

BLACK SASH VIGIL

June 20 — June 24 at Khotso House, Johannesburg, 8 am — 8 pm

- Members of the public invited to participate in the vigil and to contribute to the fund.
- Will be the exception of the vigil on Saturday, June 23, to take part in the vigil with the fund.
- Prayers will be conducted by various denominations.
- Special prayer services will be held on Monday, June 20, and Tuesday, June 21.
- Members of the public invited to participate in the vigil.
- Every evening at 5:30 pm, PRAYERS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS. With the exception of Saturdays, June 23, prayers will be at 5:30 pm.

MONDAY 20th JUNE DISPOSSESSION: THE 1913 LAND ACT

10 am	The implementation of Segregation, the 1936 Native Land and Trust Act	PHYLLIS LEWSEN
Lunch Hour 1-2 pm	THE 1913 LAND ACT: LEGALIZING CONQUEST	ERNIE WENTZEL ELLIOT MNGADI Elliot will be invited to speak but not yet contacted.
3 pm	An historical session on the 1913 Land Act. This will be a session on the 1913 Land Act by educated committee of the place leaders. The speaker will be invited.	Historians from Wits in attendance.
4 pm	Oral history: all parts of the country with tracks and a map of the area.	
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TUESDAY 21st JUNE THE PREDICTED NIGHTMARE COMES TRUE

10 am	The demise of black agriculture in the wake of the Land Act (sharecropping)	TIM KEEGAN
Lunch Hour 1-2 pm	1. THE RACC BRINGS THE VIGIL ITS OFFICIAL MESSAGE OF GREETINGS AND ENCOURAGEMENT 2. THE FOLLOWING 70 YEARS THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE LAND ACT IS IMPLEMENTED AND THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT BRINGS ITS LOGIC IMPLACABLY TO CONCLUSION.	SHEENA DUNCAN
3-4 pm	TOM LODGE will present a paper on the 1913 Land Act and the role of the RACC in the implementation of the Act.	
5-7 pm	Oral history: all parts of the country with tracks and a map of the area.	Rev SYDNEY LUCKETT

Note: Prayers were conducted by Dr Reunis Nkomo, Father Dele White, Chief Rabbi Casper, and Father C. Langeneveld.

William Kentridge presented the historical session on Monday afternoon, and Dennis Meehabele presented the oral history. Jo-Anne Yawitz conducted the discussion on Thursday afternoon. The Paton message was relayed from a tape.

WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES. COMMUNITIES UNDER THREAT OF REMOVAL

10 am	Coloured and Indian leaders speak of the effects of removal in their communities, the bitterness of losing both livelihood and the comfort of extended family life.	
Lunch Hour 1-2 pm	COMMUNITIES UNDER THREAT OF REMOVAL	PRINGLE NOBOBE leader of Mgwali community currently resisting removal, also PETER BROWN or CHERRYL WALKER will be invited to speak on communities in Natal who are resisting removal.
5-8 pm or later	(1) 5 pm: The early days at Driefontein when the community was prosperous and ran successful business ventures as well as farming. The life history of Saul Mkhize. (2) 6 pm: The pain of living in a community under threat of removal. (3) 7 pm: The anger of the people of KwaNgema which is part of the Driefontein area. (4) 7:30 pm: Early life in the OFS. Life was difficult. Men were fastened to wheels of wagons and sjambokked. Such punishment made them forget their language differences. They sought a place of their own.	PICSON MKHIZE JOHANNES MATHOPIE, a leader of the Mathoepstad community. M NGEMA will be invited. GD TWALA from Daggakraal will be invited.

THURSDAY 23rd JUNE THE CRISIS

10 am	Life in resettled villages where whole communities live in a state of clinical depression.	ETHEL WALT
Lunch Hour 1-2 pm	THE PRESENT CRISIS. SITUATION ON THE LAND THE BASIC CAUSE OF VIOLENT POLARIZATION?	MARK ORKIN
2-4 pm	DESCRIPTION OF VISITS TO DROUGHT-STRIKEN COMMUNITIES Ina Perlman will submit after her talk and, together with people who live in areas where there is famine, will conduct a question and answer session among those present.	INA PERLMAN

FRIDAY 24th JUNE FORCED REMOVALS: CRIME AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA

Lunch Hour 1-2 pm	CAN GOVERNMENT BE PERSUADED TO STOP ALL REMOVALS? FORCED REMOVALS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE Written message from Alan Paton	HELEN SUZMAN M.P. Rev PETER STOREY
	Vigil Ends	

Awakening on Friday morning, June 20, 1913, the South African native found himself, not actually a slave, but a pariah in the land of his birth
Sol Plaatje, Native Life in South Africa, 1916

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