

# Tribal warfare warning



Black power salutes raised at the Human Rights Day meeting by Mr Elliot Shabangu, Mrs Sheila Suttner, whose son Raymond was sentenced to seven-and-a-half years jail under the Terrorism Act, and Mr Mohammed Timol, whose brother fell to his death from a window in John Vorster Square.

Staff Reporter

HOMELAND leaders were actively promoting a policy which could lead to tribal warfare, about 100 people at the Human Rights Day celebrations in the Gandhi Hall in Johannesburg heard yesterday.

Mr S. R. Ndou, who was detained for 17 months under the Terrorism Act, asked how these leaders could claim they were against a policy which they actively promoted.

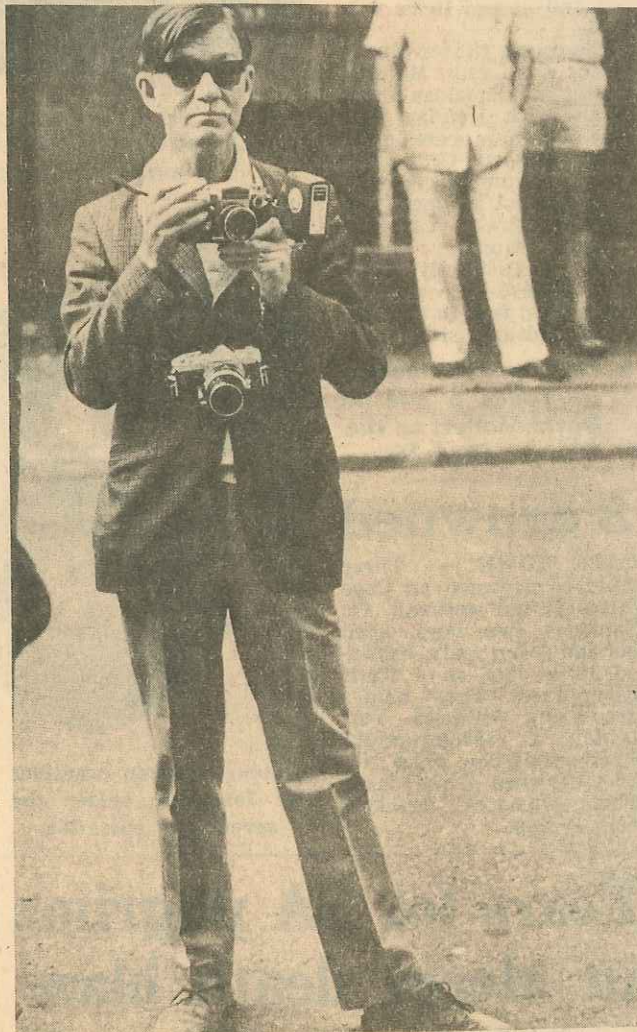
The homelands policy would engage Blacks in conflict with each other and could lead to tribal warfare.

"I want to warn these homeland boys to review their leadership positions before the Black people decide what punishment would be most suitable for them," he said.

Mrs Sheila Suttner, the mother of the Durban law lecturer sentenced to seven and a half years jail under the Terrorism Act, challenged the Prime Minister to extend detente efforts to within South Africa.

"I am sufficiently optimistic to say that it is not too late for change, but it is nearly too late," she said.

Two photographers outside the hall took pictures of members of the audience as they left the building.



This photographer outside the Human Rights Day meeting photographed each member of the audience as they left. The men in the background also took a lively interest.

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# 'Press' claim starts riddle

A mystery photographer at the Human Rights Committee meeting on Sunday was definitely not from the United Press International agency, according to the UPI Bureau Chief in South Africa.

Mr John Platter said today his agency was "not represented at the meeting."

Two men and a woman took photographs of members of the audience entering and leaving the hall.

The man who claimed to be from UPI was identified as a member of the Security Police by Mohammed Timol, a speaker at the meeting.

Another speaker, Mrs Sheila Suttner, the mother of Raymond Suttner, jailed recently for 7½ years under the Suppression of Communism Act, appealed to the Prime Minister to introduce his detente effort into South Africa's domestic political set-up immediately.

Addressing the 120 people present to celebrate United Nations Human Rights Day in the Gandhi Hall, she said the rest of the world was losing patience with South African policies and so were the majority of South Africans.

"Many of those who have struggled to implement the spirit of the Declaration of Human Rights are in jail, including my son," she said.

Quoting from Dr Martin Luther King, the assassinated American civil rights leader, she said the time had come in South Africa when the "cup of endurance had run over and men were no longer prepared to be plunged into the abyss of despair."

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