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Dear Joyce,

I am back in Cape Town, having had a wonderful holiday, and am slowly catching up on all that has been happening during the past two months. The response of everyone here to the needs of the people of Crossroads has been wonderful, and our anxiety for their future is the deeper because of the friendships which have developed there. We will keep you informed of any developments. My new telephone number is 66-3812.

I am very pleased to hear that the consultations on the campaign on the New Constitution have been going so well.

We plan to hold one-woman stands in various suburbs on October 19th, holding posters reading "October 19th - Remember the Banned and Detained", and to submit letters to the press.

Laurine Platzky and Margaret Nash are both going to be away until mid-November, and we shall miss them. Before she left, Laurine had been doing some thinking about National Conference subjects for discussion, and brought her suggestions to the Regional Council meeting on Monday. They are not in the form of definite proposals at this stage, but I should be grateful for your comments and ideas.

1) Under a general heading of economics:

- (a) When Sheena visited various campuses as National President, Laurine remembers her speaking on the subject of migrant labour as forced labour, in that people had no other options; could Sheena do a talk on those lines?
- (b) Thenn Maree could be asked to speak on unemployment.
- (c) Daphne Ventures is willing to speak on "Economic problems currently facing ~~xxx~~ South Africa."

2) Year of the Child:

- (a) We know of a speech therapist, Linda Franklin, who works among Coloured children, and who has some interesting ideas on how speech problems arise out of social problems, and are affected by the child's background.
- (b) Could Transvaal get the slide tape show of the Soweto children "who can afford to oppose the system?"

- (c) Possibly we could draft a charter, covering family life, health, education, etc.

Apart from these suggestions, there is the revised Charter for Women, and Jane Prinsloo's talk on her master's thesis on a housing project at Galeshewe. The Charter for Women will be discussed at our Regional Conference on November 6th, and we have received a suggestion from a member that we should include a clause on the right to access to abortion. Although in the past we have felt that this was not a political issue on which we needed to take a stand, we realize that if we are to have a charter for women, we cannot refuse to discuss it.

So far, I have not had any request from a branch for discussion of the admission of men as ordinary members, but I will check up.

Penny Wilson has had a baby daughter.

I shall miss Barbara Brock a great deal, and feel very fortunate to have known her - one of the side benefits of belonging to the Black Sash. I should be very grateful if you could forward the enclosed letter to Elizabeth, whose address I do not have.

With love (and apologies for typing errors!)

M. BURTON