

THE BLACK SASH  
CIRCULAR TO ALL REGIONS.

CIRCULAR NO. 10/1980.

Khotso House,  
42 De Villiers Street,  
JOHANNESBURG  
2nd September, 1980

Dear Everyone,

Just a short note as I am going away on 7th September and shall be away until 20th October. If you have any problems during my absence please get in touch with either Sheena Duncan at 42/9713 or Jill Wentzel at 728/2228. I am not happy at leaving them both with additional burdens, but am sufficiently selfish to choose to visit my children.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE :

It seems ridiculous to be talking about Conference so early, but as I shall be away when I ought to be notifying you about it I am giving you preliminary notification now that it is to be held in Grahamstown from Friday 13th March to Tuesday 17th March 1981. You will receive your official notification on my return.

Aims of the Black Sash : Please bear in mind the Cape Western suggestions for the alteration of the wording of the aims of the Black Sash in its constitution, and, if you have not already done so, please let me know your feelings on the subject as soon as possible. (Circular No. 5/80).

KOMANI JUDGMENT :

We were jubilant at the judgment in this case which declared ultra vires that section of the Urban Areas Act which demands residential permits for the wives, sons under the age of 18 years and unmarried daughters of people who have 10(1)(a) or (b) qualifications. This was a moment of triumph for our Cape Western Region, whose case this was, and we all congratulate them most heartily. However, as was to be expected, it now seems that the Government may well seek ways and means of either circumventing or closing this loophole, the only consolation then being that the Department of Co-operation and Development will appear in its true colours and will no longer be able to talk about doing away with discrimination or "dompasses".

CONSTITUTION CAMPAIGN :

An exceedingly successful meeting of this group was held last Sunday, and I sincerely hope that there will be developments as a result of it which will be in the interests of all those who want peaceful change.

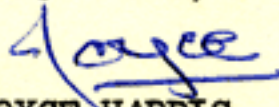
CABINET RE-SHUFFLE :

We shall watch developments with interest, though my personal belief is that whatever changes there may be will fall well within the parameters of National Party policy, and that what is happening is a concentration of power in fewer and fewer hands while we move further and further away from representative government.

And with those cheerful words let me express the hope that all goes well while I am away and that none of you are faced with any crises.

I have just received notification from Natal Midlands that their secretary is Maggie Clark, 274 Alexandra Road, Pietermaritzburg. I'm afraid I have no 'phone number, but please alter your lists accordingly.

My love to you all,

  
JOYCE HARRIS  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT.