

manipulation of news are revealed as blunt instruments, scarcely masked behind a veil of twisted legality.

If President Botha is prepared to describe apartheid as outmoded, why then does his government persist with its "homelands" policy, one of the basic building blocks of the iniquitous apartheid society? Ask those who lived in Oukasie. This settlement has just been "deproclaimed" in the bizarre vocabulary of apartheid. Ask its people. They have now been consigned, on the basis of race, to Lethlabile. They have been consigned to a place they did not choose. They have been consigned to live a life rooted in segregation. Is this, as press reports suggest, a microcosm of the tactics employed by a government intent on dividing and moulding the lives of the black population? I wish to God that it were otherwise.

As a clergyman, I take more encouragement from another development than I do from the pronouncements of President Botha or his government. The white Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa, seemingly reflecting some cautious liberalization has, in recent days, rejected the theological rationale for enforced racial segregation. That body, which formulated the scriptural justification for apartheid has not, however, discarded other principles of racial separation. It maintains its commitment to separate units for different racial groups. Cannot that Church in the name of God and humanity, go further and join with its non-white branches, denounce apartheid and become non-racial? Think of the example that would be set for South African society if the leaders of that church were to be people with a strength of purpose and a colour-blind humanity akin to that of the new Anglican Archbishop of Capetown! I do not believe that this is too much to ask for a religion which is based on the Christian ethos of human love and mutual acceptance.

Mr. President,

The steps outlined in the Commonwealth Nassau Accord have gained wide acceptance as the objectives of concerted international pressure on South Africa. Such solidarity of purpose continues to grow. South Africa, however, has yet to be persuaded that it must undertake the following if there is to be an orderly and peaceful