

Transkei  
churches

Own Correspondent

UMTATA. This city yesterday became the dumping ground for South Africa's Transkei rejects.

And the Prime Minister, Chief George Matanzima, delivered a stinging rebuke to the South African Government. 5

While government officials consulted, the Transkei Council of Churches took the initiative early yesterday morning and shepherded the ' displaced people from Cape Town to church halls in the city. ;

Parishioners of the Catholic and Anglican communities rallied round to provide food and warmth for more than seven hundred men women and children who arrived here by train from the border at Kei River.

Church halls .

About 400 of the homeless |

were being accommodated at the Catholic church hall and more than 300 were at the Anglican church hall. By late yesterday afternoon, officials of the Department of the Interior had made arrangements to bus

most of the people to districts where they had either °

families or friends who could provide a haven for them over the weekend.

All of them were told to report to the local district commissioners on Monday morning for further assistance.

Tired

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wple sat around waiting  
officialdom to make the  
next move with their lives.  
Babes-in-arms and toddlers,  
many of them with diar-  
rhoea, kept their mothers  
fully occupied. â\200\230

Â° The chairman of the coun-  
cil of churches, the Rev R S  
Ngcobo, said many of the  
people had told him they  
had been to told to go to the  
Western Cape Administra-  
tion offices because they  
would be offered work.

â\200\234But it was only a ploy to  
get them there so they could  
be loaded on to buses,â\200\235 he  
said.

None of the people inter-  
viewed knew anything about  
jobs being offered elsewhere  
in South Africa.

Matanzima

The Secretary of the Inte-  
rior, Mr M Titus, said his de-

â\200\230partment had arranged for

the squatters to be taken to  
areasâ\200\231 where relatives or  
friends could help them un-  
til Monday, when they had  
been asked to report to the  
local district commissioners.

Chief George Matanzima,  
who is confined to bed on  
doctors orders, issued the  
following statement: â\200\234It has  
been with the greatest shock  
and dismay that I have re-  
ceived the news that these  
people had been bundled  
into buses and sent to Trans-  
kei without the authorities  
concerned even making sure  
they were all Transkeian  
citizens.

â\200\230Dumping groundâ\200\231

â\200\234po me this forced remov-  
al of people, some of whom  
have never been Transkeian  
citizens, is nothing other  
than evidence that South

Africa has no regard for the black man, and more than anything, it shows that the South African Government does not recognize Transkei as an independent state.

- â\200\234When the Status of Trans- |  
kei Act was passed, Transkei  
bundantly clear

made it  
that it would not allow the  
Republic of South Africa to  
use it as a dumping ground  
for the people that South  
Africa did not want.â\200\235

A few of the people inter-  
viewed have stated categori-  
cally that they are not Trans-  
keian citizens, have never  
been Transkeian citizens  
and do not wish to be Trans-  
keian citizens.

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