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ANC Leader Reassures Whites, Appeals for Aid

Agence France-Presse

LUSAKA, Zambia — Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress, called Thursday for whites in South Africa to join the anti-apartheid movement and promised that the ANC "would seize any opportunity" for a negotiated settlement of the South African conflict.

Mr. Tambo was speaking to a large crowd that had gathered to celebrate the ANC's 75th anniversary. Included were diplomats from Eastern and Western states and President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia. The ANC, exiled from South Africa for almost 30 years, has its headquarters in Lusaka.

Calling on South Africans to form street committees and other grass roots movements that could act as alternatives to the white minority government, Mr. Tambo said 1987 would be the "year of advance to people's power."

In Johannesburg, police said Thursday that they were investigating a possible breach of the law after full-page anniversary advertisements appeared in some South African newspapers calling on the government to lift its ban of the ANC.

Pro-government newspapers refused to take the advertisements, which were paid for by three prominent anti-apartheid groups: the

United Democratic Front, the National Education Crisis Committee and the South African Council of Churches.

The advertisements, carried by such papers as the economic daily Business Day, the black-readership Sowetan and the evening newspaper The Star, featured a picture of Mr. Tambo and a silhouette of Nelson Mandela, the black leader who has been jailed for 23 years. It is illegal to publish Mr. Mandela's photograph in South Africa.

Mr. Tambo said South Africa's whites "should make a clean break with the past and declare war on racism as the enemy of all the people of our country."

"All white patriots have a responsibility to participate in the concerted attack against the sensitive points of the apartheid system in the towns and the cities," he said.

While urging South Africans to use force against apartheid if necessary, Mr. Tambo said he regretted the gruesome "necklace" killings, which have become frequent in South Africa's black townships. A gasoline-soaked tire is put around the victim's neck and set afire.

Mr. Tambo said the ANC would avoid killing civilians as much as possible. He called for reconciliation between the races.

Later, at a press conference, Mr. Tambo asserted that the South African government was not interested in genuine change.

"One only has to listen to Botha to hear that they are not interested in serious negotiations today, tomorrow or the day after," he said, referring to President Pieter W. Botha of South Africa.

Mr. Kaunda made a speech in which he assured South African whites and Western powers that the ANC was fighting for a nonracial democracy.

"The charges that the ANC would establish an anti-white, Communist government is nothing but a cheap ploy by Pretoria to gain the sympathy of the Western countries," the Zambian president said.

Nepal Editor Sentenced For Criticizing Regime

United Press International

KATMANDU, Nepal — A court has sentenced the editor of a leftist weekly publication, Jwala, to 33 months in prison for his criticism of the government.

The court also fined the editor, Krishna Prasad Shivakoti, \$90. Mr. Shivakoti has spent 14 months in prison on the charge and his magazine has been banned. At the time of his arrest, officials said he had criticized the lack of democracy in the Himalayan kingdom.