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Blacks stop â\200\230cars, S

From Sun-Times Wires

JOHANNESBURG, South Afri-
caâ\200\224Hundreds of blacks stopped
cars yesterday and seized goods
bought in defiance of the â\200\234Black
Christmasâ\200\235 boycott of white stores.

Soldiers in eight armored vehi-
cles were sent to the Diepkloof
section of the nearby black town-
ship of Soweto to break up bands
of youths confiscating clothes, food
and Christmas gifts from scores of
commuters returning from this me-
tropolis, which is mostly white. -

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stores in and around both this city
and Pretoria, the capital.

Boycott organizers have put out
word that weddings, concerts and
other celebrations should be can-
celed or kept low-key to show soli-
darity with the suffering of blacks
through 15 months of rioting
against South Africaâ\200\231s apartheid
system of racial separation. Nearly
1,000 people have been killed.

The goal of the economic boycott
is to force white business owners to
put pressure on the government to
end a 4'-month-old state of emer-

ency, withdraw soldiers from

lack townships and release jailed blacks.

One witness said canned goods, bread, tangerines, cookies and other goods were scattered over streets Diepkloof. The witness, who spoke on condition of -anonymity, said residents reported that boycott enforcers also were operating elsewhere in the township of more than

- 1.5 million people.

Other witnesses said soldiers

_killed one young man among the

enforcers yesterday, but no official casualty report was. available.

Authorities did report that the bullet-riddled bodies of three black men in their 20s were found in Kagiso near Krugersdorp, northwest of Johannesburg, and that in Port, Elizabeth, a black policeman died of burns received Nov. 26 while defending his house from a mob of black arsonists. -

The white-minority government. also announced that it has banned as â\200\234undesirableâ\200\235 the autobiography of Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela.

In a notice published in the government gazette, the South African censorship board declared it â\200\234an offense to . . . distributeâ\200\235 the book, Part of My Soul.

Winnie Mandela, who is officially a â\200\234bannedâ\200\235 person, may not be quoted by the South African press and is exiled to the rural community of Brandfort, 200 miles south of Johannesburg. In defiance of the order, she has lived in Soweto.

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World report

Chicago Tribune, Saturday, December 14, 1985

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U.S. agrees to role

in Afghan peace (

From Chicago Tribune wires

WASHINGTONâ\200\224The United!

States has told the United Nations,
formally that Washington is willi
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troops, Deputy retary of Stat

John Whitehead said Friday. He
did not say just what role the U.S}
would play. In a speech to the
World Affairs Council in
Washington, Whitehead said a let-
ter had been sent to UN Sec.-Gen.
Javier Perez de Cuellar expressing
â\200\234our willingness to play an appro-
priate guarantorâ\200\231s role in the con-
text of a comprehensive and bal-
anced settlement.â\200\235 Soviet officials
said last month that they wanted
to bring their 120,000 troops home
from Afghanistan. â\200\230â\200\234This is a way
of testing the Soviets,â\200\235 said a U.S.
(f)ifet'Ã©cial who asked not to be identi-

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From Chicago Tribune wires

) JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—
Government radio accused

President Reagan on Friday of

sheer hypocrisy for singling out
South Africa's system of white
privilege for condemnation in a
speech on human rights.

Responding to a speech Reagan
made at the White House Tuesday
to commemorate Human Rights
Day, the South African Broad-
casting Corp. said in an editorial
that the United States conducts
trade with the Soviet Union, which
South Africa says has a far worse
human rights record.

While punitive measures have
been instituted against South Africa,
and this country is condemned
at every turn, the United States
associates and trades freely with
countries curtailing democratic
freedoms and even with those ac-
tively working for America's
downfall, the radio said.

To many South Africans, this is
nothing short of sheer hypocrisy.

Reagan denounced apartheid as
abhorrent and said, "It's time
that the government of South Africa
took steps to end it and to reach
out for compromise and recon-
ciliation."

In another move, the govern-
ment banned "Part of My Soul,"
the autobiography written by Win-
nie Mandela, saying it had been
found to be undesirable.

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Broadcast charges human-rights hypocrisy

ist leader of the outlawed African
National Congress, has been ban-
ished by the government since
1977. She may not be quoted and is
officially exiled to the rural com-
munity of Brandfort, about 200
miles south of Johannesburg. In
defiance of the order, she has lived
in her other home in Johannes-

burgâ\200\231s township of Soweto for the last six weeks.

In Soweto, hundreds of blacks stopped cars Friday and seized goods bought in defiance of the â\200\234Black Christmasâ\200\235 boycott of white â\200\230stores, and soldiers killed one young man among the enforcers, witnesses said. -

About eight armored vehicles arrived to break up bands of youths

confiscating clothes, food and hristmas presents from scores of black commuters coming home to the Diepkloof section of Soweto from nearby white Johannesburg.

It was the heaviest known enforcement of the boycott, which has slashed business at white stores in and around Johannesburg and Pretoria.

It came a day after owners of small businesses in Pretoria, feeling the sting of the 11-day-old Christmas boycott, hired a helicopter pamphlets wishing blacks â\200\234â\200\230peace i and safe shoppingâ\200\235 under police and military protection.

The Johannesburg Star said it summer boycott committee, was in and good will ...

~had confirmed that Jabu . Ngwenya, head of the Soweto con-

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detention Friday. The boycott was, | called to protest the state of emer--| gency imposed July 21 and the use of troops in the townships.

Police on Friday reported finding the bodies of three men who had been shot to death in the suburbs of Krugersdorp, about 20 miles west of Johannesburg. Leaders of the boycott said they thought the deaths â\200\230â\200\234were connected to the tense and volatile situations in the Kagiso and Munsieville townships. brought about by the boycott.â\200\235 2

Authorities also said a policeman who was burned by a gasoline bomb Nov. 26 died of his wounds in

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a Port Elizabeth hospital.
Meanwhile, the group reports youths who
are among the nearly 9,000 people
detained by police this year in an
effort to control anti-apartheid
protests have suffered beatings
and â\200\230â\200\234incalculableâ\200\231â\200\235 psychological
harm while in jail. ;

A monthly report issued Thursday
by the Detainees Parentsâ\200\231 Sup-
port Committee said information
from chapters across South Africa
indicated â\200\234continuing physical and
psychological torture of detainees,
including instances of enforced na-

'kedness, TV monitors in the cells,

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physical assaults and electric |
shocks.â\200\235 !

The committee monitors deten- |
tions that are made without
charges under security laws, as

well as arrests under the state of =
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JOHANNESBURG, South
Africa (UPI) â\200\224 Police Thursday
freed 12 anti-government cam-
paigners detained during a roundup
of about 70 activists in Cape Town
seven weeks ago, including pro-
minent lawyer Dullah Omar and
the Rev. Godfriedt Kraatz, a Lu-
theran minister.

Both were served with banning
orders confining them to the
magisterial district of Wynberg,
Cape Town, barring them from

activities of the United Democratic
Front â\200\224 South Africaâ\200\231s most

powerful multiracial opposition
group â\200\224 and prohibiting them from
meetings critical of the governm-

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Shortly after being arrested Oct.

25, Omar and Kraatz organized a
% weeklong hunger strike to protest

their detentions and conditions at

" the Victor Verster prison at Paarl,

near Cape Town, where they were

Â¢ held.

Police also reported they broke

', up a candlelight protest by hun-

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dreds of demonstrators in a white
Cape Town suburb and arrested
people.

Candlelight protests against the 3
1,-month-old state of emergency

i imposed to quell racial violence
: have been held in Cape Town's

mixed-race areas each Wednesday

for five weeks. : :
About 600 white and mixed-race
demonstrators carrying burning
candles and a group called Jews for
Social Justice marched quietly

| â\200\230Wednesday night along the seafront
. promenade in Sea Point. -

chanting

Later, demonstrators began
slogans and riot police
dispersed them with batons. Two
whites and a mixed-race man were
arrested on charges of par-
ticipating in an illegal march,
police said. ;

In the mixed-race Athlone
township near Cape Town, police

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said a crowd of rioters threw up a
barricade of blazing tires and fired
on officers. The riot squads
responded by firing shotguns, but
no injuries were reported.

Earlier Wednesday, eight blacks
were arrested during a massive
police and army search for looters
and rioters in Cape Townâ\200\231s black
Gugulethu township.

Five were arrested after stolen
property, â\200\230including television sets
and radios, was found in their
homes in the impoverished ghetto,
police said. Three others were de-
tained without charge under
emergency powers invoked in Oc-
tober to curb racial violence in the
city. :

Another 126 people were ques-
tioned and released. 3

Government helicopters hovered
overhead as police and soldiers
carried out the sweep â\200\224 the fifth in
two weeks in Gugulethu, battered by
fierce rioting since August.

In Ashton, about 80 miles east of
Cape Town, residents of the Zolani
black township told white opposi-
tion lawmakers they were being
victimized by black vigilantes and
were being refused police protec-
tion.

Members of the opposition
Progressive Federal Partyâ\200\231s
Unrest Monitoring Committee
visited Zolani Wednesday to take
sworn statements about the
allegations - for submission to

police.

One black woman told the lawmakers she saw children out of school in support of a nationwide black boycott to protest racial discrimination beaten up by a gang of 16 blacks, members of a local vigilante group.

The police were not involved in the violence, but they were watching what was going on from the other side of a fence, and they did nothing to stop it, she said.

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