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New curbs on the South African media were imposed late last night \200\224 virtually preventing newspapers writing about the ANC. ,
- The new clamp comes after the publication in many newspapers yesterday of advertisements calling for the unbanning of the ANC. : 4

The row over the advertisements, placed by organisations headed by the United Democratic Front, National Education Crisis Committee and the South African Council of Churches, has been followed by:

@ Government orders restricting newspapers from reporting on or publishing advertisements about aspects of banned organisations.

Â® A police investigation into possible contraventions of the law. by

the publication of the advertisements. :

Â® The expulsion of the New York Times correspondent in South Africa, and the Government's refusal to grant a visa to his successor.

It also emerged yesterday that even statements by the Government's Bureau for Information are not exempt from the stringent Press curb laws introduced last month. 1

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NY Times

bureau chief

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i The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON \200\224 The South African Government has expelled The New York Times bureau chief in Johannesburg and refused to grant a successor a visa,

The Minister of Home Affairs
Mr Stoffel Botha, reportedly r-r(f-\200\231
Jected strenuous efforts by the

- newspaper to appeal a decision
not to renew Mr Alan Cowell's
work permit. = | :

Mr Cowell's expulsion, car-

* ried on the newspaper's front

page today, is another in a
growing list of foreign newsmen
expelled from South Africa.

The stature of The New
York Times in America is like-
ly to heighten United States dis-
may and outrage at the Govern-
ment orders. il

Mr Cowell, bureau chief in
South Africa since October 1983,
must be out of South Africa by
tomorrow, '

_ The newspaper said the ac-
tions were designed as a repri-
sal for what the authorities saw
as a hostile attitude by the
newspaper toward the Govern-
ment, according to government
sources and others with access
to official thinking.

Radicals harm
SA's image

The Deputy Minister of Inf .

mation, Dr Stoffel van der

Merwe, has told the SABC that

radical organisations are doing
tremendous damage to South
Africa's image abroad by con-
ducting campaigns of untruths
about the country.

He repeated the Govern-
ment's invitation regarding
peaceful negotiations but em-

phasised that the ANC was ex-
cluded from the negotiating pro-
cess because it refused to re-
nounce violence.

The continuation of reform in-
itiatives was of vital impor-
tance, he added. Sapa.

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. A bureau statement empha-

'~ sised that responses to inquiries
. â\200\234regarding, or confirmation of,
- unrest-related incidents by the-

Ad calling for unbanning of ANC angers Govt

Bureau for Information did not
constitute authorisation of pub-
lications in terms of the regula-
tions promulgated on December
11 1986â\200\235.

Clearance will have to be ob-

son Centre or relevant Govern-
ment departments.

The orders restricting report-
ing on banned organisations
were gazetted at midnight. The
Commissioner of Police issued
them in terms of the Public . |
Safety Act. e il â\200\230

They prohibit publication of
an advertisment or report cal-
culated to improve or promote
the public image or esteem of
banned organisations.

Mr Paul Jenkins, media law-
yer from the firm Webber Went-
zel, said today: â\200\234Once again the
Government has demonstrated
its fear of a free Press. It has
responded to yesterdayâ\200\231s adver-
tisements ... calling for the un-
banning of the ANC with restric-

: : : tained from the Governmentâ\200\231s
y | 3 | Inter-Departmental Press Liai-

~ tive police orders.

â\200\234Not only do the two police
orders ... make it virtually im-
possible to publish any news of
the ANC and other banned or-
ganisations at all, but the orders
are so widely framed as to be
virtually unintelligible. .

â\200\234As a result of the new police
-order, it will be considered to be
a subversive statement to en-
courage or invite members of
the public to support an unlaw-
ful organisation. In addition, no
newspaper may improve or pro-

~Jnote the public image or es-
teem of a banned organisation.

â\200\234â\200\234Whatever that means, we |

+ will consider whether the order
is not so wide and far-reaching
as to render it invalid and be-
yond the powers conferred upon

the Commissioner of Police. If
S0 ... urgent application to
court to have the order set aside
is a distinct possibility.â\200\235

The police public relations di-
rectorate said in a statement
that a docket on the publication
of the ads had been opened after