

CIRCULAR NO.  
13/63

THE BLACK SASH

CIRCULAR TO ALL REGIONS

HEADQUARTERS REGION

37 Harvard Buildings  
Joubert Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.  
8th May, 1963.

BANTU LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1963.

We now propose to have as large as possible a stand starting at 12.30 p.m on the first day of the Second Reading, continuing through until 8.30 p.m on that day and starting again on the following day to continue throughout the Second Reading if this is possible.

We intend to have one large pictorial poster of an open book which has written on it

"Right to Family Life"

"Right to Security"

"Right to Work"

"Right to Live in Town".  
rubber

Hovering over the book is a hand holding a stamp which is imprinting in large different coloured letters the word "NO" - on the hand is written "Bantu Laws Amendment Bill 1963". There will be four smaller posters with the silhouette of the rubber stamp and the wording

1. Creates Insecurity and Unemployment
2. ~~Destroys~~ <sup>Undermines</sup> Family Life.
3. ✓ Creates a Rootless and Hungry People.
4. Cripples Commerce and Industry.

We have not yet decided on the venue of the stand, and are battling to get permission for the Oppenheimer Fountain.

We are enclosing a draft of the letter which is to be presented to the Prime Minister and to be signed by the Chairman of all Regions. You will understand that this is in Draft Form, and not yet legally vetted. Any proposed alterations must be telephoned us immediately as time is running short. Also, if you have no alterations to suggest, we would ask you to wire us immediately to that effect.

We would like Cape Western Region to attempt to make an appointment with the Prime Minister for the handing over of the letter by the Regional Chairs. It would seem to us however, that a much better purpose would be served if the Prime Minister had had time to digest the letter and then receives the deputation. Obviously this would be Utopian, as we fear he will not consent to see a Black Sash Deputation. However, let us make the effort. If Cape Western gets a curt refusal to their request for an interview it would seem pointless for the Regional Chairs to travel to Cape Town to hand over a letter possibly not even to his Secretary but to the Messenger at the door of Parliament. Should the interview be refused, we should like to hear your immediate reaction to the best way of conveying the letter to the Prime Minister.

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We have not forgotten Mrs. Stott's request to hold a "Christmas" type of demonstration during the Third Reading of this Bill. Some of the members of Transvaal Region consider that this type of demonstration more suitable during the country's observance of "Family Day", because the passing of this Bill will accentuate the break-up of families etc., However, at our committee meeting to-day and at the Council Meeting the following Wednesday, this matter will be re-discussed.

GENERAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL, 1963.

We have to-day sent a telegram to Mr. Hamilton Russell saying

"We applaud your realistic attitude to South Africa's  
"problems" quote Do not let your lonely stand deter  
"you. History and our children will defend you. Unquote.

We also propose sending a letter to all United Party Members of Parliament and Senators on the consequences of their attitude to the Bill, but this still has to be passed by our Committee.

VERY IMPORTANT

There will possibly be a large number of arrests or detentions all over the country in the immediate future. We most earnestly ask all regions not to register any kind of protest about such people from other Regions without prior consultation with the Region in question.

R. M. JOHNSTON  
HON. SECRETARY

P.S. In the matter of a "Christmas" type of demonstration, our Committee have decided not to do this for the Third Reading but to leave it for "Family Day".

Stay together ~~estate~~ of Labour without family life.  
work & food leads to family separation.  
a war with no home life.

WORK WITHOUT WIFE & FAMILY

YOUR

BE AN URBAN 'BACHELOR' N