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TO ALL REGIONS.

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I M P O R T A N T

On Friday, March the 4th, Mrs. Ballinger will be introducing the following motion on Pass Laws in the House of Assembly :-

- " That in the opinion of this House the pass system now applied to our African population constitutes an unjustifiable invasion of person liberty, is :-
- (a) in conflict with the legitimate needs and demands of a modern industrial society;
 - (b) inconsistent with sound principles of government in a democratic state, and
 - (c) generally costly and inefficient, serving only to create poverty and inter-racial tension,

and should be replaced forthwith by a system in keeping with modern democratic practice. "

In view of the Resolution taken at the November Conference that the Black Sash would work towards the abolition of Pass Laws and the establishment of a system ensuring a more humane treatment for all, The C.E. would like all Regions to have some sort of stand or public demonstration to express approval of Mrs. Ballinger's motion.

The C.E. intends sending the following telegram to Mrs. Ballinger " WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS WITH YOUR MOTION" FROM THE BLACK SASH.

Mrs. Ballinger intends mentioning during the debate the fact that the Black Sash, as a body of responsible women, have through the practical work which they have been doing, come to the conclusion that Pass Laws cause complete disruption in African family life and are the biggest single cause of African unrest and that, therefore, Pass Laws must be abolished in favour of some more humane method of labour control.

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