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Dear Member,

Although our really chaotic time is during the Parliamentary session, during the past three months we have hardly been idle.

GENERAL LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

Our vigil round the "Flame of Freedom" was reported in the last issue of the News Letter. We joined forces with other organisations to form the Civil Rights Defence Committee to protest against the General Laws Amendment Bill. On May 30th there was a protest meeting in the Drill Hall at which 2,000 people were present despite several bannings of venues and gatherings organised against this Bill. Judge Centlivres was in the chair & amongst the many excellent speakers, Black Sashers were prominent. R200 was collected at that meeting and used for publicity and the hiring of halls in other parts of the Peninsula. As there was money over, those organisations who had initially contributed towards this committee, were reimbursed. On June 14th, which was the week before the Bill became an Act, Sashers met on the Parade from 5.15 to 5.45 and silently stood, holding burning tapers lit from the "torch of freedom". Several members of the public took tapers, lit them and joined us, and although the whole stand had not been publicized, and there were no posters, the Press took photographs and reported it.

EDUCATION BILL:

In connection with the Education Bill, on Monday 18th June there was a stand in Adderley Street during the lunch hour. Eight posters were used. They were worded: "Education Bill Flouts the Views of Educationalists" and "Education Bill gives Minister control of Education". Mrs. Grant gave a statement against the Education Bill to the Press, to the effect that no notice had been taken of the recommendations made to the Select Committee on the Bill by the many organisations giving evidence.

BANTU EDUCATION ACT:

A very scholarly report on this subject has been compiled by two of our members, after a great deal of research and thought. It is available for study and should prove a very useful reference book for discussion and articles. We thank the two members concerned very heartily for all their work and effort.

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Sir Francis de Guingand, Chairman of the Foundation, and Mr. J. du P. Oosthuizen, granted an interview to Mrs. Stott and Mrs. Petersen, and all four were able to discuss fully their divergent views. A letter was subsequently sent to Sir Francis re-iterating questions brought up at this meeting and re-affirming our policy.

PROFESSOR GEYSER:

On Tuesday 12th June Professor Geyser lectured at the University to a packed Jamieson Hall. Many Sashers were present and heard his very interesting talk on Christian Nationalism and the threat to Academic Freedom. This talk was roneod by N.U.S.A.S., and we have copies in the office. Prof. Geyser has consented to our request to make a tape recording of his talk so that it will be available to those branches and members who were not able to be present at the original talk.

REMOVAL OF AFRICANS FROM WESTERN CAPE:

Mrs. Robb gave a very eloquent address on this subject "Endorsed Out" to the Institute of Citizenship on Thursday 19th July. At the request of the Argus it was telexed in toto to the Natal Daily News and is appearing in Race Relations news. The September issue of the Forum, available from the office at 10 cents., has published the complete article. In an effort to publicise the human hardships which the pass laws and the threatened removal of Africans from the Western Cape cause, speakers were offered to various bodies and organisations. Mrs. Robb and Mrs. Birt have given several talks already and are prepared to continue to give them. It has also been translated into Afrikaans and has already been read to one group of Afrikaans-speaking people. On September 18th the Progressive Party of S.A. had a lunch hour Forum on this subject with Mrs. Robb as speaker. We are anxious that as many people as possible should be made aware of the suffering and sorrow experienced by these unfortunate Africans and hope that members who belong to study groups and cultural or church organisations will try to obtain invitations to our speakers.

ATHLONE ADVICE OFFICE:

Telephone 69-3150 - mornings only. Mrs. Parks continues to do wonderful work as Secretary. The number of cases handled increases steadily and volunteers who can work a morning a week are still

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required. It is imperative that this very vital and important work should continue, and that the workers should be well-trained, courteous and fully conversant with those aspects of the law which refer to the Eiselen Line and removal of the Africans from the Western Cape. To many people this is the most valuable work that has ever been undertaken by our Organisation, and at the moment it is the only office of its kind in S. Africa. Johannesburg, however, hopes to open one in the near future, run on exact lines and with the same policy.

The reports for July, August and September tell us that:

Men endorsed out	176
Women endorsed out	271
Miscellaneous	250
Old cases returned	542
Total interviews	1,239

Windermere is now almost clear of Africans, a great number of whom are suffering as a result of families finding that they have to break up their home life, as they do not qualify to stay together in the African townships.

Special Cases: The Cape Times sent Mr. Pocock out to the office looking for a story. The journalist became interested in the case of an African who had been served with a removal notice. Mr. Pocock checked on the story and it was published on 24th August in the Cape Times. The publicity which had been given to this case no doubt helped in the final result which was that the removal order was withdrawn.

Members are reminded that visitors are always welcome to visit the office and to bring any interested friends.

We have just received a wonderful anonymous donation of R1,000 for the Advice Office. Such a gift is more than heartening and encouraging to all our workers at the office.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

This will be all day at St. Saviour's Church Hall on Monday the 28th October at 9.30. Branches are asked to remember that all members of the Sash are invited to come to this Conference and can speak and listen to the delegates even though they cannot vote. It helps to bring various aspects of our work into the open and also gives the delegates and council the necessary enthusiasm and zeal for the many tedious and repetitive jobs that have to be done. Come and take a seat even if you are unable to stay the entire day.

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FETE:

This will be held on Saturday December 1st at 9 o'clock in St. Saviour's Church Hall, Claremont. The following stalls were allocated:

False Bay	-	Tombolo	Rosebank	-	Sweets
Gardens	-	Teas	Wynberg	-	Delicatessen
Pinelands	-	White Elephant	Wellington-		Christmas gifts
Plumstead	-	Cakes	Rondebosch-		Books and records.

No Branch felt prepared or equipped to undertake the needlework stall and thus it has been suggested that this stall be convened by the Regional Council. As handicrafts are surely not the forte of the members of the Council will all members please help by contributing at least one little tray-cloth or something similar per person? This is the time to call on the silent sisters and interested well-wishers for all sorts of donations as well as needlework. The convenors of the Fete are: Mrs. le Feuvre, Telephone 71-2114, assisted by Miss Dreyer, Telephone 77-3168. They are prepared to assist with any difficulties or queries.

BRAINS TRUST: Endorsement of Africans out of the Western Cape. Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Stott are trying to arrange this to be held very soon. Unfortunately up to the time of going to Press we have been able to secure speakers to present our side of the story, but none to represent the Nationalists point of view. As we are anxious to have both points of view discussed Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Stott are still trying to obtain a speaker in favour of the Removals.

NEW SECRETARY:

It was with great regret that we all said adieu to Mrs. Doreen Walton who had been our Secretary for the past two years and had cheerfully and efficiently sustained us in all our travails. However, our new Secretary, Mrs. Botha, appears to have settled in very well. To Mrs. Botha we extend a hearty welcome and hope that she will be very happy in her work with us.