

STATEMENT

On the

1976 UNREST

The acting Chairman of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, the Rt. Rev. Bishop John P. Murphy, Bishop of port Elizabeth, has issued the following statement:

I regard the present unrest and rioting as a symptom only of feelings about wrongs much greater than the small local complaints that occasioned the present crisis. This is not haphazard rioting, but the expression of feeling of people deprived of the most ordinary human rights, and the greater responsibility for any violence or counter violence lies with those who so deprive human beings of their dignity and rights. I make this statement in my capacity as acting Chairman of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Southern Africa.