

Tutu blames South Africa apartheid on United States

WASHINGTON — Sunday he doubts his Bishop Desmond Tutu racially segregated nation of South Africa said tion can survive four

more years of the Reagan administration's so-called constructive engagement policies.

"Our situation is so volatile that if we had an explosion now I wouldn't be surprised," said Anglican churchman the Anglican churchman said at a news conference following his sermon at the Washington Cathedral.

"I don't know that the people can survive four

years of the kind of medicine we've been receiving," said Tutu, who recently accepted the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize.

"I said on one occasion it was maybe five minutes to midnight."

Both in the sermon and at the news conference, he blamed the United States for the continuation of South Africa's official apartheid policy that finds 22 million blacks constitutionally denied rights by 5 million whites.

Tutu said the rest of the world would follow if the Reagan administration scrapped its constructive engagement stance and adopted a

firmer policy toward South Africa.

Administration officials argue that constructive engagement — which they describe as quiet diplomacy rather than confrontation — will be more effective in the long run.

"If this country does what we asked it to do, apartheid would end tomorrow," the worshippers were told by Tutu, who earlier this month met with President Reagan and asked him to change U.S. policy.

Tutu told reporters that western nations, led by the United States, have "protected the whites in South Africa."

Judge dismisses Shannon auto theft charges

Justice of the Peace Kelly Slade Friday dismissed auto theft and battery charges against former light heavyweight boxer Willie Lee Shannon after the alleged victims refused to prosecute the defendant.

Shannon is being held in the Clark County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail on a charge stemming from an Oct. 19, 1983, incident in which a 29-year-old woman was allegedly raped by Shannon, 32, of 1316 Hewitt St.

Deputy District Attorney Bobbie O'Neal persuaded District Judge Donald Mosley to raise the bail from \$35,000 because, she said, he had been harassing state witnesses.

He was charged with battery after he allegedly ripped a gold chain from the neck of one of his girlfriends, and the auto theft charge was leveled after another girlfriend said he stole her Corvette.

Shannon became a fighter while serving 9½ years in a Southern prison for stealing \$93.

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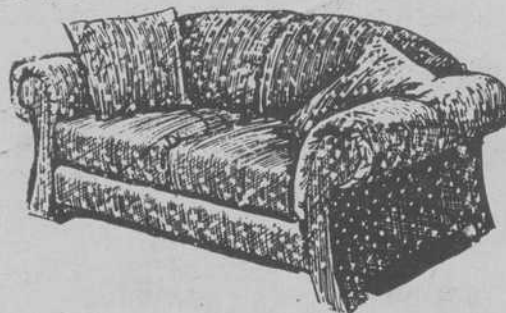
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