

CIRCULAR NO. 44.

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To ALL REGIONS:

12th May, 1960.

It will be remembered that at the meeting of all representatives of Regions recently held in Cape Town, it was agreed that by every possible means still open to it, the Sash would try to inform the public of the facts about Pass Laws. Would each Region please write to the C.E. saying either what they have done with reference to this matter or what they propose to do and how soon they propose to do it. The C.E. urges Regions to make this work priority No. 1 as unless a sufficient number of the public is made aware of these facts, the future of race relationship in this country seems very gloomy.

FUNCTIONING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE:

The C.E. wish to notify all Regions that the C.E. is no longer able to carry on with even as many as 7 members. Mrs. Earle has gone overseas and Mrs. West is probably not going to be able to carry on after the end of this month. Cape Western are not able to supply the C.E. with anyone to fill the places of those who have had to resign or who are on leave of absence, as they themselves, due to illness and other vicissitudes, are very depleted in membership. In times such as these, it will be appreciated that more than usually responsible decisions have to be taken and it is the unanimous opinion of the C.E. that no body of 5 women is sufficient to ensure that all points of view will be expressed when discussing proposed action.

During the emergency, Cape Western and the C.E. have virtually been consolidating together about almost everything connected with the Sash. It is the considered opinion of the C.E. that they should be allowed to work together with Cape Western and to make some suitable arrangement with Cape Western in order to make this possible. Only by ^{so} doing can it be ensured that the policy and actions of the Black Sash will be reviewed and discussed on the wide basis necessary to ensure wise action.

The C.E. requests that every Region will discuss this matter as a priority one at their next Regional Committee meeting and that they will let the C.E. have their views on this matter at the earliest possible date.

The present members of the Central Executive are :-

Mrs. M.C. Petersen	President
Mrs. E. Stott	Vice-President
Mrs. H. Spottiswoode	Vice-President
Mrs. B. Willis	Treasurer
Mrs. D. Berman	Magazine Editor
Mrs. E. West	
Mrs. F. Snitcher	
Mrs. M. Earle	

(At the present moment, Mrs. Earle is away on six months' leave of absence; Mrs. West may be resigning at the end of this month; and Mrs. Snitcher is away on short leave of absence).

M.C. PETERSEN.

NATIONAL CHAIRWOMAN
CENTRAL EXECUTIVE.