

ASSISTANCE OF MEMBERS

Members are asked to endeavour to assist the Club in the following ways :

1. By introducing new members.
2. By making use of the Club whenever the opportunity arises, especially for lunches and teas.
3. By offering practical suggestions for Club activities and fund-raising.

ONE FURTHER REQUEST

The refrigerator refuses to function and is apparently in a worse state than the Club's finances because it cannot be repaired.

If any member can give, lend or sell (on very easy terms) a refrigerator, please contact me.

STAFF.

I should like to pay tribute to Mr Nursoo and Mrs Naidoo for their devoted services and to let Club members know how very fortunate we are in having Mrs Naidoo to assist with the catering and generally to act as Mr Nursoo's right-hand man". To both Mr Nursoo and Mrs Naidoo we extend our sincere thanks.

PAT MCKENZIE.  
Hon. Secretary.



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SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

Natal Coastal Region.

P.O. Box 803, Durban.

Office: 11 Colonization Chambers,  
355 West Street,  
Durban.

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INVITATION TO MEMBERS

Members of the Institute have been invited by the Durban International Club to attend a dramatic evening which will take place on :

FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER

at 8 p.m.

at the Durban International Club, 341 Pine Street,  
Durban (Upstairs).

Guest artists will be :

1. DOREEN DONNELLY

who will present an excerpt from

"UNDER MILK WOOD" by Dylan Thomas

-and-

2. DAVID HORNER

who will present

"PIGS IS PIGS"

A charge of 2/6d per person will be made which will include tea and cake to be served during the interval.

Any member who is uncertain as to how to find the International Club is asked to telephone the Institute office for directions.

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DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB

341 Pine Street,  
Durban.

'Phone 29634

17th February, 1958.

1) REMINDER TO MEMBERS.

Members are reminded that a meeting, preceded by a Buffet Supper, will be held at the Club next Friday evening, 21st February, commencing at 7 p.m.

After the supper, Dr. the Hon. Edgar H. Brookes will talk on "The Commonwealth, 1958 - An Assessment."

We are very privileged indeed to have Dr. Brookes as our guest speaker and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend on this important occasion.

Women members of the Club are once again appealed to for contributions of supper dishes. If you can help, please phone either Mrs Morel (23633) or Miss Draper (29210).

Charge for supper will be 2/6d. and it would be appreciated if you would let Mr. Nursoo know by telephone if you will be attending.

2) MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

An account for your membership subscription for 1958/9 is enclosed.

As the Club is still desperately in need of money, it would be greatly appreciated if members would co-operate by sending their subscriptions before the end of this month or as soon as possible thereafter.

If any members feel that they are able to increase their subscription, it would be a tremendous help.

3) JOINT COUNCIL

Joint Council has extended an invitation to members of the Club to attend their next meeting at the Club premises on Friday evening, 28th February, at 7.45 p.m. Speakers will be Mr. M.B. Mbatha and Mr. I.I.M. Pitso who will report on the recent meeting of the Council of the S.A. Institute of Race Relations which they attended as delegates.

Hon. Secretary.



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DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Telephone: 29634

Motala's Chambers,  
341a Pine Street,  
DURBAN.

10th July, 1958.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

BUFFET SUPPER - AMERICAN VISITORS

A buffet supper will be held at the Club at 7 p.m. on  
THURSDAY, 17th JULY.

Guests will be Dr. Alfred G. Fisk of the San Francisco University College and a party of seventeen Americans who are touring South Africa.

They are very anxious to meet members of the Club and it is hoped that as many persons as possible will make a point of attending.

Once again, we appeal to our women members to help provide an enjoyable meal by bringing along contributions of various supper dishes. May we ask anyone who can help to 'phone Miss Draper (29210) and let her know.

Any friends will be very welcome. The charge, as usual, will be 2/6d per head.

CLUB LUNCHEON. The next Club luncheon will be held on SATURDAY, 26th JULY  
at 12.45p.m.

Guest speaker will be Mr. H.C. BHENGU who has chosen as his subject "MY EXPERIENCES AS A STUDENT AT A 'MIXED' UNIVERSITY".

Mr. Bhengū has been a student for some years at the University of Witwatersrand, where he recently completed his B.A., LL.B.

GROUP AREAS APPLICATION

As you will remember, a recent proclamation under the Group Areas Act made it necessary for all inter-racial clubs to make application for permits to the Group Areas Board.

The hearing of the Club's application took place in Pietermaritzburg on 25th June, when representatives of the Club appeared before the Board.

The application was supported by a recommendation from the Durban City Council. The Municipal representative who was present pointed out to the Board that the Club had been in existence for 15 years and that it was ideally situated for an inter-racial Club, being convenient for all racial groups

The decision of the Group Areas Board is not expected for some time.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE.

The financial position of the Club is still distinctly unhealthy. The Committee appeals to all those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions to do so immediately, as money is urgently needed for the day-to-day expenses of running the Club.

If any members are in a position to make special donations, their contributions will be greatly welcomed.

Jumble is always useful as a source of income, so that if at any time you have any to spare, could you please leave it at the Club.

The Committee extends a welcome to all those new members who have recently joined the Club.

P.C.G. MCKENZIE: HON. SECRETARY.



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DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Telephone: 29634

341 Pine Street,  
DURBAN.  
18th November, 1958.

CLUB CIRCULAR

BUFFET SUPPER - 24th NOVEMBER, 1958

A buffet supper will be held at the Club on Monday evening, 24th November, 1958, at 7 p.m.

The guests will be PETER MKWANAZI, Producer of the film "Music in Africa" which is at present being filmed in Natal and a number of the African members of his cast. Mr. Mkwanzazi will give a short talk on some of the work he has been doing, and it is hoped that a few of the cast will entertain members with some of the items in their repertoire.

The charge for supper will be 3/- per head. Would you please telephone Mr. Nursoo (29634) and let him know if you will be attending.

CATERING

The Executive Committee has recently devoted a great deal of attention to the catering facilities offered by the Club, and the acquisition of a refrigerator has made it possible for the standard and variety of meals to be improved. Curry will still be available every day, and chutneys, pickles, etc., will also be served. In addition, the menu has been enlarged to include a variety of other luncheon items for the benefit of members who do not wish to have curry. A number of cold desserts have been included, and minerals, iced orange, etc., are once again available. Prices are very reasonable, and members are urged to make as much use as possible of the catering facilities.

SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions from members regarding the improvement of the Club and its amenities will be welcomed by the Committee, provided that no undue expense is involved. Offers of assistance from members in putting ideas into operation will also be greatly appreciated. To make discussion easier, members with suggestions are asked to put these in writing and send them to the Secretary, Mr. P. McKenzie, P.O. Box 1110, Durban.

NEW MEMBERS

New members of the Club are urgently needed, and we appeal to you for your assistance. Application forms are available from Mr. Nursoo.

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Field Officer,  
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,  
P.O. Box 803,  
DURBAN.

3 April 1959.

Dear Mary,

The Counsel for the applicants in the case you mention which was reported in the Natal Mercury of 25 March were : Mr. H.J.B. Vieyra, Q.C. and Mr. L. Le Grange. Their addresses are both: His Majesty's Buildings, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.

It would be wonderful if the International Club found that this judgment applied also to them.

Yours sincerely,

Z.E. Zimmerman (Mrs)

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**SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS** (INCORPORATED)  
(NATAL COASTAL REGION)

TELEPHONE 29210.

11 & 12 Colonization Chambers,  
335 West Street,  
Durban.

31 MAR 1959

TELEGRAMS:  
"UBUNTU"  
P.O. Box 803.

25th March, 1959.

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

Dear Muriel,

The decision of the Supreme Court T.P.D.) reported in this morning's issue of the Mercury (copy attached) may be in point for the International Club, as its application for a permit was refused without reasons given and notwithstanding the fact that it was supported by the Municipality. The Club's Legal Sub-Committee is meeting at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow to consider whether to follow this up. (It has previously studied the legal position, but could suggest no grounds for appeal). Would it be possible for you to find out the name of Counsel who represented the applicants in the reported case, as the Club may decide to obtain an opinion from him.

Yours sincerely,

Mary.



Report from Natal Mercury - 25th March, 1959.

GROUP AREAS DECISION SET ASIDE. (Pretoria, Tuesday)

A refusal by the Group Areas Board to grant an Indian company a permit to let flats to members of the Indian group was set aside in a judgment before the Supreme Court, Pretoria, today.

Mr. Justice Marais remitted the application for a permit to the chairman of the Board (Mr. G. de Vos Hugo) for proper consideration and taking into account the rule that the applicant should be advised of all adverse considerations that the chairman considered to be such.

Not applied

The Judge found that the rule audi alteram partem (hearing the other side) had not been applied.

The applicants were Sundarjee Investments (Pty) Ltd., of Kruger Street, Louis Trichardt, five owners of a property (forming the subject of the application) on the corner of West Street and Market Street, Johannesburg.

The chairman of the Group Areas Board and the Minister of the Interior were cited as first and second respondents.

The Governor-General in 1951 declared that the provisions of the Group Areas Act should be applied to this Johannesburg area from March 31, 1951, said the application. It thereupon became necessary to obtain a permit to let the flats concerned to Indians.

Twice Refused

The application was refused and later an inquiry was held by the Board, after which the application was again refused, no reasons being given.

A subsequent appeal to the Minister of the Interior was dismissed. On being asked for the reason for the refusal the chairman of the Board had intimated that he had no intention of furnishing the reasons for his decision. - (Sapa.)



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Natal Committee,  
Group Areas Board,  
158 Longmarket Street,  
(Private Bag 1000),  
PIETERMARITZBURG.

8 Dec 1958

The Hon. Secretary,  
Durban International Club,  
341 Pine Street,  
DURBAN.

Sir,

Application for a Permit under the Group Areas  
Act : Durban International Club.

I have to inform you that -

- (a) The Hon. the Minister of the Interior has refused your application for the issue of a permit authorising members of the WHITE, COLOURED and CHINESE groups to occupy the club room and adjoining kitchen on the top floor of the building on Sub 3 Block E and the remainder of Sub AB of Lot 3 Block E, both of the Town of Durban No. 557;
- (b) The Hon. the Minister of Bantu Administration and development has refused your application for the issue of a permit authorising members of the NATIVE group to occupy the said club room and kitchen.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY : Natal Committee.  
KM/CM



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closing down Inter-  
national club  
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December 19, 1958.

under "D"

Miss Mary Draper,  
11-12 Colonization Chambers,  
355 West Street, Durban.

Dear Mary,

(1) From the Rand Daily Mail, December 18, 1958. I told Hansi that I had done this.

(2) Sub-leader of same date.

Hansi's statement got front page treatment here in one paper and other page treatment in another.

Hope to see you in Cape Town.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosures.

Quintin Whyte  
DIRECTOR



MB/27/1

13th December, 1961.

Dr. E. Roux,  
Department of Botany,  
University of the Witwatersrand,  
Milner Park,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Eddie,

Thank you so much for the minutes of the  
International Club. They are a most valuable acquisition  
to our library, and it was so kind of you to think of us.

Yours sincerely,

MURTEL HORRELL (MISS)  
RESEARCH OFFICER.



A/S/27/1

30th January, 1959.

Professor M. B. Naidoo,  
Associate Professor of Geography,  
Trenton State College,  
NEW JERSEY : U.S.A.

Dear Professor Naidoo,

Thank you for your letter of Jan. 3, 1959.  
It was very pleasant to hear from you and to hear that  
you would be returning to South Africa. Your letter  
arrived at one of my busiest periods and it is only now  
in an interval between "busyness" that I can acknowledge  
it.

Please do let me know when you return and  
please do let us call on you for assistance. We need it,  
and as much more as we can get.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,  
DIRECTOR.



Trenton State College. N.J.

January 3, 1959.

Dear Dr. Quentin Whyte,

I am not sure that you remember me although we met on two different occasions. Both these occasions were connected with the work of the Institute in Durban. If you have difficulty in remembering me, I won't be surprised. In your position, it is hardly expected you would remember everyone you met.

In Durban, I was Vice Principal of Sastri College and an Executive member of the International Club. Mr. Lazarus wrote to say that the Minister has ordered the closure of the Club. This is indeed a catastrophe.

When one recalls the part played by the Club in providing a bridge in our multi-racial society and remembers too its laudable achievements over the years, the order to close it down is to be deplored. I had hoped when I was in Durban that the Minister would allow the Club to continue through the issue of a Permit renewable from time to time. But he has decided otherwise. My American friends here with whom I discussed the situation regard the Minister's decision as monstrous and incomprehensible. My own feelings on the matter I hesitate to express. 'Despicable' is but to state it mildly. However, far removed as I am from the South African scene my desire to return to Durban this year, notwithstanding the requests to stay longer, is determined by the fact that I have a responsibility towards the peoples of South Africa. It is my firm conviction that the forces of Evil will yield ultimately to the superior forces of Truth & Justice. This realization will have as a basis the goodwill and understanding of all true South Africans amongst whom you will assuredly hold an honored position. Your labours towards a better South Africa will not be overlooked and there will be many well-wishes both there and abroad who will honour you and your associates for your dedicated services towards peaceful co-existence in South Africa. With greetings and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

W. B. Mairor.

(Associate Professor of Geography)  
Trenton State College.



M. B. Naidoo  
Trenton State College,  
Trenton, N. J.



**AIR LETTER  
AÉROGRAMME**

**VIA AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION**

*Dr. Quentin Whyte,  
c/o. Secretary, S. A. Inst. of Race Rel.  
203-205 Porce Street,  
Cape Town,  
Union of South Africa.*

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