

Dear Member,

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of ex-Chief Justice Albert van de Sandt Centlivres, in whom the Black Sash, like many other bodies dedicated to upholding justice and humanity, found a staunch friend. He was always ready to lend his influence to our representations to the authorities, he served as Chairman to bodies on which we were represented, and he spoke with authority against the constant inroads upon the rule of law. By his presence and dignity he gave us reassurance. He will be sorely missed, but we hope that the memory of what he did and was will be an inspiration and encouragement in these difficult times.

Another spate of Bills has been tabled this session. The Prohibition of Improper Interference Bill has been postponed. At the September All Branches meeting Mrs. Wilks read a report drawn up by Mrs. Jackie Beck on the Separate Amenities Amendment Bill, and a round-table conference was held on the Separate Amenities and the University Bills. National Conference will be asked to discuss the effect of the Separate Amenities Bill on the Sash and Sash activities.

ALL BRANCHES:

In September one of our members gave a most valuable talk on Library Apartheid. A one minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to our late Prime Minister. Headquarters had sent a letter of condolence to Dr. Dönges, the acting Prime Minister and asked him to convey the sympathy of the Black Sash to Mrs. Verwoerd and her family. This Region made a statement to the paper on the Prime Minister's death.

EXTRAORDINARY REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

At this conference on 1st August resolutions for the National Conference were discussed. It was announced that Headquarters were producing a leaflet setting forth the aims and work of the Black Sash, as a help to members, particularly in explaining these to non-members.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

This will be held in the small St. John's Hall, off Convent Road, Wynberg, on Wednesday 12th October at 9.30 a.m. You are urged to attend this important once-a-year meeting of our Region. Bring your own lunch with you. Everyone may speak, though only delegates may vote.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

The National Conference will be held in the Gordon's Institute, Liesbeek Parkway. Starting at 10 a.m. on Monday 17th October, and at 9.30 a.m. on the following two days.

On the evening of the 17th Dr. Birley will speak in the Claremont Civic Centre on "The Beginning of it All", and Mrs. Sinclair will give her Presidential Address. This will be a public meeting, and we urge you not only to come to this, the first National Conference in Cape Town for many years, but to bring your husband and friends. Most of us know from experience how worthwhile Dr. Birley's talks are.

Meals...

National Conference (Cont.)

Meals will be supplied at the Conference at the cost of 15 cents for tea and 75 cents for lunch, or R1 for lunch and two teas. Observers may speak, though only delegates may vote, so do come.

MONTHLY EDUCATION MEETINGS:

Two meetings have been held in St. Saviour's Minor Hall. In August Professor Julian Beinart spoke on "Cities, Housing and Race" to an audience of 34, and in October Dr. Wollheim spoke on "Can Welfare work survive among non-Whites". The meeting was excellently attended by members of the public. On 21st November Mrs. Robb will address another meeting.

GROUP LEADERSHIP COURSE:

A group leadership course, arranged by Mrs. Petersen, was held on 20th September at Atgor Chambers, at which there was extremely interesting and valuable discussion on "leadership", initiated by Mrs. Dubow. More of these courses will be arranged, and all members, particularly Branch Chairmen, are urged to take part in them. Those who have suggestions about useful subjects for discussion, please let Mrs. Petersen or another member of the Council know.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS:

Our congratulations and good wishes go to Mrs. Stott, who was unopposed at the last municipal elections, and who will continue to serve our community as in the past.

MIXED PARTIES:

In June Rondebosch had a very successful party, attended by about 40 people, at which coloured slides were shown.

In September Wynberg and Plumstead gave a party to about 45 guests of whom about 20 were non-White. All experienced the ease of contact and conversation that we have come to expect at our parties.

PHOTOGRAPHIC POSTERS:

Mrs. Birt's posters on District Six have been shown at St. Thomas', Christ Church, St. George's Cathedral and those on Migrant labour in the Cathedral. Members are urged to ask their rectors for permission to display them in their churches, as one of the most effective ways of informing people about what present legislation is doing to non-White human beings.

MORNING MARKET:

Please remember that you are asked to provide two (or more) attractive articles of needlework and a cake for our Morning Market on Saturday 26th November, and any good discarded clothing, hats, bags, etc. that you can contribute. Mrs. Birt has offered to store articles after 4th October.

The...

Morning Market (Cont.)

The STALLS will be:

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Claremont and Plumstead - Delicatessen | Rosebank | - Books |
| False Bay and Fish Hoek - "Bargains Galore" | Somerset West and Elgin | - Produce |
| Gardens - Teas. | Wynberg | - White Elephant |
| Regional Council - Flowers | Simon's Town | has had book sales. |
| Rondebosch and Pinelands - Cakes | | |

WRITING TO THE PAPERS:

Some of our members have written under their own names to the press, but not nearly enough. Won't you undertake to write when occasion presents itself? There is very much that should not be allowed to go by default.

ADVICE OFFICE:

It is heartening to know that in spite of all the difficulties experienced by our workers in helping Africans in the Cape Town areas, there are an appreciable number of successes, people whom the Advice Office has been able to assist to get work, to remain in a house, to get extension of stay here, to have the right to remain here established, to be reinstated in jobs - things that would not have happened without this assistance.

15 Such cases are resported in June, 9 in July and 3 in August.

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Men endorsed out	34	45	34
Women endorsed out	36	34	20
Miscellaneous	71	59	53
Old cases returned	<u>168</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>136</u>
Total	<u>309</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>243</u>

Average per day -	14	14	11
-------------------	----	----	----

<u>Visitors:</u>	June 1	July 10	August 9
------------------	--------	---------	----------

A Case from our files:

Y.T. was born in Cathcart on a White man's farm. His father still lives there. He came to Cape Town and stayed from 1949 - 1951, then worked in various places returning here in 1954. He was married in 1940 by tribal custom and in 1955 they underwent a civil rites ceremony at Department of Bantu Affairs: He lived in Retreat until 1960 when he and his wife were moved to a pondok in Guguletu. In 1961 his wife died and he married E. in Cathcart by tribal rites. She remained in Cathcart with her husband's father on the White man's farm.

In 1965 the farmer told her that as her husband did not work on his farm, she could no longer stay there. In September 1965 she obtained permission to visit her husband in Cape Town. In November 1965 the family - Mr. and Mrs. T., her child and his three children from his frist marriage were moved into a brick house. Mrs. T. received extensions to her visitor's permit.

Her...

Her husband appealed to Langa and Department of Bantu Affairs for permission for her to remain here with him to look after their four children and the one that they were expecting. He pointed out that she was not allowed to live on the Cathcart farm and had nowhere else to live. In April 1966 he was informed that his wife was to be resettled in Shilo, near Whittlesea and that she must leave by 3rd May. Her baby was born in April so she did not leave on May 3rd as the child was too young to travel.

On 6th June 1966 Mrs. T. was arrested. On 7th June 1966 she was found guilty of being in a proclaimed area without permission and fined R12 and ordered to be removed to Shilo under escort. Mr. T. was able to obtain a week's extension on 10th June 1966 on the production of a doctor's certificate. He paid the R12 and she was released.

On 17th June 1966 she reported to Department of Bantu Affairs as her extension had expired. She was placed in a van and driven to Guguletu where she collected her clothes, and with her children aged $4\frac{1}{2}$ and two months, was taken to Langa and held there in the Police cells. On 19th June 1966 she and the two children were placed on the train under escort, to proceed to Shilo.

She has no furniture as Department of Bantu Affairs refused to transport her possessions unless her husband repaid them for the cost of transport. He is unable to do this as he will have to bear the cost of running two homes.

The three children of his first marriage - a boy aged 16 and twin girls aged 9 - are living with him in Guguletu and there is no one to care for them while he is at work, so someone will have to be paid to do this. The rent for his house in Guguletu and the house in Shilo will have to be paid.

Mrs. T. had to proceed to Shilo with no money as her husband had paid her R12 fine which exceeded his weekly wage. The baby aged two months has a throat complaint and had to spend a number of days in gaol prior to entraining for Shilo.

The house in Guguletu was given to them, we are told, on a temporary basis pending resettlement. All five children were born in Cape Town and should be allowed to remain, but as the mother is not allowed here, they would have no one to care for them in Cape Town.

So now Mr. T. is faced with maintaining two homes, miles apart from his wife, on a weekly wage of R10.

LETTERS TO THE PRESS:

- June 8th Cape Argus: On the banning of Ian Robertson.
 June 10th " Times: On the statement of the Deputy Sec. for Justice that accused persons in Magistrates courts do not need legal aid.
 June 20th " " : On Africans returning after six months' leave being refused permission to work for previous employers.
 June 27th " " : On the removal of non-Whites from above the railway line, Claremont.
 July 4th " " & Cape Argus: On the removal of non-Whites from Black River.
 July 11th Advertisement in the Cape Times on Family Day.

STANDS:

- July 1st: 5-5.30 p.m. a stand by 19 women in the Main Road and Stanhope Road, the Rondebosch Common and Klipfontein Road against the Claremont Group Areas.
 Slogan: "Claremont White Group Areas Unjust".
 Sept. 26th: Against the Prohibition of Improper Interference Bill. There were 35 women with posters in English and Afrikaans: "Coloured Representation will become a complete Farce" and "Political Exclusion Dishonours & Damages us all"

READING: Britain and South Africa, by Dennis Austin (Oxford Univ. Press).

Anatomy of South Africa, by Hudson, Jacobs and Biesheuvel (Purnell)

A list of books has appeared in the last issue of the magazine.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Willis
 CHAIRMAN