

Headquarters Region.

CIRCULAR NO. 63

TO: ALL REGIONS:

4 Oakdale,  
Main Street,  
NEWLANDS. Cape.

16th August, 1961.

GENERAL ELECTION 1961.

Headquarters Regional Council at its last meeting, requested me to ask all Regions to ensure that the non-party political character of the Sash is maintained, and in consequence, that the Black Sash does not organise workers for any one political party, nor undertake any other activity which would show us to be partisan.

In Headquarters Region, the office will remain open and the regular Headquarters Regional Council meetings and regular monthly All Branches meetings will continue, but branches have been authorised to suspend their monthly meetings until after the election, if they so wish.

A copy of a statement issued by the Headquarters Regional Council before an election held in this area recently, is appended for your information. Your Region might wish to use it in your local Press.

LETTER TO THE CAPE ARGUS RE CONSTANTIA BY-ELECTION.

4th May 1961.

The Editor,  
The Cape Argus,  
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

It has come to the notice of the Black Sash that some members of the public are under the impression that, in the Constantia by-election, the Black Sash is supporting the Progressive Party, while others firmly believe that it is only supporting the United Party.

We therefore, wish to reiterate that the Black Sash is a non-party political organisation and does not, in consequence, support any one political party.

Its membership is open to all and consequently it has among its members, supporters of the various political parties as well as many who belong to no political party.

The Black Sash seeks to make its members aware of their political responsibilities and encourages women who belong to it to work during the elections for the party of their choice.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT.