

## SASHES AND RASHES

**N**OTHING produces a Cabinet rash  
Quicker than ladies who wear a black  
sash.

There's something about that sombre band  
That maddens the rulers of this fair land.

Mourn, if they must, a nation's plight —  
But they might at least wear a sash that is  
WHITE!

Molly Reinhardt.

In Johannesburg, a demonstration was held on December 3rd, against 90-day Detention. The posters read: "90 days + 90 days inquisition must cease," and "Solitary confinement is mental torture".

A deputation of fourteen members of Transvaal Region visited the Union Buildings in Pretoria on December 18th to lodge a protest against the treatment meted out to Indian women, whose orderly demonstration against Group Areas on Human Rights Day was dispersed by police and police dogs.

### Human Rights Day Meeting.

A meeting sponsored jointly by the Black Sash, the Civil Rights League, the National Council of Women and the United Nations Association was held in Cape Town on December 10th, Human Rights Day. Dr. Albert Geysler gave a most stimulating address on "The Quality of Equality" to a large and appreciative audience.

### Christmas Parties.

Just before Christmas a very successful multi-racial party was held in Mrs. Petersen's home in Cape Town, for friends of the Black Sash. Representatives from all walks of life and of all colours attended this function and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In Johannesburg, the work of 1963 was brought to a close with a multi-racial picnic in the grounds of Mrs. Fisher's home, the final meeting for the year of the Saturday Club. The previous meeting of the club had taken the form of an impromptu Mannequin Parade, which was much enjoyed by all.

### Advice Offices.

The Advice Offices in Cape Town and Johannesburg remain as active as ever. The Athlone Advice Office in Cape Town dealt with 267 cases in November and 224 in December, an average of 13 and 16 cases per day.

The Transvaal Advice Office in Johannesburg has been particularly busy since the recess. A pathetic case being dealt with at present is that of a Nyusaland man who has been endorsed out of the Johannesburg area after 21 years' residence, despite the fact that he is in permanent employment here.

### Press Publicity.

Letters and statements were sent to the Press by Cape Western Region during December on the subject of Beach Apartheid in Simonstown, Mr. Vorster's refusal to receive a deputation from the National Council of Women and the Black Sash on the 90-day detainees, and Christmas-time thoughts on colour discrimination.

Headquarters Region made statements on the 90-day detainees, the treatment of Indian women on Human Rights Day, and a comment on a leading article in the "Transvaler" regarding the disruption of family life. (Reported on elsewhere in this issue).

In November, an article headed "South African Protest", dealing with the work of the Black Sash, appeared in the "Christian Science Monitor".

### BLACK SASH CROSSWORD PUZZLE — SOLUTION

Black Sash Slogan: (THE) CRIME APARTHEID (THE) PENALTY ISOLATION.

Across.—6, Archery—Arch'er-y. 7, Spear—S.(P.E.A.)R. 9, Amp—a M.P. 10, Pipedream. 12, A selfish act. 15, Yellow peril. 17, Bantustan—B(ant)us(tan). 19, S.A.P.—Pa's back. 21, Ethos—Anag. "so(o)the". 22, Sausage—S.A. usage.

Down.—1, Crime — A(meric)A. 2, Ohm — O.H.M.(S). 3, Drei—Anag. "ride". 4, Apartheid—Anag. "hated pair". 5, Balance—Bal(A.N.C.)e. 8, Retire. 11, Isolation. 13, Lowest—to West. 14, Penalty—Anag. 16, Langa. 18, Adam. 20, Asp—Anag. Sap.