

# Jewish youth determined to turn back National Front

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## 400 Jews storm the NF's city rally

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FEELING against the National Front is running high among many Jewish youths who, in a street demonstration on Monday night, succeeded in closing a Front meeting at a Johannesburg hotel.

There are plans to discourage any future meetings of the ultra-rightwing organisation.

Many youths feel the Minister of Justice, Mr Kruger, has not taken strong enough measures.

Last week Mr Kruger told two Progressive Federal Party MPs, Alf Widman and Harry Schwarz, that he would be referring the matter of the Front's activities to the Attorney-General.

"Jewish people are very bitter about the Front, and if the Government doesn't do something we may have to deal with the situation in our own way," said Geoff Weinberg, a past head boy at King David School.

He was among the demonstrators on Monday.

"What happened last week was just powder puff compared to what will happen to Jack Noble (the Front's secretary) and his followers if they continue spreading anti-Semitic propaganda.

"The days when Jews took a punch and offered

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the other cheek are long gone."

In Cape Town Mr Widman said he was satisfied with Mr Kruger's assurances, and hoped whatever action was contemplated would be enough to deal with the Front. If not, there could be problems.

One member of a group who tried unsuccessfully to attend the National Front meeting is a well-known sportsman who asked not to be named.

He said that no future National Front meetings would be allowed to go on unhindered.

"The South African Jewish people are not prepared to put up with this sort of anti-Semitism, and we are going to do all we can to stop the National Front.

"The Government must act now or else the situation will get worse."

Louis Druion, a student at Wits, said that if the Minister of Justice was not pre-

pared to do anything the Jewish youth would certainly move against the Front.

"If the movement gets any bigger we will have no alternative but to take things into our own hands," he said.

Stephen Pincus, national chairman of Habonim, the largest Jewish Zionist youth movement in South Africa, agreed that action would have to be taken against the National Front.

But he felt it was important to defeat the Front through normal channels.

"The problem is how to deal with these people," said Mr Pincus.

"We deplore what is happening and we will act against them on every level — except a physical and violent one."