

THE BLACK SASH - CAPE WESTERN REGION

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23rd July, 1979

Dear Member,

This has been an eventful and in many ways very positive period. The Administration Board ran its survey in Crossroads in order to establish how many residents would qualify for rehousing, and for 10 days before they started, volunteers from the Black Sash went to Crossroads with questionnaires drawn up by the Athlone Advice Office in order to establish whether there were individuals with particular problems, and to give Advice. The number of people eager to fill in the questionnaire and seek reassurance was almost overwhelming and by the time the Administration Board started their survey we had interviewed nearly 3,000 people. The Administration Board survey was done smoothly and amicably, all residents who took part will be given a 10 1 d stamp, granting them permission to remain in Cape Town for a period of six months, and after analysing the results of the survey the Administration Board will notify those residents who are eligible for re-housing.

Although we are very aware that this concession has been accompanied by the R500 fine to employers employing illegal labour, in other words a tightening up of the pass legislation in general while giving concessions to a few, nevertheless the hope given to the Crossroads community is gratifying.

All those people who went out to Crossroads to help with the Advice Office questionnaire, will have found it rewarding, and, it was very gratifying to see in our members the enthusiasm and eagerness to be involved that has long been a tradition in the Black Sash. For many it was an awkward time, in the middle of school holidays, and we are very grateful to all those who dropped everything in order to come out to Crossroads, Somerset West members in particular. Two Church youth groups also offered their help and we are grateful to them. They reported that they found it a stimulating and rewarding experience both to be involved in the warm atmosphere at Crossroads and to become more aware of the difficult problems faced by the residents.

The R500 fine for employing illegal labour has caused great anxiety, and the Advice Office has been inundated with phone calls from concerned employers. A telegram has been sent to Dr. Koornhof urgently requesting that Cape workers be included in the amnesty granted to workers in the rest of the country.

We regret that the company N.E.M. with whom our office premises have been insured for many years, did not wish to renew our policy. We understand that they are nervous, but we are glad that Mutual and Federal Insurance Company is willing to give us a policy.

There will be a Church Service at Noxolo School in Crossroads on Sunday 29th July at 2.30 p.m.

The Morning Market is drawing near. Empty jars for marmalade are needed - if you have any, please bring them to the General meeting on 6th August, or phone Bunty Aitchison at 618675.

*2 memos  
RS fees (ex st. + pm)*

Rondebosch branch has material for making toys or clothes; if you wish to join a work party, or take material home to work on, please phone Sue Drerup at 651524.

*Sept 1st WO: no more done*

MEETINGS:-

General Meeting

Date : Monday 6th August 1979, at 8.00 p.m.  
 Venue : Joan Grover's home, Varkensvlei, Doordrift Road Constantia...Cape. Phone : 741987  
 Speaker : Sister Margaret, from St. Francis Cultural Centre will speak on Black Education and the new Education Bill.

*Kids - missiles*

There will be a Bring and Buy Sale.

RONDEBOSCH BRANCH

Date : Monday 30th July at 8.00 p.m.  
 Venue : Jane Prinsloo's home, 15A Edingicht, Queens Road Rondebosch. Phone : 694052  
 Speaker : Kate Jowell from the Business School at the University of Cape Town will talk on the implications of the Wiehahn and Riekert Commission reports, and the ensuing legislation.

FALSE BAY BRANCH

Date : 25th July, at 10 a.m.  
 Venue : Ms. Thorne's home, 6 Second Crescent, Fish Hoek Phone : 823455

ROSEBANK BRANCH

Date : Tuesday 31st July at 8.00 p.m.  
 Venue : Barbara Versfeld's home, 6 Chapel Road (Off Main Rd) Rosebank. Phone : 655895  
 Speaker : Prof. Martin West of the Anthropology Department at University of Cape Town will be showing his film and slides about Soweto and and the African Independent Churches.  
 \* Members from other branches are welcome.

SOMERSET WEST BRANCH

Date : 8th August at 3.00 p.m.  
 Venue : Mrs. S. Heulin's home, Pinecroft, Parel Valley. Phone : 024-26350

CLAREMONT BRANCH

Date : Tuesday 14th August at 1.00 p.m.  
 Venue : Anne Stekhoven's home, Willow Green, Norwich Drive Bishopscourt. Phone : 771855.

Yours sincerely,

*Hildur Amato*

HILDUR AMATO (MRS.) Hon. Secretary