

400 remember Ahmed Timol

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ABOUT 400 Blacks and Whites gathered in the University of the Witwatersrand Great Hall yesterday to commemorate the second anniversary of the death of Mr. Ahmed Timol, a Security Police detainee who fell to his death from the 10th floor of John Vorster Square police headquarters, Johannesburg.

There were no police in evidence, and the meeting passed without incident.

It had been hastily organised by the Wits Students' Representative Council after a Government ban on public political meetings had put paid to the meeting plans of the Ahmed Timol Memorial Committee.

Mrs. Helen Joseph, a former house arrestee, gave the main address against a backdrop of posters bearing the names of Mr. Timol and 21 others said to

have died while in detention. Mrs. Joseph is still a listed person and may not be quoted.

Miss Sheila Weinberg, a former political prisoner and secretary of the memorial committee, said messages had been received from the Natal Indian Congress, Mr. Alan Paton, Mr. Adam Small, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, Australian and Norwegian student unions, Nuzas, Saso, the International Commission of Jurists, the United Nations Special Committee on Apartheid and others.

Mr. David Curry, the deputy leader of the Coloured Labour Party, warned that many South Africans were sleeping through a revolution that was now taking place.

The revolution was that Blacks were changing and adopting the philosophy of Black consciousness.