

## **ICS 94 South Africa: Johannesburg City Council, Department of Non European Affairs**

Soweto (originally an acronym for South West Townships) started with a competition organized by the Johannesburg City Council in 1931 for the design of new black townships for 80,000 residents south west of Johannesburg. Orlando ( named after the Mayor of Johannesburg between 1925-1926 Councilor Edwin Orlando Leake), was the first of its kind in South Africa and was to form the core around which other townships were to develop and eventually become Soweto. There was an increasing influx of Africans coming to Johannesburg in search of work, due to factors such as natural disasters in the country and exclusion from farm land.

This collection is comprised of photocopies of documents concerning the squatter problem at Orlando, [Soweto], 1946 including records of meetings between the Department of Non European Affairs and a deputation from the Orlando Advisory Board; record of a joint meeting of General Purposes, Non European Affairs and Special Housing Committees; minutes of Sub-Committee on squatter movements, and minutes of meeting of Native Advisory Boards with Non European Affairs Committee.

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7 documents regarding the squatter problem at Orlando, 1946. Xeroxes supplied by B. Hirson. Whereabouts of originals not known.

1. 23 Jan. 1946. Minutes of meeting between the Dept. of Non European Affairs and deputation from Orlando Advisory Board. 8p.
2. 26 Jan. 1946. Record of proceedings at joint meeting of General Purposes, Non European Affairs and Special Housing Committees.
3. 29 Jan. 1946. Minutes of special meeting of Special Housing Committee and Non European Affairs Committee.
4. 26 March 1946. Record of meeting in Manager's Office Dept. of Non European Affairs with Orlando Advisory Board.
5. 10 April 1946. Letter to City Clerk, Johannesburg from Orlando Advisory Board.
6. 2 Sept. 1946. Minutes of meeting of Sub Committee - Squatter Movements.
7. 24 Oct. 1946. Minutes of resumed bi-annual meeting of Native Advisory Boards with Non European Affairs Committee.