

## **SISTER BERNARD NCUBE IN COURT**

Sister Bernard Ncube and 14 co-accused appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Charges of sedition, subversion and assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm (2/10/87).

No evidence was led and the case was postponed.

Sister Bernard wore the black and white habit of her religious community, the Companions of St Angela and looked strained.

No charges were laid against Sister Bernard and the other accused who belong to the Krugersdorp Residents Association.

Their indictment alleged that the accused:

Aimed to establish alternative civic authority to govern Kagiso and Munsieville townships; to create political, social and cultural awareness and solidarity among black people in those townships; to create new structures to replace the magistrate's courts at Krugersdorp and Kagiso, the village councils of Kagiso and Munsieville to "resist the order and structures created by the state"; were involved in "people's courts" (where people were sentenced *inter alia* to corporal punishment); incited or intimidated residents to participate in consumer boycotts; hampered the "due process of the law and the administration of justice"; committed actions which would lead to confrontation with the South African Police and other law-enforcement officials; and committed actions that led to "various offences" including arson, assault, malicious injury to property, intimidation and "the disturbance of public peace and tranquillity".

### **Sister Ncube released on bail**

Sister Bernard Ncube, who is to face trial in January with 14 others on charges of alleged sedition, subversion and assault, was released on bail (20/10/87).

Previous bail applications were refused. She was detained (12/06/86).

Restrictions prohibit her from entering the magisterial districts of Krugersdorp, Roodepoort and Randfontein without the permission of the investigating officer, or participating in any actions or attending any meetings of political organisations or civic associations.