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THE BLACK SASH

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HEADQUARTERS REGION

37 Harvard Buildings,
Joubert Street,
JOHANNESBURG.
24th May, 1963.

We sent the following letter to Mr. De Wet Nel :-

"The following letter was received by us from the Honourable the Prime Minister of the Republic of South Africa.

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 1963 has been introduced, and is being dealt with by the Honourable the Minister of Bantu Administration 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".

This letter was sent to us in reply to a telegram requesting that the Prime Minister receive a delegation of Regional Chairman of the Black Sash to discuss, before the Second Reading of the Bill, the possible hardships arising from the provisions of the Bantu Laws Amendment Bill 1963.

We therefore ask you, the Honourable Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, to grant us this interview and to advise us of a time and date suitable to you."

We received the following reply :-

"By direction I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15th May, 1963, and have to inform you that the Honourable the Minister would like a memorandum to be sent to him, embracing the points you would wish to discuss. His decision in regard to the application for an interview will be conveyed to you after receipt thereof".

We are working on the Memorandum now.

R. M. JOHNSTON
HON. NAT. SECRETARY.