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Banned cleric Dr Beyers Naude, a former director of the Christian Institute, was given a standing ovation by the more than 200 delegates when his presence at the South African Council of Churches national conference in Bosmont was announced last night.

- Dr Naude's presence at the meeting it is the first time in several years that he has attended an SACC conference

was made possible by the relaxation of some of the conditions of his banning order last year.

~ Opening the conference Dr Manas Buthelezi, president of the SACC said Christian truth and the truth of the Gospel were increasingly becoming the victims of divisions within the

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churches and society. He appealed to Christians to liberate Christian truth from the bondage of divisions within the churches.

Dr Buthelezi said the new constitutional dispensation would add a new dimension of division to a society which was already deeply divided.

The division is going to be between those who believe that operating within the system is an act of selling out black solidarity and those who believe

that a little bit is better than nothing.

â\200\234The result is that truth becomes captive to these divisions. But the task of theology is the setting loose of the truth: Godâ\200\231s word must not appear as merely a piece of literature.

â\200\234Just as Jesus wept over Jerusalem, he weeps over the divisions in this country. The biggest division is between black and white â\200\224 a division which has been legalised and turned into a sacred cow by the

| policy of apartheid,â\200\235 said Dr - Buthelezi.

The: SACCâ\200\231s official response to the Eloff Commission of In-

| quiry will be tabled today. The

secretary general of the SACC, Bishop Desmond Tutu, will also submit his annual report to the council later today.

SACC will  
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removalsâ\200\231 VQ

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In a solemn and moving cere-

mony last night, more than 200 Â\$

delegates to the SACCâ\200\231s national conference, being held in Bosmont, pledged to â\200\234resist forced removals, to support those who resist them and to assist those who have suffered through them.â\200\235

â\200\234The churches generally ac- |

cepted the colonial system. They ignored the fact that the land had been taken from the people

by conquest, and for a long time  
accepted the division of land  
into separate racial zones.

While the churches did not  
have the power to stop remov-

als, they often did not do enough

to oppose the Government's

plans. The churches have often  
not stood by the victims of a re-

moval, and have thereby al-  
lowed people to become home-  
less without protest.

Having recognised our past  
failures, we wish to make a new  
commitment to the people of  
South Africa: to resist forced re-  
movals, and to support those  
who resist them and in this way

show Christ's love to those who

have been dumped and aban-  
doned, the delegates promised.

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WHAT could be described as a |  
â\\200\\234blessing of bishopsâ\\200\\231â\\200\\231 is the.  
scene in this picture of the lead-

ers of the member churches of  
the Diakonia organisation, which  
: nique Durban attempt to

e the churchesâ\\200\\231 social min- |

shows (left to right): the

â\\200\\234Rev Gordon Abbott, chairman of -  
the Natal Regional Council of the r  
United Congregational Church;

the Rt Rev Enos. Dlamini, Sout

astern Diocese, Evangellical

Wesley Mabuza, chairman of Dia-

â\\200\\230konias; the Rev Sam Khumalo,

Moderator Natal and KwaZulu

Presbytery, Presbyterian Church  
- of"Africa; the Rt Rev Paul Them-

ba Mngoma, Bishop of Mariann-  
hill; the Rev Jacob Nyakata, Pre-  
siding Elder, African Methodrst  
Episcopal Church; the Rev Ken  
Turner, Moderator, Presbytery of  
Durban; the Most Rev Denis Hur-

ley, Catholic Archbishop of Dur-

ban; and the Rev John Borman,  
charrman Natal Coastal District,  
Methodist Church of Southern,

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THE man who once housed African job-seekers in tents on his lawn believes urbanisation, particularly of blacks, will - be â\200\234the crucial issue of the next 20 years.â\200\235 Having been placed

in charge of the PFP investigation on urbanisation, Mr Gra-â\200\230am McIntosh, MP, sees his committeeâ\200\231s task as not only to make recommendations /that the party could adopt as policy but also to gain knowledge of the situation and to forge links with

1 community leaders.

~ Mr McIntosh, who was a member of the United Party until it

-was dissolved in 1977, is no stranger to the uglier side of urbanisation.

In the Pinetown seat, which he won as a member of the UP, he was faced with the problems of squatters

ho had come to the

@2reater Durban area ~ to find work.

The Government had countered the

squatter problem by

declaring them illegal-ly in the area and demolishing their shacks.

Mr McIntosh immediately countered by allowing them to live in tents on his property in the more exclusive Durban suburb of Kloof.

Since his re-election to Parliament he has â\200\230continued to play an

active role in putting

Last week Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the  
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the next 20 years

Progressive Federal Party, appointed a committee of  
some of the younger and newest of members of his  
caucus to investigate urbanisation in South Africa. The  
team is to be led by the Mr Graham McIntosh, MP for

Pietermaritzburg North. Here he tells Daily News Political  
Correspondent BRUCE CAMERON how he views the

undertaking

1977: Mr Gaham McIntosh, then MP for Pinetown, erects tents to  
house homeless African families on the lawn of his Kloof home

his partyâ\200\231s case in how

it feels the problem of  
the movement of  
blacks to the urban  
areas should be han-  
dled.

He also serves on  
the standing PFP/In-  
katha liaison commit-  
tee which among other  
things deals with the  
problems of urbanisa-  
tion.

Dr Slabbert has  
given the committee

- until August next year  
" to make its recom-

mendations.  
To achieve this tar-  
get Mr McIntosh said

the committee would  
was hoping to rely on  
a lot of research al-  
ready done by other  
bodies and academics  
such as the recent  
Carnegie investigation  
into poverty, the Sur-  
plus Peoples Project,

\* the Buthelezi Commis-  
sion, the Urban Foun-

dition and- the Insti-.  
~ tute of Race Relations.

The target of the in-  
vestigation was not so

â\200\230much to find political

solutions but rather to  
establish the socio-ec-

onomic problems and

their answers.

However the politi-  
cal problems could not  
be ignored and the  
committee would have  
to study influx control  
and measures to re-

tain stability in the ur-

banisation process.

He was planning a

number of regional.

conferences to which  
interested organisa-  
tions and people would  
be invited. A question-

â\200\230naire was also being

compiled to establish  
aspirations and causes  
for the drift to the  
urban areas.

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McIntosh: Govern-  
ment will have to  
listen

survey based on the  
questionnaires would  
be debated at the con-  
ferences.

The committeeâ\200\231s  
final report would  
then be drawn up. ;

Mr McIntosh feels

the work of the com-

mittee would make a  
substantial contribu-  
tion to finding solu-  
tions. . .

He said the Govern-

ment would not be



able to treat the work :

of his committee with  
the same disdain it  
had applied to the Car-  
negie investigation.

. â\200\230â\200\234â\200\234The Carnegie in-  
vestigation resulted in

a number of reports

~ that could not be taken

further. We have a  
platform in Parlia-  
ment and will force

the Government to de-

bate the issue and lis-  
ten to us.â\200\235

In any event Mr  
McIntosh felt the  
events would force the  
Government to give  
far more attention to  
the problem.

Another object  
would be to get ordi-  
nary members of the

PFP more involved in

the workings of the  
party in something  
that â\200\234is not only poli-  
tically relevant but  
also very importantâ\200\235  
by having them assist.