JRA/CT.

The Regional Representative,
P.O. Box 1998,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Mr. Moltene,

I am sorry that I was not able to attend to Mrs. Sachs letter of 4th July before going to Durban. I am now writing to the Pharmacy Board for figures of apprenticeships registered during the last five years.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR
1st August, 1947.

The Registrar,
S.A. Pharmacy Board,
110, S.A. Mutual Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

REGISTRATION OF APPRENTICESHIPS.

I shall be most grateful if you can supply me with figures of the total number of pharmaceutical apprenticeships registered by you since the beginning of 1943, and if you will indicate whether any of these apprentices have been Non-Europeans.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR
Dear Sir,

Further to your enquiry of 5th April and my reply thereto dated April 16th, the Acting Director has asked me whether you enrolled as a member of the Institute and at his suggestion I am writing to you again in the hope that you will decide in favour of supporting our work financially.

In recent years there has been an awakening of the Public's consciousness with regard to the lack of facilities - educational, recreational, etc. - for the Non-European section of South Africa's population and as a result the demand for the Institute's services has increased out of all proportion to its ability to provide these with the limited staff and resources at its disposal. It is imperative that we obtain greater financial support to expand our work. By becoming a member you can assist materially in the task the Institute has set itself.

I am enclosing, again, a folder describing our activities and containing an application-form for membership. I also enclose, for your information, a brochure which will help you to reach a decision on how you can actively assist, in Johannesburg, to promote racial goodwill - the brochure of the Johannesburg Joint Council of Europeans and Africans.

On October 14th the Institute is holding its first Street Collection and I would be grateful if you would send me the names of any persons willing to assist.

Yours very truly,

E. ELLENBERGER,
SECRETARY.

/ENCLOSURES.
Dear Dr. Ashton,

NON-EUROPEAN PHARMACISTS.

I think it is time we get together again on this subject, as our enquiries from this end do not seem to have taken the matter very much further.

After writing to all the pharmacists in the Johannesburg classified Directory, I have not found one who will apprentice a Non-European. A man from the "Star" rang me up recently, however, and told me that he had made random enquiries from a few pharmacists in predominantly Non-European areas, and that he had found one who would be willing to apprentice a Non-European. He could not however remember who it was.

Would it be possible for you, through your Department, to find out the names and addresses of pharmacists in or near Sophiatown, Newclare, Ophirton, Western Native Township etc.? I do not want to bother the Pharmacy Board again just at present, as they must be pretty sick of getting letters from me.

I attach, for your information, a copy of a memorandum from the Institute's Cape Town Office. Note para. 1 (c) which states that attendance at a technical college is not obligatory. I want to check on this, and if it is so, we may be able to get one man started without having a protracted struggle to get classes going at the Technical College.

In view of the opinion expressed in para. 2 of the memorandum, I have written to the Pharmacy Board to get the number of apprenticeships registered over the last five years to see whether there is in fact a general disinclination to accept apprentices.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR
P.O. Lingenhofen, G.P.
August 18th, 1935.

The Institute of Race Relations,
Ormed 97
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I understand the Institute is anticipating to open a course of training of non-Europeans as Chemists and I should be glad if you will let me know what the minimum education qualification is required for this apprenticeship.

Yours faithfully,

I. D. Salomans.

& add that

the minimum qualification is not.
5th August, 1947.

Dr. H.J. Simons,
P.O. Box 594,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Dr. Simons,

NON-EUROPEAN PHARMACISTS.

On reading through your memorandum on the training of Non-European pharmacists I noticed that in para. 1 (c) you state that "attendance at a technical college is not obligatory". Are you quite sure of this? I was under the impression that such attendance was obligatory; this has been the main stumbling block to progress in this matter.

If such attendance is not obligatory, can you tell me what other facilities, if any, exist for taking the theoretical part of the course?

I shall be most grateful for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR

W.D. Ngovane, Esq.,
Stand No. 464,
6th Street,
Germiston Location,
GERMISTON.

Dear Sir,

NON-EUROPEAN PHARMACISTS.

With reference to your letter of 31st July I write to say that the newspaper reports on the training of Non-European pharmacists were somewhat misleading. The position is that should a sufficient number of Non-Europeans be taken on as pharmaceutical apprentices, the Technical College will consider providing the theoretical training for them.

So far the response to the letter sent out to local chemists has been absolutely nil, and the possibility is that the scheme will not come to fruition.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR
Dear Sir,

NON-EUROPEAN PHARMACISTS.

With reference to your letter of 18th June I write to say that the newspaper reports on the training of Non-European Pharmacists were somewhat misleading. The position is that should a sufficient number of Non-Europeans be taken on as pharmaceutical apprentices, the Technical College will consider providing the theoretical training for them.

So far the response to the letter sent to local chemists has been absolutely nil, and the possibility is that the scheme will not come to fruition.

The minimum qualification is Matriculation Certificate.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte

ACTING DIRECTOR
Dr. Galloway, Fort Hare, L.C.P.

In reply to your letter of 2nd August, I have received the following information from the Registrar of the S.A. Pharmacy Board.

1. There is no colour bar in the regulations of the Board, and anyone who fulfills the necessary qualifications may be registered with the Board and may set up in practice.

2. The only overseas qualification recognised by the Board is the Qualifying Certificate of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. The holder of this certificate must have sat for the examination and not acquired it by virtue of any other qualifications.

3. A pharmacist from Britain who holds the Qualifying Certificate must apply to the Registrar of the S.A. Pharmacy Board, P.O. Box 205, Pretoria, for admission to the Register, and must produce the actual Qualifying Certificate when doing so. Mere proof of membership of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain is not sufficient.

4. Once he has been accepted on the Register, he must then apply to the local licensing authority for a licence to practice as a pharmacist.

5. The Witwatersrand University does not provide the qualifying course for pharmacy students; the first year of the qualifying course corresponds with the first year B.Sc. Course and may be taken at any University - it must include Physics, Chemistry and Botany. The Witwatersrand Technical College provides the full qualifying course, but at present no facilities exist for Non-European students.

6. The period of apprenticeship for pharmacists is 3 years. No reduction is made in this period for students holding a B.Sc. degree or who have successfully completed the qualifying course. However, students who hold the B.Sc. degree are exempted.


ALICE, C.P.

Dear Scottie,

I am pleased to inform you that your request to be registered has been granted. Please make arrangements to be here for your examination.

Yours sincerely,

PHARMACY TRAINING.
exempted from the first year of the qualifying course.

Our enquiries from local pharmacists have produced an entirely negative response, and it does not seem that there is much change of our getting pharmacy training started for Non-Europeans. We have referred the matter to the Minister of Health, who has promised to place it before a sub-committee of the National Health Council.

I have asked the Registrar of the Pharmacy Board to send you a copy of the regulations of the Board.

With best wishes and regards to Anne from both of us.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

ACTING DIRECTOR

Registrar of the Pharmacy Board
THE S.A. INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS.

Fund and Membership Appeal.

The Secretary,
Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Please accept my cheque for £ 1 : 1 : 0,
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Signed T. H. ELLIOTT.

NAME (Block letters) T. H. ELLIOTT.
ADDRESS (Block letters) 33 BELVISTA FLATS
LOUVANOY STREET JHB

Date 7 47

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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 8th April 1947, and have pleasure in giving you the following information regarding the activities of the Institute.

The Institute of Race Relations came into being about eighteen years ago, and its main object is to encourage, work for and foster peace, goodwill and practical co-operation between the various sections and races of the population of South Africa. It is the only body of its kind in the country, and it is strictly non-political and non-profit-making.

It is a fact-finding organisation and as such expresses the truth fearlessly and its services are free to all who desire to use them. (It has built up a library containing information on South African problems which is constantly used by economic and sociological experts, and which is available to the public). The Institute's publications and activities have had considerable influence upon official policy and upon public opinion, and it has always been one of the sources of liberal thought and progressive action.

I am enclosing a three-page folder in which the activities and achievements of the Institute are briefly set out, and on page 3 you will find full details of membership. I enclose also a copy of the most recent monthly publication "Race Relations News" which will interest you.

Your letter has been passed on to the Acting Director who will deal with the second paragraph in more detail.

I look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours faithfully,

E. Ellenberger,
SECRETARY.
The Secretary,
Transvaal Teachers' Association,
62a Progress Buildings,
156 Commissioner Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of 28th July informing me of the resolution passed at your Conference in support of the training of Non-Europeans as pharmacists. I regret not having replied sooner.

Our enquiries regarding the possibilities of training have not proved at all hopeful, as we have not yet found any chemist who will apprentice a Non-European. In fact, very few European apprentices are being taken on at present.

The Institute has also referred the matter to the Hon. the Minister for Health, who has promised to refer it to a sub-Committee of the National Health Council.

Yours faithfully,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR
26th August, 1947.

T.H. Elliott Esq.,
33, Delvista Flats,
Loveday Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I write with reference to your letter of 6th August which our Secretary has already acknowledged. I am very grateful for your offer of assistance in getting the pharmacy course started for Non-Europeans.

Dr. Hugh Ashton of the Municipal Non-European Affairs Department is at present assisting with a survey of pharmacists in the predominantly Non-European areas of Johannesburg in an effort to ascertain apprentices. Until we have some indication as to whether any will do this, no further steps can be taken.

I shall be very glad to meet you and discuss the matter further. Please be good enough to give me a ring and suggest a suitable time and date.

Yours truly,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR
NON-EUROPEAN PHARMACISTS.

With reference to your letter JRA/CT of 5th August, Dr. Simons has instructed me to reply as follows.

The Medical, Dental & Pharmacy Act (Act 13, 1928) required apprentices to attend a "recognised school" of pharmacy. Such recognised courses exist at the Technical Colleges of Pretoria, Johannesburg, Capetown and Durban, and also at Porchefstroom College. The Pharmacy Board is the authority to recognise courses.

Dr. Simons did not mention any other "recognised schools" where the theoretical part of the course might be taken.

Yours faithfully,

for Regional Representative.
My Dear Quint and Mada,

Before I give you any news I will be grateful if you could give me information on the following.

Last session I saw in the press that Africans may now train as Chemists, I mentioned this today, and this evening a Form 5 lad came seeking information, he is promising, a keen student, but I think poor. His subjects are Maths, Physical Science, Zoology, Latin, Xhosa, Eng. He took P.L. before going to the H.S. and is a very keen student.

We have just finished a six day inspection, three in H.S. and 3 in T.S., Jack Dugard, and Scheepers, Jack's first visit as Inspector, he is as good an Inspector as he was Principal. They were very pleased. Tomorrow they start at Lovedale.

We have a particularly good staff at the moment. Seaton Jacques returned as soon as he knew Jock had left, his wife and children will sail soon from England.

Dale the new T.S. Head is a fine chap and doing well, the place is as quiet as it was noisy.

Enid and Lionel Webster may be going to Butterworth, two boys ready for school, his parents arrived from Eng. some months ago, and have bought a house in Ft. Beaufort.

Allan Sire I hear has accepted a post in some Gov. Dept. in Pretoria.

Mrs. Grant has been very ill with tick fever and is taking a long time
to regain her strength. The Gov. is well and is doing a grand job here when we can get the building permits several additions will go up, for increased comfort, not numbers, in fact he has reduced the numbers. Macquary of Lovedale has been appointed Inspector, just waiting the Public Service Commissions. O.K., they are in a sad state of nerves over them and not at all looking forward to Cardinal Wolseys return (Dr. Sheppard my name for him.

We have some very fine Afrikaanse folks on the staff, doing a good job. Mr. Mokitimi returned from Canada last week, we are looking forward to hearing him, he spent some days at Taskegi, and I understand saw something of the negro farming round there, could perhaps give you some valuable information, and impressions. Mrs. Mok. is now doing Margret's work, Margret left us in April. A native nurse runs both sick rooms. A Dr. comes up twice each week, sees students, staff, and village people. Hospital expenses and Ops. are now included in the students fees, another of the Govs brain waves and saves the parents a lot.

Gordon writes his second year medical in Sept. I hope he does well. Peter Gordon was in Ft. Beaufort, I had an invitation to the do, but did not attend, my regards tom Ann when next you see her.

I keep fit, but terribly tired, and dont want to take leave till I can go overseas. Two and a half more years will be fift five, and have been thinking I could take my pension, and do something in Social Service, or Adult Educ. although I know nothing of either, but I feel a change might be good, for me. I took too much out of myself
The Missionary Institution,
Healdtown,
Fort Beaufort, C.P.

during the war years.

We are badly in need of rain for the sprouting wheat, I do hope we get a good crop this year, the natives need it badly.

I hope to go to Durban in Dec. and go with my folks to the hotel of the valley of 1000 hills, it is wonderfully cool and restful out there, then spend a couple of days in Johannesburg either going or on the return, will try to see you then.

You don't know of a missionary minded book keeper, we need one badly, have a secretary, but need two folks in the office.

Trust this finds you both very fit, also the home folks, poor souls they are having a rough time.

Trimming a hedge I got a poisoned hand but it is doing well since the Dr. Cut it.

Bob Crozier has a lovely baby daughter, they are very happy, and he makes an amazing husband, I could never have thought it possible.

All kind thoughts, and my thanks in anticipation of information for the budding chemist.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, I have to inform you that the total number of apprentices registered by this Board from the beginning of 1943 to date is 620.

I regret that I am not in a position to state whether any of those apprentices registered have been Non-Europeans, as no distinction is made by this Board as to race, creed or colour. As far as I am aware, however, no Non-European apprentices were registered.

Yours faithfully,

REGISTRAR.
The Registrar,
S.A. Pharmacy Board,
Transvalia Buildings,
Central Street,
PRETORIA;

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter Ref. JJ/RC, dated 30th August, for which many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR'S SECRETARY.
The Regional Representative,
P.O. Box 1998,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Mr. Molteno,

NON-EUROPEAN PHARMACISTS.

I have received a letter from the Pharmacy Board informing me that the total number of apprentices registered from the beginning of 1943 to date is 520. As far as the Board is aware, no Non-European apprentices were registered.

It does not look as though we are going to get very much further in our efforts.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR
Mr. Quintin Whyte,
Acting Director,
South African Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

NON-EUROPEAN PHARMACISTS.

Would you please refer to your letter No. QW/CT. of the 5th ultimo, addressed to Dr. Ashton.

I am very sorry that this was overlooked. The information you ask for is being sought, and will be sent to you as soon as obtained.

Yours sincerely,

EHA/BC.
Mr. D. Whyte, M.A.,
Race Relations,

Dear Sir,

I read sometime ago that opportunities would be made available to Africans to study for to become Chemists and Druggists, and that this idea was strongly supported by the Race Relations Institute.

I wonder how far this has been realized, and whether it would be next year.

One of my sons, Henderson whom you may recognize as he at one time was your student, is interested in such a course. He has been doing second year B.Sc. lately.

Yours faithfully,

B. A. B. Gasa
Dear Mr. Whyte,

As suggested this afternoon I am outlining the proposals made this afternoon concerning the training of Native pharmacists:

Background -

There are three factors involved -

(1) Apprenticeship and training under individual pharmacists;

(2) Academic training at the Wit, Technical College or other institutions;

(3) Examination by the S.A. Pharmacy Board.

Official bodies concerned are -

(1) The S.A. Pharmacy Board, Transvalia Buildings, Pretoria.

(2) The Pharmaceutical Society of S.A. - a professional body concerned with professional, political and business regulation of the affairs of members, wielding considerable power over domestic organisation of the profession but deriving this power from the branches which actually control policy.

(3) The Wits, Technical College about which I think you are adequately informed already.

The position as you agreed is that the S.A. Pharmacy Board, which for your purposes is a purely examining body, is prepared to examine any candidate irrespective of colour, but can make no official suggestions regarding the desirability of training and apprenticeship of natives although it is concerned in the approval of actual apprenticeship conditions in individual retail premises.

The Witwatersrand Technical College has apparently indicated that it will provide academic training facilities providing that sufficient numbers of students are forthcoming. Ultimately there should be no real difficulty in these two directions.

The real difficulty appears to be in gaining facilities for training apprentices.

The survey at present being conducted as regards needs in native areas by the Native Affairs Department of the City Council will most certainly be an extremely valuable factual piece of evidence for use as propaganda in certain directions. Possible suggestions for dealing with the problem are:

(1) The N.D. & P. Act of 1928 could be amended so that native practising in native areas need not undergo an apprenticeship providing that they otherwise satisfy educational requirements. This as you stated is not a very likely possibility since it involved political difficulties.

(2) Natives could go to England for training. The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain in its own college is already training several foreign students and has a liberal attitude in this respect. The Secretary of the Society could doubtless arrange apprenticeships particularly in hospitals. The difficult here cost. However, training fees in England are considerably less than in S.A. e.g. £20 p.a. in Chelsea Polytechnic London (for 3 years). In addition during apprenticeship which can be only 2
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