

*Native Law
Amend.*

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CIRCULAR 46.

TO ALL REGIONAL SECRETARIES.
(Chairmen for Information)

The following is the wording of a pamphlet on the Native Laws Amendment Act. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF ALL REGIONAL SECRETARIES WOULD FILL IN THE FORM GIVEN BELOW and return to me URGENT RATE.

Pamphlet 28.

The members of the Black Sash, registered voters of the Union of South Africa, as freedom loving women, protest against the Native Laws Amendment Act of 1957. We ask all thinking South Africans to work for its withdrawal, because:-

- (a) It gives the Minister of Native Affairs dictatorial powers in his control of the urban native people of South Africa. Instead of reasonable control exercised with moderation, and co-operation between both races, there is regimentation and restrictive legislation, which can be mercilessly enforced.
- (b) This Act gives the Minister power to expel urban Africans from their homes and confine them to isolated areas; or force them to work on farms. As "rootless serfs" they are denied the right to sell their labour to their best advantage.
- (c) Contrary to the "Rule of Law" the African is further restricted in his access to our Courts to appeal against the Minister's arbitrary decisions - the Government is the final judge in its own case.
- (d) All beneficial contact between the two races can be denied and therefore existing Race Relations must be impaired because this Act can prevent association between the White and Black peoples by:-
 - (i) The "Church Clause" which interferes with religious freedom. This can sow the seeds which may lead to a breach between the Churches and State.
 - (ii) By preventing contact in welfare, health, cultural, educational and other similar institutions.
 - (iii) By prohibiting any meetings for mutual benefit and discussion, i.e. no mixed meetings of Trade Unions or political groups.
- (e) The effects of this Act will cause bitter resentment of the Africans against the laws of the state.
- (f) Co-existence of White and Black in South Africa is inevitable. Co-operation is therefore essential. This Act reduces and prevents this essential co-operation.
- (g) The harsh implementation of the Native Laws Amendment Act can drive the native races to isolation and inevitably to Black nationalism. This can be fatal to the interests of the Union and could disrupt the fabric of our civilisation.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM URGENT RATE.

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