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**SOUTH** African police in helicopters and cars raided a church centre yesterday, shooting at young blacks who had sought refuge there and arresting over 40, a director of the centre said.

Laetitia White, a director of the Wilgespruit Ecumenical Centre, west of Johannesburg, said local Anglican Bishop Simeon Nkomo had asked the centre to shelter some 50 children and youths, aged between 14 and 22.

They had fled their troubled townships for fear of right-wing vigilantes.

A spokesman for the SA Police Public Directorate in Pretoria said: "A police operation involving helicopters was conducted at the Wilgespruit Centre at 7 am yesterday. Police had a warrant to search and arrest suspects on cases of murder, public violence, arson and serious assault which they were investigating.

"Thirteen people were arrested at the Centre for these cases and 42 were arrested under the state of emergency regulations. Shots were fired to effect the

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arrests. As far as we could establish no one was injured".

The Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, the Right Rev Desmond Tutu, yesterday condemned the raid.

"The perpetrators of apartheid are the ones who start violence in

South Africa. Why did the police use live bullets on defenceless youths?"

"I want this extraordinary conduct of the police in apprehending youths to be exposed because they always claim events are being exaggerated to discredit them," he said.

## **Refugees**

Miss White said four of the refugees were daughters of Chief Ampie Mayisa, killed by vigilantes in January a day before he was due to meet US envoy Chester Crocker to discuss South Africa's black protest violence.

At the funeral of Mr Mayisa, who had led opposition to the eviction

of squatters from his black township outside Leandra, east of Johannesburg, youths stabbed to death a young man they claimed was a vigilante.

Miss White said Mr Mayisa's daughters were among the more than 40 young people the police arrested yesterday.

"They came in by helicopter and cars, impossible to count how many cars," she said. "The children panicked and ran into the bush and the police followed them with guns, shooting."

Police in Pretoria said yesterday that 16 men had been arrested in connection with Mr Mayisa's murder.

But Abel Nkabinde, of Mr Mayisa's Leandra Action Committee, said those arrested were members of the committee and not vigilantes. "Our members were arrested when they tried to fight the vigilantes," he told reporters.

"The vigilantes are still moving freely in the township. Some of the people who are in police custody were handed to the police by vigilantes."

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## 2 Zulu officials woo U.S. support for South Africa

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Two South African Zulu tribal officials are circuiting the nation, making a pitch for continued U.S. investments in South Africa as well as condemning that nation's outlawed black opposition party.

Dr. Frank Mdlalose, minister of health, and Oscar Dhlomo, minister of education and culture, have found a receptive ear in evangelical and fundamentalist U.S. church circles.

They came to the United States last week, along with Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini Bhekuzulu, at the invitation of the National Religious Broadcasters.

After attending the NRB convention in Washington, D.C., they met with business leaders in New York and other religious broadcasters in Boston, Kansas City, Mo., and here yesterday at WCFC-Channel 38.

"The South African situation is not understood in its entirety," said Dhlomo. "Only one point of view is heard most of the time and that is that only violence [and economic sanctions] will bring down the existing political order" of segregation called apartheid.

### Sharing called answer

A nonviolent, negotiated sharing of power is the only way to end apartheid, they said.

Centuries of violent black opposition to white rule in South Africa have yielded the nation's 24 million blacks little freedom and much

death, they added.

Mdlalose, 55, an Anglican, and Dhlomo, 43, a Congregationalist, work for the Zulu political leader, Chief Minister Mangosuthu G. Buthelezi. They said they and the chief are "unalterably opposed to apartheid," but object to economic sanctions against South Africa as being more harmful to blacks than whites.

### ANC criticized

Both men bashed the African National Congress, a black opposition group banned by the white government. Mdlalose and Dhlomo said the ANC is riddled with communists and receives funds from the Soviet Union as well as the World Council of Churches, which gives the ANC credibility.

The 4 million white South Africans are too heavily armed to be defeated militarily, Mdlalose said. "They will fight to the last man," he said.

After four centuries in South Africa, whites are "Africans now and [they] must try to act like Africans," Dhlomo said. With no place for whites to flee, they must "be prepared to share the wealth and to share the political power of the country," he said.

"The future of our country will be decided by whichever strategy wins the day," Dhlomo said. "If nonviolence wins, we will have a democratic, multiracial society. The route of violence has been tried before and it didn't work then and it won't work now."