

A brief account of work during the emergency appeared in our August, 1960, issue but the full story is yet to be told of endless trips to and from Vereeniging to give immediate relief to the Sharpeville victims, the frustrations when members were prevented from entering the location to take in supplies, the large sums of money, food and clothing collected and distributed, and the regular attendances at the Defence and Aid Office and the Red Cross distribution depot.

The Defence and Aid Fund established during the emergency is still operating under temporary permit and is doing valuable work to help ex-detainees and their families. As usual much of the hard work behind the scenes has been undertaken by Sash women.

The important investigations undertaken by Southern Transvaal show that the pass laws lead to irregular and inhuman conduct, and it is a great encouragement to know that an increasing number

of white people are beginning to realise the evil effects of this system.

Mrs. Doreen Rankin is to be congratulated on her hard work in connection with the establishment of the Education Vigilance Committee which seeks the withdrawal of objectionable text books from school syllabuses and to arouse opposition to the Education Bill. In the short period of its existence the committee has distributed quantities of propaganda including tape recordings of the Natal conference on education and held innumerable public and private meetings. At present it is working on an education charter, and a conference on education to be held in the Transvaal next year. The theme of the conference will be, "What is wrong with Education in the Transvaal?"

A new venture, "Experiment in Consultation," is likely to be of great significance in the future, not only to Sashers, but to all South Africans.

An account of the experiment appears in this magazine.

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