Unban ANC, PFP urges

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CAPE TOWN — In the growing storm surrounding Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Government was warned today by the Progressive Federal Party not to take executive action against him but rather to unban the African National Congress.

Bishop Tutu's statements on his current tour of the United States, including his call for support of the ANC, were likely to have been discussed at

yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

In a statement after the meeting, the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, said the Government was shocked by the bishop's reported call of support for the ANC, saying his backing of a terrorist organisation "can only be described as deplorable".

But it is understood that it is unlikely the Government will take action against Bishop Tutu as it believes his recent statements could discredit him in the eyes of his overseas audience.

US Vice-President George Bush's criticism of Bishop Tutu's statements was seen as a first step in this direction.

In a statement likely to cause division in the ranks of the PFP, the chairman of the party's

federal council, Dr Alex Boraine, strongly warned the Government not to take executive action against Bishop Tutu "as this would only be interpreted as a vindictive step against the messenger who brings the bad news".

Dr Boraine continued: "The controversy surrounding Bishop Tutu flows directly from the abnormal political system. There are no elected black leaders in the normal sense of the word and inevitably church and labour leaders assume a more direct role.

"Unfortunately, Bishop Tutu is blamed for drawing Government attention to the deep sense of anger in the black community."

Dr Boraine said to call for the support of the ANC was to risk a statutory offence.

"It would be much wiser to unban the ANC because it enjoys considerable support among black South Africans and sooner or later we will have to deal with it. It will be better to do so around a table than over the barrel of a gun".

In his statement, Mr Heunis said the Government remained committed to peaceful change through negotiation. Support of the ANC could only impede the process of peaceful change.

Volatile townships a boon to ANC, prof tells congress

By Sue Leeman, Pretoria Bureau

There were 136 terrorist attacks in South Africa last year — the highest annual occurrence of such incidents so far in the 1980s.

Professor Mike Hough, of the Institute of Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria (ISSUP), told a congress on "Revolution and Revolutionaries" this morning that the increase was at least partially due to the current unrest "which created a more favourable environment for ANC military and political activities".

In 1980, he said, there had been 19 such attacks, in 1981 there were 55, in 1982 a total of 39, in 1983 there had been 55 incidents and in 1984 a total of 44.

Professor Hough said 1985 had seen a major increase in murders or attempted murders of policemen — there were 34 such incidents during the year — and murders or attempts on the lives of civilians (40 attacks). There had also been a significant increase in attacks on business premises, with 19 such incidents being recorded during the year.

In June last year the organisation had indicated that it now saw certain civilians — including prominent Government supporters, border farmers, civil defence workers and State witnesses — as "legitimate targets".

And there was evidence of a "general authorisation" by ANC leaders, whereby weapons were made available to ANC "cadres" who picked their own targets.

Another innovation was weekend training of ANC supporters,

who were returned immediately to "continue the struggle".

Professor Hough said the ANC's broad plan for the 1980s included further "guerilla war" followed ultimately by a "general offensive".

By this latter stage, the ANC expected that South Africa would be internationally isolated, the economy exhausted and the security forces demoralised. "Liberated zones would then be established in the rural areas and the cities encircled."

The recent landmine incidents in the Northern Transvaal, and Mr Oliver Tambo's recent reference to the operation of "bigger units", reflected an attempt to create the impression of an increase.

"It is, however, highly dubious whether direct attacks on hard' military targets or ambushes are within the ANC's reach. The same applies to 'liberated zones', although the ANC has tried to create the impression that a form of 'liberated zone' has been created in some black townships'

PLO has trained ANC members, claims expert on terrorism 3400 1840

The African National Congress has sent members to Lebanon to be trained by the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, says Mrs Jillian Becker, author of a comprehensive book on the PLO.

She said at a public lecture in Johannesburg last night that the PLO had trained tens of thousands of terrorists from all parts of the world in camps in Lebanon, and then sent them back to their countries with arms, ammunitions and know-how.

The arms were supplied by Russia, which was quite happy to destabilise the West by helping to train terrorists and by supporting liberation movements.

"Of all the liberation movements, the ANC is closest to Russia,"

Mrs Becker is in South Africa for a conference on revolution and its implication for South Africa. The conference is being held by the Institute for Strategic Studies.

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She is the author of "Hitler's Children", a book about the Baader-Meinhof gang, and "The PLO and the Rise and Fall of the Palestine Liberation Organisation".

She defined terrorism as a method directed at innocent bystanders, as opposed to freedom fighting, which is action against an army of occupation.

The was committed to an armed struggle, and would not negotiate because it existed to destroy the state of Israel, she said.

Mr Yasser Arafat was given the status of PLO leader by the Western Press and Western powers, but he led a minority faction in the organisation, she said. "The PLO is not a unified organisation—it consists of all kinds of factions. But it presents a united front to the world."

She said Mr Abu Nidal — the Arab leader suspected of the bombings at Rome and Vienna airports — and Mr Arafat were deadly enemies. Mr Nidal is apparently supported by Libyan lead-



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er Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

Mrs Becker ended her talk by telling a story of a child born to a desert sheik and a Jewish maiden. The child, she said, had grown up to rule his country. His name was Muammar Gaddafi.

The audience of about 200 were visibly uncomfortable at the appearance during Mrs Becker's talk of a group of Muslims, wearing topis and Arab shawls. The audience craned their necks to look the group of three men and two women, who sat quietly listening at the back of the hall.

During the question and answer session there was some controversy when a young man argued that the ANC could not be compared to the PLO because they had turned to terrorism only after all other doors had been closed to them.

Mrs Becker answered that the history of the ANC did not matter it was what they were now that counted.

'Soviets train' insurgents in chemical war'

ANC operatives sent for Soviet training are apparently receiving training in the use of chemical weapons, according to British author and lecturer Miss Jillian Becker.

Miss Becker told delegates at today's conference on "Revolution and Revolutionaries" that there was some evidence of this in spite of the Soviet Union's official renunciation of this type of warfare.

She knew of a mixed group of African and Palestinian recruits which had undergone such training together in the late 1970s.

Miss Becker said such specialist training was indicative of the extremely close working relationship between the ANC and the Soviet Communist Party.

Miss Becker said that as early as 1928 the ANC had been chosen by the Comintern as "the sole representative of the oppressed masses in South Africa".

But, she said, the ANC's cooperation had not been easily come by.

Nevertheless, the organisation had finally been "wooed out of nationalism and into Marxist-Leninist internationalism". — Pretoria Bureau.