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> where there 7th February, 1946.

The Director, S.A. Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 97, JOHANNESBURG.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Dear Sir,

MISSION HOSPITALS.

Adverting to your letter No. JDRJ/EH of the 14th August, 1945, and my letter No. 9 of the 22nd October, 1945, I quote hereunder, for your information, an extract from a minute No. 179/315 dated 7th January, 1946, addressed by the Secretary for Native Affairs to the Secretary for Public Health :-

"It is observed that the Provincial Administrations are taking steps to work out formulae on which future assistance to mission hospitals will be based and that it is anticipated that the hospitals will in all cases receive more by way of such assistance than they receive at present from the provincial block grants and the South African Native Trust combined. As it is not anticipated that the formulae will be worked out in time to permit of their application during the financial year 1946/47, the Department is prepared to continue the grants from the South African Native Trust Fund to mission hospitals for that year on the same basis as in the past. These grants will, however, not be continued thereafter."

This office is still in communication with the several Provincial Administrations regarding the granting of financial assistance to Mission Hospitals after the 31st March, 1947, and you will be further advised as soon as finality is reached.

For your information, I may add that the Natal Provincial Administration has advised that "it has at present under consideration the general question of hospital services in this Province. Certain Mission Hospitals are carrying out functions which will conform to the Administrator's requirements; others will be required to modify or change their functions so as to conform to the general policy; others may be of no value in the Administration's scheme. In these circumstances the Administration can give no general undertaking at this stage in

regard to financial assistance to all Mission Hospitals in the Province. It can, however, safely be said that the Administration's assistance to such of these hospitals as fall within its general scheme, will be sufficient to enable them to adequately carry out such hospital services as they may be individually registered to perform".

Will you kindly convey this information to the Christian Council of South Africa and the Mission Hospitals' Board of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Transvaal.

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Yours faithfully,

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The Director, South African Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 97, JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Sir,

Mission Hospitals.

With reference to your letter No. QW/EH of the 20th February, 1946, and previous correspondence relative to the above, I append for your information extracts from minutes received in the above connection from (1) the Provincial Secretary, Pretoria, and (2) the Provincial Secretary, Cape Town:-

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I trust that you will keep the Christian Council of South Africa and the Mission Hospitals' Board of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Transvaal posted of developments.

Yours faithfully,

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SECRETARY: CENTRAL HEALTH SERVICES AND HOSPITALS COORDINATING COUNCIL.

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JDRJ/DAR.

9th May, 1946.

The Secretary, Central Health Services & Hospitals Co-ordinating Council, P.O. Box 3879, CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

MISSION HOSPITALS

I regret that illness and absence from the office for several weeks has prevented me from acknowledging your letter of the 18th ultimo No.9, and thanking you for the information you have so kindly conveyed. This has been passed on to the bodies represented at the interview with the Council.

Yours, faithfully,

J. D. RHEINALLT JONES DIRECTOR

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Dear Sir 'In reference to your letter 2W/E. H. of the 20th Jebruary I wish to express our gratitude for the information as regard to Mussion Hospitals.

We appreciate the work that has been done so far by the South african Institute of Race relations and especially by its

secretary. mill be pleased to bear whether there are any further developments respecting financial assistance. Thanking you in anticipation your faithfully

QW/EH.

20th February, 1946.

Ds. J. H. H. Stofberg, Secretary, Mission Hospitals' Board of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Transvaal, c/o Kerk Kantoor, Voortrekker Hedenskaal, Visagie Straat, PRETORIA.

Dear Sir.

As arising out of the deputation which interviewed the Central Health Services and Hospitals' Co-Ordinating Council, on the 20th September, 1945, I enclose for your information copy of a letter received from the Secretary of the Co-Ordinating Council.

Yours faithfully.

Quintin Whyte ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

20th February, 1946.

QW/EH.

The Reverend Blaxall, Acting Secretary, Christian Council of South Africa, 2/c0. Box 42, ROODEPOORT.

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20th February, 1946.

The Secretary, Central Health Services and Hospitals Coordinating Council, F. O. Box 3879, CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir.

re: MISSION HOSPITALS

On behalf of the Director I write to thank you most sincerely for your letter No. 9, dated 7th February, 1946.

I shall convey the information you so kindly give to the Christian Council of South Africa and the Mission Hospitals' Board of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Transvaal.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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Department of Public Health, P.O. Box 3879, CAPE TOWN.

18th April, 1946.

The Director, South African Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 97, JOHABHESBURG.

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Yours faithfully.

(Signed) W.S. Maxwell. SECRETARY: CENTRAL HEALTH SERVICES AND HOSPITALS COORDINATING COUNCIL. JDRJ/DAR.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Mr. Rheinallt Jones.

Many thanks for your letter of June 14th. received to-day, with its enclosure. Dr. Drewe, of Holy Cross Mission, has just returned from Capetown where he formed one of a deputation to the Select Committee of the Provincial Council. Even the Roman Catholics joined in, so it was a representative deputation.

We are fighting for greater assistance than a 50% maintenance grant. Apparently the Provincial Executive thinks only in terms of what the 2/6 tax will bring in, and are inclined to say 'We shall only get £32,000 from this tax in the Transkei, and therefore we are only going to spend that.' This seems a thoroughly bad principle to adopt, and also it carefullyignores the fact that, so we are told, the Province will get £ for £ from the Union Government.

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Yours sincerely

24 JUN 1946 Acknowledged Answered

14th June, 1946.

JDRJ/DAR.

Regional Representative, S.A. Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 1998, CAPE TOWN.

Mission Hospitals and the Draft Ordinance of the Cape Provincial Council.

I send you herewith memorandum which I have received from the Bishop of St. John's, Umtata, also copy of a letter we recently received from the Central Health Services & Hospitals Co-ordinating Council.

I have informed the Bishop that I am sending the memorandum on to you for consideration by the Western Province Regional Committee, with a view to the Committee sending a deputation to the Provincial Administration. I have, however, asked the Bishop to let me know if the Mission bodies concerned are themselves sending a deputation, in which case the Institute could join in its representations.

Yours sincerely,

JDRJ/DAR.

14th June, 1946.

Rt. Rev. Bishop of St. John's, Bishopmead, <u>UMTATA</u>.

Dear Bishop Gibson,

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I have read with great interest the memorandum you have sent me on Mission Hospitals and the Draft Ordinance of the Cape Provincial Council. I take it you know that this Institute collaborated with the Christian Council, recently, in making representations to the Central Health Services & Hospitals Co-ordinating Council of the Union Department of Health.

I am sending your memorandum on to our Western Province Committee, in the hope that they may feel disposed to make representations by a deputation to the Provincial Administration. If, however, the Mission bodies are themselves sending a deputation, this Institute, I am sure, will be willing to join in the deputation.

In case you may not have seen it, I enclose copy of a letter from the Central Health Services & Hospitals Co-ordinating Council.

Your sincerely,

J. D. RHEINALLT JONES DIRECTOR

QW/CVZ.

30th Sept., 1946.

Rev. H.M. Bennett, P.O. Box 164, KINGWILLIAMSTOWN.

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Very many thanks for your letter of 18th September. I shall be very glad to hear what developments are taking place in the Cape.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. J. Multur Mount Coke Native Hospital.

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18th September, 1946.

The Assistant Director, South African Institute of Race Relations, P.O.Box 97, Johannesburg.

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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 7th inst. reference QW/OMA, giving particulars regarding the attitude of the Provincial Administrations towards Mission Hospitals.

It might interest you to know that Mission Hospitals in the Cape have recently been circularised and Questionnaires sent to them. In the covering letter a statement is made that the Administrator has decided to subsidise private Hospitals including Mission Hospitals on a revised basis, and each case will be considered on its merits. We do not know just what this will mean and a meeting is being held at Butterworth on the 25th inst. at which all Mission Hospitals in the Cape will I believe be represented.

With many thanks for your assistance,

I am, Yours faithfully,

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QW/OMA.

7th September, 1946.

The Secretary, Central Health Services & Hospitals Coordinating Council, P.C. Box 3879, CAPE TOWN.

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Dear Sir,

MISSION HOSPITALS.

Adverting to your letter No.9 of the 18th April, 1946, I would greatly appreciate your advice as to whether there have been any further developments, for passing on to the Christian Council of South Africa, and the Mission Hospitals' Board of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Transvaal.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

7th September, 1946.

QW/OMA.

Rev. H. Bennett, P.O Box 164, KINGWILLIAM'S TOWN, C.P.

Dear Sir,

MISSION HOSPITALS.

Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd inst., asking for the latest information we have on the attitude of the four Provincial Administrations towards the Mission Hospitals.

For your information, I am enclosing copies of two letters, dated the 7th February, and 18th April, 1946, received from the Secretary of the Central Health Services and Hospitals Coordinating Council, which letters you may have already seen as copies were sent to the Rev. A. Blaxall, acting secretary to the Christian Council of South Africa.

On the 3rd May, 1946, Dr. Gluckman, Minister of Health, said in the Senate that the Provinces had agreed in principle to increase grants to mission hospitals. He added that the Free State had already lead the way and was making grants to mission hospitals on the daily in-patient basis.

By even mail I am writing to the Secretary of the Coordinating Council asking if there have been any further developments, and should there have been any I will communicate with you again.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. Mount Coke Hospital

(Methodist Church of South Africa)

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P.O. Box 164.

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN.

3rd September, 1946.

The Director, S.A.Institute for Race Relations, P.O.Box 97. Johannesburg.

Dear Sir.

As I am drawing up a statement on the relationship of Mission Hospitals to the various Provincial Administrations, for presentation to the Methodist Conference meeting in East Londonearly in October, I should be glad if you could let me have the latest information you have on the attitude of the four Provincial Administrations towards Mission Hospitals. ?

I have been in close touch personally with the Cape Provincial Administration, but have not been able to get any accurate information from the Transvaal, Natal or Free State.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance and with kind regards,

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Yours sincerely,

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13th November, 1946.

The Director, S.A. Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 97, JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Re : Mission Hospitals

Further to my letter of the llth inst., re the above, I have to apologise for referring therein to the Central Government instead of the Cape Provincial Administration, and have to amend the wording thereof to the following:-

"That it was the feeling of the Committee that the Provincial Administration, having accepted the responsibility for the provision of hospital services in the Province, pressure should be brought to bear to have this policy implemented and to ensure that the Administration provide adequate hospital facilities for all sections of the population including Africans. Therefore, the Committee urges that the Administration must be prepared to accept the control and maintenance of the mission hospitals. Should the Administration not be in a position to do so immediately, it should nevertheless make this offer to the mission bodies concerned and indicate the date on which it will be in a position to accept control of their hospitals. The response of the mission bodies to this offer should then determine the basis on which subsidies are allocated to them. To those bodies which indicate their readiness to relinquish their control, a 100% subsidy on maintenance costs of free patients should be made during the interim period; whilst those who declare their intention of retaining control should only bee subsidised to the extent of 50% in terms of the provisions made under the Hospital Ordinance."

> Yours faithfully, H-Subs' for REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

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The Director, S.A. Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 97, JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Sir,

Re : MISSION HOSPITALS.

At the meeting of the Regional Committee held on the 8th November, Dr. Luke addressed the members on the implications of the Cape Hospital Ordinance. After discussion and consideration of the position of the Mission Hospitals, the following decision was reached :-

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"The Government, having accepted the responsibility for the provision of health services for all, pressure should be brought to bear to have this policy implemented and to ensure that in the matter of hospital services, the Government, through the Provincial Administrations. provide adequate facilities for all groups, including Africans. Therefore the Committee urges that the Government must be prepared to accept the control and maintenance of the Mission Hospitals. Should the Government not be in a position to do so immediately, it should nevertheless make this offer to all the Mission bodies concerned and indicate the date on which it will be in a position to accept control of their hospitals. The response of the Mission bodies to this offer should then determine the basis on which subsidies are allocated to them. To those bodies which indicate their readiness to relinquish their control, a 100% subsidy on maintenance costs of free patients should be made during the interim period; whilst those who declare their intention of retaining control, should only receive be subsidised to the extent of the 50% in terms of the provisions made under the Cape Hospital Ordinance."

The Committee would greatly appreciate your comments on this decision.

Yours faithfully, 11. Sach.

for REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

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The Assistant, Director, Johannesburg. 21st October, 1946.

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To :

From : The Regional Representative,/Treasurer, S. A. Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 1998, CAPE TOWN.

Re : Draft Hospital Ordinance and Mission Hospitals.

With reference to the letter written to the Secretary from this office on the 2nd instant, we shall be glad if you will tell us whether or not you have written to the Mission hospitals for the information required. If not the Director will do so from this end.

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The Secretary, Johannesburg. 2nd July,1946 From : The Regional Representative,/Treasurer, S. A. Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 1998, CAPE TOWN.

MISSION HOSPITALS AND THE DRAFT ORDINANCE OF THE CAPE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th June, enclosing memorandum from the Bishop of St. John's, Umtata and copy of the letter from the Central Health Services and Hospitals Co-ordinating Council.

Mr. Molteno has requested us to advise you that the papers will be placed before the Regioanl Committee at its next meeting to be held on the 9th of August.

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