

Black prime minister in South Africa forecast

Tutu's time limit

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ON THE eve of his return to South Africa, Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu told the outside world that five to 10 years was the time limit set by blacks in South Africa for a black prime minister.

He added: * that prime minister be Nelson Mandela.

Bishop Tutu was speaking in a committee room of the House of Commons here at the culmination of a campaign for the release of black nationalist imprisoned leader Mandela.

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. pledged their support for the of Mandela.

Also present were Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party and Mr David Steel, Liberal leader. Both senior British politicians release

The. petition for his release has been endorsed by 94 MPs, 25 lords, 30 leading churchmen â\200\224 including 19 bishops â\200\224 and 98 sors. Other signatories include 500 organisations, such as the trade unions, representing an estimated 12 million people.

Mr Foot pointed out that the Labour Party had striven for the release of Mandela for many years. He added: â\200\230There are many signs that the crisis in South Africa is mounting to a climax. It is important that we should intensify our campaigns for progress and there is no better way than through our tribute to Mandela.â\200\231 .

Liberal leader Mr Steel pointed out that British politicians of all parties, including Conservatives â\200\224 who were dedicated to the pursuit of political aims through peaceful means â\200\224 nev-

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Mandela.

the President of Nigeria, at a recent
banquet in Buckingham Palace, had

spelled out to the British Govern- â\200\230

ment â\200\230that sooner or later we would
have to make a choice where we
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In his address Bishop Tutu re-

peated the call for a national conven- |

tion attended by all â\200\230authentic
leadersâ\200\231, including those on Robben
Island and in exile. ;
He continued: â\200\230We are go-

ing to be free. Nothing any-

| body can do will change
this. There are only two
questions â\200\224 when and how.

We say, for Godâ\200\231s sake and
the sake of children black
and white, may this happen
soon. Aui may it happen
reasonably peacefully.â\200\231

The bishop urged the out-
side world to exert pressure
â\200\224 both diplomatic and eco-
nomic â\200\224 on South Africa.

â\200\230The world must not use

us blacks as alibis for not
acting.â\200\231

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" Mr Steel went on to describe how |

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When it was pointed out
that South Africa was im-
portant to the West as a

and also for
its Bishop Tutu
warned: â\200\230These countries
must remember South
Africa is going to be free
and after liberation we will

. decide who we will deal
with.

Bishop Tutu, who has
been urging pressure
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land yesterday to fly
South Africa.

The South African Prime

. Minister, Mr P W Botha,

has indicated that his pass-
will be withdrawn on
return.

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