

Timol may not have died in vain

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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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