

Blacks arrested in protest

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Police arrested 14 blacks who gathered outside the U.S. consulate Wednesday to protest foreign investment, witnesses said.

Elsewhere, authorities reported two new deaths in racial violence that has plagued the white-ruled nation since late August, and there were scattered reports of unrest in the country's segregated black townships.

Peter Jensen, the American in

charge of security at the consulate, said the demonstrators assembled on a busy sidewalk outside the office building whose 11th floor houses the consulate.

"Most of them were carrying placards. I didn't see much against the United States individually, but mostly against investments in South Africa," he said.

"The police came about 15 minutes afterward. The demonstrators were not chan-

ging. It was all quite silent. Those carrying placards were taken into police custody."

Police spokesman Col. Fred Bull said he believed all those arrested were black. Witnesses said the protesters were from the partially integrated University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

At the South African Council of Churches, police in riot gear appeared shortly after midday and ringed the entrance, witnesses reported.

Council official Dan Vaughan said several union leaders were inside for a May Day meeting, and police threatened to arrest them if they emerged in a group. The union leaders agreed to leave one by one, without assembling outside, Vaughan said.

Earlier Wednesday, police arrested 39 black union members for the second time in two days. They were marching from a Johannesburg court, where they had been freed on bail of 100 rands (\$52) each.

Police said the new deaths, discovered before dawn, were in the riot-torn eastern Cape Province and in Sebokeng, a black township 48 miles south of Johannesburg.

Apathy

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the situation," said Annette Stewart, a sophomore majoring in drama. "I think it's horrendous."

Jeff Reeder, a sophomore in journalism, said he did not know a lot of the details of the situation in South Africa before the rally. One speaker's remarks about some South African blacks who work for 22 cents an hour particularly affected him, he said.

"It's the kind of facts like that that draw you out of apathy," Reeder added.

Although she said she opposed apartheid and believed the rally was "positive," sophomore Ann Ramsey said she did not believe that divestment is an effective means of dealing with South Africa. She said she was not sure what should be done.

"I don't have the answer," Ramsey said. "I don't think anybody has the answer right now."

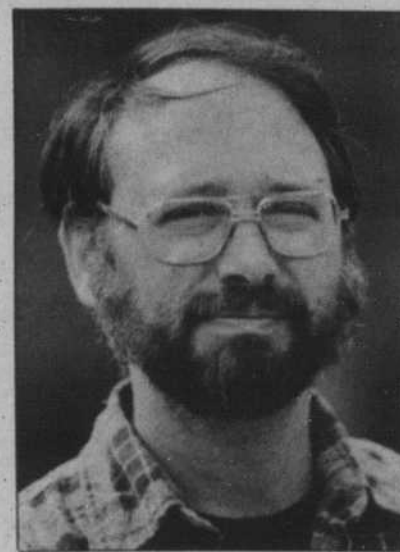
Robin Stalcup, a senior majoring in biology, said she doubted that economic and cultural boycotts of South Africa will have any significant effect, "but something should be done."

"They (the rally organizers) have a slogan saying 'boycott South Africa, not Nicaragua,' and I agree with that totally," Stalcup said. (Plans for President Ronald Reagan's trade em-

bargo of Nicaragua were announced Tuesday.)

Graduate student Jerry Blair stressed the importance of making a statement against injustice.

"We live in a democracy, and we have to keep democracy



Jerry Blair

alive. The only way to do that is to speak your mind," Blair said. "If enough people in enough places make such a statement, it does have political weight."

Carol Knutson, a graduate student who attended the University in 1977 when students passed a referendum requesting the State Board of Higher Education to divest funds invested in South Africa, said she was "surprised that it's taking this long to be able to divest."

In December, a Lane County Circuit Court judge ruled that divestment violated the state's "prudent investor" provisions.

Knutson said she did not believe today's college students are apathetic, but they have lacked an organized way of expressing their concerns. Wednesday's rally provided a means of showing that concern, she said.

"You can't do it as an individual; it has to be a movement," she said.



Annette Stewart

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