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Stern action

against

JOHANNESBURG â\200\224

The South African govern-  
ment yesterday continued

its roundup of anti-apart-

heid leaders and warned of  
â\200\234stern actionâ\200\235 against an  
illegal march called for

Wednesday to protest im-

prisonment of black activ-  
ist Nelson R. Mandela,  
The man who called for  
the march, the Rev. Allan  
Boesak, surfaced after  
dropping from sight Friday  
andp told reporters at his  
home near Cape Town that  
he had disappeared briefly  
â\200\234to spend time with my  
family.â\200\235 )

Police said 27 anti-  
apartheid leaders were  
among 75 people arrested  
in the 24-hour period end-  
ing last night. Among the  
27 were Dr. Farouk Meer,  
acting president of the  
United Democratic Front,  
and the Rev. Syd Lockett,  
national director of the  
Anglican Churchâ\200\231s Board  
of Social Responsibility.  
Boesak, president of the  
World Council of Re-  
formed Churches and a  
supporter of the UDFâ\200\224the  
largest and most influen-

tial radical anti-apartheid

oup in the countryâ\200\224said

e had â\200\234no doubtâ\200\235 the de-  
tentions resulted from the  
announcement of the  
march. He pledged the  
demonstration would go  
ahead at Pollsmoor Prison  
outside Cape Town, where  
Mandela has been held for  
21 years on a conviction of  
plotting sabotage.

â\200\234The crackdown is yet  
another sign that the gov-

\* A rare interview  
with â\200\230Nelson

Mandela; Page  
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ernment is incapable of  
handling peaceful protest,â\200\235  
Boesak said.

In a statement, Law and

Order Minister Louis le

Grange warned the public

not to join the march.

â\200\234No illegal gathering will

be allowed and-the police

â\200\230will take stern action in

this regard,â\200\235 le Grange  
said: .

â\200\230In Washington, theâ\200\230

State Department, faced  
with mounting criticism of

its â\200\234constructive engage-

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ionâ\200\231 planned  
S. Africa march

mentâ\200\235 policy toward South  
Africa, plans to send a  
squad of employees across  
the country to defend it,  
officials said yesterday.

Frank Wisner, deputy  
assistant secretary for Afri-  
can affairs, said the effort  
is designed to â\200\234correct mis-  
impressions of what we are  
trying to doâ\200\235 to ease ten-  
sions in South Africa.

â\200\234Thereâ\200\231s been a growing  
demand for information  
about southern Africa and  
South Africa, and our poli-  
cy toward the region. That

. interest has grown with re-

cent events there,â\200\235 Wisner  
said. 5

The Reagan administra-  
â\200\230tion has refused to aban-  
don constructive engage-  
ment, or quiet diplomacy,  
despite public and congres-

sional pressure.

Wisner said the cam-

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tive engagement was â\200\234in  
its most preliminary  
stages.â\200\235 Still undecided, he  
said, is whether the State  
Department will set up a  
formal office for the public  
relations drive or merely

â\200\234set asideâ\200\235 employees to

â\200\230make.the speeches.