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COPY OF A LETTER DATED 13/8/59 FROM CAPE EASTERN  
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Mrs Pirie asked me to write and ask you the following. After we had heard Dr Wolheim yesterday, we felt that the time was ripe to go ahead and do something on the same lines as the Archbishop's conference in Cape Town. We find there is more enthusiasms for the Sash since June and more understanding in a certain measure. We are asked to help out as a group now, of keen, bright ?, helpful people, by all and sundry.

Now we want to know if the Archbishop's Committee will give us the go-ahead, as we know they are meeting again next week. We want to know:-

How the invitation to the congress was worded?

Who was invited and if you thought some were left out that should not have been?

How long the conference lasted, was it long enough, or too long and where it was held and what day of the week?

We know that the Archbishop was a wonderful chairman but as yet we have no Bishop in the Eastern Province. Who would be an alternative, or should we wait for him to be elected?

How much work did the Sash do, clerical, catering, etc., and how much did it all cost and who paid?

Dr. Wolheim said that there were 150 people there and it was a pretty good cross-section of all people. From right to left!

How can we get Sabra and the Dutch Reformed Churches to come?

If there is anything that I have not asked and you found out at the time, please give us all the information, a Blue print in fact.

You would think I liked work or something, but I do feel that it created a lot of interest, even though it was not very well reported in our press here, and we must get on with it.

Race Relations had a poorly attended meeting over the Living Wage, we have not had our Brains Trust, because the Liberal party wanted to hold it (so far have not).. and the Distressed Areas have a committee on the go, all of whom could form the nucleus.. and could begin, at once.

Thank you for the letter today about the Magazine, in answer to my three.

We all enjoyed hearing Mrs. Spottiswoode, our meeting very brief, but both Knysna and the Grahamstown branch and their associates Salem and Alexandria very thrilled and inspired and wishing for more of the same thing. We cannot thank Mrs. Spottiswoode enough.

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PLEASE NOTE: Visit by American Professor.

DR. CLINTON ROSSITER, senior professor of American Institutions, is visiting S. Africa. Regions are asked to look out for his lectures in their nearest University towns. The C.E. had suggested to C. Western that they ask him to address the Sash on a "Constitution for a Multi-Racial Society" and hoped other regions might do likewise - especially in those towns where there is no University.