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QUARTERLY

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OFFICE: 2 VLAM GEBOU, PARLIAMENT STREET, CAPE TOWN,  
P.O. BOX 1039. TEL.: 3-3506.

May 17, 1957.

Dear Ruth,

Another request - dashed off in a hurry to get the plane to Jo'burg in a few minutes. Some time ago I approached Lillian Ngoyi and Helen Joseph to write a joint article on "Passes for Women". Then the Treason Trial intervened and we all forgot about it. The topic should be taken up now, I feel, to build up pressure. But the fourth issue is already overflowing. Would you talk it over with the two? If they can do a good, short article (say 1,500 words) covering the subject, perhaps I can squeeze it in. If they'd rather spread themselves, they can do it perhaps for the sixth issue, for which copy only has to reach me by the end of September. Anyway, do please talk it over with them. The timing at the moment is right for the fourth. But 1,500 words aren't an awful lot to cover such a subject with all its implications. Though of course, Jack Simons' study of the Pass System in the first issue makes any historical analysis unnecessary now.

Best regards.

Ronald

*Ans.* National  
P.O. Box 10876,  
Johannesburg.

28th May, 1957.

Mr. R. Segal,  
Editor,  
Africa South,  
P.O. Box 1039,  
CAPE TOWN

Dear Mr. Segal,

Ruth has passed your letter of May 17th on to me. Indeed I am afraid it is too late now for Mrs. Ngoyi and I to do a good article in time for the fourth issue of Africa South and I think we had better leave it until September.

It was on my conscience right up to the time we were arrested, and then I too forgot. But we shall be glad to write for your sixth issue and do assure you that we shall not forget this time.

Yours sincerely,  
HELEN JOSEPH

*Helen Joseph*

FSAW

FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN  
JOHANNESBURG REGION.

P.O. Box 10876,  
JOHANNESBURG.

19th August, 1955.

The Editor,  
The Rand Daily Mail,  
172, Main Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

It would be appreciated if your newspaper would give the widest possible publicity to the enclosed press statement on the re-classification of the Coloured people.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

HELEN JOSEPH  
HON. SECRETARY.

Star.

Golden City Post

The Bantu World

FSAW

The Transvaal Region of the Federation of South African Women speaking on behalf of women of all races, condemns the inhumanity of the re-classification of hundreds of Coloured people. We see in this vicious implementation of the Population Registration Act a threat to the security and happiness of the family, to the well-being of children, for the livelihood of the breadwinner is threatened. Many parents will lose their skilled and semi-skilled employment, families will be removed from their homes in Coloured townships and dispatched to Reservoirs or to the grotesque site and service schemes. Coloured children will be expelled from their schools, forced into Bantu education schools, there to be indoctrinated forever with their "inferiority". As women, we are filled with horror at the suffering that will be inflicted upon Coloured families living in peace until today. Not only will the family suffer who have been directly and painfully affected by this manifestation of racialism, but what Coloured family can, from this time forward, enjoy security? Will not every Coloured person walk in fear?

The Federation appeals to the women of South Africa, to the mothers of all races to make their voices heard in a mighty protest against this attempt to extend the vicious pass system, already inflicted with all its horrors upon the African people, to the Coloured community. We call upon all mothers to defend the Coloured children. We call upon all women to defend the Coloured women, but we call also upon all women of this country to root out racial poison, to abolish the pass system in all its forms, to demand the repeal of the Population Registration Act which seeks to impose a caste system upon our people and to perpetuate racial division.

FSAW

Federation of South African Women,  
Transvaal Region,  
P.O. Box 10876,  
JOHANNESBURG

1st October, 1955.

The Editor,  
Rand Daily Mails, Ltd.,  
P.O. Box 1138,  
JOHANNESBURG

Dear Sir,

I enclose press statement from the Federation of South African Women. It will be appreciated if you will give this statement publicity in your newspaper.

Yours faithfully,  
HELEN JOSEPH

HON. SECRETARY.

Also New Age.

Federation of South African Women,  
Transvaal Region,  
P.O. Box 10876,  
JOHANNESBURG

1st October, 1955.

The Editor,  
"Star" Offices,  
P.O. Box 1014,  
JOHANNESBURG

Dear Sir,

I enclose press statement from the Federation of South African Women. It will be appreciated if you will give this statement publicity in your newspaper.

Yours faithfully,  
HELEN JOSEPH

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HON. SECRETARY

The Transvaal Region of the Federation of South African Women protests against the recent police raids conducted under the guise of an investigation into "treason and sedition". The Federation sees in this latest action of the Government a further attempt to intimidate all organisations which oppose fascism and racial discrimination and strive for peace, freedom and security for all people.

The women of the Federation have pledged themselves to fight for the happiness and well being of all children in South Africa, for the rights of all women, for the safety and preservation of the family. If it be treason to struggle for these rights, to oppose Bantu education, to condemn the Orlando Shelters and the Moreka shacks, to protest against poverty, injustice and racial hatred, then not only the Federation of South African Women, but millions of women the world over are also guilty of treason, for from the beginning of time, women have fought for the future of their children.

As women and mothers we proclaim that the <sup>real</sup> ~~only~~ treason in South Africa is the betrayal of our children, the denial of the fundamental right of every child to universal education, to a decent home, to comfort and security, to peace and freedom.

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October 12, 1957.

Mrs. Helen Joseph,  
P.O. Box 10876,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mrs. Joseph,

Ruth has written to me that you were a little reluctant to write, believing that I wanted something from you and Lillian Ngoyi together. Actually, I don't mind who writes the article, so long as it is done by somebody competent sufficiently well associated with the work of the Federation to have kept in the closest touch with the work of persecution and protest resulting from the extension of Passes to women. I should love something from you, and the harder-hitting, remembering the general style of A.S., the better. Do please put something in on Old Age Pensions and the whole abyss of petty persecution that the Government is descending to. If you can get the whole article into 2,000 words, it will be all to the good. But I don't want to cramp you. You only have till October 19 anyway, if you are to get it in the coming issue. Do try and send it airmail on Wednesday morning, though. It will make everything so much easier.

Best regards. Would like to look you up when I am up in Johannesburg at the beginning of December for the Conference.

Yours sincerely,

*Ronald Segal*



OFFICE: 2 VANDERBILT PARKWAY, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

October 12, 1977

Mr. Helen Gordon  
P.O. Box 10376  
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mrs. Gordon,

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Yours sincerely,

17th October, 1957.

Mr. R. Segal,  
Africa South,  
P.O. Box 1039,  
CAPE TOWN

Dear Mr. Segal,

Many thanks for your letter of 12th October.  
Here is the long delayed article - my apologies for its  
lateness. I do hope it is what you want.

I shall look forward to meeting you when you  
come to Johannesburg for the Conference - at which alas, I  
shall not be present!

Yours sincerely,

There are 175 women delegates  
 & 17 men observers.

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 Euro 11

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