

INSTITUTE'S 3 DEMANDS TO GOVT.

STAFF REPORTER

THE South African Institute of Race Relations last night called on the Government to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into the methods of Security Police interrogation.

The institute also demanded:

- Investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of 17 people in custody under the security laws.
- The repeal of the Terrorism Act at the next parliamentary session.

"The institute firmly believes that the Terrorism Act is not indispensable to the security of the State as there are several common law and Statute law remedies which provide adequate legal means to achieve this purpose.

POLICE DETAIN TWO

BRITISH BROTHERS

Staff Reporter

TWO photographer brothers, Mr. Quentin Jacobson and Mr. Henry Jacobson, both British citizens, are being detained at John Vorster Square police headquarters in Johannesburg.

Confirming this last night a spokesman for the British Consulate General in Johannesburg said: "From what we understand it is on something more serious than a drugs charge."

No senior police officers could confirm the reported detentions last night. Two other British citizens, who shared the Jacobson studio, are believed to have approached Security Police at John Vorster Square yesterday to make a statement.

They are Mr. Martin Cohen, a mathematician, and Mr. David Smith, an architect. Both had been working as freelance photographers in Johannesburg.

Late last night friends said they had not seen them again.

IDENTITY

When a Rand Daily Mail reporter went to the Pritchard Street studio of the Jacobson brothers yesterday, he was met by two policemen who asked him to identify himself. They refused to answer any questions.

Besides the latest detentions 19 people are still known to be held in terms of the Terrorism Act in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban. All were arrested by the Security Police 10 to 12 days ago.

Call for revision of laws

Staff Reporter

SOUTH AFRICA needed a complete revision of all laws transgressing the rule of law and affecting the rights of the individual, the true function of the judiciary and the proper workings of democracy, Dr. Bruckner de Villiers, the new Transvaal director of the Progressive Party said last night in Pietersburg.

Addressing a house meeting of the newly established Pietersburg branch of the Progressive Party, he said: "What is urgently required is a completely new base of political operations in our country."

The police were being unfairly treated as "the scapegoat for the original sin committed by the Government and aided and abetted by the United Party."

This was the placing of laws on the statute book which gave the police unlimited powers and unlimited rights of indefinite detention without trial.

"A juggernaut has thus been created which is inevitably destined in the end even to destroy its own creators," Mr. De Villiers said.

The whole country was in uproar and uncertainty about the Terrorism Act and related matters.

"There can be no doubt that there have been some odd and highly irregular goings-on behind cell doors of the Security Police," he said.

The time had come for all responsible citizens in South Africa to "stop cowering behind the dividing walls of apartheid and throwing stones at each other."

"The Afrikaners, the English, the Africans, the Coloureds and the Indians share common concerns and have common fears for the future," he said.

At the meeting Mr. Malcolm Wallace, a teacher, was elected chairman of the new branch while Mr. Roley Heuff was elected senior vice-chairman. Mr. John Myburg, a Pietersburg attorney, was elected vice-chairman and Mr. David De Vos treasurer.

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Political Reporter

THE East Rand Regional Council of the Progressive Party last night passed a resolution expressing shock at the death of the detainee Mr. Ahmed Timol.

And it called on the Government to repeal "all statutes that provide for detention without recourse to the courts of law."