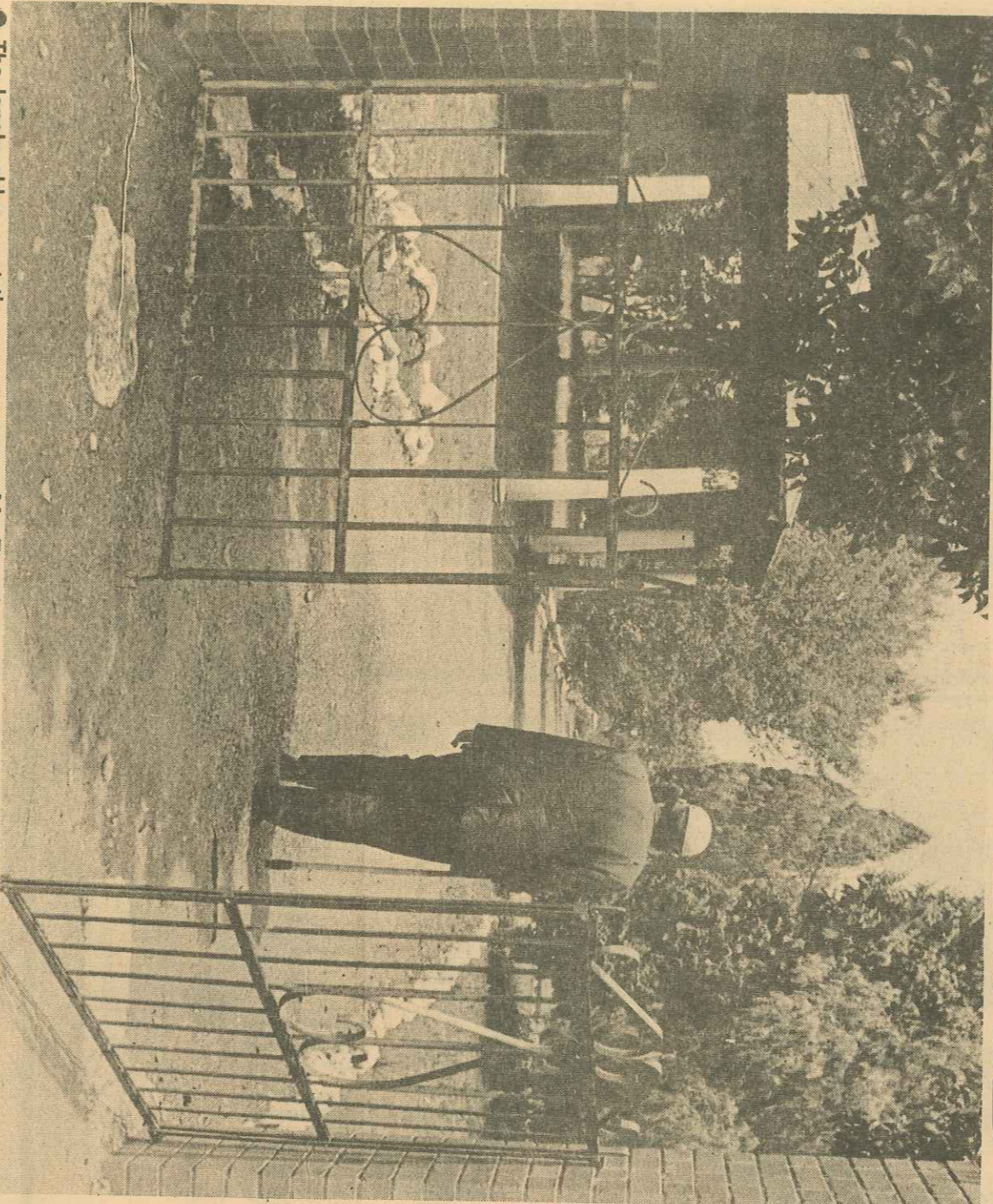


...and another limps to a cemetery to bury his



and carried posters recalling previous deaths of detainees. Most of the placards simply carried names of the dead.

# WORDS A DAD



● The lonely old man at the cemetery . . . Mr. Timo goes to see his son's grave yesterday.

## 'His death has created suspicions'

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Labour Party leader **Sonny Leon** said: "Evidently terrifying people has become common, because too many people are crying out for change. Intimidation is meant to silence. But it won't succeed. Recent events prove the country is a police state. Anti-Government attitudes are hardening."

The **Natal Indian Congress** in a statement to the Press "abhors beyond belief the death of **Ahmed Timol**."

The statement called on **Bantustan** heads, the **Labour Party**, the **Federal Party** and "organisations co-operating with the Government" to display in tangible terms their opposition to the Government in power.

### Suspicion

The statement is signed by **Congress secretary Dilly Morgan** Naidoo.

**NIC** President **Chanderdeo Sewpersadh** said the death of **Mr. Timol** had created suspicion. "It must alarm all thinking South Africans."

"The fact that the circumstances surrounding **Mr. Timol's** death are veiled in secrecy and so there must be suspicions."

"If an immediate commission of inquiry isn't appointed, suspicions will be re-inforced," he said.

The **Rev. Bernie Wrangmore** who ended his fast last week said: "I'm deeply shocked and amazed — but there is nothing more I can do."

**Shiek Abubakar** Najaar, **Cape Town Muslim leader**, said: "Our hearts bleed for the **Timol** family. We have all been shocked by this tragedy. We call for a judicial inquiry to find out why this devout Muslim should jump to his death."

**City Councillor Da-wood Khan** told **POST** he wanted to express his deepest sympathy to the **Timol** family and to associate himself with the call for an inquiry. He attacked Muslim leaders who have not added their voices to the protest.

## TIMOL A PACIFIST, SAYS FRIEND

**HIGH** school teacher **Ahmed Timol**, who plunged to his death from the 10th floor of **John Vorster Square** on Wednesday, was described by his close friends as a pacifist — and a man who openly condemned violence.

**Grief-stricken** **Mr. Y. Fadyache** told **POST**: "He was my friend for years. I was surprised when told

that he'd been detained. "I met him a week before his death. We were joined by his White friend, a clerk at the **Rodepoort Magistrate's Court**.

More than 3,000 people packed the **Juma Mosque** in **Durban** on Friday to offer special prayers at **Mr. Timol's** death.

"We talked about cricket, **Ahmed's** favourite game. **Ahmed** argued with his White friend that **South Africa** could produce a dynamic team of multi-racial cricketers."

**Father Olive McBride** said: "Life is sacred. What would drive a man

to take his life?" "Anyone claiming to be a Muslim or a Christian should pray. **Father Wrangmore** showed us a way of reacting to the situation."

**Archbishop Hurley** said he and **Mrs. Fatima Meer** went to **SB** headquarters in **Durban** and were told detainees would not be treated inhumanely.

"I'll never forget **Ahmed's** last words. Before we parted, he told his friend: 'I don't believe that force should be used in order to change the Government's attitude.'"

**Mr. Padyache** said: "But I wish to make it clear that **Ahmed** was a strong-willed man. I'm using the phrase in its proper context."

**Police** should be warned not to be cruel to prisoners. I know some prisoners are stubborn, but statements should not be forced out of them."

'Then they came for me'

**JOHN KANE-BERMAN** of the Institute of Race Relations this week told students at a **Wits University** protest meeting on political detainees: "Over the past ten years we have become used to being governed by surprise, to receiving decisions taken in secret . . . and accepting the secret decisions."

He told a packed **Harvey Lecture Room**, at the old **Medical School**: "The problem is what to do now. Firstly, we must press for a full commission of inquiry into deaths of detainees and then ask for a repeal of **Section 6** of the **Terrorism Act**."

He then went on: "We should perhaps remember the words of **Pastor Niemoller** . . . who was the man **Hitler** said would be last one a **German court** would find innocent after he (**Hitler**) had found him guilty."

The pastor spent years in **Nazi concentration camps** after his arrest by **German secret police**. **Mr. Kane-Berman** went on to quote him:

'In Germany they first came for the communists and I did not speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came to the Jews and I did not speak up because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak up because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics and I did not speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me — and by that time there was no one left to speak.'