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CIRCULAR NO. 50.

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TO ALL REGIONS.

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The attention of all Regions is drawn to the fact that the Black Sash is working under an interim constitution and that it was agreed at the National Conference held last November, that the present functions of the C.E. should be re-discussed at the 1960 National Conference.

The following resolutions have been received dealing with the functions of the C.E. :-

From Cape Western Region: " That the Central Executive be abolished and replaced by a Senior Region to be elected at a National Conference. The National Chair to be nominated by the Senior Region but elected by the National Conference. The function of the Senior Region would be to -  
(a) draw up National Statements,  
(b) co-ordinate projects and demonstrations,  
(c) arbitrate between Regions in the event of a disagreement.  
Regions would correspond direct with each other as before. "

From Southern Transvaal Region: " That the Headquarters Region shall be chosen at the National Conference, and that the Regional Committee of that Headquarters Region shall operate as the Central Executive of the Black Sash, and that the Chairman shall be elected by that Headquarters Region. In such Region an extra Secretary shall be appointed to deal with national matters. "

The C.E. also wish to draw the attention of members to Section 4 of Clause 5 of the present constitution, which states :-

Representation at a National Conference: Each Region shall be entitled to representation at a National Conference on the basis of its paid-up membership at the end of the previous financial year. Representation shall be according to the following scale :-

<u>PAID UP MEMBERS:</u>	<u>DELEGATES:</u>
200 - 500	3
501 - 1000	5
1001 upwards	7

This makes no allowance for the representation of Regions with less than 200.

(3) // The C.E. suggest that for the Conference to be held in November, Regions with 0 to 100 members should be allowed 1 representative. Those from 101 to 200, 2 representatives. // Will Regions please notify us before the Conference whether they agree to this.

This would mean that on the basis of the number of paid-up members submitted to Mrs. Willis, Regions would be entitled to the following representation:-

Northern Transvaal	1
Border	2
Natal Midlands	3
Lowveld	2
Natal Coastal	3
Cape Western	7
Southern Transvaal	3
Cape Eastern	3

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N. B. Regions are reminded that Branches such as Bloemfontein, although no longer part of a Region, have the right to send a delegate who can speak but not vote.

Regions are again reminded that all resolutions must be in by September 16th.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT.