

Book 22

"A A C U S"

ATTENTION

*sent -
L. Rabson*

Fellow Students,

All around us in the Eastern Cape, police are moving into townships and shooting, teargassing, baton-charging, sjabokking, and detaining residents.

In the past few days, in Cradock, Fort Beaufort, Cookhouse, Somerset East, Port Elizabeth, and Uitenhage, at least seven people have been killed by the police.

On Sunday night members of the Black Sash, while trying to trace missing schoolchildren in Uitenhage, stumbled across four of these children handcuffed to a table, one of them allegedly being beaten, in a room in the police station.

One of the witnesses, PFP MPC, Molly Blackburn, has been invited by NUSAS to tell students about the current situation in the Eastern Cape.

Because the SRC believes that we are not getting the full picture from the press, we urge you to attend this meeting at lunch-time tomorrow (Wednesday) in Arts Major. We feel confident that you will respond to this urgent and serious issue.

YOUR SRC.

Issued by Rhodes SRC. Expires 21/3/85

SRC CONDEMNNS POLICE BRUTALITY

This motion was passed unanimously by the SRC at an Extraordinary Meeting held at lunch-time today (Tuesday 19)

That this SRC

Noting:

1. The reported witnessing by members of the Black Sash of police assaults on youths at the Uitenhage police station;
2. That at least seven people have been killed by police in the Eastern Cape townships in the last few days;
3. The numerous incidents of police brutality in the form of sjambokking, teargas attacks and shooting of township residents;

And further noting:

1. That PFP MPC Molly Blackburn, one of the Black Sash eye witnesses - has been invited by NUSAS to speak at Rhodes;

Believing:

1. In the integrity of the Black Sash eyewitnesses in recounting the alleged assaults;
2. That such killings have long been associated with the role of the police and armed forces in South Africa;
3. That such repressive actions fly in the face of the government's stated reform intentions;

And further believing:

1. That the current violence is not adequately explained by the press and SABC, and
2. That the SRC has a responsibility to provide students with the opportunity to obtain further information on the situation;

Hereby resolves:

1. To condemn any such assaults as allegedly witnessed by the Black Sash;
2. To condemn in the strongest terms the killings, sjambokkings and teargassing of residents in the Eastern Cape townships by the police and armed forces;
3. To continue to monitor and expose the role of the police and the armed forces in South Africa;

And further resolves:

1. To provide students with as much additional information on the situation as possible; and
2. To urge students to attend the meeting at which Molly Blackburn will be speaking.

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