

ART GALLERY (LIBRARY DEPARTMENT)

G14 PURCHASE OF THE
JAQUES COLLECTION

~~Jaques collection of neckrests, numbering one hundred and fourteen~~
30.3.87

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M/c meeting 30/3/1987

(h) PURCHASE OF THE
JAQUES COLLECTION

The City Secretary said that the City Librarian had submitted a report as follows:

"The Jaques collection of neckrests, numbering 114 items, collected by the Reverend A.P. Jaques in the early 1920s, has been on loan to the Africana Museum since 1951.

These objects are examples of the traditional material culture of the African people of Southern Africa and are fine examples of the aesthetic represented by the combinations of abstract shapes used in their construction and decorations. They illustrate the diversity of style and represent traditional African tribal art. The collection has been declared a national treasure by the National Monuments Council.

The children of the Reverend Jaques first offered the collection for sale last year and the Director, Art Gallery, endeavoured to find funds to purchase the collection for the Africana Museum, as it had cared for the collection for a considerable period of time. The funds were not forthcoming and the Jaques family informed the Director, Art Gallery, that a firm offer for the collection has been made and that unless the Africana Museum exercised its right of first refusal, the collection would be sold to the buyer - the identity of whom has been revealed to the Director.

In the light of the aforementioned, the Director, Art Gallery's obligation to the Africana Museum in the first instance fell away and the collection is now available for purchase by the Art Gallery. It is considered that the collection will complement the Lowen collection purchased by a private buyer and presently on loan to the Art Gallery.

International visitors to the Art Gallery continually question the lack of African art collections and this acquisition will form the basis of such a collection.

The Art Gallery Committee and the Anglo American Centenary Trust have agreed to the purchase. The Trust has the funds available and is willing to make payment as soon as approval for the purchase is given.

The asking price is R150 000, excluding GST, and is considered reasonable given prices of similar pieces infrequently being offered on international auction floors."

The Chairman said that the purchase should be authorised and that the Council's thanks should be conveyed to the Anglo American Centenary Trust.

RESOLVED

1 That the Jaques collection of neckrests be purchased for R150 000, excluding GST, and be paid for with funds from the Anglo American Centenary Trust.

2 That the City Secretary convey the Council's thanks to the Anglo American Centenary Trust.

(160/3/1)

(t) ANGLO AMERICAN CENTENARY TRUST

RESOLVED

That the Director, Art Gallery report on the balance of funds in the Anglo American Centenary Fund and the interest earned thereon.

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The Chairman said that the Director, Art Gallery, should submit a report on the balance of funds in the Anglo American Centenary Fund.

RESOLVED

That the Director, Art Gallery, report on the balance of funds in the Anglo American Centenary Fund and the interest earned thereon.

(315/23/4)

The Chairman said that the Management Committee had no objection.

RESOLVED

That the Director of Traffic and Security and ten officials of his department referred to by him be granted permission to assist with the parking arrangements during the Rand Show.

(152/11)

(244/7/66)

acc. no.	artist/ community	title/ object	medium	source
1987.3.1	Swazi	head-rest	wood	donation: Anglo American Johann- esburg Centenary Trust
1987.3.2	Swazi	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.3	Swazi	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.4	Swazi	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.5	Swazi	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.6	Swazi	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.7	Swazi	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.8	Swazi	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.9	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.10	Swazi	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.11	Zulu	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.12	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.13	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.14	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.15	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.16	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.17	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.18	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.19	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.20	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.21	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.22	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.23	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.24	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.25	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT
1987.3.26	Transvaal Tsonga	head-rest	wood	donation: AAJCT