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General.

20 th March 1959

The Federation of South African Women protests most strongly against the bans imposed upon Mrs Marcelle Goldberg, the Transvaal President and National Vice-President of the Federation. Mrs Goldberg is not only prohibited from attending any gatherings for a period of five years but has also been forbidden to leave the Magisterial area of Johannesburg for the same period.

These vicious proscriptions are yet another attempt to silence the voice of the women of South Africa; Mrs Goldberg has by her courage and determination become a challenge to the Nationalist Government which has sought to intimidate its opponents by treason trials, by incitement trials and mass arrests.

Marcelle Goldberg's voice will no longer be heard on Sophiatown's Freedom Square, at Congress meetings on the Reef, but the voice of the women, the mothers, of South Africa, can never be silenced. Other women will come forward to show Verwoerd and Swart that we cannot be intimidated, that the unity of women is stronger than all the bannings and restrictions.

WE SHALL NOT REST UNTIL WE HAVE WON FOR OUR CHILDREN THEIR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND SECURITY.

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Dear Friend:

This letter is coming to you at the suggestion of Mrs. Hilda Bernstein. I am an American ex-patriate living in Ghana, where, under the direction of Dr. W. A. Hunton I am doing a modest chore in connection with the forthcoming Encyclopedia Africana, of which you may have heard. I am coordinating an international team of experts on the specific topic, "Women in Africa." We thought it might be valuable to get the cooperation of women in South Africa for this project and it was in that connection that I wrote to Mrs. Bernstein.

There are two parts to our request. One is to contact women to whom letters have already gone in connection with this work from the Secretariat of the Encyclopedia in Accra. So far as I know there has still been no answer from these women, so that it would be most helpful if you could contact them in some way and spur them to reply to the letters which were sent to them. Their names are: Ellen Hellman of the S. Africa Institute of Race Relations; Prof. Eileen Krige at Univ. of Natal; Dr. Sheila van der Horst at Univ. of Capetown; and Prof. Monica Wilson also of Univ. of Capetown. Could you let me know what is done, if anything can be done, along these lines and what response you are able to elicit?

Secondly, there is interest here in the organizations of South African women and the role they have played in national and political struggles. Recent material on this topic is still needed, if available. Mrs. Bernstein has promised to try to list such material for us. At the same time, any first-hand information or suggestions for further research on our part would be appreciated.

We will look forward to your reply with anticipation.

Sincerely yours,

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Daughters of Africa!

Today I am forbidden to be with you, for five long years I cannot be with you. But no government, no Minister can break the bond that joins us together as women, no power on earth can silence the cry of the women for ~~for~~ ^{justice} the cry of the unborn child for happiness and freedom. Even though I may not join you, my heart is with you all, your voices are my voice, your hopes and your ~~aspirations~~ ^{aspirations} are mine, and we shall continue to stand together, to fight together for the future of our land, for the future of our children.

Twenty thousand women went to Pretoria together, women of all races. As we mounted the steps to the Union Buildings, as we stood together

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in that magnificent thirty minutes of silent protest,
we were not twenty thousand women, but one woman
the mother of S. Africa. We were not European, Indian,
African or Coloured, we were of one race, the
human race. And we defy this government to
divide us, ~~pass what laws they will~~ ~~ban and~~
~~imprison what leaders they will~~ for we cannot be divided.

I know that in my place will come one
hundred women, for the march to freedom of the
women cannot be halted again.

And I pledge myself today, with all of you,
that I shall fight with you, side by side, throughout
my life, until liberty has been won.

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