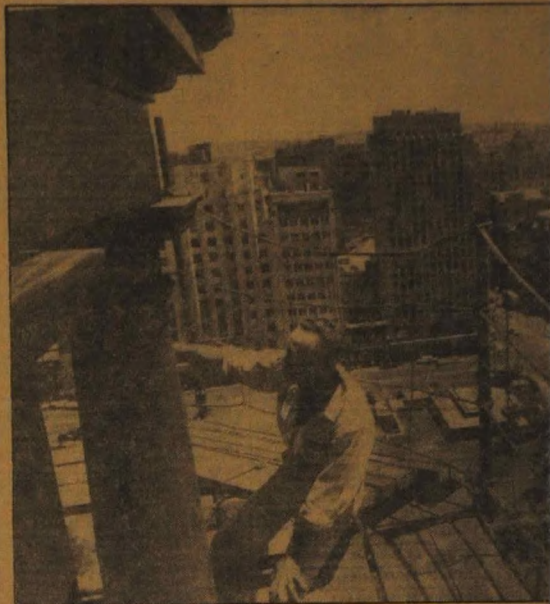
MOVE TO NORTH

A recent poll of Southern Negroes indicated that another 1,500,000 are considering moving north.

Those who remain are the lifeblood of many a small businessman.

In the little town of Tuskegee, Alabama, Negroes, incensed by restrictions on their right to vote, boycotted White merchants for several months—and the town's only cinema closed, two grocers' shops put up their shutters and a firm of hardware stores closed down.—(Sapa-Reuter.)

Cleaning For City Hall



PART of the clean-up of the Durban City Hall entails the repainting of the wooden cupola above the main dome of the building. Seen working on this job is Mr. C. Hamilton, who commands a fine view of the centre of the city. The intersection of Gardiner and West Streets is in the centre-right of the picture. A special scaffold has been built around the wooden structure and the sides have been roped to prevent what would be an almost certainly fatal fall.

GRAAFF TO S.A.

From Our Own

"I FIRMLY BELIEVE that no Election been more important for Africa and I appeal to them to consider the vote they will give to Sir de Villiers Graaff, leader of the U.P.

He was addressing the biggest, and most enthusiastic United Party meeting that has been held on the West Rand for 10 years.

Sir de Villiers spoke in the Roodepoort Town Hall, which was packed to the roof long before he arrived, and arrangements had to be made for his speech to be broadcast to the crowd outside that could not gain admittance.

For the first time in the election campaign, Sir de Villiers made a special appeal to the women of South Africa—"the backbone of the country, and the corner-stone on which every family is built"—to consider the crucial issues that lay before them.

FAMILY'S FUTURE

"Before she makes her cross on the ballot paper every woman will have to decide whether she can entrust not only the future of South Africa, but equally important, the future of her family, her husband and her children, to the Nationale Party.

"She will have to weigh up what has happened to her family budget after 10 years of Nationalist Government. Whether, in fact, the Nationalist Government has made life easier or more difficult for her and her family."

CHANGES

Sir de Villiers said that every woman, before casting her vote, should give thought to the change that had come about in her life since the advent of the Nationalist Government.

"In the struggle to make ends meet, the woman has undoubtedly played the role of a hero."

Venezuela Goes Caracas

CARACAS, February 20.

VENEZUELANES counted five people killed and about 1,000 injured after two days of riotous pre-Lenten carnival celebrations. Four people died and 534 were injured in Caracas alone as gangs roved the streets and pelted pedestrians, cars and buses with water, paint, stones, eggs, tomatoes or almost anything that could be thrown. The other casualties occurred in various cities in the interior.—(Sapa-A.P.)

£1M. FOR ROADS IN SWAZILAND

From Our Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG, Thursday.

—Over £1,000,000 is to be spent on Swaziland's roads in the next three years, according to a recent statement in the House of Commons relating to policy decisions of the Swaziland Government.

The timber industry, in particular, is believed to be interested in better transport facilities.

AIRLINER DELAYED

From Our Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG, Thursday.

—The South African Airways DCTE aircraft from Australia has been delayed 24 hours because of engine failure at the Cocos Islands. The reason given for the delay tonight was "technical trouble."

MORE NATIVES SEEK 'WHITE COLLAR' JOBS

THE increasing number of sophisticated Natives in Durban who choose either "white collar" work—or no work—is creating a paradoxical and serious situation of labour shortages in the midst of growing unemployment.

An official of the Native Affairs Department said yesterday that recently there had been a shortage of industrial labour which had now been bridged with the issue of permits to

before they would accept a job. Meanwhile there were thousands of unemployed Natives who preferred to live by their wits if they could not "land a soft job."

Natives who were prepared to do any type of work.

There was still a shortage of good domestic servants in some areas, and Native domestics were more and more demanding electric labour-saving devices

The official said: "The reason for the recent shortage of labour in Durban is that the Natives are becoming choosy about accepting a job, and if they cannot get a 'white collar' job many of them prefer to sit around and idle their time away until something better turns up."

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