

DID YOU KNOW:

- * South Africa has one of the highest execution rates in the world.
- * The death penalty was used in South Africa on an unprecedented scale in 1987 when 164 people were executed - the highest number since 1910.
- * Between 1983 and 1987, 627 people have been executed in South Africa. It took Britain FIFTY years to hang about the same number of people.
- * Capital punishment has been abolished in Western Europe which has had no executions since 1985.
- * The 164 people hanged in South Africa in 1987 ~~were four more than Iran with a population of 47 million and~~ 32 more than China, which has a population of 1,2 billion.

WHY MUST WE KILL PEOPLE WHO KILL PEOPLE TO SHOW THAT KILLING IS WRONG?

The Society for the Abolition of the Death Penalty in South Africa was relaunched at a public meeting in Johannesburg last year. An initiative of the late Professor Barend van Niekerk, the Society campaigned against the death penalty in the early seventies with a significant measure of success. In 1974, the Society disbanded.

At the relaunch meeting, a call was made for chapters of the Society to be established in the various city centres. Already Cape Town has established its local chapter and Grahamstown is to follow suit on at a public meeting to be held in... on February 23, 1988 at 7.30 pm.

This circular invites you to attend the meeting and to join the Society by filling in the enclosed form. The principal speaker will beand a committee will be elected at the meeting.