

# Security Police raids regretted

**The Star Bureau**  
LONDON — The recent wave of raids and arrests by the Security Police and the death of the detainee, Mr Ahmed Timol, had undone much of the work of South Africa's trio of homeland chiefs in propagating the positive aspects of separate development during their visit here, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi said on the eve of his departure for Germany.

"It had a very negative effect," he said. "It made people say, 'If your country operates like this we prefer to have nothing to do with it.'"

Chief Buthelezi said the most constructive aspect of his tour had been the opportu-

nities it gave him of putting across the problems of the Zulu people and the role he was playing in trying to overcome them.

He thought he had succeeded in communicating his hopes effectively, in spite of the moral objections which many Britons had about separate development.

Even in tougher interview situations — he mentioned his appearance on television with the other two visiting chiefs — rapport had not been lacking.

He reiterated a point he has made repeatedly both here and

at home. He did not accept separate development as the ideal response to the race problem. He accepted it as a means of improving the lot of his people in the absence of practical alternatives.

He said his visit to Britain induced a sense of anguish as he looked homeward to South Africa and saw it in perspective.

"Each day I am away I feel very anguished," he said. "There is so much goodwill, among both Whites and Blacks, but because of the traditions of our country we cannot move

forward to take the plunge."

After quoting a hymn about man's inability to look up boldly to the distant horizon, his willingness to settle for the smallest and most timid of steps, he said the sense of anguish had been particularly poignant during his visit to South Africa House.

"It (the atmosphere) was so natural. They (the officials) treated us like fellow human beings. It made you aware of the possibilities."

# UP addresses on detainees

MR MIKE MITCHELL, MP, the United Party's shadow Minister of Justice, will address a lunch-hour meeting in the Johannesburg City Hall on Friday on detainees and detention without trial.

The Durban North MP, who has been in the forefront of attacks on the Government over security police actions under the Terrorism Act, was invited to speak at the meeting by the United Party's Transvaal organisation.

Mr Harry Schwarz, leader of the Opposition in the provincial Council, will be chairman and address the meeting.

He said today that by coincidence the United Party had booked the City Hall for a fete on Friday and Saturday.

"Mr Mitchell was not scheduled to come to the Witwatersrand, but in view of the prevailing situation he was approached last night and agreed at short notice to speak on the subject of detainees and to put forward United Party views and its proposals to deal with the situation."

The meeting will start at 1.15 pm and finish just before 2 pm.

The Students' Representative Council at Wits University and the Black Sash, attempting to organise a lunchtime meeting on Thursday in the City Hall on the detentions, have found that the hall is already booked by the United Party.

Today students representatives met UP leaders to make a satisfactory arrangement.

# Timol may not have died in vain

**Own Correspondent**  
DURBAN — If the death of Ahmed Timol, who died last week in police detention, resulted in increased responsibility and restraint on the part of the Security Police, then he would not have given his life in vain, the chairman of the Natal University Convocation, Mr Gordon Bond, said in Dur-

ban last night. Mr Bond was one of four speakers who addressed the first protest meeting of this kind called by the convocation.

The meeting was to protest against the recent wave of police raids and their consequences.

The other speakers were the head of the department of law,

Professor A. S. Matthews, a lecturer in comparative African government, Mr Colin Shum, and a Durban attorney, Mr Pat Poovalingam.

A motion calling for a full judicial inquiry into the allegations and the cause of Ahmed Timol's death was unanimously passed by the Convocation members present.

Mr Poovalingam said that if the situation in South Africa, where the majority of people lived in constant fear, was remedied then there would be no need to fear terrorism or communism, because the majority would be united.

"But for as long as those in power go on alienating the majority of people in South

Africa, they will themselves make enemies of the people of this country," he said.

Professor Matthews pointed out that a basic freedom — the sanctity of the home — had been lost.

However, the raids themselves, while being serious, were not as serious as what happened after them.

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