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RALLY — A crowd of about 200 people marched to an anti-apartheid rally in downtown Halifax Saturday, finishing at Victoria Park, where spectators were entertained by singers and dancers and listened to speakers condemn the white supremacist regime in South Africa.

Canada urged to impose tough, new sanctions on South Africa

By James Latter
STAFF REPORTER

The Canadian government must impose tough new economic sanctions against the racist regime in South Africa, a spokesman for the African National Congress (ANC) told those attending an anti-apartheid rally Saturday in Halifax.

Pascoe Ludidi was one of more than 200 people who marched through downtown streets, carrying placards and banners protesting the policy of racial segregation.

Canada and other Western

nations must stop propping up the white supremacist government of South Africa, Mr. Ludidi said, insisting that comprehensive economic sanctions are needed to bring the government of president-elect F.W. de Klerk to the bargaining table.

"We are seeing the Canadian government falling back on its promises," Mr. Ludidi said, arguing that economic penalties will not make life measurably more difficult for black South Africans.

Without sanctions, he predicted, violence rather than reason will prevail in attempts to dis-

mantle the apartheid system.

"You (can) choose between bloodshed and economic sanctions," he said, urging Canada to withdraw its money from South Africa and invest it in neighbouring countries to make them more independent.

The marchers, carrying signs bearing slogans like Free Nelson Mandela and Boycott South African Products, were taking part in a demonstration that had counterparts around the world.

The marches were held as part of South Africa Freedom Week.

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Human rights body gets acting director

By GLORIA KELLY
Dartmouth Bureau

Dr. Bridglal Pachai, executive director of the Black Cultural Centre since 1986, has been named acting director of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission.

The announcement was made Friday by Attorney General Tom McInnis, minister responsible for the Human Rights Act. Dr. Pachai has taken a leave of absence from the Black Cultural Centre to take up the commission job. The appointment is effective Monday.

He fills the position left vacant by the recent death of Dr. P.A. (Tony) Johnstone.

In an interview Dr. Pachai, 61, said he expects to face many challenges in the coming months.

"It is important for the Human Rights Commission in Nova Scotia to work towards enhancing quality of life for all Nova Scotians," he said. "The concerns and challenges of the day have to be met with fairness and justice for all."

Dr. Pachai said he is somewhat familiar with the workings of the commission from the outside but will now have to come to an understanding of the basic grassroots workings of the operation.

A personal challenge will be to see where areas of priority lie and to gain a strong understanding of the detailed operation of the commission, he said.

Mr. McInnis said the province is very pleased to be able to at-



Dr. Bridglal Pachai

tract such an experienced person with such a strong background.

Born in Ladysmith, South Africa, Dr. Pachai came to Canada in 1975 as Senior Killam Fellow in the departments of history and political science at Dalhousie University, where he was also professor in the department of history, teaching at both Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent.

In 1977 he was appointed the first full-time director of the International Education Centre, Saint Mary's University.

In 1979 Dr. Pachai accepted an invitation to serve as professor of history, head of the history department and dean of the faculty of arts and Islamic studies at the University of Sokoto in Northern Nigeria.

Dr. Pachai returned to Canada in 1985 to become program director at the Black Cultural Centre. He became executive director a year later.



Young and old alike participated in yesterday's rally against apartheid.

Feds 'fail' apartheid fight

By DAVID RODENHISER
The Daily News

The Canadian government is not doing enough to help bring an end to apartheid in South Africa, says Pascoe Ludidi of the African National Congress.

"We are seeing the Canadian government as falling back on its promises," said Ludidi, who attended a march against the policy of racial segregation through the streets of Halifax yesterday.

He said he hopes Canada will impose full economic sanctions against South Africa and dismissed suggestions that such sanctions would hurt black South Africans.

"They are already suffering. It's not going to make any difference in their suffering," said

Ludidi.

He said that ideally Canada should take its money out of South Africa and re-invest it in countries bordering South Africa so that those nations will become more independent.

Without sanctions, Ludidi fears there will be a more violent solution to apartheid.

"You choose between bloodshed and economic sanctions," he said.

Yesterday's march attracted more than 200 people carrying banners and placards proclaiming: "The people shall govern," "Boycott South African Products," "Release all political prisoners" and "Free Nelson Mandela."

The march was held as part of South Africa Freedom Week, which celebrates the 34th anniversary of the signing of the Freedom Charter.

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