

MINUTES OF 13th MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE
OF THE BLACK SASH, HELD AT 11 THE VALLEY ROAD, WESTCLIFF,
JOHANNESBURG, ON SATURDAY 10th AUGUST 1957 AT 9.30 a.m.

This was a special meeting, continuing on from the 12th Meeting on Wednesday 7th August, called to discuss further the Native Laws Amendment Act.

PRESENT: Mrs. J. Sinclair in the Chair.
Mesdames R. Foley, N. Green, M. Britten, E. Fouche,
J. Davidoff, M. Fisher, H. Hahn, D. Rankin
and the Hon. Secretary.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. M. Tugman.
Mrs. F. Causton - Magazine Editor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Mrs. R. A. Dietrich.

NATIVE LAWS AMENDMENT ACT.

This matter was again fully and exhaustively considered. All possible aspects were reviewed in the light of opinions expressed by the Chairman, Southern Transvaal Region on behalf of her Regional Committee, The Regional Secretary of Lowveld, and by the Acting Chairman of the Orange Free State Region contained in a communication received by the Central Executive.

There was the feeling that all constitutional avenues should be carefully re-considered.

After a full discussion lasting two hours the following resolution, proposed by Mrs. Fouche, and seconded by Mrs. Rankin, was read to the meeting:-

"After due consideration, and taking into account points of view presented by the Chairman, Southern Transvaal Region on behalf of the Southern Transvaal Regional Committee, the Regional Secretary, Lowveld Region, and the Acting Chairman, Orange Free State Region, the Central Executive now feel that in the best interests of the movement, the discussion on the Native Laws Amendment Act should be re-opened.

All points of view would be circularised to Regions, and, through Regions, all Branches, for earnest consideration.

The Central Executive wished, therefore, to refrain from giving a directive until Council meets."

Voting was 7 for - 2 against. Mrs. R. Foley and Mrs. M. Britten, who voted against the resolution, wished their names recorded in the minutes.

IT WAS AGREED that the Central Executive take further legal opinions.

IT WAS AGREED that speakers from the Central Executive would not now address meetings as originally planned.