

Steven Sihewula was the applicant
Mr Kotze was then Minister of Bantu Administration & Development.

Letter to Dr Piet Koornhof, (Dept of Plural Relations)
20/03/79 - appealing to him to look more deeply into the matter because
"our young children and the old are dying with hunger.
Spoke of their desire of the people to return to their "native land"
"where the bones of their forefathers are."

~~After-int~~ The reply by Administrative Secretary in the Department
of Plural Relations & Development dated 04/06/1979:

by direction of Dr F. Hartzenberg, Deputy Minister of Development,
"I have to inform you that removal of residents of Black Spots is
Government policy and is carried out to give effect to the
consolidation of the Black States. To allow your people to return to
the area from which they were removed for resettlement will, therefore,
defeat consolidation aims and cannot be permitted."
Complaints in relations to pass books, permits, pensioners were local
matter which would be dealt with by local magistrate.

"People who own or occupy property of 20 morgen or less are resettled
in townships or closer settlements. In such cases provision is not
made for pasturage for livestock.

If your people go back to the Humansdorp properties which they vacated
they will only cause themselves unnecessary hardships and subject
themselves to prosecution, without achieving anything.

After judgement~~t~~ was given in favour of the Department it was
signified in writing that the people were willing to be removed
from the Humansdorp areas. This is an indication that they accepted
the Court's decision and no useful purpose will be served in
further debating this matter at this stage." - J.K. van v.d. Linden
Admin. Secretary.

Letter to the PFP this year 18/8/81 saying they "we have never heard
anything tangible since then." i.e. since Ward told them that
matter was discussed at C.T. and referred to the Dept of C&D.

2/6/81 to PFP referring to removal "which was illfavoured by the
residents of all the four reserves, Wittekleibosch, Snyklip,
Dorriskraal and Neuweplaas. "We had several meetings where this
matter was discussed and was unanimously objected and declared
unacceptable. We are stunned to get a letter from our Honourable
Deputy Minister stating that the people signified their willingness
to be removed by signing documents. All we know is that landrovers~~w~~
were roaming about and people were told that if they refused they will
be arrested, to prove that, some were taken to custody. That has caused
many to panic as we were not accustomed to go to jail, or anything
of that nature.

- * As people who were there for nearly 200 years, we were entitled to get
letters of notification, as we get here in town when anything is going
to take place.
- * Crops were left to perish in the fields and stock[^] was sold at a give-
away price; the loss was incomprehensible.
- * ~~This matter was taken~~ (Letter to PFP 23/6/80 signed Isaac J. Tembani
acting secretary.