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Compared to a month ago or even two, the campaign has picked up some momentum, although it has not as yet reached appreciable levels.

Subsequent to calls made at two previous General Councils activists and affiliates have notably tried to improve on previous performances.

COUNTRY WIDE

The national count as reflected in the mn minutes of the last National Executive Council meeting is as follows.

1. Natal -	35 000
2. W. Cape -	87 000
3. TVL -	42 000
4. N. Cape -	1 600
5. E. Cape -	17 000
6. Border -	30 000
Total	<u>212 600</u>

TRANSVAAL

As you will notice Transvaal is reported to have collected about 42 000 signatures (the figure was based on the number of signatures already handed in at the office and those which affiliates reported to have already collected after the office had contacted various affiliates to find out.

At the same time the office has sent out circulars to affiliates requesting them to send in all completed forms. But up to now response to this request has been very slow.

Therefore on behalf of the million signature campaign committee, I once more make an appeal to all affiliates and activists alike to please make sure that forms are always sent to the office so that our figures can be properly and accurately updated.

From our quota of 300 000 signatures our deficit is about 258 000 signatures and that is definitely a realisable goal.

HARRASMENT

There is evidently a growing state attempt to make it impossible for us to collect signatures. In the Transvaal and throughout the country reports have been received of the extent to which the state is bent on disrupting the campaign.

- A number of our activists are being detained whilst collecting signatures (I do not have lists of names in my possession)

hundreds of signature forms have been confiscated by security police.

- The campaign of disinformation around MSC is being stepped up.

Clearly therefore the state has finally realised the threat posed by the MSC to the new constitutional dispensation.

The MSC- committee appeal to all affiliates and activists to furnish it with all relevant information at all times regarding security police harassment, detention and confiscation of forms.

On page 37 - 38 of the Organiser's handbooks is a chapter on the "signature campaign and the law". The details contained therein are important for everyone.

MSC COMMITTEE

This committee meets on Mondays. As with probably other committees its main problem has been that not all affiliates have sent representatives to serve on it. This imposes serious limitations in its ability to fulfill its functions properly and adequately.

This is especially true when it is faced with the need to take various decisions around the MSC. This state of affairs also means that it cannot be made fully aware of developments in various areas where signatures are collected.

The committee urges affiliates to seriously look into this matter and thereby also ensure that they also would be fully briefed on development on this Front from time to time.

ANTI CONSTITUTION CAMPAIGN

Following the latest N.E.C. decisions on the need to step up this campaign, the immediate task would be to work out ways in which the MSC could also be intensified at the same time as the proposed or (still to be proposed) campaign plan.

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