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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DENIS, Mr FERRERO, Mr VERGES,
Mr EPHREMEDIS, Mr KYRKOS and Mrs BOSERUP
on behalf of the Communists and Allies Group

with request for topical and urgent debate,
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the death sentences pronounced on three members
of the African National Congress (ANC), on the
death in prison of the trade union representative
Neil AGGETT and on imprisonments contrary to the
United Nations Charter

PE 78.643

The European Parliament,

- (a) extremely concerned at the possibility of three young blacks, N. LUBISI, P. MOSHIGO and N. MANASSA, being hanged after the rejection of their appeal by the Court of Bloemfontein,
 - (b) whereas the use of the death penalty is on the increase in South Africa, where 296 persons were executed in 1981 under the 'special laws',
 - (c) noting the extreme gravity of the attacks on the rights of accused persons, as demonstrated by the recent trial of the clergymen M. PHASEWANE and P.M. PHOSIWA,
 - (d) concerned at the fate of CECIL SOLS, coordinator of the YCS Movement (Young Christian students), imprisoned in Siwet in November 1981 and at the fate of all those affected by the 'General Laws Amendment Act' which bans all contact with other people,
 - (e) shocked at the information given by his lawyer on the circumstances surrounding the death following torture of the young white doctor Neil AGGETT, the regional representative of the food-workers' union,
1. Condemns the South African regime for its apartheid policy, its crimes and its numerous attacks on human rights;
 2. Condemns imprisonments with no form of trial, which are contrary to the United Nations Charter;
 3. Calls upon the Member States to comply without delay with the decisions contained in the resolution adopted by the ACP/EEC Joint Committee in Salisbury on sanctions against South Africa;
 4. Demands that the lives of N. LUBISI, P. MOSHIGO and N. MANASSA be spared;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the governments of the Member States and the South African government.