

no water. Two bags of mealie meal had been dumped but how do you cook it? The fathers assured us that an Inter-Church committee had set up an emergency food kitchen to send in supplies. I understand that water was brought in later that evening.

About 3.30 p.m. the local authorities arrived in full force to finish erecting the tents. One wonders if they would have come if we had not been in the area.

We left at 4 p.m. to drive the 180 miles back to Durban. About 5 p.m. we stopped to have our picnic. Words fail to describe the effect this day had on us: What right had we even to think of food and drink when fellow South Africans did not know where and how the next meal was coming from.

"and it seems to me only fair when people are moved they must do something about providing some accommodation for themselves".

*Mr. Coertze.*



## **"In a democracy dissent is an act of faith, and criticism an act of patriotism; —"**

*Dr. E. G. Malherbe quoted Senator J. William Fulbright in his  
Presidential address to the Institute of Race Relations*

**O**N WEDNESDAY 7th February the Black Sash held an all night vigil in protest against the uprooting of settled communities, against the conditions at Limehill in Natal and in sympathy with all the people who have suffered in this way. We stood all through the night from half past four until nine o'clock the next morning. Many students stood with us and some members of the public. There were never less than twenty four people there and at times, especially after the protest meeting addressed by Archbishop Hurley, there were well over one hundred. The thousands of people who passed, enclosed in their motor cars, on their way to their secure homes reacted in different ways. A few, a very few, showed support but most drove past with eyes averted. Perhaps their shame was causing them some discomfort. Then again there were those who showed their anger at having to think for a moment of the suffering caused in their name, with a variety of rude gestures, sneers, facial contortions and trite insults. We were greatly supported through the night hours by those who stayed with us, a group of students, a Professor from Wits., and a man who came all night with large jars of hot coffee and returned again in the morning with a hot breakfast to put new life into us for the last hours.

One of our members, seventy nine years old, stood all night. Her courage and faith symbolises the reasons why the Black Sash will continue to protest against injustice.