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Dear Member,

Any hope that the Prime Minister's slight gesture about sport meant a relaxation in the application of race and other laws has flickered out during the last few months. The juggernaut of "group areas" and of bannings has rolled on. There are over 600 names on the list of banned people, and a climax seemed to have been reached with the banning of Dr. Hoffenberg, a gland specialist of international reputation, the refusal of a visa to Prof. Clark Kerr, an Educationist also of international repute who has advised successive governments on labour relations, to come to South Africa to deliver the T.B. Davie Memorial lecture on Academic Freedom at the University of Cape Town, and the refusal of a passport to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel to go to study in America. As always, no official reason has been given for these arbitrary acts.

The other side of the coin offers matter for encouragement. None of these things has been let go by default. There has been strong and continued protest from home and abroad, and we are assured that there still are the "seven thousand that have not bowed the knee". More than ever do we need them and the Black Sash.

It was with sorrow that we heard of the death of ex-Chief Luthuli in an accident. South Africa has lost a great man. The Black Sash was represented at his funeral, officially and by a number of private members, to do homage to his memory.

GROUP AREAS:

The Sash invited the public to join it in a Stand at Kalk Bay on July 15th in sympathy with the Coloured inhabitants, who will have to leave their age-old home and fishing grounds there. As estimated 300 people, white and coloured, collected with posters, and a young man brought his own poster, "Group Areas sends skilled artisans from South Africa to Canada". The Black Sash posters were:

- "We mourn the loss of livelihoods and homes".
- "We mourn the loss of churches, mosques and schools".
- "We mourn the loss of this old-established community".
- "Simon's Town/Kalk Bay Group Areas - WHY?".

Somerset West has reported the zoning as white areas of Servitas Village and other Coloured villages.

The Coloured people of Noordhoek, where their forebears have lived since the freeing of slaves, are to be removed to Imhoff's Gift, and White farmers have been given official permission to import African labour into the farms where the Coloured labourers have lived. The Chief Bantu Affairs Commissioner, commenting on our Chairman's letter of protest, says that the farmers have no doubt complied with the regulations which demand that they must provide proper accommodation and that they must have a certificate from the Department of Labour saying that Coloured labour is not available. It is difficult to conceive a more cynical attitude.

MIGRANT LABOUR:

The proposed conference on this has been cancelled, but the Institute of Citizenship is planning a series of meetings on the migratory labour system, to be held during the next parliamentary session.

COMMISSION...

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY ON THE "IMPROPER INTERFERENCE" ("Exclusion") BILL:

Headquarters submitted a memorandum to the Commission, and the Black Sash was granted permission to give evidence before it. Mrs. Wilks, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Robb appeared before it on August 25th.

ALL BRANCHES AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES:

The August meeting was held in the evening and was very well attended. Mr. David Welsh gave a talk on "The Transkei To-day", interesting and informative. At an Extraordinary Regional Conference on the same night resolutions for National Conference were discussed and voted on in the light of discussions at Branches.

The next All Branches meeting on Monday 11th September, will also be constituted into an Extraordinary Regional Conference to elect delegates for National Conference on 16th, 17th and 18th October.

Regional Conference will be on Thursday, 28th September at 9.30 a.m. in St. Saviour's Hall. Branches will be asked to provide a finger lunch.

STICKERS AND LEAFLET:

There has been a good demand for propaganda stickers, and more are available at the Office at 5 cents a sheet.

The Black Sash leaflet will soon be available. Headquarters has approved our version, and suggested that we ask other regions if they want copies.

MORNING MARKET:

Bishop Russell has kindly accepted our invitation to open this at the Claremont Civic Centre on Saturday November 18th at 10 a.m. Mrs. le Feuvre has kindly agreed to convene it. Do not forget to give two attractive articles of needlework for the stall (to be handed over to the office at least a week beforehand). And please bring a cake and whatever you can for the flower stall on the day itself.

ADVICE OFFICE:

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
Men endorsed out	36	19
Women endorsed out	14	14
Miscellaneous	40	35
Old cases	<u>103</u>	<u>106</u>
Total	<u>193</u>	<u>174</u>
 Average per day	 9	 9

Visitors:

Mr. Snodgrass - Cape Town.
Mr. and Mrs. Willem - U.S.A.
Rev. Norman - Camps Bay.

ENID MJAKUCA: This case first came to the office in 1963 when she had been told that her pondokkie was to be demolished. She first came to Cape Town in 1942, but only registered in 1954. At that time her husband did not qualify. He only did so on 23.10.66. Mrs. Mjakuca's only relatives in the Reserves were her husband's parents at Fort Beaufort, who refused to accept her as "she is not a proper Xhosa and does not speak the language properly as she was born in Graaf Reinet. After many visits and letters to officials, our attorney appealed to the Commissioner for Bantu Affairs in January 1966 on her behalf, and the appeal was upheld.

In March 1966 the Commissioner for Bantu Affairs advised our attorney as follows:- "That Mr. Mjakuca has a kraal site in Fort Beaufort and that he intends taking his wife there on his annual leave. Apparently he is at present in hospital and it has been decided by the Commissioner that Mrs. Mjakuca may remain here until such time as he is discharged from hospital".

Mrs. Mjakuca was then given various extensions till October 1966. She was arrested in January 1967 and defended by our attorney. She was found guilty and an appeal was lodged. This was upheld in the Supreme court on the grounds that she was the legal wife of a qualified man with whom she had normally resided. Evidence that she was not entitled to live with her husband as she had not been given permission by the City Council was rejected.

We have just heard that Mr. Mjakuca died suddenly last week which means that she is left destitute with small children and a new baby expected in November. It also means that all our hard work and expense was for nothing as now Mrs. Mjakuca is no longer the wife of a qualified man.

LETTERS AND STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS:

July 10th: On the zoning of Kalk Bay (Cape Argus).
July 31st: On Dr. Hoffenberg's banning, (Cape Times).
August 24th: On farm labour at Noordhoek (Cape Argus).

Congratulations to our members who have written letters to the Press in their private capacity. We are convinced that the labour does not "nought avail", and hat it is the constant dripping that wears away the stone.

Will you please try to get one more subscriber to the Magazine?

Yours sincerely,

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