

AD1769 NATIVE ECONOMIC COMMISSION 1930-1932, F.A.W. Lucas papers

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Advocate Frank Archibald William Lucas was one of the commissioners of the Native Economic Commission 1930-1932, which was headed by Dr. John Edward Holloway. Reference is made to collection AD1438, which contains the minutes of oral evidence tendered before the Commission in public hearings.

A1 LIST OF SUBJECTS OF INQUIRY

Published list of 15 subjects, which formed the basis of the Commissions inquiry, to obtain evidence through submissions and oral evidence. The subjects were published in the Union Government Gazette on the 17 July 1930 and included the following areas, which were subdivided further:

- A1.1
- 1) Tribal and Detribalised Natives
 - 2) Land
 - 3) Landless Native Population
 - 4) Native Migrations
 - 5) Native Agriculture
 - 6) Rural Native Areas
 - 7) Urban Native Areas
 - 8) Native Labour
 - 9) General Economic Conditions
 - 10) Education of Natives
 - 11) Native Taxation
 - 12) Crime and Litigation in Relation to Natives - Social and Economic Aspects only
 - 13) Inter-Racial Relations
 - 14) Trade
- 15) Legislation Specially Affecting Natives, Considered within Terms of Reference only

Compilation of oral evidence in accordance with 30 subjects, and with reference to contributors and page numbers of transcripts. It is not clear, if and when these have been reduced to the 15 subjects which ultimately became part of the report.

- A1.2
- A1.2.1 1) Tribal and Detribalised Natives
 - A1.2.2 2) Land
 - A1.2.3 3) Landless Native Population
 - A1.2.4 4) Native Migrations

- A1.2.5 5) Native Agriculture (point 5(4) missing)
- A1.2.5a Agriculture, Notes by F.A.W. Lucas for Major R.W. Anderson)
- A1.2.6 6) Rural Native Areas (point 6(3) missing)
- A1.2.7 7) Urban Native Areas (points 7(4) & 7(5) missing)
- A1.2.8 8) Native Labour
- A1.2.9 9) General Economic Conditions (points 9(2), 9(4), 9(6) and 9(8) missing)
- A1.2.10 10) Education of Natives
- A1.2.11 11) Native Taxation (point 11(2) missing)
- A1.2.12 12) Crime and Litigation in Relation to Natives - Social and Economic Aspects only
- A1.2.13 13) Inter-Racial Relations
- A1.2.14 14) Trade
- 15) Legislation Specially Affecting Natives, Considered within Terms of Reference only (point 15(5) missing)
- A1.2.15
- A1.2.16 16) Change in Habits
- A1.2.17 17) Working Age
- A1.2.18 18) Progress or Retrogression
- A1.2.19 19) Economic condition of the Native
- A1.2.20 20) Economic Outlook of Natives
- A1.2.21 21) Family Life: Marriage Rights
- A1.2.22 22) Character & Intellect
- A1.2.23 23) Injustice
- A1.2.24 24) Undefined Laws
- A1.2.25 25) Economic Inter-Dependence: Europeans & Natives
- A1.2.26 26) Complaints
- A1.2.27 27) Men & Women out at Work
- A1.2.28 28) Missions
- A1.2.29 29) European Influence on Natives
- A1.2.30 30) Welfare Work: Public and Private

A2 GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRES

- A2.1 Two printed General Questionnaires
(Other questionnaires issued by the Commission included: Questionnaire for Magistrates and Native Commissioners; Questionnaire for Union Department of Native Affairs; Questionnaire for Extension Officers, Department of Agriculture; Questionnaire for Town Clerks)
- A2.1.1 General Questionnaire, 2 versions with notes
- A2.1.2 Typescript of Questionnaire for Magistrates and Native Commissioners

- A2.2 Replies to General Questionnaires, including the Regulations for the administration of Native locations and reserves in the Natal Province; Amendment of Grazing Proclamation

A3 SUBMISSIONS AND ORAL EVIDENCE

- A3.1 Index to transcripts of Minutes of oral evidence (see also collection AD1438 for Transcripts)
- A3.2 Name index to evidence

A3.3 Written submissions and evidence to the Commission

Various written submissions from individuals and organisations; some of the minutes of oral evidence presented before the Commission; submissions of Town Councils, State entities, Mining houses, Government departments and others, some of which include:

- A3.3.1 Report of a conference between representatives of the Union Government, the Transvaal Chamber of Mines and the Transkeian Territories and Pondoland General Councils, held in the chamber of Mines Building, Johannesburg, on Friday, 30th November 1928. The report covers aspects like Immorality, Pass system, Cleanliness, Wages, Medical examination of recruits, Compensation and Deferred pay.
- A3.3.2 Report of Commission of Enquiry - Native riots at Durban, by d. de Waal, Commissioner, Pretoria, 29th July 1929
- A3.3.3 Extracts from literature placed at disposal of commissioners by Sir Spencer Lister, Director, South African Institute for Medical Research, Johannesburg
- A3.3.4 Submission by Professor Burchell about the Native Service Contract Bill, and a public address about the laws affecting Natives
- A3.3.5 Evidence tendered on behalf of the Municipality of the City of Kimberley, including amongst others:
 - A3.3.5a Submissions by W.I. Macdonald, Superintendent of Native Locations, about the liquor problems of the Cape Province; further evidence by Sol Plaatje, Social Worker; Rev. Likhing, G.W. Branch of the African National Congress. February 1931
 - A3.3.5b Other submissions from Kimberley
- A3.3.6 Various submissions, explaining proclamations and laws, including: the Native Reserves Management Ordinance; Proclamation providing for the protection of Natives of the Bechuanaland Protectorate; Duties assigned to Native Commissioners; Proclamations and regulations issued under Native Administration Act of 1927; Draft Proclamation, Chapter X for Lobolo
- A3.3.7 Various other submissions

A4 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence mainly relating to submission to the Commission on a variety of subjects, such as housing, cow milk yields, wages, health, beer brewing, and many others, including amongst others:

Letter by Henry Maleke, District Secretary of the Industrial and Commercial Union (I.C.U.) of Africa, Western Transvaal and Borders, describing the life of Native farm labourers in Schweizer Reneke, 7 April 1931; Letter by D.R. Hunt, Native Commissioner to Dr. Holloway, outlining the Sekwati / Mampuru / Sekukuni bloodline, 17 April 1931; Letter by Magistrate in Dundee correcting a passage in The Star newspaper, which was reported on the 5 February 1931: "All the Native witnesses said they believed that witch doctors could prevent Europeans from discovering that a man had done wrong", 5 August 1931; Letter by Chief Native Commissioner in King Williams Town regarding concessions to tap latex from Euphorbia trees, 18 September 1931; Letter by H.C.Meyer, Agricultural Extension Officer, Natal, with expert advise about the Lalla Palm and its economic and otherwise value of the Fibre, 7 October 1931; Letter from B.E.H. Clifford, Imperial Secretary for the British Bechuanaland Protectorate, with a copy of the Proclamation regulating the "recovery of debts incurred by Natives living in the Bechuanaland Protectorate in respect of the sale to such Natives of goods and livestock", 12 October 1931;

A4.1

A4.2

Others

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PERSONAL NOTES

A5.1

Note book no.1 of F.A.W. Lucas

Including typed notes of Terminology for the Report; and printed matter containing the Native Recruiting Corporation's "Schedule of Rates of pay and symbols to be used on pay rolls"

A5.2

Note book no.2 of F.A.W. Lucas

Including a pasted newspaper clip of the "Daily Dispatch, 28 May 1932 depicting the Native areas in the Union of South Africa, 28 May 1932

A5.3

Other handwritten notes

A6

PRESS PUBLICATIONS

A6.1

Typed transcripts of press clips from South African newspapers, mainly 1931, including amongst others the typed translation of an extract from "A man's enemy is - he himself", by John Dube, printed at Mariannahill Mission Press, 1928; and Zulu Chiefs' reply to Government

A6.2

Printed matter - cover of file

A6.2.1

Memorandum on the Inter-racial problems of South Africa, issued by the general meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers) held at Cape Town, January 1931

A6.2.2

Native Economic Commission 1931, Urban Native Areas, by Col. F.A. Saunders, Medical Superintendent of the Prince Alfred Infirmary Grahamstown, 1931

A6.3

Newspaper clips, 1930-31 - cover of file

- A6.3.1 Excerpts from the supplement of The Listener, with articles by Dr Bronislaw Malinowski on Race and Labour; and by Prof Arnold Plant on The Settler looks at Africa
Series entitled 'Affairs in Bechuanaland Protectorate', Part I-VIII (Part V missing), published in The Star, 1931; and 'Comments by a Native' to the Editor of The Star relating to the series, by Silas Molema, 3 September 1931
- A6.3.2 Series entitled 'Tropical Africa and the Union', Part I-V, published in The Star, 1931
- A6.3.3 Series entitled 'The New Swaziland' - No. 1-7, published in The Star, 1931
- A6.3.4 Series entitled 'An Objective Survey of The Native Question', 3 parts, published in Natal(?) Witness, 1931
- A6.3.5 Article entitled 'Greater Powers for Native Chiefs', striking address by Anglican Missionary, detribalisation 'too rapid and drastic', A Zulu National Council, much good in old tribal ways of life, published in Natal Mercury, July 1931
- A6.3.6 Article entitled 'The Psychology of Colour, Native policy and the fear of miscegenation', by Professor Alfred Hoernle, published in The Star, September 1931 (with duplicate pre-print for editing)
- A6.3.7
- A6.3.8 Other