



Together in prayer: Mrs. Helen Joseph and an Indian boy at the Vrededorp "mourning" service yesterday.

The young mourn the death of Timol

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HUNDREDS of young Indians and a sprinkling of Whites and Coloureds gathered at prayer services in Johannesburg and Roodepoort yesterday as part of a national day of mourning at the death in detention of Mr. Ahmed Timol.

Among those who spoke at the prayer service, held at the Queens Park sports ground in Vrededorp, was Mrs. Helen Joseph, a former house arrestee.

Mrs. Joseph, who may not be quoted in terms of the provisions of the Suppression of Communism Act, was loudly cheered by an audience of about 400 while a few police looked on.

Earlier in the day, another prayer service was held in Roodepoort, outside the Timol home. The services were mainly attended by Indian students and schoolchildren.

Addressing the Vrededorp meeting, Mr. N. Pahad, one of the group of young Indians who organised it, said: "Ahmed Timol has given his life in order that we may reap the fruits of freedom and so that we should one day be able to walk side by side in friendship."

Mr. Abe Domingo, former Chief Whip of the Labour Party, told the meeting he was disturbed that the parents of the children at the meeting had not come with them.

"It is up to you to convince them that unless they come with you, there is no future for us. It is through this type of protest that you will one day be able to walk as free people in the land of your birth."

About 22 women of the Black Sash stood in silent protest against the Terrorism Act and the death of Mr. Timol at five different points in Johannesburg at lunch-hour yesterday.

Another prayer meeting is to be held on Sunday, in spite of the refusal by the manager of the Nirvana Pleasure Resort in Lenasia to allow it to be held there.

An appeal has been issued to Indians to gather at the resort at 2.30 p.m. when they will be directed to another venue.