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CIRCULAR TO ALL REGIONS.

Dear all of you,

CONFERENCE. Thank you for all your various letters about Conference. The Agendas will be posted to you on Friday with such papers and reports as are ready. Please don't be alarmed at the length of the agenda. Some of the items will only take a few minutes and are on on only to keep the record straight. Others are only papers to be tabled (hopefully).

It is, however, a very full agenda n d we have been unable to set aside a a whole afternoon for an Advice Office Workshop. We will have to have two sessions on this in the late afternoons unless you all surprise me by waltzing through the other items.

We must stick to the timing because delegates and observers from Pietermaritzburg who are driving up and down the hill must be considered.

BORDER. You will all be very sad to learn that Babette Sparg's husband died last week. We send her our love and sympathy.

Border's Chairman has resigned so they are short-handed and struggling hard. They hope to send a full delegation to Conference and we look forward to seeing them there.

MAP. I do apologise to all of you about the delay in giving the go-ahead on the map. This has not been our fault and we have not been able to avoid the confusion. You are free to release it in your Regions to the press and anyone else as soon as you receive this circular. We will bring large numbers with us to the Conference for those Regions who want it. The accompanying fact sheet should be posted to you soon. It is designed both to help sell the map and to summarize the legislation involved in the removals.

Barbara is waiting for judgment to be handed down by the Supreme Court. The waiting and delay is as trying as anything else but she says she has been encouraged and supported by all the letters and messages she has received from all of you.

I have not written to you about the legislation now going through Parliament because we will be discussing it in detail next month. Government policy is now coming to its culmination and we are correspondingly cast down ; but a culmination is also a dead end and therefore a new beginning. After all, we have no Bantus any more - only plurals. I hope you all saw Bob Connally's cartoon about rural plurals.

Yours in plurality,

SHEENA.