

THE BLACK SASH.

CIRCULAR TO ALL REGIONS

CIRCULAR NO.17/1978

56 Victory House,  
34 Harrison Street,  
JOHANNESBURG  
3rd October, 1978.

In terms of Section 6 of the Constitution of the Black Sash notice is hereby given that the next National Conference of the Black Sash will be held in Cape Town from Monday 12th March 1979 at 8 p.m to Thursday 15th March 1979 inclusive.

Each Region is entitled to representation at National Conference on the basis of its paid up membership as at the end of the previous financial year according to the following scale :-

<u>ORDINARY PAID UP MEMBERS</u>	<u>DELEGATES.</u>
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For the first 100 members or part thereof	3
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For each additional 75 members or part thereof	1
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. We remind you that if you wish to propose any amendment to the Constitution of the Black Sash Headquarters is obliged to send notice of such amendment to each Region at least thirty days before a National Conference.

Therefore if you wish to propose any such amendment it should reach us by 31st January 1979, without fail.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. Headquarters should circulate to all Regions all items submitted for inclusion in the Agenda in time for these items to be discussed at Regional Conferences which will probably be held in the first week of February. It will be very helpful if you could let us have such items either before the Christmas recess i.e. before 15th December or before 14th January 1979.

We will obviously aim, as we always do, for a very flexible agenda, with adequate time to discuss matters which might well arise between now and the Conference. It is not our intention to confine you in any way by asking now for agenda items, but you probably do already have certain matters in mind which you will wish to bring up at Conference and it is a great advantage if all Regions have the opportunity to discuss them first.

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS.

1. That this National Conference ratifies the Constitution of the Black Sash as amended by the Special National Conference held in Johannesburg on July 22nd 1978.

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2. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT : That Section 6 (viii) of the Constitution be amended to substitute the word "All" for the word "Any" and the word "Bearers" for the word, "Bearer", and to delete the words "from each Region" Clause 6 (viii) will now read,

"In any year when/- -

"In any year when no National Conference is held, the National President shall convene a meeting of all Regional Chairmen or their alternates. All National Office Bearers shall have the right to attend such a meeting but only the National President and the Chairman of each Region, or their alternates, shall have the right to vote. Not less than six weeks' Notice of such a meeting shall be given to all Regional Committees".

3. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT : That Section 6 (ix) of the Constitution be amended to insert the word "voting" between the words "the" and "provisions". Clause 6 (ix) will now read :

"If at any time the National Executive decides that an emergency has arisen the National President or her deputy may call a special Chairmen's meeting at 24 hours' notice, to which the voting provisions of Section 6 (viii) will apply.

(You have already been notified of amendments 2 and 3 in Circular No 15/1978).

4. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT : That Section 16 (ii) of the Constitution be amended to insert the words "present and" between the words "member" and "entitled".

Clause 16 (ii) will now read,

"The provisions of Clauses 2 (Aims and Objects), 3 (a) (Conditions of Membership), 14, (Affiliation or Incorporation), 15, (Dissolution), and 16 (ii) (this Clause), of this Constitution, may be amended only by a two-thirds majority of the total number of members present and entitled in terms of Clause 6 (iii) (a) of this Constitution to vote at the National Conference.

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SPEAKER FOR THE OPENING MEETING ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1979.

It is the responsibility of Headquarters to invite the opening speaker for this meeting. Please let me have any suggestions you wish to make as soon as possible and not later than 30th November, 1978.

JOYCE HARRIS  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT.