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CIRCULAR TO ALL REGIONS.

56 Victory House,
34 Harrison Street,
JOHANNESBURG.
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Dear Everyone,

National Conference is almost upon us and I have still not had any notification of delegates' names from Natal Midlands, Albany or Border. I trust this does not mean that none of these Regions will be sending delegates, for that would be most unfortunate. I fully realise the difficulties, both personnel-and finance-wise, but hope that there will be at least one delegate from each Region. Please do make a very real effort. Conference is always stimulating and nourishing and it would be a great pity if all Regions were not represented; for everyone has a contribution to make and we are all diminished by absences.

The Speaker for the Opening Night of Conference on MONDAY 12TH MARCH, will be Mr. Rene De Villiers, who will be addressing us on protest and opposition and their value. The title of his talk will probably be "Protest does Pay", and we are fortunate that he has been kind enough to accept our invitation. The meeting will be held at the Claremont Civic Centre, Main Road, Claremont.

The Advice Office Workshop is on Monday 12th March at 2 p.m at 5 Long Mowbray.

There will be tours of Cape Town for other delegates if they so desire. Please notify Cape Western accordingly.

On Tuesday night there will be a meeting for delegates only at 75 Sandown Road, Rondebosch, and on Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m., there will be a supper party at St. Saviour's Church Hall, Brookes Road, Claremont.

CONFERENCE on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will take place at St. Paul's Church Hall, Main Road, Rondebosch (opposite the Fountain).

Deputation. Dr. Koornhof has agreed to receive our deputation on Thursday 15th March at 4 p.m, which means that we shall have to conclude Conference at 3 p.m. It will be necessary for those going on the deputation to have a preliminary meeting to discuss priorities and procedures. We shall arrange this in Cape Town.

Cape Western Region has nominated Transvaal Region as Headquarters Region. There is still time for further nominations.

Please make every effort to circulate your Fact Papers to all Regions, with sufficient copies for each delegate plus a few extras for the Press and observers, before Conference, so that delegates have an opportunity to study them and discussion can be more informed and meaningful.

Constitutional Campaign. I forgot to mention in my previous circular that Headquarters Region has decided that members should lobby their individual M.P's and N.P.C.'s to ensure that information regarding the implications of the Government's proposals is widely disseminated. You may wish to follow suit.

The cartoonist, Mr. Berry, is drawing a logo for this campaign, and has suggested the slogan "Don't be Conned by the Constitution!"

We like it for car stickers and are busy drawing up a handout based on it. It would be useful to know if you are prepared to co-operate in the distribution when the time is ripe, so that printing and postal arrangements can be made. Would you be willing to take car stickers, and if so how many?

Mini-Congress. I shall be in Grahamstown this week-end for a mini-congress consisting of Albany, Border and Port Elizabeth.

Look forward to seeing you all at Convergence.

Love



JOYCE HARRIS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT.