

file 'Circulars'

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CIRCULAR NO. 47.

TO ALL REGIONS.

Estella House,  
47a, Main Road,  
CLAREMONT, Cape.

MEETINGS: With reference to the C.E. suggestion that now might be the time to recruit new members for the Sash, the C.E. would like to suggest that all Regions follow the example of Natal Midlands in announcing at any public meeting which they hold, how people can become members of the Sash and how, through working in the Sash, they can help to bring about good government in this country.

PASS LAWS: The C.E. have not as yet had replies from some Regions regarding what they have done to make the evils of Pass Laws known to the public in their area. We are anxious to have information on this subject as we regard this as the most important and most pressing of all our Educational work.

NATIONAL UNION: A copy of the National Union manifesto is being sent to each Region for their information. If Regions wish for more copies, would they please write direct to the office of the National Union. The C.E. suggest that when Regions are holding Brains Trusts, they should make an effort to get someone on the platform to represent the point of view of the National Union.

MAGAZINE: The publication of the magazine is still under consideration. If, as we hope it reappears while the emergency regulations are still in force, the C.E. are firmly of the opinion that it would be wiser for Regions not to sell the monthly issues of the magazine on the streets, although every magazine will be legally checked before it appears; but we would be glad for them to sell the special Education Issue either on the streets, or in any other way which suggests itself to them. This magazine should be out by the end of August.

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES: Until it is possible to discuss this matter at the next Conference, the C.E. considers that it would be wiser if Regions did not undertake to co-operate on any new ventures with other organisations, without first consulting with the C.E. Where co-operation is already taking place with other bodies, on established activities, the C.E. does not suggest any change being made. The C.E. wish to emphasize that their suggestion that Regions should consult with the C.E. before co-operation with other bodies applies only (a) to any contemplated new undertaking in conjunction with other bodies and (b) only until the next National Conference takes place when the whole matter can be fully re-discussed in the light of the present situation. The C.E. think it particularly undesirable that the Sash should co-operate with only one political party.

LETTER TO MR. SCHOEMAN: Will Regions please note that the copies of the letter to Mr. Schoeman which was recently sent out together with C.E. Report No. 4, was, due to an oversight, not dated. It is important that the date should be put to this letter to show that it was written before the A.N.C. was banned and therefore before it became illegal to make any plea on behalf of the A.N.C. The date on the original letter was 30th March, 1960. Would you please see that your own copy of this letter is either dated correctly or torn up.

HOLIDAYS: The C.E. will be in recess until 18th July, as the office secretary and several members of the C.E. are going on holiday. The office post will be collected once a week, but if Regions urgently need to communicate with the C.E., they will have to contact Mrs. Stott at her home (Tel. No. 773368),<sup>‡</sup> or Mrs. Spottiswoode (Tel. No. Stellenbosch 3031). Any communications for Mrs. B. Willis (Hon. Treasurer) must be sent as usual to the office, where Mrs. Willis, who is not going away, will collect it.

<sup>‡</sup> Please note: Mrs. Stott's home address is:

6, Bishopscourt Road,  
Claremont, Cape.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE: It seems that the last week in September, while it suits most Regions, does not suit Southern Transvaal, or Natal Coastal. Further, in view of the probability that the Referendum will be taking place at that time, it seems that the Central Executive would be well-advised to hold the Conference in November as originally planned. Even if we do hold the Conference earlier, it might well be that we would need to meet together in November to discuss the future in the light of the result of the Referendum.

S.A.B.C. NEWS PROTEST: Regions will be receiving a circular from Cape Western regarding the steps they intend taking to protest against the S.A.B.C. being used for party political propoganda. The C.E. would like every Region to take similar steps in order to make it a nation-wide Black Sash protest against this misuse of the S.A.B.C.

(SIGNED) M.C. PETERSEN.  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT.