

"South Africa today is a police state."

South African situation is chaotic

by John Watson

The South African government controls all of the news that comes out of that country. And although reports have been sparse since the state of emergency was re-imposed in June, the situation is still chaotic.

That is the feeling of Reverend Brian Burchfield who discussed the situation in South Africa as it was at the time he was thrown out of the country last July.

Rev. Burchfield spoke in Athabasca Hall last Monday to a group of about ten people.

"Stories told by the South African government were not at all our experience," said Burchfield.

He described the situation as a government fighting its people. "South Africa today is a police state," Burchfield said. There was over 22,000 people in detention in the country.

According to state law, anyone can be put in jail for up to six months without charges being laid.

But Burchfield said the government does not stop at harassment and detention, the government, he said, is responsible for much of the terrorism that has gone on in the country.

Crossroads squatter camp housed about 100,000 people until it burned earlier this year. At that

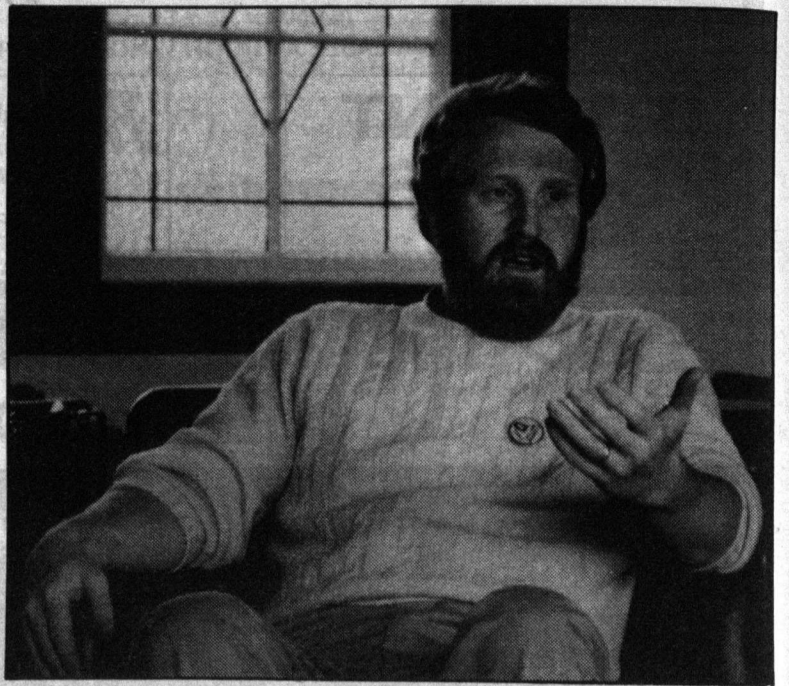
time it was reported to be black on black violence. Burchfield tells a different story.

"At the first instant Crossroads started to burn, it was reported to be sophisticated state terrorism wearing the mask of black on black violence," he said.

The police organized and helped carry out the burning of the camp. They were responsible for arming the vigilantes.

"Police fired in the tear gas," said Burchfield, "and the vigilantes would move in and set it (the camp) on fire."

The one organization that opposes the government is the African



Rev. Brian Burchfield

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National Conference (ANC). It is accused of being Communist-backed.

"Everything we hear about the ANC is propaganda," warned Burchfield. "Why does resistance always have to be Communist inspired?"

He said all the ANC wants is contained in the Freedom Charter. It amounts to withdrawal of troops, release of political prisoners, and unbanning of political organizations.

If the ANC is receiving support from the eastern bloc nations, it is only because they cannot get anything from the west.

"The U.S. could not be organizing a more effective agenda to push the ANC to the east if it wanted to," said Burchfield.

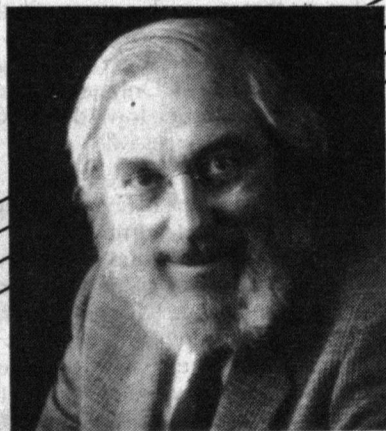
The logic behind the policy of apartheid is a great concern to the Reverend.

"They do what they do in the name of Jesus," he said. "They root it in a distorted reading of the Bible."

Rev. Burchfield likened the system to a cake. "It's a rotten cake," he said. "Can you reform a rotten cake? No, you bake a new one."

"You ought to oppose them," he said.

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