

THE BLACK SASH.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE
HELD ON
OCTOBER 17TH 18TH and 19TH AT CAPE TOWN

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE:

HEADQUARTERS : President Mrs. J. Sinclair
Vice Presidents Mrs. M. W. Cluver, Mrs. N. Green
National Secretary Mrs. R. M. Johnston.
National Treasurer Mrs. D. A. Hill.

CAPE WESTERN REGION : Mrs. Wilks, Mrs. Stott, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Robb, Mrs. Grant, Miss. Price, Mrs. Le Feuvre, Miss. Denniston.

CAPE EASTERN REGION : Mrs. Allchurch, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Bengough.

BORDER : Mrs. Streek, Curry.

NATAL MIDLANDS : Mrs. Hey, Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Brown.

NATAL COASTAL : Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Aitchison, Mrs. Grice.

TRANSVAAL : Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Driver, Mrs. Gaynor, Mrs. P. Duncan, Mrs. Marais, Mrs. Katz, Mrs. Grant.

OPENING OF CONFERENCE - 9.30 A.M. MONDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1966.

THE DEDICATION WAS READ.

Mrs. Sinclair opened the Conference with a welcome to all delegates.

Mrs. Wilks then welcomed all the Delegates to Cape Western Region and announced that a Public Meeting would be held in the Claremont Civic Centre in the evening at 8.15 p.m. She also invited all delegates to a cocktail party at her home on Tuesday 18th October, at 6.15 p.m. She pointed out the Leader in the "Cape Times" on Conference and thanked Mrs. Robb for her tireless efforts with the press. Mrs. Wilks then invited all delegates who would be in Cape Town on Thursday to visit the Athlone Advice Office.

APOLOGIES : Grahamstown Branch and Mrs. S. Duncan, Magazine Editor.

Cape Western asked that two hours be set aside for discussion on Advice Offices and this was agreed to.

THE RULES OF PROCEDURE WERE ADOPTED.

PRESS COMMITTEE/---

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PRESS COMMITTEE : The following were elected :

Mrs. Noel Robb, Convener.
Mrs. Carlson.
Mrs. Streek.
Mrs. Allchurch.
Mrs. Hey.
Mrs. Wallace.

CAPE WESTERN Regional Report was introduced by Mrs. Wilks who stated that Mrs. Birt has done some work in connection with a photographic exhibition and congratulated her on a magnificent job. Sub-committees were still not up to strength. The questionnaire to all members had not so far been very fruitful. One or two younger members had already joined and it was hoped to have more soon. The record "People in Protest" made from the meeting protesting against Proclamation 26 had been most successful. In September they had had a most interesting talk on Library Apartheid and had also had a report on "Africa Report" which is drawn up by the African Studies Department of an American University.

Cape Western were sad to report the death of Justice Centlivres.

NATAL MIDLANDS Regional Report was introduced by Mrs. Hey. She reported that there had been a change in chairmanship subsequent to the "warning" of Miss Iris Friday. Miss P. Reid has taken over but is very busy so the Region has arranged for the conveners of sub-committees to be very active.

The chairmanship will be reviewed after three months.

It was agreed that letters be sent from Conference to Miss Friday and Mrs. Levey. A letter from Miss Friday was read.

NATAL COASTAL Regional Report was introduced by Mrs. Wallace. She said that Mrs. Dore - one of their very keen members - had died. Mrs. Jean Hill will appear in the Magistrate's Court in Durban on October 18th to answer a charge of being in possession of a banned book at the time of her banning - one year ago. No Annual General Meeting has been held for some time but will be held immediately after Conference. Plans are in train for sub-committees to be formed.

Mrs. Stott then asked what action had been taken by Natal Coastal Region on Group Areas and suggested that all Regions hold a watching brief on this serious matter and render help and advice where possible.

CAPE EASTERN Regional Report was introduced by Mrs. Allchurch who congratulated Headquarters Region on their work and brought greetings from Mrs. Pridmore of Grahamstown.

BORDER Regional Report was introduced by Mrs. Streek.

TRANSVAAL Regional Report was introduced by Mrs. Carlson who begged Regions to clarify the Resolutions sent to Conference before Conference because it was difficult sometimes to follow the train of thought. She also thought that more personal contact between Regions should be considered.

Mrs. Sinclair suggested that Regional Chairmen should meet at least once during or immediately after the Parliamentary Session.

Mrs. Stott said that members should try to be elected to other bodies where they could make their voices heard.

There was then a long discussion on demonstrations and contact systems.

HEADQUARTERS Report was read by Mrs. Sinclair.

Mrs. Wilks expressed her admiration for the selfless devotion of Mrs. Sinclair, and said that she spoke for the whole Conference.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT/---

NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT was introduced by Mrs. Hill, who stated that the National Treasury was solvent and a proposal that the levy remain as it is at present was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Willis thanked Mrs. Hill for her report and wished it to be noted that Cape Western have paid the loss on the birthday issue of the magazine.

Mrs. Willis enquired whether the Bantu Welfare Trust Grant was to be repeated and Mrs. Sinclair replied that this would be applied for.

Cape Western had, to date, set their portion aside for legal fees and other unusual expenses - their advice office costs R1310.33 per annum to run.

Natal Coastal Region have an office open once a week, but their expenses are still low and they do not wish to draw from Bantu Welfare Trust funds at this stage - it may be necessary later.

Transvaal Advice Office costs approximately R1,250.00 per annum to run and Transvaal have to spend all their Trust money to keep going.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mrs. Willis, seconded by Mrs. Driver and carried unanimously.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent from Conference to the Honorary Auditor.

THE MAGAZINE REPORT was introduced by Mrs. Johnston who regretted very much that Mrs. Sheena Duncan, the Editor, could not be present. There was much discussion on the production of supplements at irregular intervals and this was resolved by Mrs. Randall's proposal that Headquarters bring out two or three of these which Regions would pay for on a pro-rata basis. If they were found to be successful they would be continued.

The Report's adoption was moved by Mrs. Grant, seconded by Mrs. Wilks and carried unanimously.

(Mrs. Sinclair thanked Claremont Branch for a wonderful tea.

It was agreed that Conference would rise at 5 p.m)

THE MINUTES OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE 1965 held at Port Elizabeth were confirmed and signed, subject to the following alteration (Mrs. Stott) :-

Page Eleven D. (5) Delete from "91,000" to "displaced persons" and substitute :-

"So far in the Peninsula approximately 91,000 non-White people have been affected by Group Areas Proclamations. If District Six were declared White a further approximately 34,000 non-White people would be affected. Cape Town City Council could build approximately 2,000 houses per year if land is available, etc., of which number the Government takes 25% to rehouse those people being moved out under Group Areas Notices issued directly by the Department".

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF CONFERENCE 1965.

1. Resolution : (Carried forward from 1964)

That in order to further the aims of the Black Sash, a planning sub-committee attached to Headquarters and a planning sub-committee in each Region be responsible for :-

- (a) The consideration of a Conference on the value of Liberalism;
- (b) A practical scheme to re-orientate thinking and behaviour to form social attitudes suitable for a multi-racial society ;
- (c) A plan to make our propaganda positive and constructive to create greater public understanding of our aims ;
- (d) A programme of political education, particularly of the young;
- (e) A study of the techniques of propaganda used by the Government with a view to countering them.

Cape Western said/---

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Cape Western said that Mrs. Birt would report on the following day.

Transvaal have handed over the idea of a very large photographic exhibition to the Institute for the Study of Man in Africa who seem at least prepared to go into the matter.

Transvaal reported that the conference on liberalism had been handed over to an educational body for action and that the resulting Conference had fallen far short of what was intended.

Border Region have done wonderful work on the Education of the young.

There has been good co-operation with NUSAS.

2. The production of booklets for the guidance of Africans and their employers.

This was carried out by Transvaal Region.

3. The consultation with a team of experts on the possibility of making a film showing how Whites would be affected if subjected to Pass Laws.

There appeared to have been some confusion over this matter and nothing has been done.

4. A resolution was passed at Conference 1965 on procedure to be followed in the event of an incident or emergency.

This Resolution was annulled after Conference 1965 in consultation with Regions.

5. "This Conference empowers Headquarters to commission a group of Constitutional lawyers to draft one or two outline constitutions suitable for our multi-racial South Africa to be used as a basis of discussion both inside and outside the Black Sash".

(Conference 1965)

Mrs. Green, Headquarters, regretted that this was beyond our scope and that nothing further had been done.

6. "In view of the failure of Members of Parliament to gain press publicity when the subject of banishment without trial was raised in the House during the last Parliamentary Session each Region should again approach its members of Parliament to urge that the system of Banishment without trial be fully discussed in the coming Session of Parliament.

In this way the electorate of South Africa will be made aware of the continuing existence of Banished men who have been rendered defenceless by being deprived of the protection of Courts of Law".

Mrs. Green, Mrs. Wallace and others reported on contact with and letters from Members of Parliament on this matter. Headquarters had asked the State President for an amnesty for the Banished, and although this had not borne fruit, much publicity had been given to the request and a reply was elicited as to the numbers of banished involved and the conditions of their banishment. This was in the form of a press release by the Department of Bantu Affairs.

Mrs. Cleminshaw gave a wonderful report on her work in connection with the Banished.

7. The tracing of persons who are eligible for Workmen's Compensation.

Mrs. Parks gave a long, excellent report on her investigations into this matter and it was agreed that this be reneo-ed and circulated to the Conference. There was wide discussion on procedure, on having the Act changed, etc., and many Regions are taking action.

ADVICE OFFICES /---

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Mrs. Robb introduced a very full and thoughtful report on conditions as they are in Cape Western Area. Then Mrs. Sinclair reported on the Johannesburg office. Transvaal region have produced an excellent memorandum on the pass laws which was presented to Conference. Mrs. Carlson, Transvaal, told the Conference this was practically the single-handed work of Mrs. Sinclair who had gone to endless trouble to produce it.

Natal Coastal reported that their Advice Office was open once a week in the Institute of Race Relations and that they were doing quite a lot of work.

Miss Denniston reported on conditions at the Elgin Advice Office.

Discussion then ranged over all problems of the Advice Offices in trying to assist people who came to them. It would appear that the law and the regulations are being applied with even more harshness than before and the difficulties are enormous.

Mrs. Sinclair was congratulated by Conference on a magnificent effort on the Memorandum and the distribution was discussed.

(Mrs. Sinclair thanked the Wynberg Branch for a delightful tea).

SECOND DAY - Tuesday 18th October, 1966.

Mrs. Sinclair thanked Mrs. Birt and Mrs. Aitchison for their very good work in organising the Public Meeting. 130 copies of the Memorandum on the Pass Laws were sold.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS :

1. The Prohibition of Improper Interference Bill.

Resolution 1.

"That this conference decides that no action be taken now in the matter of the possible presentation of a Bill similar to or to replace the Prohibition of Improper Interference Bill, 1966, but if the need arises a National Conference will be called immediately".

Proposed by Mrs. N. Green
Seconded by Mrs. B. Willis.

Carried - 20 For, 7 Against 3 Abstentions.

(This resolution arose out of discussion on action to be taken.)

Resolution 2.

"That in the event of legislation being introduced which can vitally affect the membership of the Black Sash, this Conference hereby instructs Headquarters Regional Council/Committee to call an emergency National Conference immediately. This resolution serves as notice both for the Conference and for any Constitutional Amendments which may be agreed by that Emergency Conference.

Proposed by Mrs. E. Stott.
Seconded by Mrs. Joy Hey

Carried unanimously.

2. That Clause 10(1) (g)
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"an audited financial statement presented to the Headquarters Council/Committee not later than....."

CAPE WESTERN REGION.

Proposed by Mrs. B. Willis
Seconded by Mrs. Stott.

Carried with two abstentions.

RESOLUTIONS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

In view of the change in the climate of opinion in South Africa, the Black Sash should decide whether its primary objective is to try to change this opinion or to protest against unjust laws as these two things are no longer always complementary to each other as they were in the past.

CAPE WESTERN REGION.

Mrs. Molly Petersen introduced this item by suggesting that some of our protests and demonstrations seemed to have the effect of antagonising large sections of the general public. Although she was not in favour of discontinuing protests, she felt that it was time that the Black Sash called in the services of experts, e.g. psychologists, etc., in order that advice may be sought on the best way to get our point of view across.

There was long and lively discussion on this matter and the great majority of delegates seemed to be totally opposed to curtailing demonstrations. It was agreed however, that more attention be paid to the posters used and to publicity. It also appeared that circumstances varied greatly in the different regions and it was agreed that this proved that there was certainly a case for consulting experts, locally, for assistance.

- 2 (a) ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

Realising the value and importance of the Magazine, the possibility of extending its scope and the number of issues.

TRANSVAAL REGION.

This item was withdrawn in view of the agreement already reached on the production of supplements (see Magazine Report)

- 2 (b) ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

The effect of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act on the Black Sash and Black Sash activities.

Mrs. Wilks gave a short resume of the type of premises which can, if this Bill in re-introduced next session, be proclaimed for the use of one race only by the Government. She said that she felt that this might curtail some of Cape Western Region's activities.

General discussion followed and it would appear that this Bill may have very far-reaching effects, not only on Black Sash work but also on contact between the races. There was discussion on methods which could be used to protest against the Bill, and it was suggested that Members of Parliament be canvassed on this matter of denial of contact. It was also agreed that some expert advice be sought on methods.

(Mrs. Carlson asked that a vote of admiration be accorded to Cape Western for the very detailed and excellent Advice Office Report which they had produced on the first day of Conference. She regretted that this had not been done at the time of the discussion).

- 2 (c) ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

Group Discussion Techniques.

TRANSVAAL REGION.

Mrs. Carlson gave very full details of a prolonged Discussion Group which was being held in Johannesburg under the guidance of a trained leader. She pointed out the very great value of such a course and how it was possible to change thinking and attitudes by means of free discussion. The course has been on World Affairs and she felt that it was urgent that all Black Sash women concern themselves with the matter of international relations. This group has found the discussions of inestimable value and apart altogether from large centres, it was possible to introduce these groups in the more isolated branches.

Many questions were asked by delegates and Cape Western Region reported on a Group Leadership Course which had been most successful - more of these will be held.

2.(d) ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

The possibility of the Black Sash sponsoring the visit to South Africa of some suitable woman world personality.

NATAL MIDLANDS REGION.

Mrs. Hey spoke of the enormous lift given to right-thinking people by the visit of Senator Kennedy to South Africa and said that there was no doubt that this kind of visit would be of great value. All Regions were in favour of this plan, although it was argued that perhaps it would be better not to limit the invitation to a woman, if it was felt that a man would be a better draw. Arising out of the discussion, the following recommendation was passed:-

"That the Black Sash in the coming year make every effort to sponsor the visit to South Africa of a world personality".

Proposed by Mrs. J. Hey.
Seconded by Mrs. M. Strauss.

3.(a) ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

Magisterial Warnings.

TRANSVAAL REGION.

Mrs. Grant spoke on the lack of publicity given by the press and others to this method of silencing people. She said that we must make every effort to bring this to the attention of the public. In the discussion which followed several suggestions were made, e.g., a powerful article in the press, Imaginary Conversations, Householders' Circulars, a pamphlet called "Guide to People who have been Banned", advertisements in Newspapers, a play, etc.,

It was agreed that all methods would be investigated and something done about this important matter.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PUBLICITY.

Mrs. Birt, Cape Western Region, explained how she has been using photographic posters, which are portable, to publicise the injustices of the pass laws, Group Areas Act, etc., and also to bring out the fact that co-operation between the races is not only possible but is in existence. So far, some of these posters have been displayed in Churches and have met with quite a measure of success. Conference was most impressed with the excellence of the posters and the idea of visual propaganda of such a high standard, and suggestions were made about extending the publicity given to them, e.g., in the magazine, in newspapers, etc., Mrs. Birt was congratulated on a simply wonderful idea.

3 (b) RESOLUTION/---

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3. (b) RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Henderson, Cape Western, proposed a resolution on the question of banned persons being listed in the press on Human Rights Day, which resolution was seconded by Mrs. Robb. Cape Western Region had already done quite a lot of work on getting the facts and figures necessary. Transvaal Region proposed an amendment to widen the scope of the resolution, viz.

"That the Black Sash endeavoursto persuade the press to publish on Human Rights Day 1966 the numbers of those who have been punished without trial and how many of them have been charged and convicted after receiving this arbitrary punishment."

Proposed by Mrs. P. Duncan.
Seconded by Mrs. R. Driver.

This amendment was carried 16 For, 13 Against, 1 Abstention.

It was agreed that this would be done in all Regions and that Cape Western would help to supply the facts.

4. (b) RESOLUTION.

"That the Black Sash, recognising that the pass laws are the paramount cause of racial tension in this country, give priority to instituting a campaign dealing with these laws by :-

- (i) a thorough study of the reasons advanced for their introduction, their continuation and their implementation ;
- (ii) wide publicity for the results of this study, in order that no South African can plead ignorance of the moral, economic and social effects of these laws on our society ;
- (iii) attempts to formulate alternate systems ; and
- (iv) publicity for the effects of the pass laws on the economy of the country.

In order to make this campaign as effective as possible, the Black Sash must enlist the assistance of individuals and other organisations.

Proposed by Mrs. J. Carlson.
Seconded by Mrs. K. Gaynor.

Mrs. Carlson said that this must be an entirely different campaign to any which has been attempted in the past. It was time we were constructive in matters like these and it was most important that we formulate ideas for an alternate system.

Carried unanimously.

THIRD DAY - WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER.

CLOSED SESSION.

1. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

The pros and cons of confining our propaganda to informing the South African public.

2. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

We consider ways and means of helping to improve our public image through a positive disassociation of ourselves from the exponents and supporters of outside interference in South Africa's affairs.

Both these items were discussed at length, but no resolutions arose from them. The Black Sash will continue to operate in its usual manner.

(Mrs. Sinclair then thanked three branches for the wonderful teas which they had given us on Tuesday and Wednesday morning).

5 (a) RESOLUTION.

That the Black Sash

- (1) publicise the ever-increasing incidence of mass arrests ; the victimisation of the law-abiding non-whites; the possibility of sub-standard conditions in places of detention and the summary justice imposed in mass trials ; and
- (2) asks the press to conduct an active campaign against mass arrests because the absence of such a campaign has contributed to the indifference of the white population and to the perpetuation of the myth that mass arrests reduce crime.

Proposed Mrs. E. Katz.
Seconded Mrs. A. Marais.

Mrs. Katz introduced this resolution with an excellent fact paper. She was congratulated by the whole Conference. In order that this information be widely disseminated it was agreed that the paper be sent to all Regions. An amendment moved by Mrs. Stott and seconded by Mrs. Wilks was defeated.

The Resolution was carried.

28 For and 2 Against.

5 (b) ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

The investigation into and publicising of the provisions in the Bantu Laws Amendment Act 1966, dealing with the establishment of courts.

In introducing this discussion, Mrs. Johnston stated that this Act gives power to establish courts anywhere, at any time. Since it was already becoming increasingly difficult to find out where trials are held, this would obviously make it even harder. It was agreed that all Regions take action.

5 (c) RESOLUTION.

"That in view of the alarming frequency of Railway accidents, particularly on short line Railways, and the development of a pattern of violence after these, the Black Sash presses for a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the causes of such accidents, with particular reference to overcrowding, driver selection and signalling systems and construction of rolling stock.

(Amendment to original Resolution)
Proposed by Mrs. B. Wilks,
Seconded by Mrs. B. Willis.

Carried 18 For 12 Against.

The original resolution which called on the Black Sash to investigate the causes and to present the information to interested organisations was proposed by Mrs. Marais and seconded by Mrs. Gaynor.

5 (d) RESOLUTION.

" That the Black Sash pays tribute to the efforts of one Region in causing publicity to be given to the shocking conditions existing in one former transit camp for Africans who are victims of the Pass Laws and resolves that every effort be made to ascertain the number, location, condition and population of other such camps throughout the country."

Proposed by Mrs. D. Grant
Seconded by Mrs. P. Duncan.

Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Streek, Border, presented an outstanding fact paper on SADA Camp and was congratulated by the whole Conference. It was agreed that conditions in these camps must be publicised.

(Mrs. Sinclair then thanked Mrs. Digby most sincerely for the catering arrangements for lunch, which was very good indeed on every day of Conference, and for the wonderful organisation)

ELECTION OF HEADQUARTERS REGION. (Mrs. B. Wilks in the chair).

Transvaal Region was proposed by Mrs. Robb and seconded by Mrs. Allchurch.

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Jean Sinclair was proposed by Mrs. Curry and Seconded by Mrs. Robb.

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

Conference agreed that Mrs. Sinclair carry on for another year.

NATIONAL VICE - PRESIDENTS.

Mrs. Jeanette Carlson	Proposed by Mrs. Nell Green Seconded by Mrs. Cluver
Mrs. Bobbie Cluver	Proposed by Mrs. Henderson Seconded by Mrs. Robb.
Mrs. Dora Hill	Proposed by Mrs. Driver Seconded by Mrs. Robb

After a ballot, Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Cluver were elected.

5 (e) ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

The possibility of Country Branches keeping Headquarters informed of happenings in their areas, e.g., mass removals, endorsements out etc.,

This was accepted as a recommendation at the request of Mrs. Carlson and it was agreed that all Regions inform all other Regions on this matter.

6 (a) RESOLUTION.

" That every Region of the Black Sash should where possible take steps during the coming year to inform themselves and the general public on the wages, transport costs, working and living conditions of the labour force in South Africa."

Carried unanimously.

This resolution was amended by Natal Midlands Region and Transvaal Region to read as above. The original resolution was proposed by Mrs. Stott and seconded by Miss. Price.

Various suggestions were made on the implementation of this resolution. e.g., through the Advice Offices information could be amassed, fact papers should be drawn up, a committee should be set up etc., etc.,

6 (b) was withdrawn in view of 6 (a) being amended.

7. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION/---

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7 ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

Methods of counter-acting S.A.B.C. propaganda.

This discussion was introduced with a "psycho-drama" by the Transvaal Region who have used this method in the Transvaal to stimulate discussion at meetings. Several suggestions for counter-action were made, e.g.,

- That the press do a "counterblast" of "Current Affairs".
- A list be made of the most flagrant sayings.
- People be encouraged to listen.
- Group Discussions.
- Nursery Rhymes and parodies.
- Letters to the Press.
- Telephone programme organisers with criticisms.
- Ask if matters broadcast are a contravention of the Licence.
- A standard letter which could go from all Regions to the Press.
- A comparison of English and Afrikaans news.

8 (a) RESOLUTION.

" That because of the many enquiries received as to the work and aims of the Black Sash, a leaflet be formulated to be sent to members and others describing and explaining such work and aims."

Proposed by Mrs. Wilks.
Seconded by Mrs. Robb.

Carried 29 For 1 Abstention.

It was agreed that Regions could do this. Cape Western produced a draft of a leaflet - which needed amending - which they wished to bring out.

8 (b) RESOLUTION.

" That the Black Sash redouble its efforts to attract more younger members."

Proposed by Mrs. Robb.
Seconded by Mrs. Le Feuvre.

Carried unanimously

Mrs. Robb suggested that work be found for young members so that they did not feel that their services were not required. She suggested that they be asked to draw up fact papers, etc.,

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

Transvaal Region invited all Regions to Johannesburg for Conference 1967. This invitation was accepted by Conference and the date will be (approximately) 18th to 20th October, 1967.

GENERAL. Mrs. Johnston thanked Mrs. Jocelyn Morris and Mrs. E. Botha most sincerely for all the assistance which they had given her during Conference.

Mrs. Barbara Wilks thanked Mrs. Sinclair for her excellent conduct of Conference and said how pleased Cape Western Region was to have been hosts to the Conference.

Mrs. Sinclair thanked all the office bearers in Headquarters, especially Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Cluver, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Hill. She also thanked all delegates for their attendance.

Mrs. Sinclair then thanked Cape Western for transport, flowers, and the magnificent organisation of Conference, 1966.