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THE BLACK SASH

CIRCULAR TO ALL REGIONS

HEADQUARTERS REGION

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37 Harvard Buildings,  
Joubert Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.  
13th May, 1963.

BANTU LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1963.

The following telegram was sent to the Prime Minister on the 9th May, 1963:

"The Black Sash is so deeply concerned by the break-up  
"of family life and the attendant human misery which must  
"follow the passing of the Bantu Laws Amendment Bill  
"that the Regional Chairmen earnestly request you grant  
"them an interview before the second reading stop we would  
"appreciate your indulgence in setting the date and time  
"for interview. From Black Sash".

The following reply was received to-day:

"On behalf of the Honourable the Prime Minister I wish  
"to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram received  
"in this office on May 9th, 1963. Since the Bantu Laws  
"Amendment Bill has been introduced, and is being dealt  
"with, by the Honourable the Minister of Bantu Adminis-  
"tration and Development, the Prime Minister is not  
"prepared to grant interviews in this connection.  
"Requests for interviews on this matter should be  
"directed to the responsible Minister."

We applied to the Prime Minister for this interview in view of our previous correspondence with Mr. De Wet Nel as well as Cape Western's present correspondence with him. Taking this into consideration we should be glad to hear from you immediately whether you feel it worth while applying for an interview with this Minister.

MAGAZINE Our Magazine Editor, Mrs. Grant, will be going overseas at the end of June, and she is anxious to complete the July issue as far as possible before she goes.

As the late delivery of previous issues will indicate our printers are very slow and in order to give them as much time as possible may we ask all Regions to co-operate by letting Mrs. Grant have any material for publication by the end of the month to arrive at 16 Knox Street, Waverley, Johannesburg, not later than the 31st May, 1963.

This includes Regional reports, news reports, press photographs, names and addresses of office bearers, if changed, and any special articles. Photographs of Black Sash Stands are especially welcome even if the protest was held many months ago. We are constantly demonstrating against the same old injustices and the photographs are visual evidence.

Regions are asked please to advise the number of magazines required by the end of May, - 725

We should like to point out that as our circulation decreases the cost per copy rises. Although it is still more than paying its way, we are rather worried that our magazine which is our best propaganda vehicle is reaching so few people outside the Black Sash. We should be glad if Regions would do their best to increase the circulation in their own areas.

R. M. JOHNSTON  
NON. NAT. SECRETARY.