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 WSouth Africa Releases  
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 New York Times Service  
 JOHANNESBURG - South  
 ' African labor union officials said  
 . Thursday that the government has  
 freed a )handful of labor leaders  
 barges under the  
 . state of emergency decree issued  
 \_A two weeks ago.  
 But the authorities indicated that  
 i there was no immediate plan for  
 lifting the decree. The minister of  
 i " law and order, Louis Le Grange,  
 i land-mine  
 has said it would be applied Ore,  
 lentlessly. "  
 Meanwhile, the government re-  
 med a further five blacks had  
 killed, bringing t066the num-  
 ' ber of deaths since the emergency  
 was proclaiiied on June 12.  
 The authorities also reported a  
 explosion on a gravel  
 road of Pretoria, but said there had  
 Hi been no injuries.  
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 1 Overall, more than 1,900 people,  
 most of them black, have died in  
 anti-apartheid violence since Sep-  
 tember 1984.  
 The labor union officials said  
 about 12 of their leaders were freed  
 Wednesday, including Phiroshaw  
 general secretary of the  
 Council of Unions of South Africa,  
 the oounufa third largest labor  
 0 federation.  
 At least 100 other unionists are  
 believed to be among the estimated  
 3, 000 people held under the emer-  
 gency decree- the second pro-  
 claimed in less than a year to  
 counter black resistance and vio-  
 lence in the nationis segregated,  
 black township 5.  
 Dale Tifflin, a union press offi-  
 cer, said, We were kept in solitary  
 confinement and not interrogated  
 tage," 'IheAssoeiatedPl-ess  
 from Johannesburg.)  
 "This detention does not prevent  
 us from continuing trade union ac-  
 tivities," Mr. Camay said. His orga-  
 nization claims the su pport of  
 about 180,000 black workers.  
 The eonntryk leading black in-  
 of South  
 African Trade Unions,' has said  
 that emergency cydetentions disru t  
 labor relations and may force  
 ' unions to retaliate  
 At the same time, unionists in  
 hiding to avoid detention have said

that some of them will return to their offices this week, challenging the authorities not to detain them.

In a given prominence on state-controlled Radio South Africa without charges

Mr. Le Grange, according to the radio station, said the emergency would not be lifted soon and would remain in force until law and order had been restored.

One of the few lawful platforms for public dissent was the nation's segregated, tricameral Parliament. But it went into recess Wednesday night, a day before the authorities were required, according to the emergency decree, to present the emergency regulations for discussion.

The recess meant that the regulations cannot be debated in Parliament until Aug. 18, when the legislature is to reconvene.

Meanwhile, the South African Defense Force in Johannesburg said Thursday it had filed a protest with Zimbabwe complaining that three terrorists armed with automatic rifles entered Zimbabwe from South Africa this month. The statement did not elaborate on the identity of the three men. ,

INewsSourcesDryUp

The trickle of information out of South Africa about the detainees held under the current emergency decree appears to have all but dried up, The New York Times reported from New York.

Sources in South Africa have supplied some details of detentions, such as accounts of raids on black churches. But faced with the anger of government officials, many sources no longer want to , speak with Western journalists.

A telephone interview Wednesday with Percy Qoboza, editor of The City Press, the largest black-oriented newspaper in Johannesburg, was cut off twice.

After the first cutoff of the call from New York, Mr. Qoboza said:

."They obviously don't want me to talk to you That's why they keep cutting us off. Then they were cut off again.

Calls to other anti-apartheid leaders in South Africa also were cut off,

The Associated Press reported from London on Monday that Amnesty International said it had reports that South African security forces had smashed into a church, assaulted the black congregation with whips and detained about 120 people, including dozens of children on Thursday, M121; Grange was quoted as saying the govern-

inent was determined to apply the  
state of emergency and all its regu-  
lations relentlessly. "

The emergency gives police and  
army personnel virtually unlimited  
powers of arrest and search without  
warrant .

The incident June 6 at the Roman  
Catholic Church of St. Peter  
Claver in the black township of  
Duncan Village in KwaZulu-Natal  
was the third report by Amnesty  
International of entire con-  
gregations detained under the state  
of emergency decree.

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