

POLICE PUT A CLAMP

SOWETON 17/12/86

Ban on statements by UDF and other bodies

THE Government has barred the *Sowetan* and *Weekly Mail* from publishing any statement issued by the United Democratic Front and 12 other organisations promoting four major campaigns organised by the UDF or its affiliates.

Reasons have not been given but it is believed the action against the *Sowetan* was taken after its Monday edition carried a full page advertisement by the UDF in support of its Christmas Against the Emergency Campaign.

The four campaigns are: The campaign for National United Action;

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and Christmas Concern.

The other 12 organisations are: Black Sash, Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), Detainees Parents' Support Committee (DPSC), Detainees Support Committee, End Conscription Campaign (ECC), Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw), Johannesburg



PRESIDENT Botha... declared state of emergency.

of South Africa (Neusa), Transvaal Anti-PC Committee, Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC), National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) and the South African Council of Churches (SACC).

The order barring the

by the listed organisations was issued by Major General Mulder Eyk, Divisional Commissioner of the African Police for Witwatersrand.

It was delivered to offices of the *Sowetan* shortly before 6pm.

The order was issued in terms of the Internal Security Act of 1953, reference to the emergency regulations promulgated on June 16 by the State President P W Botha.

The Black Sash condemned the restriction orders on the *Weekly Mail* and *Sowetan* prohibiting them from publishing statements which "