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CID CHIEF — TIMOL'S LAST MOMENTS

STAFF REPORTER

CHURCHES and churchmen yesterday took up the challenge of the treatment of detainees as a senior policeman revealed more information about the death of the young Moslem, Mr. Ahmed Timol, who is said to have plunged from a 10th storey window at John Vorster Square.

About 1 200 people met at an open-air prayer meeting on a field adjoining Vrededorp and sang "We Shall Overcome".

Mr. Ian Thompson, a philosophy lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand, brought them a message of sympathy and solidarity from 400 people at a "justice and peace" meeting.

At a High Mass service at St. Mary's Anglican Cathedral yesterday, Father R. F. Yates told his congregation: "Why did Ahmed jump? What hell did he jump into? What did he see?"

On the secular front, demands for a public commission of enquiry into the treatment of detainees grew in the face of Mr. Vorster's refusal of the call on Friday.

A [illegible]-signature petition started a telegram-a-day campaign, resulting in hundreds of telegrams pouring into United Party offices in Johannesburg from tomorrow. The Young Progressives and the University of the Witwatersrand Academic Freedom Committee have also sent telegrams to Mr Vorster urging that Parliament be recalled to debate the recent security raids and the death in detention of Mr. Timol.

Support also comes from the acting head of the Security Police, Brigadier Piet Kruger. He is reported as saying that the Security Police have nothing to hide from the public — the circumstances of Mr Timol's death and that, for understandable reasons, there was information which could not be made known for the sake of the country's safety, but it would not take long before everything was revealed at the inquest.

"There is no question that the Security Police used force to get information from Ahmed Timol. The things with which we have been armed, we don't do," said Brigadier Kruger.

"Ahmed Timol was sitting calmly on a chair. There were security men with him. At one stage two of them went out of the room. Then Timol suddenly jumped up and dived for the door.

"A security man ran to the door to stop him. But the Indian then dashed for the window and jumped out. Nobody touched him or touched him. The post-mortem will show that."

Gen. Buys said he personally was handling investigations into the case, which would be concluded this week.

Protest

He refused to elaborate any further. "You've come too late," he said. "Why didn't you approach me first, instead of going off at a tangent and blackening everybody. You've done your Chandler, and already thrown all the dirt."

"Only senior officers handle such matters. They are not children, and stay within their rights and instructions."

The Nationalist-supporting newspaper, Transvaler yesterday published a leading article which was sharply critical of Security Police methods.

Late last night, as the pro-

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Eyes on SA

A GREAT deal of attention outside South Africa will be focussed today on the verdict in the trial of the Dean of Johannesburg.

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'Recall'

THE PRIME Minister has been asked to recall Parliament over the recent spate of Security Police detentions and the death of Mr Ahmed Timol

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Press concern

SOUTH AFRICAN newspapers — including the Nationalist supporting Transvaler — are deeply concerned over the recent detentions by the Security Police

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Road deaths

AT LEAST eight people were killed and several injured on Rand roads at the week-end

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Appeal

THE RAND DAILY MAIL Christmas Fund launches its appeal today for clothes for the needy.

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Growth target

THE MANAGING director of Sasol, Mr. D. P. de Villiers, has emphasised the need for South African manufacturers to increase annual output.

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Mother

A JUDGE'S ruling allowing a woman to remove her son from hospital was set aside in an urgent application at the weekend.

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Blast

A BLAST, which may have been caused by the Irish Republican Army, damaged London's Post Office Tower at the weekend.

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MANY DEVELOPING nations set on a heavy loss yesterday as the United States Senate vote to cut off foreign aid.

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A SLUMP in trade is threatening to put many South African restaurants out of business.

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Revolt

THE NATIONAL Party Natal Congress was shocked at the week-end when a branch refused to support motions supporting the Prime Minister.

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A PROBE into the need for a Nationalist Press code of conduct was called for by the party's Natal Congress at the weekend.

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A letter to the Editor

FOR RATHER MORE than 20 years I have believed that the most just and practical solution for the social problems of this country is contained in the policy of separate development.

As a Christian, and despite the views of a large number of churchmen, I am unable to see that this policy, if it is carried out in love and charity to all men, is at all at variance either with Christian tradition or with the teachings of Christ; but having as its end the avoidance of spiritual, social and physical conflict, it ought to be brought about without violence to the persons or the well-being of those it is intended to benefit.

I am in consequence unable to associate myself with any of the usual conference, protest groups.

Nonetheless, I feel that the means adopted to make separate development work are sometimes incompatible with true Christianity and that it is the duty of those who cherish the faith to endeavour to correct all departures from proper Christian action.

POWERLESS

Powerless individuals may not be able to do very much, but the example of the Rev. Bernard Wrankmore has shown a way of producing some effect. Though it can only be a poor shadow of his own great effort, I have responded to his appeal, and am abstaining from all food and drink between sunrise and sunset during the blessed month of Ramadan.

The reaction of those set in authority over us to Mr Wrankmore's fast has been disappointing; for a politician to dismiss any activity as "publicity-seeking" is unusual when one considers that no politician can himself be politically effective unless he seeks publicity, and a glance back at the Prime Ministers own period of dissent from the policies of his country could suggest that his disagreeable comment might have been prompted by retrospective envy of Mr. Wrankmore's courage.

I have never heard it maintained that any of the inmates of Koffiefontein were prepared to fast unto death for their convictions.

I should like to suggest that all who feel that they must make some gesture of protest at the failure of the Security Police adequately to protect someone in their care, someone who was, through them, a public responsibility, should for the rest of the month of Ramadan publicly display some token of mourning. Such as a black tie or armband. — C. T. NURSE, Cinderella Street, Florida.

'Why did Ahmed jump?'

Staff Reporter

WHAT hell did Ahmed Timol anticipate before he opened his mouth from the 10th storey of John Vorster Square?

This is what hundreds of St. Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg, parishioners were asked from the pulpit yesterday by Father R. F. Yates, who was delivering the sermon at High Mass.

"Why did Ahmed jump?" he asked. "What hell did he anticipate? What did he see?"

Father Yates said it was clear there was something to hide.

"Who is the rest of our friends to be taken at four in the morning? And carried out later feet first?

"We have heard from Parliament that a Mr X died — in unnatural circumstances — and no cause.

"This is terrifying," he said. "We feel that we are without human feeling, love, justice or mercy."

1200 MEET TO OFFER PRAYERS

STAFF REPORTER

ABOUT 1 200 people attended a prayer meeting in a field at Vrededorp yesterday in memory of the dead detainee, Ahmed Timol.

Most were Moslems, but there were some Hindus and Whites, including a large group of Roman Catholics.

Mr Ismail Ibrahim, a leader of the Labour Party in the Transvaal, told the gathering: "We are all being challenged. It is time for us to stand up and be counted.

"Are we just going to sit down and pray? God will not answer my prayers if I don't take positive action."

He said the Government was concerned with the infiltration of communist and foreign powers.

"We have the answer to that. If we had a proper democracy here, there would be nothing foreign or oppressive."

Other speakers included Imam Yusuf Crawley, of the Vrededorp Mosque, Mrs. Helen Joseph, Father Peres and Mr. Rio Carlier.

One speaker, Mr. Ismail Mayet, a member of the South African Indian Council, was heckled by some Moslems when he tried to speak.

"Traitors out . . . We don't want stooges . . . You have no shame," they shouted at him.

Finally Mr. Mayet was forced to withdraw.

At the end of the meeting, sang "We Shall Overcome", and clenched fists were raised above hundreds of heads.

Matanzima: Alter race views or face chaos

OWN CORRESPONDENT

EAST LONDON.—In a stinging attack on racial discrimination, the Chief Minister of the Transkei, Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzima, said if Whites did not change their attitudes towards Non-Whites they would lead South Africa to destruction.

"... all was one of the Chief Minister's sharpest outbursts since his claim for union had earlier this year.

Addressing a multi-racial crowd at the East London Airport on return at the weekend from his British tour, he said that because of South Africa's treatment of Non-Whites she was "rejected in the eyes of the world".

"I want to sound a warning and a word of advice to South Africa. The Whites in South Africa must change their attitude towards the Blacks. Even if the warning and advice comes from a small man it should be heeded.

INTOLERABLE

"South Africa must reassess its attitude against Non-Whites and stop making irresponsible statements that the Whites are the bosses over the Black majority."

Racial equality had to be recognised and discrimination was intolerable, he added.

The Africans had accepted the policy of separate development on the grounds that they would be recognised as a nation and not the breed of underdogs of the Whites.

If South Africa refused to accept Transkites on the basis of equality a day of reckoning was coming. "Sooner or later destruction would befall the country," he said.

Just an ordinary Sunday at St. Mary's for Jo'burg's dean

Staff Reporter

FOR THE DEAN of Johannesburg, the Very Rev. Gonville Aubie Ffrench-Beytagh, yesterday was an ordinary Sunday.

He attended to his clerical duties as usual. He sang the High Mass and led the evening song at St Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg. Here he gives Holy Communion to his parishioners.

But it is feared Dean may have been the dean's last duties at the cathedral.

For today the Judicial President of the Transkei Mr. Justice C. Cilliè, will pass judgment on him.

The dean is facing charges under the Terrorism Act.

The prosecution alleges in its indictment that the dean took an active part in terrorist activities aimed at violently overthrowing the Government.

The British Broadcasting Corporation's television cameraman filmed the Mass yesterday and BBC-TV soon later interviewed the dean.

This will appear on British television tonight the programme "News Room".

4-day lull in Pretoria sex attacks

STAFF REPORTER

THE HANDSOME SEX MANIAC who has terrorised Pretoria women in recent weeks appears to have been frightened off by the intensive police hunt for him and the widespread publicity his activities have attracted.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday that there had been no fresh attacks by the rapist.

He has been inactive since last Wednesday, in the preceding week he molested three women in four days and succeeded in raping one of them — a 25-year-old mother of a young baby.

The man, who has long black hair which curls at the back, dark eyes and prominent cheekbones, is thought to have been responsible for at least 16 attacks in Pretoria, Johannesburg, Kempton Park and Vereeniging.

On each occasion he has struck between 12.30 and 2.30 p.m.

He has gained access to the flats and homes of his victims by pretending to be an electrician with instructions to examine wall plugs.

He has been disturbed in three of his four attacks in Pretoria, but each time he has vanished without trace.

Police have issued an urgent appeal to anyone seeing a suspicious-looking man fitting his description to telephone 3011 — the Radio Branch of the police in Pretoria.

They have also offered a substantial reward to anyone providing information leading to the man's arrest.

● Last night, a senior CID officer in Pretoria criticised newspapers which had published unauthorised artist's impressions of the attacker.

He said the drawings were misleading and were hampering the police in their investigations.

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