

C.E. REPORT NO. 9: C.E. MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH, 10TH, 18TH AND 24TH AUGUST 1960, AT ESTELLA HOUSE AND WITH CAPE WESTERN REGION ACTION COMMITTEE AT 1 KILDARE ROAD, CLAREMONT.

1. HELP FOR DETAINEES: The Red Cross received a donation of £5000 from De Beers, so were able to help the families longer than anticipated. The Sash was still pressing to get Government assistance for the different categories of people affected by the Emergency, among whom were the families of convicted persons.
2. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE: The Minister referred our letter asking him to inform families of detainees of their whereabouts to the Commissioner of Prisons. (All enclosed). It was agreed that in view of this reply, we should write a letter to the Director of Prisons stating that in our view it should be the State's responsibility to inform next-of-kin of the whereabouts of prisoners. Our letter concerning the clemency shown to the Sekhukhuniland convicted has been sent to the Minister and we are awaiting his reply before publishing it. (Letter is enclosed).
CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER: Copies of the correspondence between the S.Tvl. Region and the Prime Minister are enclosed. The C.E. has asked S.Tvl. not to send copies of this to the press, or to the other Cabinet Ministers. The C.E. letter to the Prime Minister has been sent. (Letter enclosed).
3. S.A.B.C. PROTEST: In answer to our appeal to Regions to protest against the slanting of news from the S.A.B.C., Southern Transvaal Region replied that they had already sent the enclosed letter to the S.A.B.C. The C.E. has suggested that in future when any Region writes to a Government Department or Government body, it should not be indicated that publication of the correspondence is intended, as this jeopardizes the possibility of receiving a considered reply.
5. LETTERS TO THE PRESS: Letters on the Reference books for African Women, Freedom of the Press, and Violence, have already been sent round to Regions.
BRAINS TRUST AT MOORREESBURG: Mrs. Stott has organised a Brains Trust on Constitutional Reform to be held in this stronghold of Nationalism on September 9th. The "Brains" will be Mr. Colin Eglin (Progressive), Mr. Japie Basson (National Union); Advocate Burger (Nationalist); and Mr. L. Marquard (Liberal); with Mr. Hennes Fagan as question master. The United Party were able to comply with the request to provide a speaker.
7. PROFESSOR MATTHEWS: Mrs. Curry has informed us that Professor Matthews is again in good health, and the C.E. was glad to see in the Press that he has now been released.
8. GROUP AREAS: The film on Group Areas which is being made for us has been sent to England for processing. The attention of all Regions is drawn to the fact that there is much which can be done in the matter of Group Areas, particularly in those districts and towns where they have not yet been proclaimed.
9. PASSES FOR AFRICAN WOMEN: It was agreed that we should try to bring pressure to bear upon the Government to have the proclamation re reference books withdrawn. It is suggested that influential individuals and organisations be asked to bring pressure to bear on the Minister to this effect. Both Nationalists and non-Nationalists should be approached. It is hoped to have a number of meetings, both drawing-room and public but to wait till the referendum is over before attempting to organise them.

10. **MAGAZINE REPORT:** In order to reduce the price, Cape Western Region has generously offered to subsidise the loss on the Education magazine to the sum of £100. We are now able to sell it at 2/- a copy to the public and 1/6 to NUSAS and members. By the time this report is received by Regions, the magazine will be in circulation.
11. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The report for August will be sent later.
12. **Mrs. STOTT'S VISIT TO BORDER:**