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Cape Western Region

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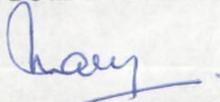
Mr M Evans
Chairperson End Conscription Committee
14 St Michael 's Road
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Dear Mike

The Regional Council of the Black Sash in the Western Cape has asked me to write to you to convey our congratulations on the recent events your committee has organized in the campaign to End Conscription. The meeting on October 15th in the Claremont Civic Centre, and the activities which preceded it, were extremely effective, thanks to excellent organization and much hard work.

We believe that many people are beginning to question their support for the SADF in the present circumstances. We send you and your committee our encouragement and good wishes for the work that lies ahead.

Yours sincerely


MARY BURTON
CHAIRMAN

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Mr Michael Evans
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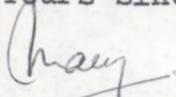
Dear Mike

Now that your term of office as chairperson of E.C.C. is over I am finally getting down to writing to you and to your committee to say how much we have admired the work you have all done, and how much we have enjoyed our contact with E.C.C.

The latest Calendar is an impressive record of all you have achieved. We wish the outgoing committee the stimulus of new challenges, and the new executive and sub-committee every success.

Thank you for the opportunity to be with you at the AGM.

Yours sincerely



MARY BURTON

END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

PO Box 208

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18 March 1986

Dear Mary

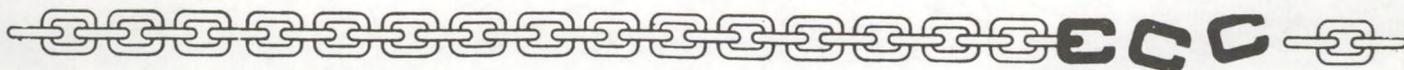
Congratulations from myself and the whole of ECC on your appointment as the National President of the Black Sash.

We have enjoyed and appreciated a very good relationship with the Sash and hope that it will continue. Our contact has led to a tremendous admiration for the work that the Sash does and also for you personally.

We wish you every success

Yours sincerely

Nic Borain



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22 March 1986.

Dear Nic,

Thank you for your letter and for your good wishes on behalf of the ECC. We in the Cape Western Region are proud to have been entrusted with the responsibility of serving as headquarters to the Black Sash. I know we have members with many qualifications and abilities, and that we can depend on their commitment.

The work of the ECC means a good deal to us all and I look forward to our continued cooperation.

With best wishes,

Yours,

Mary.

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10 February 1987

Dear Friend

The annual National Conference of our organisation is to be held in Cape Town from March 12th to 15th this year. Several of the sessions are open to the press and to other interested organisations and individuals. We are currently working on the agenda and can safely say that the conference will cover several topics of vital importance to South Africa.

Our formal opening will be a public meeting in the Claremont Civic Centre on Thursday, 12th March at 7.45 p.m. for 8 p.m. The main items will be a speech by our guest Prof. J. Gerwel, and the annual Presidential Address. There will be an opportunity for the reading of messages from other organisations and for an appropriate demonstration of our concern for all those who are in detention and in memory of those who have died while detained.

We invite you to attend this meeting or to send a representative of your organisation. We should be glad to receive any message you wish to send and we look forward to welcoming you on March 12th.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Burton".

MARY BURTON
National President

THE PUBLIC SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill requires our most urgent attention and active opposition.

If this Bill becomes law it will allow the Minister of Law and Order to impose a virtually permanent State of Emergency in any area he wishes without calling it a State of Emergency. The memorandum which accompanies the Bill says as much:

"The declaration of a State of Emergency is a drastic measure and has far-reaching consequences for the Republic ... There is therefore a clear need for a mechanism by which the necessary additional powers could be granted to the Security Forces in areas where public disturbance, disorder, rioting or public violence occurs, to enable them to cope with the situation without the declaration of a State of Emergency and the concomitant consequences."

The Bill provides that:

1. The Minister of Law and Order may by notice in the Government Gazette declare any area to be an unrest area if he is of the opinion that public disturbance, disorder, riot, or public violence is occurring or threatening in an area.
This declaration will remain in force for three months, but can be extended by the Minister with the approval of the State President.
2. The Minister can make any regulations for an unrest area which "appear to him to be necessary or expedient". He can do this by simply publishing a notice in the Gazette. He can declare any regulation he has made applicable outside the unrest area.
3. He can by regulation specify any penalties for contravention of his regulations.
He can, by regulation, empower any person or body to make orders, rules and by-laws and to prescribe penalties for contravention of the orders, rules and by-laws.
He can make different regulations for different unrest areas "and for different classes of persons ..".
4. The regulations can include provision for the detention of people. If a person is detained for more than 30 days, the Minister must within 14 days after the 30 days has elapsed, table the name of the person in all three Houses of Parliament. If Parliament is not sitting (and our Parliament is not sitting for half of the year) he must table the names within 14 days after the next session begins.
5. "No interdict or other process shall issue for the staying or setting aside for any notice issued by the Minister or any regulation and no court shall be competent to inquire into or give judgement on the validity of any such .. notice or regulation."

This Bill is very brief. It does not need to be long and detailed. Law will be made by regulation by the Minister and whatever regulations he chooses to impose cannot be challenged in the Courts.

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PROPOSED VIGIL FOR CHILDREN

Thursday 29 January 6 p.m. - Friday 30 Jan. 2.00 p.m.

On Friday 30 January Parliament will be opened. We believe that on this occasion it is important to focus on the plight of children, particularly children in gaol and the conditions that cause them to be there, that constitute the most serious threat to the future of South Africa.

Building on recent efforts throughout the country to highlight this concern we are convening a vigil in a central Cape Town Church from 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 29th to 2.00 p.m. on Friday 30 January 1987.

To facilitate the participation of as wide a range of concerned organisations and individuals as possible, we have tried to create a structure that can be developed through consultation :

Thursday

6.00 - 7.00 Opening (B.S. Convene)
 7.00 - 8.00 -
 8.00 - 9.15p.m. "Mothers Speak" service to be arranged by representative group
 9.15 - 10.00 -
 10.00- 6.00 a.m, Night Watch. Church Locked, people inside arrange (Friday) own programme.
 6.00 - 7.00 a.m. -
 7.00 - 8.00 -
 8.00 - 9.00 -
 9.00 -10.00 -
 10.00-11.00 -
 11.00-12.00 -
 12.00-1.00p.m. -
 1.10 -1.50 Interfaith Service to be arranged by representative group

If you would like to take part in this project, please come to a meeting on Tuesday 20 January at 12.45 for 1.00 p.m. at 5 Long Street Mowbray - If you cannot come but are interested, please make this known through another organisation or direct to Black Sash.

The organisations we are approaching to become involved in the vigil are :

U.W.C.O.
 Mothers Union
 Catholic Womens League
 Methodist Women
 Women for Peace
 Jews for Justice
 Muslim Women
 Union of Jewish Women
 Children's Resource Centre
 Young Progressives
 Child Welfare
 Bruce Duncan
 Quakers
 O.A.S.A.

N.C.W.
 S.A.I.R.R.
 Civil Rights League
 U.D.F.
 E.C.C.
 D.P.S.C.
 R.M.G.
 Grassroots Ed. Trust
 Sached
 Merge
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 W.P.C.C.
 Anglican B.S.R.
 D.T.T.

THE BLACK SASH
CAPE WESTERN REGION

invites you to a
Cheese and Wine Party
on Sunday 8th June from 6.30p.m.
at 5 Karatara Avenue, Kenilworth

RSVP before 30 May 1986
Beverley Runciman
Tel: 72-3468

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National Conference
March 1987

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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF THE
BLACK SASH, CAPE WESTERN,
INVITES YOU TO A CHEESE AND
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14th MARCH AT 7.30pm

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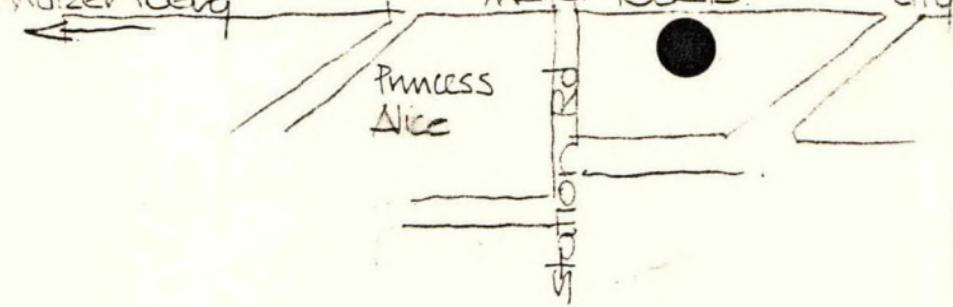
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