The Union Astronomer states that he "would also like to see H. M. Astronomer on the [illegible] Nat. Com. as a courtesy member, entitled (and invited) to take part in our deliberations but not entitled to vote - this for obvious reasons".

The "obvious reasons" are not apparent, bearing in mind the part assigned to the Committee. The National Committee has no power to commit the Government of South Africa to expenditure of any sort - though it would be within its power, as promoting astronomical work in the Country, to support an application from the Union Astronomer for assistance in any international project.

Unless H. M. Astronomer is a member of the National Committee (and not merely a courtesy member) it is difficult to see how the Committee could fulfil its part in coordinating astronomical work in South Africa.

It is therefore suggested that the Royal Society should be approached with a view to the formation of a National Committee in Astronomy, and it is suggested that the composition of the committee might be :-

Ex-officio -	Union Astronomer; H. M. Astronomer.	
Nominated by	Royal Society	- Three members.
"	" Astronomical Society	- Four members.
"	" Director of Trigonometrical Survey.	- One member.