

THE BLACK SASH

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CIRCULAR TO ALL REGIONS

56 Victory House,
34 Harrison Street,
Johannesburg.

Dear Everyone,

I hope that you have all received Circular No. 14, and that this has helped to resolve some of your problems. You should also have received copies of the draft minutes of the Special National Conference and of the new application forms for membership.

With regard to the membership I suggest that you might consider campaigning actively for associate members, particularly amongst the husbands of members, for there is little point in indulging in constitutional amendments unless we act on them.

I am enclosing the revised Constitution of the Black Sash. When it was examined in draft form by one of our lawyers she drew my attention to Clause 6 Section (viii), which was originally Section (vii), and Section (ix), which we had added. She found them ambiguous. With the permission of Headquarters Region, I have accordingly altered the wording in this revised version as follows :-

6. (viii) At the beginning of the second sentence the word "All" has been substituted for the word "Any", and the word "Bearers" for the word "Bearer", with the words "from each Region" being deleted.
- (ix) The word "voting" has been inserted between the words "the" and "provisions".

Will you please regard this as notification of an intention to amend the constitution in this way which will be brought up at the next National Conference in March 1979, when Conference will be called upon to ratify the entire amended Constitution.

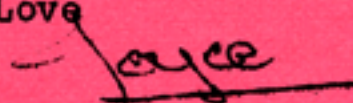
With regard to the National Campaign on the New Constitution for S. A. and the New Foreigners I am able to report progress. (See Circulars 13 and 14). Consultations have taken place, affirmative and encouraging responses have been received, and a small meeting of some of the interested people has been held. A further, enlarged meeting is planned, at which points of agreement, points of difference and strategies will be discussed. It has not yet been decided whether we should proceed on a regional or a national basis, but I shall let you know in due course. In the meanwhile I can see no harm in putting out feelers in your Regions amongst people whom you think might want to co-operate. If any of you are planning to visit Johannesburg it would be good to see you !

We are all feeling very sad over the death of Barbara Brock, one of our most stalwart, reliable and hard-working members and a very dear and special lady

I shall be away from 25th August until 4th September, so if you have any problems, please contact Sheena. I shall contact Natal Coastal while I am at the Cabanas between 31st August and 3rd September.

I hope all is well with all of you.

Love


JOYCE HARRIS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT.