

# Boomerang

## Black woman raps Australian system

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SHOWING Soweto woman how Aborigines live and are treated in their country, boomeranged on a group of Australians. She promptly pointed out they ought to be ashamed.

Mrs Kathleen Vundla (65), a widowed mother of 12 and grandmother of 20, from Dube Village, told them: "You have no right to point a finger at South Africa".

Mrs Vundla is a full-time voluntary worker for Moral

Rearmament. She saw the Australian Aborigines — "they are Black; they are my people" — on the return journey from an international conference in Auckland, New Zealand.

"What I saw embittered me", she said. "In a rich country like Australia I saw an emaciated people; women still hunting lizards for food".

She was amazed that they were still living as they had so many years ago; walking about naked, with their chil-

dren unwashed and underfed.

A group of friends in Melbourne showed her a film on Aborigines and afterwards asked her if she had any comments. She told them: "I'm shocked, hurt and bitter".

One young Australian turned to her and said: "You're right, we shouldn't point a finger at South Africa".

She told him: "You people have a lot to do to restore human dignity".

Mrs Vundla said New Zealanders set an example of racial harmony between the Whites and Maoris which should be a lesson to Australia and the rest of the world.

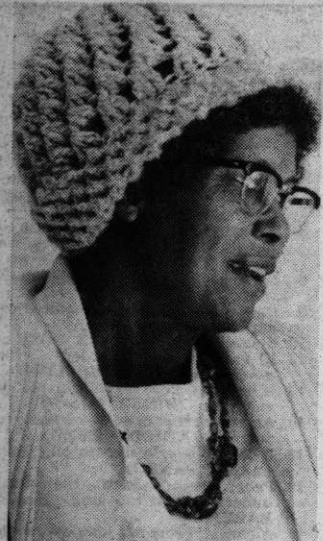
She is back in South Africa — "you cannot match this country" — having also visited Kenya to see her son who ran away from Soweto in 1964.

Mrs Vundla also met a more recent runaway who told her several of Soweto's teenage exiles wanted to

return to South Africa. But she did not have a chance to see them, as she was regarded as a "Boer spy".

"People of other ideologies have planted their men in Soweto to catch our youth and corrupt them. They tempt them with scholarships and the African child is hungry for education. Once they get hold of him well...".

But she is certain South Africa has a bright future. "God has a plan for us to enjoy this country together".



Mrs Kathleen Vundla