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DAYLIGHT SAVING UPDATE

The hours of light and darkness are fixed by natural forces which determine sunrise and sunset, and therefore the hours of daylight in any area at any particular time of the year. These are absolute parameters of sun time which we cannot change.

But we <u>can</u> order our affairs, our clock time and even our Standard Time to make maximum use of the available hours of sunlight. This is ultimately a question of marshalling and exercising the corporate will of the people - which was what produced the present system in the first place.

The fundamental issue therefore is - what is the corporate will, respectively, of the community on this side of the country and of those on the western side. Their sun time is nearly an hour later. Can conflicting views and interests be reconciled in any worthwhile compromise to retain a uniform clock time for the whole country. Or, does the answer lie in separate time zones as in many other countries.

Two avenues of action initiated by the Chamber last year to progress the cause of daylight saving were taken a step further last week.

The first, at <u>national</u> level was the presentation of this Chamber's motion as adopted by the October Assocom Congress to the Minister of Home Affairs by an Assocom delegation led by Assocom Deputy President Alec Rogoff who is also a Past President of this Chamber.

The motion urged Government "to cause urgent and

thorough investigation to be made to identify and implement a system by which the country and its people as a whole may derive the benefit of additional daylight at the end of the day during the summer months". This motion is now being considered by the Minister.

The second avenue, at <u>local</u> level, was a meeting of representatives of a wide range of interests convened by the Mayor of Durban at the suggestion of this Chamber to investigate the issue and to make recommendations — a task entrusted by that meeting to a Sub-Committee to report back in due course.

So far as Durban and the eastern areas are concerned, we have about four more hours of daylight in mid-summer (21 December) than in mid-winter (21 June) as will be seen from the graph on page 4. Assuming a normal working day of nine hours (including the lunch break) and that this is typically from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm (though admittedly not for everyone) we have five hours of daylight outside normal working hours.

In mid-summer three of these hours of daylight are before work and only two after work. If we advance the clock by one hour (so that, for (Continued on Page 4)

KURT VON SCHIRNDING TO ADDRESS ANNUAL DINNER

THE CHAMBER IS VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MR KURT VON SCHIRNDING - PREVIOUSLY SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND NOW DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH AFRICA FOUNDATION - WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AND PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL DINNER ON AUGUST 5.

RESERVATIONS WILL OPEN LATER. MEANWHILE MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO DIARISE THE DATE.

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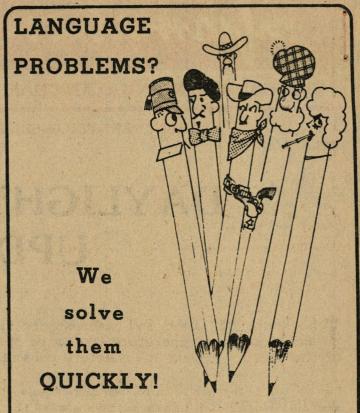
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Chamber Topics

MARKETING OF NATAL PARKS

As a result of concern expressed that financial and legislative restrictions may be limiting the Natal Parks Board on the exploitation of the Provinces wild life and scenic attractions, the Chamber has requested a meeting with the Parks Board Chairman and Director to discuss the situation.

The Chamber believes that much more can be done to market the Province's attractions to draw more South African and overseas tourists to Natal.

LOW COST HOUSING

The Chamber was represented at a cocktail party held on 25 February 1987 and arranged by the Institute for Housing of Southern Africa to provide an opportunity for Branch members and other interested persons to meet the members of the National Board of the Institute during their recent visit to Durban.

SPONSORSHIP OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The Manpower Committee is also to consider ways to enable Chamber members to sponsor the provision of sport and recreational facilities within those townships in metropolitan Durban that fall within KwaZulu.

INCENTIVES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The Chamber has written to the Regional Development Advisory Committee for the Durban Metropolitan Area stating its belief that the townships of Umlazi and Kwa Mashu should be regarded as decentralisation areas and should qualify for the new incentives now available in such areas for small industrialists.

JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS

The Chamber has received with great interest the announcement by the S A Law Commission that it is undertaking an investigation into the powers of the Courts to review the administrative acts of Government officials at all levels, and that it is calling for suggestions for modernising and improving this branch of the law. As the law stands at present Commercial interests are frequently affected by the decisions of administrative officials who are not required by law to provide reasons for their decisions, and so have almost complete immunity from review.

The Chamber has asked Assocom to formulate a submission to the Law Commission suggesting that administrative officials should by law be required to provide reasons for their decisions on request, and that the unreasonableness of a decision should be a ground for review by the Courts, but excluding the review of policy considerations.

INCENTIVES FOR ADULT EDUCATION

The Chamber's Manpower Committee is to consider how the Chamber may assist in encouraging members to provide incentives to their employees to improve their educational standards by attending adult education courses.



DAYLIGHT SAVING UPDATE

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example, 7.00 am becomes 8.00 am and 4.00 pm becomes 5.00 pm) we could have an extra hour of daylight from about September to February without making the morning start any closer to sunrise than it is now from May to July. This would mean about three hours of daylight at the end of the day in the three mid-summer months - when we could have a further hour of sunlight.

Suntime on the other side of the country is, however, already about an hour later than in Durban so that Cape Town already has the additional hour of daylight at the end of the day and somewhat less in the early morning. An hour's time change would mean sunrise at or after 8.00 am for six months of the year, and before 7.00 am only from November to February.

Thus Cape Town opposes daylight saving and its scope for adjustment is limited which suggests that the solution lies in two time zones.

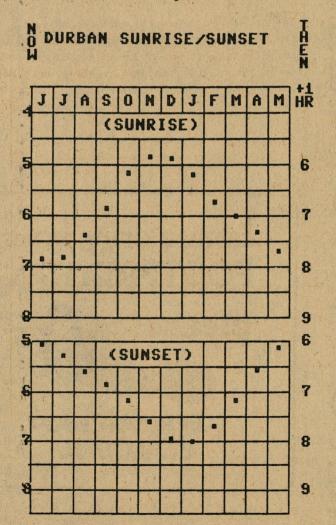
However, Assocom's consultant has suggested a feasible method of accommodating both sides of the

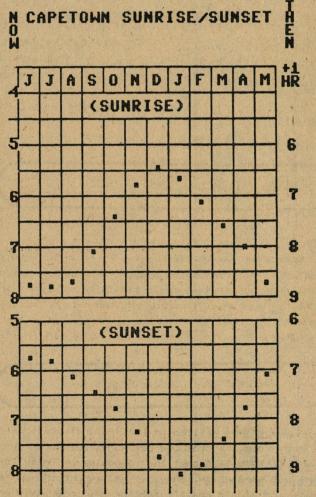
country by adjusting S A Standard Time from two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time to 1,5 hours or 90 mins. This would mean basing Standard Time on 22,5 degrees east instead 30 degrees east. This would have the effect of locating the base meridian nearer the middle of the country where it should be, and clock time would be advanced by 30 minutes, e.g. from 8.00 am to 7.30 am or 5.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

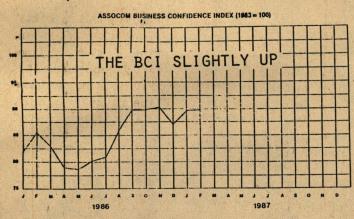
The consultant suggests further that in the summer months the clock could be advanced by one hour on this amended Standard Time which would mean that the clocks would be only 30 minutes ahead of the present Standard Time in the summer months. On this basis Durban could have daylight until between 7.30 and 8.30 pm from October to February with sunrise before 7.00 am except in February, while Cape Town would have daylight until 8.30 to 9.30 pm with sunrise before 7.00 am in all five months.

These are some of the factors to be considered in an attempt to achieve what so many countries have happily achieved and maintained despite similar initial misgiving - which demonstrates that perceived problems are not insuperable.

What ultimately counts is the collective corporate will of the community. Do we count you in ?







Source: Assocom's Statistician

The Business Confidence Index for February 1987 was 89,8 - slightly up on the January figure of 89,5. In February 1987, mixed reactions were shown again by the various sub-indices comprising the composite BCI.

When February figures are compared with January, positive developments were, inter alia, shown by:

- The number of new motor cars sold, which recovered from the extremely low figure reached in December 1986.
- Insolvencies of private individuals and partnerships registered a welcome drop.
- Registered unemployment, all races, showed a small decline.
- The number of persons emigrating from South Africa, although still very high, also decreased slightly.
- The rate of increase in the CPI fell from 18,1% to 16,1% a favourable development even though part of the fall was due to technical factors.

Negative developments registered included:

- A decline in the overall market index of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, mainly because of the sharp fall in the gold index. Increased profits announced by various companies in a number of industrial sectors, including motors, paper, furniture and chemicals, helped to promote a rise in the industrial index. However, this rise could not compensate fully for the fall in the gold index.
- The decline in the dollar price of gold by about 3% to below the psychological barrier of \$400 per ounce. Despite a recovery to slightly above \$400, the average remained below that for January 1987.
- The number of new companies registered declined when compared with the corresponding figure for the previous month.

ECONOMIC COMMENTARY

ASSOCOM senses a note of cautious optimism in the business mood about current economic trends, and business confidence is higher than it was this time last year. The economic omens are favourable.

Although both political and economic factors are currently still keeping overall business confidence at below its 1983 base year level, ASSOCOM sees no reason why - barring unforeseen shocks - the improved business mood should not at least be sustained over the next few months. While it is too early to assess the precise impact on the economy of the recent "mini-Budget", the immediate effect on business confidence has been favourable. It has helped to underpin the prospects for a better economic performance in 1987. ASSOCOM believes that South Africa can now hope that 1987 will be a year of slow but steady economic recovery - with a likely growth rate in the region of 3% to 3,5% for the year as a whole.

The short-term economic outlook is now greatly dependent upon the rate of growth in real disposable income, and upon the elements which determine the pattern of consumer spending. Remuneration - in both salaries and profits - is beginning to improve However, it in several sectors of the economy. should not be forgot ten that consumer spending, like the balance of payments, has entered 1987 with a considerable <u>legacy of debt</u>. Reports indicate that the demand for consumer credit remains modest but that corporate credit demand appears to be rising. Inventory changes will play an important role in the business recovery this year, although many smaller businesses still report serious cash flow problems as a result of persistent cost inflation - and hence in the cost of financing stocks.

At this stage it is premature to expect a substantial recovery in private fixed investment, not only because the economic upturn still has some way to go, but also as a result of uncertainty about the longer-term political outlook. This picture will hopefully become clearer at a later stage.

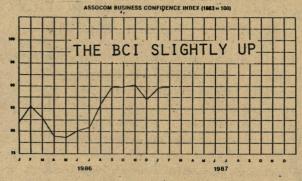
It should be borne in mind that several key decisions are pending in the months ahead which could affect business and consumer confidence - positively or negatively - during the course of 1987. These include:

- The outcome of the General Election on May 6 and its consequences for political policy and economic policy in South Africa.
- Possible <u>further increases in administered</u>
 <u>prices</u>, such as in rail and postal tariffs, when
 Parliament reassembles in the second half of May,
 and the effect such cost increases may have on
 the rate of inflation.
- The shape of the main Budget on June 3 and the impact on the economy of any further fiscal and tax decisions which may be embodied in it.
- The manner in which the Margo Report into the reform of the tax structure (due to be published in May) is handled by the authorities and the degree to which any innovative thinking in that Report elicits a favourable response from the private sector.
- The impact on the business community from July (Continued on Page 6)

INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM REMUNERATION BELOW WHICH AN EMPLOYEE IS NOT LIABLE TO PAY TAX

Following upon the recent tax concessions announced by the Minister of Finance in his Mini Budget - Notice No.429 of Government Gazette 10620 dated 27 February 1987 now authorises an employer to cease deducting tax with effect from 1 March 1987 where an employee's remuneration is less than specified in the gazetted tables (copies of which are available at the Chamber's Information Department)

For example, a married man under 60 with two children will be now only liable to pay tax if his annual remuneration is R7 966 or more (previously R6 001) and a single person under 60 with no children when his annual remuneration is R4-700 or more (previously R4 251). Also tax will only be deducted from a married woman when her remuneration is R2 250 or more (previously R1 800).



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this year of the <u>proposed regional taxes</u> (employment and turnover levies) to finance Regional Services Councils and the negative effect which these levies could have on the net tax burden.

All these factors will have an important influence on the overall trend in business confidence and in the BCI later in 1987. Confidence, in the wider sense, remains an elusive yet vital factor. As the Governor of the Reserve Bank, Dr Gerhard de Kock, recently said: "There is so much expansionary fuel lying around that it only requires a spark of real confidence to ignite it."

THE MONTHLY BCI (1983 = 100) FOR 1985, 1986 AND FOR JANUARY 1987

Figures for the composite index of business confidence for the abovementioned period are as follows:

	1985	1986	1987
January	78,6	81,9	89,5
February	83,3	85,5	
March	79,1	83,0	
April	76,1	79,0	
May	77,9	78,6	
June	81,0	80,1	
July	77,9	80,9	
August	76,9	85,7	
September	78,2	89,9	
October	78,0	89,9	
November	80,6	90,2	
December	81,1	87,0	
AVERAGE FOR THE YEAR	79,1	84,3	

NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Chamber has recently received a complimentary copy of "Financial Management" by Uliana, Correia, Wormald, and Flynn published by Juta & Company Limited, and members are welcome to see this in the Chamber's Information Department.

There is little doubt that many of the principles of finance are complex and at times obscure. There are however certain pervasive concepts which provide a basis of reference for virtually all financial management decision making. This publication focuses on such principles which are presented from the point of view of the investor and the financial manager, so that the practical applicability is evident.

The increasing interest in financial management as a necessary field of study for anyone embarking on a career in business or accounting has become evident. This book is set in the South African context and examples are drawn from the South African environment.

Financial Management is available at R49,95 from local booksellers or direct from Juta & Company Limited, P O Box 30, Cape Town 8000 or P O Box 1010, Johannesburg 2000.

INDUSTRIAL LAWS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Members seeking information on the industrial laws of the country will be interested to know that the Chamber has available a copy of Juta's publication "Industrial Laws of South Africa" by de Kock which contains the Acts and Regulations of the Machinery and Occupational Safety Act, the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, the Manpower Training Act, the Wage Act, Labour Relations Act, Wage Regulating Measures and Criminal Provisions. This publication is updated by way of amendment sheets.

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The Chamber also receives regular copies of the Industrial Law Journal including Industrial Law Reports.

WHO'S WHO OF SOUTHERN AFRICA 1986/87

The Chamber has received a complimentary copy of the latest edition of Who's Who of Southern Africa. This definitive reference book of influential people for the countries of Southern Africa (incorporating Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe) features who's who in government, politics, large corporations, parastatals, the diplomatic corps, universities, parliament, independent and national states, stock and commodity exchanges, private sector, unions, sciences, the media, arts, sports, literature and the professions.

Two special sections have been included in the new edition:

- * Who's Who on the executive of every political party in South Africa;
- * Who's Who in the trade unions of South Africa plus their South African and international affiliations.

This publication can be obtained at R98,00 (including GST) through local booksellers or from Who's Who of Southern Africa, P O Box 81284, Parkhurst 2120, telephone (011) 880-2406.

TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

ROYAL SHOW PIETERMARITZBURG

The 128th Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg will be held this year from Friday, May 22 to Saturday, May 30 inclusive. The President of the Royal Agricultural Society, Mr Ron McDonald, says that there will be plenty of new features at the show for the public to enjoy. The show dates this year come at month-end so attendance figures are expected to be high.

The Commerce and Industries Halls will be open until 20h00 on all evenings except Sunday May 24 when the Halls will close at 18h30. There will be no main arena programmes on that Sunday evening.

Stand bookings for the show in the commerce and industries section are nearing completion. All available stand space in the exhibition halls is fully booked and only a relatively few open sites and lawn areas remain to be allocated.

Commercial exhibitors, particularly those with agricultural equipment, who wish to book one of the remaining open sites for the forthcoming Royal Show

should contact the Society's General Manager, Mr Mark Shute, without delay on telephone (0331) 56274.

FURNIDEC - INTERNATIONAL FAIR FOR FURNITURE, GREECE

This year Furnidec will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece from March 8 to 15. Products displayed at the Fair will include furniture in various styles and for various purposes, lighting fixtures and decorative articles, fitted carpets, rugs, curtain rails, etc., machinery, chemical materials and raw materials.

At the same time visitors will be able to see the INFACOMA exhibition of building materials, heating, insulation, solar energy and technology which takes place during the same period.

The Chamber has a number of complimentary invitations to the Fair and members may collect these from the Chamber's Information Department.

Organisers of the exhibition are HELLEXPO, 154 Egnatia Street, GR 546 21, Thessaloniki, Greece. Telex: 412291.

TRADE ENQUIRIES

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT CHERYL KELLY ON (031) 301-3692

OFFERED

AUSTRIA

- A.1 A company in Vienna offers secretarial services to South African companies on a temporary or permanent basis.
- A.2 Memory boards, modules and single board computers.
- A.3 Semi-finished polyamide (nylon) and acetal products.
- A.4 Power glider with an 80 HP engine.
- A.5 Solar energy systems for heating swimming pools and service water for industrial, commercial and household use.

CHILE

A.6 The Chamber has received a list of trade enquiries from the Embassy of Chile, and members are welcome to see this in the Chamber's Information Department.

HONG KONG

A.7 Pharmaceutical products.

ITALY

- A.8 Shoe polish (tube and liquid self-shining); room deodorants.
- A.9 Liquid level regulators for use with motor pumps.
- A.10 Filters for motor vehicles: oil filters, air filters.

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TRADE ENQUIRIES

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A.11	Leather	for	the	furniture,	footwear	and
	leather	indus	strie	s.		

- A.12 Novelties.
- A.13 PVC edging material for furniture and
- A.14 Musical toys incl. pianos and guitars; toys for infants and young children; outdoor toys and games.
- A.15 Electric generator units; electric compressors; hydrowashers hot and cold (industrial cleaning) and sanders.
- A.16 Industrial & scientific instruments (for control and measuring).
- A.17 Insecticide for household applications.
- A.18 Ceramic tiles.
- A.19 Wall shelving for supermarkets; plastic coated shelves with brackets and anodised price rail.
- A.20 Borehole pumps
- A.21 Industrial valves.
- A.22 Chippers/shredders suitable for forestry.
- A.23 Cosmetics.
- A.24 Cold water high pressure washers.
- A.25 Tractors 2 and 4 wheel drive.

JAPAN

- A.26 Ultra miniatured electrocardiogram recording device.
- A.27 Used/tested engines and spare car parts.

MALAWI

A.28 Ivory/ebony/clay curios.

PAKISTAN

A.29 Textile goods.

SINGAPORE

A.30 Commodities, foodstuffs and spices.

SPAIN

A.31 Photographic equipment.

TAIWAN

- A.32 Jewellery, novelties.
- A.33 Household drain pipe cleaner.
- A.34 Hand tools; hardware; spare car parts; electronic and electrical equipment; sports goods; footwear; novelties; kitchenware; household items; plastic products.
- A.35 Orange juice extractor.

WEST GERMANY

A.36 Commodities; ready-made garments; machinery/equipment; supply/collaboration in turn-key plants/projects.

WANTED

MAURITIUS

A.37 Roofing compound, felt; putties; prepared colour red oxide; galvanized water pipe fittings, contact adhesives/glue for plywood and woodworking industry; curtain rails.

WEST GERMANY

A.38 Commodities, hand-made goods; minerals; stones and raw leather (sheep, goat, cobra, lizard skins).

MISCELLANEOUS

FRANCE

- A.39 Company engaged in the D-I-Y and home decoration fields, seeks South African consumer goods to be marketed throughout France. Products related to home decoration and outdoor living would be particularly appreciated.
- A.40 Importer of building products, with warehouse and commercial structure, wishes to make contact with South African manufacturers with a view to introducing their products on the French market.

UNITED KINGDOM

A.41 Extensive service in Europe for companies or individuals needing assistance.

U.S.A.

A.42 Product research service company seeks South African manufacturers of gift items.

SOUTH AFRICA

LTE. 48 Manufacturer's representative of local and imported timber seeks additional allied lines for building merchants, furniture and pallet manufacturers.

The Chamber cannot accept responsibility for the standing of enquirers referred to in this issue, and members are advised to make the usual enquiries should they decide to negotiate business transactions.

NOTICE BOARD

PORT WORKING ON FOUNDERS' DAY

SA Transport Services has informed the Chamber that the Port of Durban will operate normal weekday working hours on Founders' Day, April 6, 1987.



FORMULATING A COMPANY HOUSING POLICY

In the light of the urgent need for active private sector participation in the provision of housing, members may find two pamphlets, prepared by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to be of particular interest. These are "Major Implications of the Revised Legislation affecting Black Urban Areas" and "Formulating a Company Housing Policy".

The last pamphlet will, in particular, be of practical value to members wanting to become more involved in assisting their employees with housing, but unsure how best to structure such action in the company's own interests.

Copies of the pamphlets may be obtained on request from the Information Department.



CIVIL DEFENCE COURSES

Durban's Civil Defence Organisation is offering two new Courses in Emergency Management. These courses are free of charge. They are:

* EMERGENCY CONTROLLERS - FLOOR WARDENS COURSE:

(two days) aimed to equip candidates with the necessary knowledge to:

- produce an Emergency Plan for their designated area of responsibility
- Identify potential hazards
- Respond effectively to emergency situations
- Kindle a security awareness

The candidate should be selected from middle or senior management level, possess a cool, calm and assertive personality, have good administrative and organising capabilities.

* BUILDING SUPERVISORS COURSE:

(1 day) aimed to stimulate and refresh notions on fire prevention, first aid, safety precautions and security awareness for building supervisors, directors and administrators of share block flats.

No dates have been set as this depends on the response for these courses. The course is open to all employees of members of the Chamber. For nominations and further details please contact the Civil Defence Office, Telephone



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GAZETTE NEWS

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 10618 DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1987

* Publications Act: Rejected films; Publications or objects: Undesirable publications or objects: List P87/09; Undesirable periodic publications; Conditions; Setting aside of declaration that publications are undesirable

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 10620 DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1987

- * Revision of tariffs applicable to drilling done by means of a Government drill or by a private drilling contractor
- * Income Tax Act: Employees tax deduction tables
- * Banks Act: Orders under Proclamation R.184 of 1967
- * Wage Act: Wage Board Investigations: The Wage Board will be sitting in the Boardroom, Room 317, Masonic Grove Government Offices, Durban, at the following times and dates in order to hear oral representations in respect of the following investigations:
 - Wage Determination 444, Coffin Manufacturing Industry, Certain Areas, on 25 March 1987 at 08h30:
 - Wage Determination 443, Funeral Undertaking, Certain Areas, on 25 March 1987 at 08h30.
- * Post Office Act: Amendment of Tariff for Priority

 Mail Articles to Foreign Countries
- * Import and Export Control Act: Import control. The Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology intends releasing certain goods which are presently subject to import control in terms of the provisions of Government Notice R. 1163 (Government Gazette 9764) of 30 May 1985, for such control. Interested persons are requested to submit any comment in writing to the Director: Import and Export Control, Private Bag X192, Pretoria 0001, within one month from 27 February, 1987.
- * Customs and Excise tariff applications: List 1/87

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 10621 DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1987

- * Marketing Act: Dry Bean Scheme
- * Sea Fisheries Act: Amendment of regulations
- * Exchange Control Regulations, 1961: Amendment of Orders and Rules: Declaration in regard to foreign exchange proceeds of exports. The first paragraph of Government Notice R.75 which was published in Governmnt Gazette 10575 (Regulation Gazette 4041) on 9 January 1987 should be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following paragraph:
 - "The Minister of Finance has, in terms of the authority extended to him in terms of the Exchange Control Regulations, 1961, published under Government Notice R. 1111 of 1 December

1961, as amended, further amended the Orders and Rules, published under Government Notice R.
1112 of 1 December 1961, as amended, as contained in the Schedule of this notice with effect from 12 December 1986. After 1 May 1987 all declarations completed in terms of paragraph 5 of the Orders and Rules must be in the form prescribed in the Schedule of this Notice. Up to 1 May 1987 declarations may be completed either in the form prescribed prior to 12 December 1986 or in the form prescribed in the Schedule of this Notice."

- * Labour Relations Act: Clothing Industry, Natal: Amendment of Main Agreement; Hairdressing Trade, Natal: Extension of Main Agreement
- * Manpower Training Act: Scheme for the training of entry level computer programmers

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 10622 DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1987

- * Companies Act: Notices relating to companies registered and deregistered
- * Close Corporations Act: Notices relating to close corporations registered and deregistered

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 10632 DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1987

* Republic of South Africa Constitution Act: Prorogation and summoning of the Parliament - 18 May 1987; Dissolution of the House of Assembly

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE NO. 4572 DATED FEBRUARY 26, 1987

* Durban: Building bylaws: Amendment

SITUATION WANTED

BRAND/MARKETING MANAGEMENT/PERSONNEL E.21. Gentleman (27) B.Sc. (Hons in Psychology). Experience includes evaluation and training of candidate officers in airforce and research in field of psychology to post graduate level.



CHAMBER MEETINGS

Monday, March 9 17h00' Umhlanga Committee

Tuesday, March 10 09h30 Durban Association of Freight Forwarders 16h00 Council of Directors

Wednesday, March 11
10h30 Natal Regional Export Advisory Committee
14h30 NCPA Meeting of Credit Managers

Thursday, March 12 15h00 NCPA Meeting of Creditors of Electro Lift CC

Friday, March 13
16h00 Durban Harbour Carriers' Association Annual General Meeting, Royal Durban Golf
Club

Monday, March 16.

10h00 NCPA Meeting of Creditors of Mr E Patel t/a
E P Paper Circle

Tuesday, March 17
10h0 Durban Harbour Carriers' Association
14h30 Manpower Committee

Wednesday, March 18 12h30 President's Lunch

Thursday, March 19
10h00 Transportation Committee
16h45 Pinetown Divisional Committee
CHAMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, March 11 12h00 Introlunch, Hotel Belgica

Saturday, April 4
Race Day, Greyville Racecourse

Tuesday, May 5 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, August 5 Annual Dinner

Friday, August 7 & Saturday, August 8
Natal Regional Congress to be held in Margate

Saturday, November 7 Theatre Supper

CHAMBER SEMINARS March Computer Courses

Full details and booking form on Page 18 of Digest No. 8 dated February 28, 1987

Friday, March 13

08h30 Professional Executive Secretary

- Ocean City Holiday Inn

Monday, March 16
16h30 Powers, Duties and Responsibilities of
Company Directors
- 4th Floor, Commerce House

Thursday, March 19
08h30 Telephone/Communication Techniques for
Secretaries, Telephonists and Receptionists,
- Ocean City Holiday Inn

Friday, March 20 08h30 Workshop Management for Engineering Foreman, - Ocean City Holiday Inn

Tuesday, March 24
14h30 SATS New Accounting System
- Marine Parade Holiday Inn

Tuesday, March 31
16h30 Scenarios for the World and S A in the
1990's
- Ocean City Holiday Inn

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CHAMBER SEMINAR

TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES FOR SECRETARIES, TELEPHONISTS AND RECEPTIONISTS

With the cost of personal sales calls increasing, businesses are relying more and more on the use of the telephone as a medium for communicating with existing and potential clients.

Regrettably, top management and sales staff are unaware of the poor company image that is often being presented to telephone enquirers by their secretaries, switchboard telephonists and receptionists, and, as a consequence, will never know just how much goodwill and business the firm is losing.

Down the line training in this area is usually severely neglected by companies who do not appreciate the fact that an employee on the telephone is in the shop window of their business.

This full day seminar will involve delegates in "hands-on" training in the following areas:

- * How to receive an incoming call
- * Conveying a good company image
- * Identifying what the caller wants
- * Assessing different personalities from the voice
- * Handling complaints, enquiries and messages with tact but firmness
- * Communicating effectively
- * Economic use of the telephone
- * Looking for further business opportunities
- * Planning outgoing calls

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Receptionists, telephonists and secretaries who are in frequent contact with people by the telephone whether internally or outside the company.

SEMINAR LEADER:

Jane Butler-Adam, B.A. (Hons) M.Ed. (Hons) Bus. Admin of Research and Training Associates.

VENUE: Ocean City Holiday Inn, Durban

DATE: THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 1987

TIME: 08h30 to 17h00

FEE: Members R100 per delegate : Non-Members R130 per delegate (Includes teas and Lunch)

REGISTRATION: Complete and return reply form on Page 14 of this Digest, together with cheque to reach the Chamber as soon as possible.

CHAMBER SEMINARS

ENQUIRIES: JESSIE EAGLE TELEPHONE (031) 301-3692

"TWILIGHT" SEMINAR ON POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPANY DIRECTORS

Much ignorance revolves around the use of the title "Company Director" and the duties and responsibilities attaching to one who has accepted appointment as such or who is deemed at law to hold the office of director of a company - whether or not he/she uses the official title.

Did you know, for example, that any benefit obtained by a director from the use of information gleaned in that capacity must be surrendered to the company......despite his/her integrity and the fact that the company has lost nothing?

This two-hour twilight seminar has been especially structured for company directors who are unclear as to their responsibilities and their liabilities, and delegates are invited to raise questions pertinent to their own situation.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- * Who is a director? Can you tell from his/her title?
- * Executive and non-Executive directors
- * Division of authority between the board and company shareholders
- * Directors obligations to the company duties of care and skill; duties of good faith; dealings with the company
- * Directors obligations to outsiders agency of directors; insider dealing in company shares and securities; position on insolvency of the company
- * The company's obligation to its directors appointment; service contracts; retirement;
 removal; rotation and disqualification; loans
 to and from; compensation for loss of office
- * Nominee directors

PRESENTER: Mr David Asherson, a practising attorney.

VENUE: Fourth Floor, Commerce House, 39 Field

Street, Durban

DATE: MONDAY, 16 MARCH 1987

TIME: 16h30 to 18h30

FÉE: Chamber members R40 per delegate: Non-mem-

bers R60 per delegate.

WORKSHOP MANAGEMENT FOR ENGINEERING FOREMEN

Most Workshop Managers, Foremen and Chargehands find themselves trapped between the needs of Senior Management and the demands of their Artisans.

Because of the lack of training specifically designed for workshop management, few foremen are able to function effectively. As a consequence the morale and productivity of many workshops is abysmally low.

This workshop, which has been specifically designed to cater for the needs of Workshop Managers, Foremen and Chargehands teaches them the practical skills they need to gain the upperhand in the workshop and effectively lead their artisans to increased productivity.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

Your role as a Workshop Manager
The power you have as a Manager and how to use it.
Coping with stress in the Workshop.
People-handling skills.

- * Effective communication
- * Motivating Artisans
- * Positive discipline techniques
- * Counselling Artisans

On the job coaching/training. Organising/re-organising the Workshop. How to avoid unwanted pressure in the Workshop.

WORKSHOP LEADER

Alan J Whitaker B.COMM, MBL, MIPM, MIMktM, Director MDi who has specifically designed this course in response to the demand by Workshop Management for a course of this nature. Over the past ten years he has trained thousands of Managers throughout Southern Africa.

VENUE: Ocean City Holiday Inn

DATE: FRIDAY, 20 MARCH, 1987

TIME: 08h30 to 17h00

FEE: Members R145 Non-Members R165

REGISTRATION: Complete and return reply form on Page 14 of this Digest, together with cheque to reach the Chamber as soon as possible.

CHAMBER SEMINARS

ENQUIRIES: JESSIE EAGLE TELEPHONE (031) 301-3692

AFTERNOON SEMINAR SATS NEW ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

With SATS introducing a FREIGHT TRANSIT ORDER to replace the well known GOODS CONSIGNMENT NOTE with effect from 1 April 1987, the Chamber has arranged for Mr L M J GRIMM, Senior Superintendent SATS Speed Freight Division in Johannesburg, to apprise interested members on the full implications of changes to their accounting system and to answer any queries members may wish to raise.

Advance booking, which will be treated on a first-come-first-served basis, is essential and should be made no later than Tuesday, 17 March.

A nominal fee is being charged to cover the cost of the venue hire and incidental expenses.

VENUE: MARINE PARADE HOLIDAY INN, DURBAN

DATE: TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 1987

TIME: 14h30 to 17h30

FEE: Members R5,00 per person Non-Members

R20,00 per person

A cash bar will be available at the close.

REGISTRATION: Complete and return the reply form below together with cheque to reach the Chamber as soon as possible.

SCENARIOS FOR THE WORLD AND SA IN THE 1990'S

For the benefit of members who have not yet participated and/or for those wishing to refresh their thinking on the matter, the Chamber has arranged for Mr Courtenay James Buys, Economic Consultant with the Anglo American Corporation, to make a further presentation of the thought-provoking seminar developed by the Corporation.

In his presentation Mr Buys will:-

- * Identify the rules of the global "game" to be played over the next 15 years.
- * Profile the essential players.
- * List the key variables, and
- * Examine South Africa's current position in the global game, and future scenarios.

VENUE: OCEAN CITY HOLIDAY INN, (Free parking)

DATE: TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 1987

TIME: 16h30 to 19h00 FEE: Members R15

Non-Members R30 (Subject to seating availa-

bility)

A cash bar will be available at the conclusion of the presentation.

REGISTRATION: Complete and return the reply form below together with cheque to reach the Chamber no later than TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 1987.

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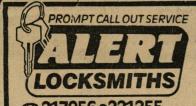
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