

NOTED CITIZENS ATTACK SOUTH AFRICA

Eight prominent Australians declared in a signed letter to the "Herald" yesterday that South Africa today was, to all intents and purposes, a police State.

The eight are the Chancellor of the Australian National University, Canberra, Professor Sir John Crawford; the Anglican Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt. Rev. J. A. G. Houlden; the Professor of English at the University of Tasmania, Professor James McAuley; Mr E. H. St John, Q.C., Liberal M.P. for Warringah; the authors Patrick White and Kylie Tennant; the Leader of the Federal Opposition, Mr E. G. Whitlam; and the poet Judith Wright.

They said their fellow-citizens should be sceptical of what they said was a constant stream of propaganda directed at Australia by South Africa.

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They said it was designed to convince Australians that what was being done in the name of apartheid and "security" was proper and good.

The letter said the non-white majority in South Africa was constantly subjected to a growing range of laws representing the most blatant form of deliberate racial discrimination in the world today.

frequently without being charged, tried or convicted in the Courts.

The eight appealed for contributions to the South Africa Defence and Aid Fund in Australia, which provides legal aid and other assistance to apartheid victims and their dependants.

The appeal coincides with tomorrow's U.N.-declared International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Tomorrow is also the eighth anniversary of the Sharpeville shooting of 69 Africans by white police.

Harbour tour for U.S. trade group

A five-man trade mission from the Port of Long Beach, California, toured Sydney Harbour yesterday in the Maritime Services Board Commissioners' yacht, Captain Phillip.

On their tour they saw the 20½-acre three-berth container terminal being built at White Bay, Balmain, and the four-unit load wharves at Darling Harbour.

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