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Dear Everyone,

I hope you are bearing Circular No. 17 in mind and are giving some thought to a possible speaker for the opening night of Conference as well as considering any resolutions, items for discussion or amendments to the Constitution you may wish to bring up. Time passes so quickly and once the Xmas recess is over Conference is almost upon us.

The question has been raised as to whether or not Regions are liable to a levy in respect of their Associate and Affiliate members, and this will have to be clarified at Conference.

Conference in March made a recommendation that the Advice Office Workshop for next year's Conference should take place on the Monday afternoon preceding the official opening on the Monday night. I remind you of this so that you can make your travel arrangements accordingly, to allow time for those interested to participate.

You will recollect that I was instructed to write to Dr. Wassenaar about the accommodation of the Security Police in SANLAM buildings. I did so quite some time ago but have not received a reply and very much doubt whether one will be forthcoming.

I enclose with pleasure a copy of the ruling given us by our Honorary Auditors with regard to the General Sales Tax and its relevance to our organisation. You will note that our Auditors believe that we are not liable for General Sales Tax except in such unlikely circumstances as a turnover of R5000 per annum on any one of a number of specifically stated items. But you will see for yourselves, for the ruling is very clear. This is a great relief to me and all of us up here, as I'm sure it is to you. We had been given at least two conflicting legal rulings and therefore decided to approach our very helpful Auditors for advice as they are responsible for our books.

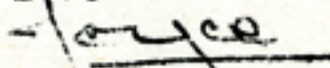
We are still seeking accommodation and there are a couple of possibilities in the offing, but in the meanwhile we are not desperate as our lease does not expire until October of next year.

The Campaign on the New Constitution was rapidly becoming one of the most hopeful projects in a very long while, with a warm atmosphere of ease and friendship having been created between the most unlikely people, and the last meeting was, I think, an unqualified success. But then, despite all my efforts and entreaties, it was splashed across the front page of POST, and this has damaged confidence to an extent that might be difficult to repair. However, we shall persevere. I wonder whether any of you have made any moves in a similar direction.

Most of you have been good about keeping in touch with Headquarters and I thank you, but I would like to hear from Albany and Border. I appreciate just how pressured ^{you} are but do try to let us know how things are going with you.

Good luck to you all,

Love



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NATIONAL PRESIDENT.