

SACBC STATEMENT

ON

NAMIBIA AGONY (12/6/84)

In spite of all that is said about progress towards peace in Namibia the agony continues.

People celebrating the release of Marienthal detainees were arrested at a braai on church property at St. Joseph's Catholic Mission, Dobra, Namibia. The justification for these arrests is the need to control subversion. Regardless of the innocence of the victims of the arrest, they can be held incommunicado for thirty days under the infamous A. G. 9 Decree and this can be prolonged indefinitely.

If this is how South Africa negotiates peace in Namibia, no wonder it never seems to materialise.

May God give strength and courage to those detained and open the eyes of those responsible for South African policy in Namibia.