



A section of the cast in Springbok Stampede sweeps into action. The show comes to Bulawayo at the beginning of next month.

# Musical stampede will hit City

A GAY, modern, musical hit with a cast of 50 comes to the Bulawayo Theatre from July 2 to 5. It is Springbok Stampede, written and presented by a lively group of South Africans and Rhodesians. It has already been seen by 50,000 people in South Africa in 120 performances.

Against the background of students rioting in Europe, sitting-in in America, this imaginative group have banded themselves together to out-sing and out-pace the destructive forces of our time, says one of the organisers for the show, which has grown out of the Moral Rearmament organisation.

Springbok Stampede has been going for 18 months and has toured all over South Africa.

Now regional casts have sprung up in Cape Town, Durban, Kimberley, East London, Graaff Reinets, Roodepoort and Johannesburg.

### ON FARMS

In Cape Town and Kimberley the show was given under the patronage of the mayor. In the Free State the gold mining companies were the hosts. On the Karoo the cast lived on the farms.

Rotary Clubs, Lions and other service clubs have helped with the programme. Special assemblies have been given for 30 schools.

The Johannesburg Star wrote:

"Seldom in Johannesburg has a group of youngsters so positively captured an audience — three curtain calls, a five-minute-long standing ovation — the hall trembled with applause. One old man wept unashamedly."

The Durban Sunday Tribune gave it their highest rating of four stars and wrote: "This great show will restore your faith and build your confidence in the ability and the principles of the younger generation. Go and see it."

### 'MORALE-BOOSTER'

After the second performance for 2,000 soldiers in one camp, an officer said: "This is the greatest morale-booster we have ever had. It must become an annual event."

Springbok Stampede is part of a world-wide explosion of

youth. Similar shows with the themes of patriotism, discipline and faith are in being around the world.

The Bulawayo performances open a Rhodesian tour which will include Salisbury, Gwelo, Que Que, Fort Victoria, Umtali and other centres.

Booking — at Meikles — opens today.