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47a, MAIN ROAD,  
CLAREMONT. CAPE.

TO ALL REGIONS:

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Please use this letter, ~~unless~~ your Region has no ~~great~~  
objection to it.

Owing to the urgency of refuting Nationalist Press  
allegations that the Black Sash is partly responsible for the  
violence in Paarl, we have not been able to hold back this  
letter until we have had the approval of the Regions.

We are, therefore, trying to get it into the Cape Town  
papers today.

(Sgd.) M.E. PETERSEN.

NATIONAL CHAIRWOMAN.

THE BLACK SASH  
Central Executive.

ESTELLA HOUSE,  
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CLAREMONT. Cape.

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The Editor,  
The "Cape Argus",  
St. George's Street,  
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

The Black Sash, as already stated in a letter which appeared in the "Cape Argus" of October 30th, condemns the whole principle of banishment or punishment without trial and without reasons being given and particularly deplores the banishment of Mrs. Mafekeng, a mother of eleven children.

Nevertheless, wholeheartedly as the Black Sash deplores the Minister's action in banishing Mrs. Mafekeng without trial, it also condemns the violence indulged in by some of those who had gathered to protest against Mrs. Mafekeng's departure from Paarl thisweek.

The Black Sash realises that it is the Government's persistent refusal to take any notice of peaceful non-white protests against the laws to which they so strongly object, which is responsible for driving non-whites to a state of frustration and resentment.

Ever since its inception, the Black Sash has been trying to convince the Government and the public that it is both wrong and unwise to force discriminatory legislation on non-whites in spite of the repeated and reasonable protests which they have made.

Therefore, while believing that violence is wrong and that two wrongs never help to make a right, the Black Sash pleads once more to the Government to withdraw the repressive laws which are arousing so much bitterness and desperation in non-white hearts.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) M.E. PETERSEN.

NATIONAL CHAIRWOMAN.