The Popeâ\200\231s much-publicised American tour has spotlighted again the controversy over South Africa being excluded from his southern Africa visit in a yearâ\200\231s time,

In explanation, Vatican officials have said the Pope would be reluctant to be protected by the South African Police and that it would be  $a \geq 00 \geq 34$  inopportune and unacceptable  $200 \geq 35$  to visit South Africa while the present government, with its apartheid and  $200 \geq 34$  repressive  $200 \geq 35$  policies, is in power.

But only three years ago, the Pope received the State President, Mr P W Botha, in Rome and evoked bitter criticism from some South African Catholic priests, especially over the ceremonial exchange of gifts. The priests said at the time they would not be able to be hospitable to the Pope should he visit South Africa.

On his first visit to southern Africa, the Pope will visit Zimbabwe, Le-

sotho Swaziland, Botswana and Mo- - zambique on an eight-day tour in  $\,$ 

September 1988. The major reason for his visit is to officiate at the beat-ification (the first step towards declaring someone a saint) of Father Joseph Gerard in Lesotho.

The reasons given for the Popeâ\200\231s omission of South Africa have created controversy in that  $\hat{a}$ \200\224 as the most widely travelled Pope yet  $\hat{a}$ \200\224 he has visited authoritarian countries in Latin America (and been guarded by their police) and recently met Austriaâ\200\231s controversial President Kurt Waldheim.

The Pope has singled South Africa out for attention many times and criticised apartheid on more than one occasion. He said recently:  $\hat{a}\200\234$ To those that suffer the violence of such an inhuman situation I express sentiments of affectionate participation and of support. $\hat{a}\200\235$ 

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The Catholic leadership understands and even warmly welcomes the decision, writes The Starâ $\200\231s$  Religion Reporter, Carina le Grange.

Pope John Paul . . .harsh words
: on apartheid.

tion, the question has been raised of whether he should not then expressly visit South Africa as a sign of solidarity and to offer comfort if the majority of people in South Africa are oppressed  $200\224$  including about 80 percent of Catholics who are black.

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ The Pope sees fit to condemn South Africa from outside its borders and... professes to be so terribly concerned about our black population, but does not take the trouble to come and minister to his black flock,  $\hat{a}\200\235$  a letter to The Star said recently.

Other Catholics have voiced similar sentiments, or simply said they would like to be ministered to by the Pope as had so many Catholics over the world.

But among the Catholic leadership the Popeâ\200 $\231s$  decision is not only under-

stood, but also greatly approved of by some. And the priests. who criticised him three years ago have changed their minds.

The president of the Southern African Catholic Bishopsâ\200\231 Conference (SACBC), Bishop Wilfred Napier of Kokstad, said: â\200\234Conditions here do not make it possible for the Holy Father to visit. It must also be remembered that it is not always possible for him to go everywhere and it is not neccessarily known how to interpret the omission of South Africa and Angola from his itinerary.â\200\235

He denied that the South African bishops played any part in the Popeâ\200\231s refusal to visit, as has been suggested  $a\200\224$  despite a Vatican officialâ\200\231s statement that the Pope might have been  $a\200\234$ briefedâ\200\235 by them.

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ To the best of my knowledge the SACBC was not asked about whether he should or should not come,  $\hat{a}\200\235$  Bishop Napier said. &

A Johannesburg priest, the Rev Buti Tlhagale, welcomed the Popeâ\200\231s decision, saying:  $\hat{a}$ \200\234We identify with the churchâ\200\231s stand that the Pope should not come.

 $a\200\234$ For the first time there has been

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a clear demonstration of what the Vatican thinks of the South African situation and that it rejects it for political reasons. We back that action.â\200\235

Father Tlhagale was one of several priests who strongly protested at the Popeâ $\200\231s$  audience granted to Mr Botha in 1984.

He said he felt he spoke for other 2 although e agreed that 1 eout and e agreed that it woul have been good for the Pope to come from the pastoral viewpoint, he felt the decision not to come would \( \frac{a}{200} \) 234politicise people more and make them think\( \frac{a}{200} \) 235.

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ In our context we feel vindicated because he refused for political reasons  $\hat{a}\200\224$  it means more than antiapartheid statements. His reasons upset people, and that makes them aware of our plight. We feel this is really the first time Rome has spo-

. ken clearly and backed the clergy.  $\hat{a}\200\235$ 

The Pope, on the other hand, recalled a leading South American liberation theologian, the Rev Leonardo Boff, about three years ago after having warned him that the Vatican did not approve of his work.

HE CONFERENCE on unemployment organised by  $a\200\230$ Toyota $a\200\231$ s Colin Adcock in Durban last week was a \* useful exercise in identifying vlewpomts and options for dealmi¬\201 with the problem. t must be sald though, that it represented only a begmmng ifitis | to lead to any concrete advances, : ~aso ~ameliorative measures. - What was missing was hard de-- bate on the various viewpoints, and â\200\234discussion on strategies for pres-. surising government into imple-! menting any measures on which there may be consensus.

There was little atglment with

the view of Tongaat-Hulett chairman Chris Saunders (who is hardly
o darling of the union movement)
that this consensus must include
representative black leadership,

- and the mechanics of this requires

'extens1ve discussion, too.
A useful starting point for the
- employment policy debate were
econtnbutlonsb hardline liber, economist n Louw and
Wits University sociologist Dunâ\200\230can Innes, who â\200\224 although he does
. not represent the labour movement â\200\224 gave a lucid exposition of
its stances on many important 1s| sues.
Their talks naturally focused on

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 $\hat{a}\200\230$  xEsnployer talk of deregulation and privatisation is, to the union movement akin to waving a red

A f; believe privatisation and the elimination of protectionist

regulations would mean at least a
medium-term decline in the working conditions of their members,

- ~ long-term unprovements
- : But, as Innes demonstrated, ~ there are also many regulations seen by free marke as constraints on growth which do not
- . protect labour, and there should
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points.

To highlight some of the areas raised by Louw, it is difficult to

imagine black labour objections to the abolition of restrictive business  $\boldsymbol{.}$ 

and occupational licensing laws.

There would, of course, be objections from other sources  $\hat{a} \geq 00 \geq 224$  the - overwhelmingly white artisan -

unions would not be amused at the abolition of apprenticeship laws which, together with now-defunct job reservation, have protected tlaeu' privileged position for dec-

Nor  $\hat{a}\200\224$  taking, for example, the abolition of road transport regula-

tions  $\hat{a}\200\224$  would Sabta, Putco or Sats be delighted.

Innes argued that there would be . little union resistance to campaigns, widely s &ported by business, for cuts in S nditure.

It can be antici â\200\234]pa though that while they wo! applaud cuts in the military and police budgets, and expenditure on the implementation of apartheid laws, they would certainly not SI:EFOIâ\200\231t cuts in social welfare expend

On the contrary, a' $\hat{a}$ 200\231key demand would be for improved unemployment and other benefits.

Innes argued that the Cosatu resolution  $\hat{a}\200\234$ to op the dere ation campaign with all its force is takmgllt al?11(; far. .

 $\hat{a}\200\234I$  would support the campai for the removall%() all those regulil'3 tions which discriminate against

ple on racial grounds, preventing free entry to markets, free access to pr Perty and the free movement 0 le, $\hat{a}$ 200\235 he said.

Laws which afford direct protection on wages and working con;l\_itions leave less room for negotia-

ion.

Health and safety laws and regulations are already seen by labour as inadequate. And a currently forbidden act or ommission seen by

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an entrepreneur as an acceptable economic risk would not necessarily be accepted by employees as an acceptable personal risk.

It is conceivable, nevertheless,

- that a careful study of existing laws would throw up redundant or

superfluous requirements.

The abolition of minimum wage regulations would meet with even more resistance. ';

The idea is seen as a cynical attack on hard-won improvements in living standards an bargaining rights. In addition, said Innes, it does not necessarily lead to the

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ivages and continue with the same number of  $\hat{a}$ 200\224 or fewer  $\hat{a}$ 200\224 employ-

Referring to privatisation, and the argument that subsequent job losses will only be a short-or medium-term phenomenon, Innes warned: â\200\234No worker will easily accept giving up his job now in the hope of finding another one in five yearsâ\200\231 time.â\200\235

Any negotiations between orga-

ised labour and management on these and related issues will be long and hard, just as one day negotiations on  $SA\hat{a}\200\231s$  political and economic future will be,

The solutions put forward by Cosatu and others â\200\224 such as reduced working hours without loss of pa: and greater participation in decisions on technological advance-

ment  $\hat{a}\200\224$  also require more wide—spread debate. They certainly or creative

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Some may feel hostility or hurt

at labourâ $\200\231s$  suspicions of business motives. But it is understandable,

- given that unions are only just be-

to use succ y (and sometimes change) the system which for decades protected white privilege.  $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ 

SOme in\202'fille that libertarian economic policies are neutral and non-ideological, and opposition to them is hence irrational. But the debate is not only a search for rationality: there are important and legitimate interests at stake.

One cannot put it better than did UCT economist Charles Simkins in his series of essays on liberalism,

He argued that, while it is efficient, the problem with a pure free market system is that it does not take account of <code>i¬\201St</code> injustices: <code>â\200\234A</code> free market system in which one group has prior holdings in nearly thing, and the other up y anything, will be efficient ... for the benefit of the title-holdersâ\200\235.

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ORPEDOED by anti-cor-- porate activists, local governments, the US Congress and the Reverend Leon

 $a\200\230$ Sullivan, the ship of American

business in South Africa is going

down. Enticed by the cheap eats

in the water, the sharks are circling.

Swimming among them is the SA Urban Foundation (SAUF). Under its Executive Chairman Jan Steyn, the SAUF is offering American companies a painless way of jumping overboard and in a manner he asserts will benefit all South Africans.

On June 2, the SAUFâ\200\231s Washington-based US counsel  $\hat{a}$ \200\224 Gammon and Grange  $\hat{a}$ \200\224 circularised some US firms with a set of suggestions. A copy of the letter was made available to me last week.

The letter stresses, somewhat

disingenuously, that the SAUF is -

not advocating disinvestment but rather attempting to cope fruitfully with political and economic reality. )

 $\hat{a}\200\234As$  'm sure you can appreciate,  $\hat{a}\200\235$  writes attorney George

Grange, â\200\234the Urban Foundation

needs to protect its local and international donor base to enable it to continue its worthwhile activities.  $\hat{a}$ 200\235

To which end the SAUF evidently hopes to become its own donor, | taking over a not insignificant fraction of the SA private sector and at the same time ensuring that SA is defended against the vicissitudes | of sanctions and disinvestment.

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â\200\234To improve its understanding |
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available,\hat{a}200\235 the letter explains, the
| Urban Foundation has researched
rather extensively over the past
months various alternatives which
have either already been employed
in the existing process or which Us
companies may want to consider if
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\_the Department of Treasury, responsible for interpreting the new (Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act â\200\224 CAAA) investment prohibifiions, and the Department of State. \* O JAN STEYN SIMON BARBER in Washington BT s 7 i desirable social responsibilit 5 ' : A eight strategies the SAUF and its «The various strategies princigmg; 'ions to the prohibition on new

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involve the use of two ex-

'CAAA regulations: the charitable contribution exemption and the exemption for a firm owned by black.

What follows is an outline of the

attorneys have come up with, as described in the executive summary attached to the letter.

The plans are similar to those already adopted by a number of departing companies, with the obvious exception that  $\hat{a}\200\224$  in this instance  $\hat{a}$ \200\224 the proceeds are chan-

" pelled to a not-for-profit, charita

ble organisation. !

T his is a key distinction, because in 1985 the SAUF set up a taxexempt American counterpart known as the Urban Foundation -(USA) Inc., which is authorised to ~

. receive tax-deductible donations

from US individuals and entities.

Many of the proposed transactions thus take the form of charitable contributions which donors may deduct in whole from their gross taxable income.

 $\tilde{a}\200\234$ Exit strategy number one $\tilde{a}\200\235$  is for a US company whose SA subsidiary has loans outstanding to the SAUF and in turn owes money to its parent. :  $a\200\234$ The parent will donate to the

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notes in an amount e(iilivalenâ\200\231t to the subsidiaryâ\200\231s loan to the foundation (SAUF). USUF would then make a budgeted grant of these notes to SAUF. And SAUF would exchange these notes to pay off its indebtedness to the SA subsidiaryâ\200\235. Plan two posits a US company whose initial US\$6m investment in SA has shrunk to US\$2m, thanks to the collapse of the rand and the effect of the financial rand.

The parent could sell out  $a\200\230$  for US\$2m and take a US\$4m book loss, or abandon the investment entirely. With the top tax rate currently at 34%, the latter could result in US\$2,04m in tax savings. Potentially more profitable would be simply to transfer the subsidiary $a\200\231$ s stock to USUF as a tax-deductible gift.

Under plan three, the Balxâ\200\234rent sells its subsidiary to SA or USUF, either directly or  $a\200\234$ through a suitable intermediary trust,  $a\200\235$  taking back a promissory note for the 'i¬\201:1rchase price.

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ The US company would have the opportunity to forgive, at some point in the future, all or part of the interest and/or principal.

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ The two goals of this strategy are: (1) to ensure a stream of income to the foundation from divi-

\_ dends from the SA company (which

dividends would I; resumably be sufficient to pay all interest costs); and (2) to structure the transaction to provide some appropriate right of reacquisition.â\200\235 'Strategy four: â\200\234An apprapriate offshore trust is set up by thy: foundation (a Dutch company may be

used to ensure that the interest Payments are only subject to a 10% African non-residence tax and to take advantage of the Treaty rate of withholding tax).

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ The US parent would then sell its subsidiary to the trust, transferring all of its stock and taking back notes in exchange  $\hat{a}\200\235$ ,

Scenario five deals with a Us parent owed money by its subsidlary. When it disinvests, the parent can only be repaid at the financial rand rate. Further, if it seeks to . make a charitable contribution of the proceeds of disinvestment, then the donation must also be calculated in financial rand,

Solution: donate some of the notes owed by the subsidiary to the

 $\tilde{\ }$  foundation and the gift can then be

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 $\hat{a}\200\234A$  variation of this strategy is proposed, whereby the US parent company is not disinvesti the subsidiary uires further debt  $i^2\201$ nancing.  $\hat{a}\200\235$ re'?'o' avoid the CAAA $\hat{a}\200\231$ s ban on new investment  $\hat{a}\200\234$ the foundation may serve as an intermediary for this transaction  $\hat{a}\200\235$ ,

P lan six:  $\hat{a}\200\234A$  transfer pricing hnique is proposed to enable the foungation to receive on-going sup-

e US parent company

after it disinvests,

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ To accomplish this, the foundation would establish a foreign subsidiary in a suitable tax haven, such as Switzerland, RN

 $a\200\234$ The US company would then

route goods or technology through

that entity. The

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sented by a profit to the tax haven entity.  $\hat{a}\200\235$ 

The seventh strategy is entitled  $\hat{a}\200\234$ warehousing intangible property $\hat{a}\200\235$  and is designed to defend against the US Congress making disinvestment mandatory.

â\200\234The foundation would establish a suitable tax haven entity (most likely a Dutch company), which could receive an assignment of intangible property essential in the on-going lYmvision of technolo from the US company to its former SA subsidiary.

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he tax haven entity in turn would sell the technology to the SA company at a market rate as determined in an arms-length transaction. If the US company sells ;-atherththan donates the techno-Ogy, then payments received b the tax haven entitg' from the SX company in return for the technology would need to be sufficient to y the US company the a icence fee, plus a sufficient profit margin to cover the cost of mainthe tax haven entity and ProVi g reasonable return to the oundation. $\hat{a}$ \200\235 = -

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 $\W\$  the eighth and last plan calls for

the SAUF, or its US counterpart, to establish an off-shore trust  $\hat{a}\200\234$ to receive and administer the assets of one or more SA operating companies divested by a US parent $\hat{a}\200\235$ .

The parent could donate the subsidiary to USUF, thus earning a charitable contribution deduction. USUF  $\hat{a}$ 200\234would then immediately transfer the stock of the operating company to the trust for appropri-

The trust would operate until the AAA was repealed or amended

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detailed prospectus available to ny company) concludes:  $\hat{a} \geq 200 \geq 34 \text{Whether US companies}$ have decided to maintain their SA operations, or to disinvest, advantages (both tax and public relations) can be achieved y considering one of more of these alternative strategies. $\hat{a} \geq 200 \geq 35$ 

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SOUTH Africa gets hammered all the time: â\200\224ZAccept one man, one vote majority rule. Vice-President Mondale told Mr John Vorster, the then Prime Minister, to introduce it. Mr Vorster, not so politely, refused. The Reagan administration tells the State President, Mr PW Botha: Introduce one man, one vote majority rule. Mr Botha, like Mr Vorster, refuses. Firstly, we have to solve our problems ourselves, in our own way. 3 Secondly, there is nothing anywhere else in Africa to suggest that Blacks are going to run South Africa more efficiently than the Whites have done  $\hat{a}$ 200\224 or more democratically. There is no better example of what can happen " than Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia. Briefly, Mr Ian Smith declared UDI â\200\224 and this was followed by a bush war in which terrible atrocities were committed in the name of  $a\200\234$ liberation. $a\200\235$  i 5k Bishop Abel Muzorewa became Prime Minister of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, but was regardedbyin\2021eWestasanUndcTomandhad to be ousted. At Lancaster House the stage was set for Mr Robert Mugabeâ\200\231s takeover. Asasoptotthhites, ZOseatsintheNatâ\200\224 jonal Assembly and ten in the Senate were

White seats are no more.;

The Whites find themselves relegated to a minority without special rights or any real say in the affairs of their country.

They may shrug off their lesser status, they may console themselves with the thought that life is fairly tolerable despite economic and other tribulations, they may even accept the lowering of educational, health and other standards, but they have been politically emasculated in the country of their birth and the country in which they have made such a great contribution to its deve 2

Now Mr Mugabe has turned on his Black

Zapu, Mr Joshua Nkomoâ $\200\231s$  party, has been ordered to shut its offices nationwide on the trumped up allegation that it has links with armed rebels.

Zapu has 14 MPs in the 100-member National Assembly, all elected in Matabeleland, where Mr Mugabeâ $\200\231s$  notorious Fifth Brigade carried out a reign of terror to try and force the Ndebele into submission. -

. Home Affairs Minister, Mr Enos Nkala, says:

 $\hat{a}\200\234I$  have directed that all Zapu offices across the country be closed down and the people there look for alternative employment.

 $\hat{a}\200\234I$  have also directed that all Zapu structures are to be set aside, that is, they will not function. Any structure which tries to function will be met with utmost determination.  $\hat{a}\200\235$ 

Mr Joseph Msiaka, vice-president of Zapu, says:  $\hat{a}$ \200\234The government is banning us without saying so. $\hat{a}$ \200\235

We do not expect Britain or any other Western country that supports Mr Mugabe will worry in the least about what is happening.

 $\tilde{}$  There isnâ\200\231t much democracy in Black Africa

and Zimbabwe isnâ\200\231t expected to be any better than, say, Marxist, one-party Mozambique, which also receives Western aid and

support.

If Mr Mugabe runs a one-party state, nobody will say he is a bounder, an autocrat or a dictator and deserves to be isolated or punished with sanctions.:

If the West is not prepared to condemn and punish Mr Mugabe, it should cease to con-At least in South Africa the government intends to broaden democracy by sharing power with other races.

That being so, it $\hat{a}$ 200\231s time the West got off our backs and let us get on with the task of solv-

 $^{\star}$  ing our problems without :telling us all the time what we must or must not do.

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. tion party has been ordered to shut its office nationwide because of alleged links to armed rebels, a senior opposition party official said this week.

Mr Joseph Msika, vicepresident of the Zimbawe

African Peoplesâ\200\231 Union

(Patriotic Front) Party, said. â\200\234The government is

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Home Affairs Minister
Enos Nkala said in an interview with the semi-official Zimbabwe InterAfrican News Agency
(Ziana) he ordered the
closure of opposition
leader Joshua Nkomoâ\200\231s
Zapu offices in a new programme to crack down on
armed dissidents and
their supporters.

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The rebels have been blamed by the govern-

ment for killing scores of ,  $\$ 

peoplé in Matabeleland province. Dr Nkomoâ\200\231s traditional stronghold in Western Zimbabwe, since the country gained independence on April 18, 1980.

Mr Msika said his party was consulting attorneys on whether the Ministerâ\200\231s statement was a violation of the constitutionâ\200\231s guarantee of freedom of association.

Zapu has 14 seats in the 100-member National Assembly, all members elected from Matabeleland.

Dr Nkomo, contacted at his home in the Mata-beleland provincial capital of Bulawayo, declined comment saying he wanted time to clarify what the Minister meant.

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Mr Nkala told the domestic news agency,  $\hat{a}\200\234I$  have directed that all Zapu offices across the

country be closed down °

and the people there look for alterative employment. I have also directed that all Zapu structures be set aside, that is they will not function. Any structure which tries to function will be met with utmost determination. $\hat{a}\200\231\hat{a}\200\235$ Mr Nkala, in the interview, likened Zapu to the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) in neighbouring Mozambique, callmQ it a  $a\200\234$ hostile organisation.â\200\235 The MNR guerrillas, pledged topple President Joaqtum Chissanoâ\200\231s Marxist government, routinely sabotage highways, railroads and an oil pipeline linking the Mozambique port of

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babwe. Some 12,000 Zimbabwe troops are stationed in Mozambique to protect the strategic targets. The vice president made his statement after meeting security chiefs and civil administrators in Bulawayo following an upsurge in dissident attacks on civilians in Mata-

beleland. -

He did not cite which -

law he was applying to - close down the Zapu of-

fices, but under state of

emergency regulatians he is armed with wide-ranging powers.

It was not immediately clear whether the Minis-terâ\200\231s edict would disrupt almost two years of talks between Prime Minister
Mr Robert Muagabeâ\200\231s ruling Zimbabwe African

- National Union (Patriotic

Front) and Zapu aimed at merging the country $\hat{a}$ 200\231s two

Mr Mugabe has often accused the rebels in Ma-tabeleland of being Dr Nkomoâ\200\231s supporters. Dr Nkomo has steadfastly denied links to the dissi-

dents.

Dr Nkomo -has often

| toured Matabeleland ex- |

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port dissidents to the

authorities. The rebels have killed at least S0 White farmers and scores

~of Blacks since indepen-| dence. â\200\224 Sapa-AP.

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" The resolution was taken in London recently. \hat{a}200\230
Addressing over 60 representatives of American
a\200\230universities, the committeea\200\231s chairman, Major
General Joseph Garba, said the United Nations was
deeply and embarassed by the resolution,
especially since it provided funds with gwhich;:tbe
Major General Garba said the Organisation for
African Unity (OAU), the Non-Aligned Movement
and the UN recognised both the Pan Africanist |-
Congress (PAC) and the ANC. That was why, Maj
Gen Garba said, both organisations were enjoying
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## Statements

. He was reacting to statements made by student ,luderswliocantloneâ\200\231dthepreseneeofanorpnked sectarian movement within the anti-apartheid movement bent on splitting national liberation movements by refusing to acknowledge the existence - of any group outside the ANC. iy

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ The UN, Non-Aligned Movement and the OAU have pledged not to be party to this, especially in the. | (aceol $\hat{a}\200\230$ gheposthdepedelee&vi $^2\202$ stri $^2\201$ esll'm

~ Mozambique and other countries which had their roots jlpre-hlependueespi¬\202toflib«aï¬\201ollâ\200\230novmlï¬\201,"a'l i statement issued by the anti-apartheid movement said. |