

THE BLACK SASH
CIRCULAR TO REGIONS.

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Dear Everyone,

Before plunging into the business of the year, of which there will be plenty, I want to express to you all my very warm thanks for and deep appreciation of the many friendly and loving expressions of support with which you bolstered me up after my election at Conference. I was feeling so apprehensive about tackling this job --- and still am -- and you all heartened and helped me very much.

Esther is working on the MINUTES which will be sent to you for your use and comments as soon as they are available.

In the meanwhile Conference has set us a heavy programme, with four National Campaigns to be got off the ground. These are :-

the dissemination of information about the implication of the Criminal Laws Amendment Act;

publicising the Constitutional Proposals and tying this up in some way with the Nationalist Party's 30 year's celebrations ;

Campaigning on New Foreigners - the citizenship issue ;

the situation of Squatters.

At our first meeting yesterday Sheena agreed to draw up a pamphlet on the Criminal Laws Amendment Act as a start. The other campaigns will be discussed at a special meeting to be held on 12th April, and I shall keep you posted on developments.

However it would be a good idea for you to hold discussions in your Regions as well and let me know the results of your deliberations, so that we can all benefit from each other's thinking. For instance Cape Western and Natal Coastal can probably contribute much more to the Squatters campaign than some of the other Regions who have not had as much experience in this area.

May I remind you to make enquiries about Sanlam Buildings in your regions and the siting of Special Branch Offices? You will remember that Conference instructed Headquarters to write to Dr. Wassenaar, but this awaits information from all of you.

Finally - money ! Our meeting agreed that the increased levies decided upon at Conference should become operative as of now, but that smaller Regions might find it difficult to meet the extra 40c on the annual magazine subscriptions, so that you may exercise your discretion on this for the coming year. The price of SASH is now 50 c per issue, and you should charge that plus postage for any you sell.

Headquarters office bearers for the coming year, in addition to the National President and Vice Presidents elected at Conference are :

NATIONAL SECRETARY -	ESTHER LEVITAN
TREASURER	ROBIN HARVEY
MAGAZINE EDITOR	JANET SAHLI

Janet has since expressed reservations about taking over the magazine, so she and I might carry on as joint editors with the assistance of Joyce Brown but, sad as I am to relinquish the magazine which is my favourite job, I don't think I'll be able to cope with all the additional pressures.

Good luck to you all in all your endeavours. I hope we can help each other to produce a constructive and effective year of work.

Love,
JOYCE.