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Passenger Registrations to E.A

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I minute this paper as the B.C. list in 1890 is not of much importance i.e. probably most if not all of these passengers are also registered with the A.C. Co. and I have not read that there are any new prospects of their leaving a service to E.A.

Taking the A.C. list as a basis, we have the following position after subtracting the numbers which will be accommodated on the "Gaska"

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|-----------------------|-------------|-----|-----|
| <u>Priority cases</u> | 1st Class : | 427 | 277 |
| | 2nd Class : | 262 | |
| | 3rd Class : | 10 | |

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|---------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|
| <u>Non-priority cases</u> | 1st Class : | 406 | |
| | 2nd Class : | 246 | 110 |
| | 3rd Class : | 14 | |

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Thus at present rather more than half of the people who want to go to S.A. have been recommended for priority.

The original object of the priority system was to aid in the reconstruction of trade and agricultural development in S.A., and to enable wives long separated from their husbands to join them. It was always considered that the ~~primary~~ urgency of the case from the point of view of the individual was far less important than that from the point of view of the country.

I think that ~~for the~~ so far as reconstruction is concerned the priority system has served its purpose. I very much doubt if anyone who is needed to restore an existing farm or business to its pre-war position and who has not at all events got this name on the priority list. I believe that all the applications we get now for farms for priority for employment are really for men to assist in the restoration of business and while that ~~may be~~ is a laudable objective, I do not think it makes a priority system necessary, and it is certainly not the object with which the

system started.

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We have thus, I think, inevitably and inevitably come to the position of considering the relative urgency of cases from the point of view of the individuals rather than from that of the Protectorate, and we have to consider applications entirely in the light of what the people themselves choose to tell us, which in many cases we have no means of telling.

As regards the women's passages, I think it is beyond all doubt that the people whom we started out to help are now all on the list. The women we are recommending at present are ~~mostly~~ mostly wives of persons going out as priority passengers or as officials, and are either going out for the first time or have recently returned to this country. In any case there are now practically no cases of long separation. The only men are those extremely hard cases, ladies who were put on the list months ago because they had been separated from their husbands, and who are still waiting for passages.

While I do not think that the shipping point will perhaps ever drop ~~point~~ altogether

at the firm's expense from the Gov. that
the application is made in good faith,
and that no local arrangements can
be made for carrying on the work.

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the (1)

(5) Doctors.

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As regards (3) above, I think we shall
be notified in booking officials wires by
the steamer by which they have to return
I am also aware that other husbands
and wives go together, as I have suggested

to write to the two companies
giving the new categories, and ask
them to make them known as early
as possible before 1st Feb., in order
that persons eligible under the old
system may have the opportunity
of applying in time.

Before we set the new agents
~~and also~~ large firms and other
institutions with whom we have a
fairly constant correspondence
to publish in the Press

20 Tel. to all S.A. Divs.

except Southland, which has to be done
separately. E.g. 9/7/20

There is no reason why the RA Dept & the
S.A. Part 2 Dept should have identical practice
in their matters, but it will be well to avoid any
flaring in court.

The only point on which I feel doubtful is
the proposal that SA should look at the names
of the ~~names~~ of officials' wives travelling with
their husbands. This does not go so far
as my proposal in the minute of which is only
as with CO/72222/19 SA, but I find no answer
to your objection on that point, and I think
the proposal must be dropped. GC must not
be charged with favoritism.

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The Jeffries' preferred category does cover
the Sol. in Settlement & other, but I think
that there may be persons, some of whom also
have been unable to get in by the special
boards but who will suffer needfully if they
have to wait their turn in the ordinary way.

This need not be a special category, but we
should tell the Government that one of the
lines may arise in need requiring special
consideration.

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Left bank of
in the end

I have allowed you to have back 5-1-14
a transfer of 100 as from the bank to bank
(see no. 1-2-11 C. below). If there had
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The Union-Castle Mail Steamship Company, Limited.

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COMMUNICATIONS TO THE
OFFICE OF THE COMPANY



2nd & Fenchurch Street
London 8th January, 1920

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

Sir,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, reference 72222/19, informing us that the question of the existing system of priority recommendations is under consideration. In reply to the second paragraph of your letter we give over page the approximate list of passengers registered with us holding recommendations from the Colonial Office and also those registered with us who have not obtained any recommendation from the Colonial Office.

The numbers given must be considered approximate only and we are unable to say at present how far these numbers will be reduced by those who will be accommodated in the S.S. "Gaika". The sailing of this vessel has been postponed until February and the accommodation is not yet allotted, but approximately she should take 89 first class and 116 second class civilian passengers. This number is after allowing for repatriation cases and Crown Agents Officials.

We are,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,
THE UNION-CASTLE MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

R. James

B. E. A. WAITING LIST.PASSENGERS REGISTERED HOLDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COLONIAL OFFICE

| | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. |
|--------------|------|--------|-----------|--------|
| First Class | 145 | 261 | 110 | 516 |
| Second Class | 111 | 175 | 92 | 378 |
| Third Class | 2 | 4 | 4 | 10. |

PASSENGERS REGISTERED BUT NOT RECOMMENDED BY COLONIAL OFFICE.

| | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. |
|--------------|------|--------|-----------|--------|
| First Class | 231 | 147 | 28 | 406 |
| Second Class | 117 | 104 | 25 | 246 |
| Third Class | 7 | 4 | 3 | 14. |

3 & 4, Benchurch St.
 Pass. Dept.
8th January, 1920.

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24 Jan. 1920

Gentlemen,

With ref. to your

letter of the 8th of Jan.,
forwarding particulars of

the numbers of persons

now awaiting passages to

West Africa, I am

directed to inform you

that the question whether

the priority system can

yet be abolished has been

considered, ~~and~~ ^{but} that it

has been ~~now~~ decided

that, in view of the

large numbers of persons

still on the waiting lists

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the U.C. M.S.I. Co. Ltd.

the P.O. S.N. Co. Ltd.

Amad 4636

MINUTE.

Mr. Jeffries 23.1.20

Mr. Parkinson 24.1.20

Mr. ~~B. H. Lambert~~ ^{Jeffries}

Mr. Grindle

Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. Road

Sir G. Fidler

Col. Amery

Lord Milner

C.O. 1535 218

~~but~~

to state whether you are prepared to agree to the proposed arrangement, and to furnish any objections which you may have to offer on the matter.

RAFT.

MINUTE.

H. Grindle.

H. Lambert.

H. Read.

G. Fiddes.

A. Viner.

H. Milner.

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I am to observe that it is not considered necessary at present to make any change in the system under which

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~~TOP SECRET~~
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Proposed Revised Categories of
Persons who will be recommended
for priority passages to E.A. after
the 15th Feb 1920.

Time is getting
short, make the
date a little later?
accept?
DRAFT. memo

I persons who will be specially
recommended for immediate passages

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- Mr. Gifford 20.1.20
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Astor
- Mr. Grange
- Mr. H. Lamb
- Mr. H. Ross
- Mr. G. J. Allen
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

(a) Persons certified by the
one of the M.A. to the U.S. to that
there is a serious danger of
the risk of permanent injury to
their health if they remain in
the U.S. and who can depart
that they either have urgent
business reasons or they
or that they cannot afford to
go otherwise.

(b) medical part. Home...

Persons who will be
recommended for ordinary priority
passage

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passage:-

(a) Proprietors of existing businesses or firms in E.A., which are managed by themselves, who left E.A. before the ^{15th} 9th Feb. 1920, and who can show that the arrangements made for carrying on their work during their absence are not such as to permit of delay in their return.

letter dated
20th Aug
1919

(b) Persons required to relieve managers of firms etc. in E.A., who are obliged to leave E.A. for health reasons. Such persons may be required to obtain co-operation from the Govt. at their own expense that the application is made in good faith and that local arrangements cannot be made for carrying on their work.

Wives and children of persons primarily resident in E.A. These recommendations will be granted in the same way as at present if persons recommended for primary work or recommended with their children at the same time.

(Note 3)