

CAPE WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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THE OFFICE.

Members will be pleased to hear that we are effecting considerable savings in our office expenses. This is being done by giving more responsibility and work to the Branches, and through the willing services of daily voluntary workers - many thanks to them - and to those who responded so well to the appeal for office equipment.

GROUP AREAS PETITION TO DR. DONGES.

On 13th September, a protest meeting, sponsored by the Black Sash, was held at the Drill Hall. About 1,000 people attended, and were addressed by Advocate D. Molteno, who described the implications of the proposed zoning, Mrs. W.F. Grant, who spoke from the human angle, Mr. R. Horwitz, who stressed how business would be affected, Professor Beinart, who spoke on the injustice of the plans, and finally the Dean, who gave the Christian standpoint.

From this meeting the petition to Dr. Donges, asking him to reconsider the proposals for the Peninsula, was launched. There were many people throughout the Peninsula who were, for various reasons, afraid to sign it. This made us realise how close South Africa has come to being a police state. Perhaps the most outstanding achievement of the petition was the fostering of good-will among the despondent and bewildered Coloured people in the Cape.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

As the result of the National Council meeting, a sub-committee is to be formed to study Parliamentary legislation as it is presented to Parliament, so that we will be able to organise demonstrations wherever a law is passed which is in conflict with our principles. The first massed demonstration to be held next Session will be on the opening of Parliament - 18TH JANUARY. KEEP THIS DAY

FREE.

EDUCATION.

The Education Sub Committee continues to arrange lectures designed to reach the maximum number of people.

THESE LECTURES HAVE LATELY BEEN HELD:

13th November. Mr. Leo Marquard spoke on "The Citizen and his Government". He said that our liberties were being whittled away, but that we still had the right to protest provided we did not break the law. We have a right to disagree with laws, past and present, & to say so.

14th November. The Rev. Cecil Wood addressed members at Hermanus; and spoke of the danger of any church identifying itself with any political party.

28th November. Mr. George Claystalk on the national conference of African leaders, held in Bloemfontein to discuss the Tomlinson Report. It is hoped to arrange a similar talk by an African in the New Year.

THESE LECTURES ARE BEING PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE:-

(1) A series of talks by members of each political party of group on the policy etc. of their party is being arranged. We want them to tell us what they stand for and how they hope to achieve their aims. These will be held at 8.15 p.m. on 4 consecutive Tuesdays in the Mowbray Town Hall as follows:-

29th January. Nationalists and Liberal Party Speakers.

5th February. United and Federal Party Speakers.

12th February. Speakers from the Labour Party, the Congress of Democrats and the Conservative Party.

19th February. Speakers from the African National Congress, the Indian Congress, and from leading Coloured organisations.

(2) Mrs. Catherine Taylor has promised to speak at some future date on the Cape Educational Ordinance.

The attendance at Lectures varies from 60 to 160, but we consider could be better.

THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

Members of the Cape Western Region attended a general meeting to discuss the Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations, as a possible basis for Black Sash policy. The meeting was overwhelmingly in favour of this, and our delegates took the idea to the National Council, and it was decided that copies should be sent to each Branch in every Region for study and discussion.

PROPAGANDA.

We now have quite a number of pamphlets in the office, and they are available to members who can distribute them effectively.

FUND RAISING.

The following is a list of Branches with percentages of their Fund Raising target:

False Bay	210%	Durbanville	76%	Constantia.....	46%
Elgin	194%	Wellington	66%	Hermanus	37%
Plumstead	137%	Claremont	61%	Wynberg	35%
Stellenbosch ...	126%	Somerset West	55%	Milnerton	21%
Pinelands	110%	Rosebank	55%	Gardens	13%
Rondebosch	104%	Fish Hoek	54%	Simonstown	8%
Sea Point	89%	Regional	50%	Hex River	0%

The above figures represent an over-all total of 74%. The end of the financial year is in April, and we hope that all targets will be reached by that time. Congratulations to the six Branches which so splendidly exceeded their expected amounts, and to the many members who have found varied and original ways of raising funds.

THE SENATE ACT DEMONSTRATION.

On 9th November, the result of the appeal to the courts was announced in favour of the Government. That evening hundreds of members stood at various strategic points leading into town, and in the suburbs, as well as in Adderley Street, and outside Parliament, carrying posters saying: "Legal now but immoral for ever", and "The case is lost but not the cause", in both languages. Outside cinemas in the evening and railway stations in the morning, thousands of pamphlets were handed out.

There were silent demonstrations in Simonstown, Muizenberg, Hermanus, Stellenbosch and many platteland towns. There were similar demonstrations throughout the country. 250 women had an all-night vigil outside the Union Buildings in Pretoria. Several other all-night vigils were staged in different centres.

All Regions reported great interest taken by the public in the pamphlets and posters. (The size of the latter caused initial consternation among our members prior to the demonstration, but was afterwards voted to be most effective.)

9th November seemed to result in a great re-awakening of enthusiasm and determination among our members all over the country.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S BRANCH.

In the New Year, a Branch will be formed for women who are not able to attend meetings in the suburbs in the day time, but who can meet in town after office hours. Anyone interested in this should contact Mrs. van Selm (6-1390) or Miss Windham (7-9202).

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- ACROSS:**
1. Policy of the Black Sash: Vigilance, ... and Education.
 7. Parts of South Africa are.
 8. and 19. Names of Sashers?
 9. What a Black Sash can never be!
 11. Practice or operation. (obsolete).
 13. In a 16 one often has to .. stadig.
 14. Trinitrotouene.
 15. and 1 Down, What our women do.
 16. see 13.
 18. A mass of types, confusedly mixed.
 19. See 8.
 20. What the Black Sash plays with Cabinet Ministers' consciences?!
 23. 'Tis.
 25. The eyes have them!
 26. Long in morning and evening.

DOWN:

1. See 15 across
2. We hope to be ... of **immoral** Government.
3. Poem
4. Measure.
5. 7 (down) Our Country.
6. Round the Bend!
7. See 5.
10. Nationality of Van Riebeeck.
12. Study of morals.
15. Caused by unjust legislation. among thinking people.
17. Bird (Latin).
18. Post (anag.)
21. Legislation passed in the last Session has not caused much ... about nothing.
22. A solemn promise.
24. After him! (Afrikaans).

The sender of the first correct entry opened after 15th December will receive a year's free supply of the Black Sash Magazine.

LITERATURE.

"The Black Sash" by Mirabel Rogers is now published and copies can be had from the office at 15/- each for members and at 17/6 for non-members. There are 110 photographs and 25 cartoons, and we cannot see how any member, however inactive, can resist buying one. Surely many will buy copies for friends both in South Africa and overseas. The sale of this book is a priority matter for the Black Sash.

Your Editors,
"BLACK and "SERP".