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Funeral for SACP man

A member of the South African Communist Party's eastern Cape regional executive committee, Chale "KK" Papiyana, who died in a car accident on Christmas Eve, will be buried in Soweto on Saturday.

Mr Papiyana, a former member of the Congress of South African Students, joined the then Azanian Students Organisation at the University of Fort Hare in 1984.

A year later he was expelled from the university and in 1986 he registered at Rhodes University, where he was president of the Black Students Movement.

SA Students Congress executive committee member Kgomo.to Ma-sebe said Mr Papiyana, who until the formation of Sasco this year was political education and training officer of the SA National Students Congress, had graduated with a BA degree from Rhodes in 1988.

At the time of his death he was working on a BA honours degree.

Mr Papiyana, who died in a car accident last Tuesday while on his way to Transkei, will be buried at Soweto's Avalon cemetery.

Suspect saved from mob

CAPE TOWN — A 35-year-old alleged murderer was saved from probable necklacing in the Mandela Park squatter camp at Hout Bay by police early yesterday morning.

The man had been beaten up by a group of about 300 people at the squatter camp.

He was taken to hospital where he is in a serious condition.

Earlier another man (36) had been stabbed to death at the Mandela Park camp.

A passing police patrol was called to the camp by squatters. — Sapa.
UDF the target of bloody feud

Weekly Mail Reporter

A VIOLENT feud with African National Congress-aligned organisations is the only consistent feature in the blood-soaked history of Ama-Africa.

The self-styled Africanist group was founded by the Rev Ebenzer Maqina, who was expelled from the Azanian People's Organisation in 1986. Maqina was notorious for his virulent opposition to the now-defunct United Democratic Front.

Shortly after its lurch, Ama-Africa was attacking UDF activists as it fought, said Maqina, 'for democracy in Port Elizabeth – the home of the ANC and the South African Communist Party'.

There are many reports of violence in which Ama-Africa was involved, especially in 1987, and monitoring groups collected a number of affidavits.

In September 1987, for example, four members of the UDF-aligned Uitenhage Women's Congress were 'beaten to a pulp' by 15 armed men alleged to be Ama-Africa supporters. In a statement, the four said they had been abducted by the men and taken to Ama-Africa's headquarters. There they were repeatedly assaulted.

The women were released after the vigilantes called municipal police to arrest them. Six policemen arrived and, said the women, assaulted them, first at Ama-Africa's headquarters and then at a single-man's hostel. Finally an ambulance was called to collect them.

The women were examined by Dr Gavin Blackburn, who found they had been severely assaulted with blunt and sharp instruments and had sustained bruises and lacerations all over their bodies.

At the time, an Ama-Africa spokesman, Joseph Maliwa, said he had no knowledge of the attack as he had been out of town.

The next month, a former Ama-Africa member, Mornwaldi Qogo, told journalists he had been forced to join the vigilante group and take part in attacks on the residents of Tyuksville, a shanty town near Uitenhage. Qogo admitted to participating in attacks which left five UDF supporters dead and at least one resident lying beaten in the streets.

While we were looking for contraceptives, he said. They just milled around while we continued without finding.

In November 1987, Maqina was reported to be chairing a sub-committee of the Port Elizabeth Joint Management Committee. The JMCS were shadowy security forces designed to win the hearts and minds of communities and neutralise anti-apartheid activists.

While holding this position, he approached the government for accreditation of Ama-Africa, asking that it be given what remained of R3-million the government had set aside for families of detainees.

The following week, five people were killed in Uitenhage's townships, three of whom were closely linked to Ama-Africa. Although the UDF was blamed for the killings, there were signs that the murders were a result of a split in Ama-Africa.

Over the next 18 months violence between Ama-Africa and UDF affiliates in the townships around Port Elizabeth died down, although the feud continued to simmer.

In April 1989, fighting flared up again when UDF affiliates accused the Pan Africanist Student's Organisation, the students' wing of Ama-Africa, of intimidating students into joining the Pan Africanist.
Violence takes to East London beaches, six drown in Durban

The Argus Correspondent

EAST LONDON. - There were a number of violent incidents including an attack on a woman aged 82 when thousands of people flocked to East London beaches.

This was reported today by the police liaison officer for Border, Major Christo Louw.

He said Mrs Cynthia Wilson, 82, was attacked by a gang of men outside her home in Kennaway Court on the beachfront at 10.45pm yesterday.

The men threw her to the ground and grabbed her handbag. Her left arm and leg were broken in the attack. She was taken to the Frere Hospital where she was in a satisfactory condition.

Major Louw said there were a number of stabbings on the Eastern Beach and on the West Bank.

He estimated about 100000 people had flocked to the beaches in the central area of the city and 30000 had crowded on to the Eastern Beach, where Mr Bongani Gushman, 20, of Butterworth had drowned in the small swimming pool of the Osmers Hotel last night.

Mr Gushman was visiting the hotel when he went for a swim and was found dead by a friend at 10.30pm.

Major Louw said the Moby Dick bar and restaurant at Eastern Beach had been ransacked by thieves during the day. A policeman who went to the restaurant at 3pm was attacked by a youth and, during a struggle, a shot was fired, wounding the youth in the left leg. He was taken to Frere Hospital where he was under police guard.

In Durban, lifeguards retrieved a sixth body from the sea at North Beach yesterday afternoon.

On Wednesday, three bodies were recovered and yesterday morning two were taken to the mortuary. Late in the afternoon, the sixth body was retrieved.

For the last three days, lifeguards have rescued countless numbers of people from the surf.

A beach office spokesman said people were being rescued virtually every minute of the day.

"We gave up counting. That is how busy we have been kept by bathers who have got into trouble."

While yesterday's crowd on the beach was not as big as those which swamped the beachfront on New Year's Day, there were a large number of rescues.

Many bathers were ignoring instructions from lifeguards and not keeping to the safe areas. They were insisting on going into the sea from unprotected beaches.
Rising tide of violence hits Cape

By CHRIS BATEMAN

ASSAULT cases soared in Cape Town over New Year — and nearly 75% of all patients treated at Groote Schuur Hospital's trauma unit were victims of violent assaults.

Mrs Una Bloch, a spokesman for the hospital, said that while there were 100 fewer overall admissions in December compared with the previous year, 300 more people were admitted via the trauma unit.

A Tygerberg Hospital spokesman was unable to provide detailed statistics but said the chief cause of injuries this year had been assaults.

She said Christmas Eve and Day were the busiest of the entire festive season while Old Year's Eve and New Year's Day were "the same as any ordinary weekend."

Police said that while unrest-related incidents had plunged dramatically year-to-year, overall crime figures had remained "relatively constant."

Lieutenant-Colonel Abraham van Wyk, Athlone's district crime officer, said most of the crimes were against people and not property.

"It's nearly always the same type of crime: Assaults, rape and murder."

Police spokesman Colonel Anthony Dewhurst said crime in Cape Town's central business district was traditionally low over the festive season partly due to extra newly qualified policemen joining the beat.

Incidents in the Peninsula's long-standing taxi war were now very sporadic and the chief protagonists, Lagunya and Webta, seemed to have made a truce, he added.

SAPA reports that Durban City Council may form a task force "with teeth" to tackle the city's annual New Year's Day beachfront bedlam.

This is part of a plan of action which management committee head Mr Peter Mansfield is to propose to the council after Wednesday's "catastrophe" when more than 100 000 people ran amok on the central beaches, many of them ignoring the law.

An extra 1 600 policemen had been brought in to patrol coastal resorts, Major-General Colin Steyn, regional commissioner of the SA Police in Natal, said.
‘Marshals’ not ANC men – claim

THE ANC in Duncan Village near East London
has distanced itself from the "brutal and inhu-
mane torture" of two men in the area this week.
ANC's Duncan Village action branch secre-
tary M Mhlelele rejected claims that ANC mar-
shals had been responsible for the 16-hour ordeal
of the two.

The victims claimed six men, whom they recog-
nised as ANC marshals, had accused them of
stealing jewellery and had tortured them in a
shebeen.

Mhlelele said those responsible were "the prod-
uct of apartheid social problems".
Police said two men had been burnt and sjamb-
okked in the shebeen.
Two hurt in attack
on police party

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two people were injured in a
rifle and hand-grenade attack on a group of police-
men and their friends at a braai in Lady Grey at the
weekend.

The injured — including Mrs Rita Martins, the
pregnant wife of a policeman, who was treated for
shock — were hospitalised after the attack from a
passing car shortly before 8.30pm.

Shrapnel was removed from the arm of a matric
pupil, Ms Rita Roetz, 18, yesterday.

Ms Roetz, of Brandfort, said yesterday the attack
took place while six adults and a four-year-old child
were holding a braai near the town’s police single
quarters on Friday evening.

No one has yet claimed responsibility for the at-
tack.
Call for probe into UDF deaths

The ministry announced yesterday that a UDF member's body, found dead by the police last week, was being investigated. The Ministry's investigation into the death was seen as a move to calm the UDF's concerns about the security situation.

The police said they were gathering evidence and would announce the results of their investigation. The UDF has called for a national day of mourning and a protest march in the capital city to show solidarity with the victims.

The UDF is a political party that has been in opposition since the 1990s. It has been fighting for democratic reforms and human rights. The party's leader, Mr.李某, was assassinated in 1992, sparking widespread protests.

The government has denied any involvement in the death and said that it was an isolated incident. However, the UDF has accused the government of being involved in the murder and has called for the release of its leader's head.

The UDF has also called for a ban on the sale of weapons and for the release of all political prisoners.

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Fire 'followed threat of attack'

TWO men with alleged Lingeletshu West links threatened to burn the homes of two women, shortly before 31 shacks in Khayelitsha were destroyed by fire, the ANC claimed yesterday.

Police said yesterday that a shack in Block B in Site C had caught fire after 11.30pm on Thursday. The other shacks were destroyed as well.

The ANC said Mr. Tony Yengeni, regional general secretary, found the two women, who claimed they had been questioned, in a Lingeletshu West Town Council combi by the men, who asked for names and addresses of certain people in Site C.

Lingeletshu West town clerk Mr. Graham Lawrence said Mr. Yengeni had been unable to identify the two men or the driver.

ANC spokesman Mr. Willie Hofmeyr said Mr. Yengeni and the women visited Lingeletshu West mayor Mr. Moji Hoza yesterday and asked to see the councillors as the women were able to identify their interrogators. Mr. Hoza had denied that the council had anything to do with the incident.
Train violence probe

CAPE TOWN — Train violence and taxi wars are to be probed by the Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation, the chairman, Mr Justice Goldstone, said yesterday.

"The National Peace Commission has requested the commission to inquire into occurrences of violence on trains in certain urban areas as well as that which has been referred to as the "taxi wars" in Cape Town and elsewhere," he said.

"The Cape Town Peace Committee has also requested the commission to inquire into the last-mentioned matter." (215)

Other members of the committee are G Steyn, a member of the commission; advocate B M Ngoepe of the Pretoria Bar; and L S van Zyl, a Cape Town attorney and a former president of the Association of Law Societies of South Africa.

The statement said any person who had information concerning violence on trains or about the "taxi wars" was requested to furnish it in writing to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X186, Pretoria 0001 on or before February 29. — Sapa
Top taxi men arriving today

Staff Reporter

Two South African Black Taxi Association officials, who were to arrive in the city yesterday to resume peace talks between the warring township taxi associations, will arrive only later today.

Sabbia, deputy managing director; Mr. Cyprian Lobese, and treasurer, Mr. Joe Mabaso were to hold separate talks aimed at unifying the two associations, Langa and Webia.
It's all good publicity, says Dynamic boss

By BEVERLEY GARSIGN

PORT ELIZABETH and CLAIRE KEETON: East London

THE Port Elizabeth director of Dynamic Teaching CC (DT) is unperturbed by his organisation's links to the South African Defence Force but the firm's East London office has closed.

Koos van der Walt — who, with partner Nick van der Walt (no relation), owned the Port Elizabeth branch — said the firm's contract with the SADF was only for the provision of educational lectures and courses, primarily for workers employed by the SADF. He denied DT had helped promote black-on-black violence.

Speaking from his plush offices in Newton Park, Van der Walt said that the coverage his company — which now employs 30 people — had received was good publicity.

He denied having any personal dealings with Weekly Mail source Ben Conradie, the head of Military Intelligence (MI) front Eduguide CC.

He also denied DT had links to Adult Education Consultants (ABC), or its head Louis Pasques, or was set up by Pasques. He had merely met Pasques on a Veld School course when Van der Walt was still a teacher.

Basie Oosthuysen, formerly the East London branch manager, was finally traced to the Bloemfontein offices of the African Democratic Movement (ADM) of the Ciskei's military ruler, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo.

He, former colleague at DT, Christo Klopeps, is working from home.

Oosthuysen is now secretary general of the ADM, and political adviser to Gqozo, after spending three months with International Researchers-Ciskei Intelligence Service, the CCB-type group which has been blamed for waging a dirty war against opponents of Gqozo. It has since been dissolved.

Oosthuysen confirmed that he left DT seven or eight years ago to work for the Ciskei government. He said he was approached by the Van der Waals in 1986 to start an East London office.

Van der Walt said the SADF contract was still valid but would not say how much it was worth nor when it was due to expire.

He said his firm offers the SADF "a service just like Telkom and those type of organisations do.

"The SADF will approach us and tell us what they need for their workers and we will work out a course for them according to the needs prescribed." He admits that he severely criticises communism in his lectures.

He confirmed the firm had a training centre in Stutterheim, called the Xololola Training Centre, which was situated in the Kholotsha mountains outside the town.

Oosthuysen said: "Our contract with MI here was Group 8, they were the people we were dealing with, and paying for what we did locally."

The military was just one of DT's clients, providing around 50 percent of its work. He said he was not aware of any outside funding or the army handing over money to them.

Oosthuysen confirmed DT ran a "self-enrichment" training course with Ciskei Defence Force (CDF) officers in Stutterheim and said DT had a contract with the then head of CDF, Brigadier Andrew Jamangile.

Oosthuysen said his leaving DT was a career move. On his double job for the ADM and the Ciskei government, he said everyone in the Ciskei government was involved in the ADM.

The Ciskei government has reportedly denied it is supporting the ADM.

— Pen, Elnews

The rift that will not heal

By BULELA PAVI

VIOLENCE sponsored by Military Intelligence had created a gulf between residents of a township in Cookhouse.

This was the view of former supporters of the United Democratic Front and those opposed to the organisation.

According to the revelations of a former MI agent, Dr Ben Conradie, he supported a group of vigilantes in Cookhouse called the Kalakana.

A former leader of the group, Samuel Kalakana, denied this week that he received financial support and military training from Conradie.

Said Kalakana: "I met Conradie in 1986 shortly after my family members and those who supported us had been chased out of Elobongwe township by UDF supporters and sought refuge at a police station. We were accused of being collaborators because we openly told them that we supported PW Botha and were against the UDF."

Kalakana and Conradie visited the police station and invited them to a meeting. "He said he was going to try to bring peace and calm. We were shown video tapes of 'necklace' murders and youth toy tossings."

Kalakana claimed that Conradie only gave three lectures and "never did a thing about military training although he promised to organise a trip outside Cookhouse". He said after those lectures Conradie disappeared but he saw him "later at a hotel in Port Elizabeth."

A former UDF leader, Edward Menda, recounted the violence that divided the Elobongwe residents.

"A consumer boycott was launched in 1986 in support of demands for the upgrading of the township. The Kalakana family, which owned a shop, said it was opposed to the boycott. The shop was discovered later to be front for a white businessman and it was boycotted," he said.

A year later the Menda family, which was in the forefront of the formation of the UDF-affiliated Cookhouse Youth Congress, was attacked by the Kalakana family and those who supported Dr Menda's wife, Nokhaya, was murdered.

"A day after she was buried violence between those who supported us and the Kalakanas broke out. The Kalakanas were driven out of the township and they fled to a police station," said Menda.

While in the trenches outside the police station, some members of the Kalakanas were kidnapped and murdered — ANA
Johannesburg. — Western Cape taxi associations and the Southern African Black Taxi Associations are preparing for peace talks tomorrow in a drive to end violence between their members.

Countrywide, political violence in the last two days has left at least 17 dead and scores injured.

One man died of panga wounds and three people, one under police guard, were admitted to Hillbrow Hospital after a clash between armed groups was averted by police at Park station here yesterday evening, police said.

Three passengers, including a young mother and her six-month-old baby, were shot dead in a bloody attack on a minibus at Springs on Monday night.

Meanwhile, the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday reaffirmed their commitment to find a peaceful solution to the conflict in the Mfolozi district, after six IFP members were reported killed since the weekend.

Seven people, six from the same family, were massacred on Monday night at Umbukumula on the Natal, South Coast as attackers armed with AK-47 rifles, KwaZulu police reported yesterday. — Sapa
Clashes feared on rival marches

Political Correspondent

There are fears that conflict could arise between supporters of the ANC and PAC on Friday, over protest actions planned by the two parties to coincide with the opening of Parliament.

Although ANC and the PAC will be staging separate marches in Cape Town, township sources said there were concerns that members of the two organizations could clash on their way into the city.

Concerns were fuelled by the PAC decision to make the theme of their march "Down with CoPesa!" - a sentiment that clashes directly with the ANC "Pro-Negotiation" stance.

Addressed

However, the PAC said yesterday that the Western Cape branches of the two parties had met and agreed to cooperate to ensure that both marches (over separate routes) were orderly and peaceful.

PAC marchers will be addressed by their president, Mr. Clarence Makwetu, at Upper Waal and Bantam streets in Bo-Kaap.

The ANC's "People vs Parliament" protest will be held on the Parade Club and will be addressed by ANC vice-president, Mr. Walter Sisulu.
Two MK members appeared in the Wynberg Regional Court yesterday charged with illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and a hand grenade.

Mr Munksi Wilhaforce Buti, 23, and Mr Mlungu bundle Glen Ndzila, 30, have pleaded not guilty to these charges.

Mr Sibuhleze Shongoyi, 30, arrested with them last March, was not in court.
Bus driver thought he would be burned alive

DON HOLLIDAY, Crime Reporter

A CITY Tramways bus driver ran for his life after youths splashed petrol over him and set his bus alight at Nyanga bus terminus.

The bus was gutted and at least five others were damaged by stone-throwers yesterday.

The attacks were believed to be linked to a violent confrontation between Western Cape Black Taxi Association members and police in Bellville yesterday in which at least three people were wounded.

Mr Abraham Vincent, said he was sitting in his bus just after 1pm yesterday when a brick struck the vehicle.

"I looked up as a youngster, about 15 years old, ran up the steps of the bus carrying a five-litre can of petrol.

"He sloshed petrol over me and the cabin."

"The first thing that went through my head was that I had to get out of there quickly."

"I thought I was going to be burnt to death. I jumped out and ran for my life."

"There was another kid and he went into the bus and set a match to the petrol."

"I hadn't gone five steps before the bus was in flames."

Mr Mark Visagie, driver of another bus that was burned, said he had just stopped at the terminus when he "suddenly saw flames."

"Then one of my windows was smashed," he said.

Earlier at least three people were wounded when police fired rubber bullets and set dogs on Webb's drivers who had blocked Voortrekker Road, Bellville.

They were demanding the release of a driver arrested for allegedly using a roadblock in Middelberg Road near the University of the Western Cape.

Middelberg Road was blocked for several hours. About 30 drivers drove in convoy to Bellville police station and set up a blockade at the intersection of Voortrekker Road and Boston Street.

Police recovery vehicles moved in to tow the taxis away amidst angry scenes involving the drivers.

The crowd was several times warned to disperse. Rubber bullets were fired about 12.30pm.

Mr Goodman Nathali and Mr Steven Tole were shot in the legs but were not seriously wounded.

Drivers gathered around Mr Nathali, picked him up from the road and put him in the path of a reversing tow-away truck.

Police moved in and carried Mr Nathali to the pavements, allowing the truck to pull up and tow away one of the taxis.

Several police dogs chased at drivers and at least one, Mr Gerald Silenga, was badly bitten on both legs.

The crowd scattered but regrouped.

The incident happened after Department of Transport inspectors carried out a routine check on taxis in Middelberg Road at 10am.

About seven were found to have no permits and several were overloaded.

Ward Spry, a senior traffic officer, who was later arrested, said the inspector was shot repeatedly at the checkpoint about 4am.

Traffic police cordoned off Middelberg Road to prevent more taxis joining the blockade.

One taxi driver allegedly drove through the traffic department roadblock and was arrested after a short chase. He was taken to Bellville police station and later released.

Some taxi drivers were under the impression a memorandum had been agreed to by the Local Road Transportation Board, which falls under the Department of Transport.

A spokesman for the National Peace Committee said no such agreement had been reached through the committee.

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The incident happened after Department of Transport inspectors carried out a routine check on taxis in Modderdam Road at 7am.

About seven were found to have no permits and several were overloaded.

Word spread fast among the taxi drivers and Webta drivers from Nyanga and Bellville arrived at the checkpoint about 9 am.

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Some taxi drivers were under the impression a moratorium had been agreed to by the Local Road Transportation Board, which falls under the Department of Transport.

A spokesman for the National Peace Committee said no such agreement had been reached through the committee.

The Local Road Transportation Board and the Department of Transport were not involved in the negotiations with the committee, the spokesman said.
Cops, drivers clash — peace talks off

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

A PLANNED peace meeting between warring taxi associations was called off yesterday when Webta drivers and police clashed in Bellville.

The Athlone meeting — to discuss unity prospects for taxi groups Webta and Lagunya — was called by a negotiating forum consisting of members of the SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta), Webta and Lagunya.

Police said a group of about 30 Webta drivers had set up a blockade at the intersection of Voortrekker Road and Boston Street in Bellville demanding the release of a colleague held earlier for jumping a roadblock.

When the drivers refused to move, police fired rubber bullets and set dogs on them, leaving at least three people injured.

Police then confiscated the minibus taxis of drivers who still would not move. The drivers paid admission of guilt fines at the Bellville police station and got their taxis back.

Webta drivers were unable to attend the peace meeting after the incident.

Sabta spokesman Mr S J Mabaso said the organisation viewed yesterday’s clash with suspicion.

He said the peace meeting had been postponed to tomorrow and that he was hopeful that unity between the rival groups would be achieved ‘soon’.

Police spokesman Colonel Anthony Dewhurst said the police action had “nothing to do” with the taxi meeting.

“There are many ways to voice your grievances other than blocking a busy intersection like that one,” he said.
Taxi peace talks today

Staff Reporter

THE long-awaited peace and unity negotiations between the warring taxi organisations the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) and Lagunya taxi association are due to become a reality today.

The two organisations yesterday signed a document at the Holiday Inn in Woodstock committing themselves to negotiations due to start tomorrow in Bellville.

The negotiation forum consists of 15 members from each organisation and a delegation of members of the national executive of the SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta), to which the two bodies are affiliated.

The negotiations will not be open to either the public or the press, but press statements will be issued "periodically" to inform the public of developments.

Sabta spokesman Mr John Mabaso said all political and civic organisations, including the Cape Town Peace Committee, were well informed about the procedures.

A meeting would be held between all those organisations "as soon as the coming weekend" to inform them of the progress.

"All the organisations have given their go-ahead to the talks," he said.

Webta and Lagunya could not be reached for comment.
14 held for 'people's court executions'

By Makhaya Mani and Sabata Ngcai

PROMINENT Mossel Bay civic leader Mr Terence Ndanda is one of 14 residents from the southern Cape town being held by police following the deaths of two alleged criminals.

The group, mostly squatters from the ICC squatter camp, have been held by police since the beginning of the year in connection with the alleged sentencing to death and execution of two people at a people's court in the camp.

One of the women arrested with the group but released later, Mrs Julia Welman, said squatters had been plagued since 1990 by six youths allegedly involved in crimes ranging from housebreaking to rape.

"The community had become sick and tired of the activities of the six and last year we held a series of meetings and this is where we called the group to order," Welman said.

"I think the police themselves liked what the six were doing because when they were called in to stop or arrest them, they did — but surprisingly they were released the very same night," she said.

Welman alleged she was one of the gang's targets when they tried to set her house alight. They were apprehended by squatters guarding her house.

In another incident, a resident alleged the police arrived with three of the group one morning and attempted to kick open the door of the community's hall.

"This also sparked off anger in the community and we went to the police and asked for an explanation," Welman said.

"The police retaliated by arresting three of us. An angry group of about 300 people toyi-toyed to the police station and demanded their immediate release. They released them."

The ANC has blamed the police for the death of the two alleged criminals, following an investigation into the incident.

"If the police had acted in a competent and proper manner after the arrests of the three men, none of the incidents would have occurred," an ANC statement read.

While condemning the actions of those "who take the law into their own hands", the ANC acknowledged the right of people "to protect themselves against criminal elements if the police fail to do so."

The chairperson of the KwaNongaba Civic Association in Mossel Bay, Mr Wilson Sijaji, said his organisation condemned in strongest terms "the criminal actions committed by those who wish to make life uneasy for other people".
Taxi groups agree to talks

Staff Reporter

PEACE talks between warring city taxi associations Lagafula and Webta will continue today.

The two bodies yesterday signed a document committing themselves to talks.

Several people have been killed and millions of rands worth of minibuses destroyed during the 18-month feud.

Negotiations, brokered by Sata, the national taxi body, began in Bellville yesterday.

The Western Cape region of the ANC has welcomed the move.
Peace talks
TWO western Cape taxi organisations, the
Lagunya taxi association and the Western
Cape Black Taxi Association, yesterday began
negotiations to end an
18-month feud. (Ref)

Crisis meeting
ENNEDALE civic leaders and House of
Representatives officials will meet today to
resolve the crisis affecting the township south
of Johannesburg. The
meeting had been due to
take place yesterday.

(Ref: 2/15)
Let there be peace, say rivals.
ANC youths on Khayelitsha rampage

EDWARD MOLONYANE
Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of youths, allegedly ANC supporters, have gone on the rampage in Khayelitsha, ejecting families from their houses at will, according to residents.

The families of a PAC member and an "innocent", politically unaligned resident, were thrown out of their core houses by toy-throwing youths apparently belonging to the Western Cape Civic Association, an ANC-aligned group.

The I Block family of Mr John Mata, a PAC member, was ejected while he was in police cells after being arrested for illegal possession of a firearm last Thursday.

He said his arrest followed a shoot-out between police and three gunmen outside his house the previous night. He said one of the gunmen was wounded in the arm.

He said he called the police when he noticed three armed men in brown overalls outside his house about 11pm on Wednesday.

When he and his wife returned to check on the house the next day police arrived, searched and found a firearm. He was arrested and later released on R500 bail.

When he got home he learnt that "Comrades" had arrived that morning and ordered his wife to leave because her husband was "a dog" for calling the police.

This week a shebeen owner and father-of-five Mr Mike Baze of E Block was made to leave the house he bought last July from a financial institution.

The property had been repossessed from the previous owner — a taverner who fell behind with repayments.

In A Block where he has taken refuge with his family, Mr Baze wept uncontrollably as he recounted how the family had been living in fear of their lives since occupying the house.

Mr Mountain Qunhela, organiser for the Western Cape Civic Association, said he was aware of Mr Mata's case and promised to investigate.
Taxi clashes gun truce bid

By KURT SWART

HOPES for a negotiated end to the long-running Western Cape taxi war went up in flames this weekend when renewed violence left one person dead and several wounded.

At least one taxi driver was killed, a policeman was wounded in the leg and eight minibus taxis were destroyed in the fighting, which broke out on Friday night and continued yesterday morning.

The clashes followed a long lull in which the possibility of a lasting peace was reinforced by hopes that this week's negotiations between the rival Langunya Taxi Association and the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) would succeed.

These hopes were dashed on Friday night when shots were fired once more at the Nyanga terminus. A man was killed and a taxi destroyed by fire. Police confirmed this but could not give further details.

Police spokesman Captain Denise Brand said seven taxis had been burnt out in clashes at various locations in Nyanga and Khayelitsha between 7am and 12 noon yesterday. A policeman was shot in the leg during one of the clashes.

An additional police unit was rushed to the area when it appeared that the fighting could increase, but by yesterday afternoon the situation was under control and the unit was put on standby.

Later the situation was calm but tense, but commuters were avoiding taxis and there were queues for buses.

Observers said the violence had begun after a Webta taxi was hijacked on Friday, allegedly by members of Langunya.

There were three men in the taxi, two of whom were still missing, they said. The third man was apparently shot during the hijacking.

About 7am yesterday Webta mounted a retaliatory attack on Langunya members based at Kuifuit, Site C, Khayelitsha, the observers said.

Four gunmen in a minibus — two of whom were armed with automatic rifles and the others with 9mm pistols — opened fire on Langunya drivers.

Four Langunya members and three members of the public were injured.

Langunya drivers gathered in force at the Nyanga East taxi rank yesterday and there was a tense standoff with Webta members.

At 8am, a Langunya member, Mr Majola, was shot dead as he and a group of policemen approached the Webta group at the rank.
Two die as taxi war flares again

DON HOLLIDAY and VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporters

TWO people died and at least nine were injured in taxi food clashes at the weekend.

Police fired birdshot, plastic bullets and teargas to disperse hundreds of feuding taxi drivers and two men were attacked with pangas and knobkerries in another day of violence at the Nyanga bus terminus.

A police spokesman said about 200 Lagunya taxi drivers and supporters and about the same number of Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webla) drivers and supporters advanced on one another at the terminus about 8am yesterday.

The groups moved among houses near the terminus. Shots were heard.

Police fired teargas, plastic bullets and birdshot and the groups dispersed.

No injuries were reported.

About 6pm, two smaller groups advanced on each other in the same area.

Police fired teargas and they dispersed.

A stone was hurled through the windshield of a City Tramways bus about 6:10pm.

Five minutes later, a group of men, apparently Webla supporters, attacked two men with pangas and knobkerries. The extent of their injuries is not known.

The taxi violence flared after the killing of a prominent Lagunya member, Mr. Vuyisile Matyolo, who was shot dead on Saturday at the Nyanga taxi rank.

About 48 hours earlier Lagunya and Webla had agreed to settle their differences. They decided to operate on the same routes and form one organisation.

Scores of commuters boarded buses early today at the Nyanga terminus while SADF vehicles and police vans stood guard.

There were no taxis belonging to either Lagunya or Webla.

In Khayelitsha, workers and schoolchildren formed long queues at bus stops and railway stations.

In Lange, taxis mostly belonging to Webla appeared to be operating normally.

• Yesterday a City Tramways driver, who refused to be named, said buses were withdrawn twice from Nyanga terminus after violence flared between Lagunya and Webla.
A BOY SHOWS SPENT SHELLS ... A BOY SHOWS SPENT SHELLS ... a boy shows spent shells he collected after Vess's funeral service.

**CROSSING DANGER ZONE**

Two women yesterday walked across the Vess area as a blood stain on a sidewalk and a diaper, indicating a police raid. Two women were wounded in the incident.

**Spent Shells**

Opened fire and men last committee stairs.

**Taxi War Goes on**

DRIVERS SHOT DEAD

2 taxi drivers shot dead last night.
Killing.

MK man faces arrest

A member of the ANC's military wing, uMkhonwa, who faces arrest in connection with the alleged murder of a riot policeman, told the Wynberg Regional Court yesterday that he had only returned to South Africa after being granted amnesty by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mr. 'Fumaniyekile 'Feli' Boo, 32, address unknown, appeared in court for a bail application after being arrested in Guguletu on Thursday and charged with the illegal possession of a 9mm Star pistol.

The investigating officer, Warrant Officer A. Steenkamp, told the court that a warrant of arrest had been issued for Mr. Boo in connection with the July 1990 murder of Sergeant Kulz Eks in Nyanga-East.

Mr. Boo claimed he was granted a safe return by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees because the government understood that he was engaged in war.
Crossroads was 'at war'

JOHN VILIGEN
Supreme Court Reporter

CROSSROADS was at war for 18 months as rival groups
locked in a violent power
struggle committed arson and
murder, a senior provincial
administration official has told
the Supreme Court.

Mr Paul "Ricky" Schelhase,
former town clerk of Cross-
roads, told the court of the hu-
man and material destruction
when he gave evidence in mit-
gation for two men found
guilty this week of arson, two
counts of murder and 10 counts
of attempted murder.

The conviction of Allion
Gxokwe, 36, and Alfred Mano,
45, supporters of former Cross-
roads mayor Mr Johnson Nxo-
bongwana, followed an arson
attack on a shack in which 12
people were sleeping.

The attack happened in
Boys' Town, Crossroads in Feb-
uary 1990 in the midst of vio-
 lent conflict between Mr Nxo-
bongwana, and his rival, Mr
Jeffrey Nongwe.

Two Nongwe supporters in
the shack were burnt to death.
Mr Gxokwe and Mano will be
sentenced today.

Mr Schelhase, now CPA de-
puty director of local govern-
ment, said that from 1988 his
task in Crossroads was to pre-
pare the population for local
government — a "difficult" as-
signment.

Crossroads was an "ambi-
guous" community where tradi-
tional structures and modern
local authorities existed side-
by-side.

In 1988 animosity developed
between Mr Nongwe, chairman
of the headman committee, and
Mr Nxbongwana; with each
accusing the other of misuse of
funds.

The "palace revolution" by
Mr Nongwe and his followers
against Mr Nxbongwana and
his councillors and supporters
developed into a power strug-
gle, then degenerated into vio-
 lence which took on political
dimensions and a complicated
stalemate retarded peace pro-
cesses, Mr Schelhase said.

Thirty died and about 1,000
houses and shacks were de-
stroyed during violence which
began with arson attacks late
in 1989.

Both sides were guilty of ar-
on, murder and damage to
property. It was a "war situa-
tion". Both accused had their
homes burnt down.

Mr Nxbongwana and his
councillors were regarded by
enemies as sellouts who pre-
served manifestations of apart-
heid, Mr Schelhase said.

All six town councillors had
their homes burnt down and
one was killed.

The violence had a destabi-
lising effect and hindered de-
v elopments and improvements
planned by the CPA.

Mr Schelhase said 200 to 300
houses were destroyed in one
section of Crossroads.

In the Unathi scheme more
than 200 of the 870 homes built
had been virtually destroyed,
costing the authorities R1.2
million, Mr Schelhase said.

When Mr Nxbongwana's
home was razed he moved to
Driftland, near the Faure turn-
off on the N2, where about 1,000
of his supporters, settled
with the CPA's permission.

In spite of his departure vio-
 lence still flared in Crossroads,
he said.

Mr Justice R Marais is presid-
ing, with assessors Mr J Ludwig
and Mr H Van Huyssteen.
New taxi fighting despite peace talks

Staff Reporter

TAXI violence continued yesterday despite current attempts by leaders of both Lagunya and Webta to find peace and unity between the factions.

Police said that early yesterday, along Ems Drive in Crossroads, several people stoned and fired shots at a private minibus taxi breaking its rear windscreen.

On Monday morning about four men fired on a City Tramways bus from a Webta taxi at the Nyanga East bus terminus. That afternoon, a group of about 200 Webta and 150 Lagunya drivers clashed near KTC.

Police said that when they tried to intervene, shots were fired at them and they responded with rubber bullets and buckshot. No one was injured.

Meanwhile, the third round of peace talks between the warring taxi groups was hampered yesterday when the Khayelitsha branch of Lagunya refused to attend.

Spokesman for Lagunya and leader of the delegation at the talks, Mr Morris Nomala, said that the group said it was no use talking while the violence continued unabated.

He said however that with the help of Mr Vasu Gounden and Mr Jerome Sachane, the facilitators in the peace talks, the group agreed to go back to the talks and called for full commitment to peace by both groups.
The killing of two drivers and the shooting of an eight-year-old girl on Wednesday morning has signalled to Nyanga residents that the taxi war has returned to haunt them — with a vengeance.

About 300 Nyanga mothers and teachers from John Pama Primary School marched to the Gugulethu police station to demand protection for their children.

The girl, a pupil at the school, was caught in the crossfire on Wednesday morning. She was shot on her way to school at about 8am and taken to hospital by police.

The school is opposite the Nyanga taxi rank — scene of the bloodiest clashes between the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Websa) and the Lagunya Association.

Taxi drivers of both organisations could not explain why the violence had broken out again.

"Lagunya attacked us," was all Websa members would say.

"Websa attacked us first," said Lagunya drivers at the rank.

The protest marchers demanded the Nyanga rank be moved to another site.

Parents also demanded that police stop kicking open their doors and claiming to be looking for arms.

A further demand was that police stop shooting innocent people and "show respect" for lives.

On their way back from the police station, the group, singing and chanting anti-Websa slogans, were stopped by men carrying knobkierries.

The police, who were nearby when the group was stoned, took no action.

A march organiser was hit on the shoulder by a stone.

Mrs Miriam Niamo, a KTC resident, said policemen fired at people at the Nyanga bus terminus shortly before the child was shot.

She alleged the police were siding with and protecting Websa while attacking residents.

"We are sick and tired of this violence in our townships," Niamo said.

Residents called on the police to ban Websa from the ranks to avoid further loss of lives.

Police spokesperson Captain Denise Brand said police were informed by an ANC Peace Committee member that an unknown woman was also shot in the leg on Wednesday morning.

Brand said police were forced to fire birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse men gathered near John Pama Primary School and firing shots at the police.

Teachers at John Pama and Elwia Primary Schools demanded protection for pupils during school hours.

Elwia's principal said a large number of pupils had failed to turn up at school since Monday because of the taxi war.

School activities at John Pama have been disrupted since the outbreak of the war. Last year the school was also under siege while the two taxi organisations clashed at the Taxi Rank.

The clash between Websa and Lagunya follows several peace meetings between the two organisations.

Last Friday both associations agreed to operate on the same routes and it was agreed Websa would operate from Khayelisha while Lagunya held routes from the city.

The two Lagunya drivers killed during the renewed violence were a Mr Majola and a Mr Matyholo.

Lagunya executive member Mr Kidwell Magwaa said his organisation was prepared to identify policemen allegedly involved in the shooting of the drivers at the weekend.

Matyholo was reportedly shot by gunmen in front of police at the Nyanga terminus on Monday.

The ANC has expressed horror at Wednesday's shooting of the school-child.

The organisation said the community claimed that a policeman whom they named shot the girl. They demanded his immediate arrest.

The ANC repeated its call to members of the community to support the speedy resolution of the problem and not to be provoked by elements who do not mean peace.
MK member refused bail

An ANC member charged with illegal possession of a firearm and facing arrest for the murder of a riot-squad policeman was denied bail in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

A warrant of arrest for uMkhonto weSizwe member Mr Pumanekele Boot, 31, address unknown, was issued after the shooting of Sergeant Kulu Els in July 1990. Mr Boot was arrested at a Nyanga East roadblock on Thursday night and charged with illegal possession of a 9mm Star pistol and nine rounds of ammunition.

The trial was postponed to March 5.
7 hurt as police fire to disperse factions

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

At least seven people, including three schoolchildren, were shot and injured in Nyanga East yesterday in separate incidents in the taxi war.

An eight-year-old girl was shot about 8am on her way to John Pama Primary School opposite the notorious Nyanga East bus terminus when police opened fire to disperse warring factions.

Later, nearly 300 women marched to Guguletu police station, demanding that the terminus be moved to allow normal schooling.

The terminus is between John Pama Primary and Oscar Mpetha high schools, both of which have had classes disturbed by violence.

Four other people were injured by bullets or birdshot. The Red Cross Hospital in Crossroads said two men rushed on foot to Nyanga hospital bleeding from birdshot wounds. They were treated and discharged.

A woman fell from a moving City Tramways bus, fracturing both legs, when people rushed to get off the bus because it was being stoned.

A schoolboy, Nkululeko Dubasi, had his right hand burnt when a signal device exploded. He said two young boys came to his house with the device. On it was written Red Flare Parachute Rocket. They said they got it from policemen at the terminus.

Spokeswoman Captain Denise Brand said police would investigate this today.

There was still tension at the terminus late yesterday.
WAR ZONE: Troops monitoring the taxi war stand by as township residents cross the Nyanga taxi rank where violence has flared since the killing of a Lagunya driver at the weekend.

Taxi-war talks stall over renewed strife

VUYO BAVUMA
Staff Reporter

TAXI war peace talks have stalled after one faction pulled out because of renewed violence.

A spokesman for Lagunya’s Khayelitsha branch said his organisation felt it was futile to go on talking.

The killing of prominent Lagunya member Mr Vuyisile Matyolo, 49, at the Nyanga taxi rank at the weekend sparked the fighting.

Mr Matyolo was shot in the head as he followed police searching for stolen vehicles.

The incident happened 48 hours after the warring factions resolved to share routes and form one organisation.

Yesterday a John Pama Primary pupil was injured on her way to school.

KTC residents accused police of shooting at pupils, but police said they shot at a gunman who fired at them with an automatic rifle near the school.

Later more than 700 women, led by John Pama teachers, marched on Nyanga police station to protest.

They sang freedom songs and carried placards calling for pupils to learn in peace and handed police a list of demands which included moving the Nyanga terminus.

The ANC expressed outrage at the shooting and demanded the arrest of the policeman responsible.
Two are jailed for shack blaze murders

JOHN VILJOEN
Supreme Court Reporter

TWO men who killed two people when they burnt a shack in which 12 people were sleeping during the Crossroads “war”, have been sentenced to long jail terms.

Allion Gxokwe, 36, and Alfred Mano, 45, were convicted in the Supreme Court of arson, two counts of murder and 10 of attempted murder.

Yesterday Mr Justice R M Marais sentenced Gxokwe to an effective 14 years’ jail and Mano to an effective 12 years.

Gxokwe and Mano, supporters of former Crossroads mayor Mr Johnson Nxobongwana, attacked a shack in Boys’ Town, Crossroads, in February 1990, during violent conflict between Mr Nxobongwana and rival Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

The 12 inside the shack were supporters of Mr Nongwe. Ten of them escaped with burns, but Michael Sidotyana and Sibongile Basan died.

Mr Justice Marais said the court was aware of the immense problems facing people in Gxokwe and Mano’s position in townships and informal settlements.

He was also aware of the power struggles into which people were sucked, sometimes reluctantly.

It was not easy to stand aside and do nothing when your house was burnt down, as had happened to Gxokwe and Mano. But the burning of a dwelling in which 12 people were sleeping had been “merciless and calculated”.

Two young people had died horrible deaths and several had been badly burned.

Both men were jailed for two years for arson and two years on the 10 attempted murder counts.

Gxokwe was sentenced to 10 years for each of the two murder counts, the sentences to run concurrently. Mano was jailed for eight years for each of the murders, the sentences to run concurrently.

The assessors were Mr J Luttig and Mr H Van Huyssen...Mr J C Tredoux appeared for the State, Miss E Bontshuys pro Deo for Gxokwe and Miss M Scholtz pro Deo for Mano.
Girl (8) shot as taxi war erupts

By GAYE DAVIS, Cape Town

A PRIMARY school pupil was shot, allegedly by police, at Nyanga terminus this week as renewed violence in the long-running taxi war threatened to spiral further and derail crucial peace talks.

The eight-year-old girl was admitted to hospital with birdshot injuries after being shot on Wednesday morning when violence flared at the terminus. At least four other people were reported injured by bullets and birdshot, while a woman broke her legs when she fell from a moving bus which was being stoned.

While residents of the adjacent KTC settlement claimed police fired on them, police said they acted to disperse a crowd gathered after an unidentified gunman fired shots.

Wednesday's violence followed a spate of taxi-war related incidents at the weekend which left a taxi driver dead and several people wounded. Breaking a period of relative calm, the renewed conflict erupted just as hopes were high that a negotiated settlement between feuding taxi factions, Webta (Western Cape Black Taxi Association) and Langa Va, was at hand.

Angry parents and teachers at the John Pama Primary School and Oscar Mpeha High School, which abut the terminus, asked police to remove Webta taxi operators after Wednesday’s shooting.

Later, a group of residents staged an impromptu march on the Guguletu police station, demanding that the Nyanga terminus be shifted to another site. Residents have previously demanded Webta's removal from the area, claiming this led to confrontations. Meanwhile, brokers in the peace talks were hopeful yesterday that they would be able to get peace talks back on track, despite the latest outburst of violence.
On Wednesday the Johannesburg Regional Court refused to grant Webb bail while he waited for the outcome of his trial. He is accused of fraud.

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<td>CAPE TOWN — Ku Klux Klan-style disguises worn by Grabouw municipal officials during a controversial squatter-clearing operation at Grabouw on Wednesday have been condemned by DP MP Jan van Eck as “outrageous, bizarre and out of step with government reforms”. Eight people were wounded during the operation and residents of the camp were angered by the action. Grabouw town clerk Valdor Dudley said workers wore pillow slips over their heads, and the name of the private company was painted out on trucks used to remove building material, to protect identities and to prevent intimidation. — Sapa.</td>
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MK accused refused bail

Staff Reporter

UMKHONTO: We, the PWNG, member, Mr. Fumane, Kwele-Booi, accused of illegal possession of a firearm and ammunitions and killing a policeman, has been refused bail in the Wynberg Regional Court.

Magistrate Mr. F. J. Putter said a pending murder charge against Mr. Booi, 34, and the fact that he had no fixed address could influence his state of mind, and there was no guarantee he would come to court.
Taxi groups plan for peace

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

THE leaders of Webta and Laguna yesterday worked out a plan to end the taxi violence.

In the fourth round of peace and unity talks, held at UCT yesterday, the warring taxi groups agreed to take the plan to their members immediately.

The plan proposed that people with permits be allowed to use any route. The two groups had agreed last week to share routes.

All ranks would be shared by taxi operators with permits and each rank would be managed by a manager or committee.

The plan also proposed a six-month moratorium on the issuing of permits, during which an independent consultant would investigate all routes and ranks and the possibility of opening new ones.

Another commission made up of representatives of both groups would investigate who the real owners of the taxis were.

The proposal also called for the police and army to be non-partisan and said incidents of violence should be investigated by appointed people.

A spokesman for the SA Black Taxi Association said he hoped Webta and Laguna would adopt the plan.

Police found nine petrol bombs and 76 rounds of 9mm ammunition in the “no-man’s land” section of the Nyanga taxi rank on Thursday, a spokesman said yesterday.

Sapa reports that women squatters at the KTC squatter camp yesterday prevented police from entering the camp. This followed the women’s protest march to the Nyanga police station on Wednesday after the shooting of two people at a local primary school.
End to taxi war in sight

Weekend Argus Reporters

A plan to end taxi violence has been presented to the warring factions by the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association (SABA).

Violence flared between Lagunya and the Western Black Taxi Association (Wehta) after Lagunya member Mr Vuyisile Matyolo, 49, of Guguletu, was shot dead last weekend.

Yesterday, delegates of Lagunya and Wehta "reacted favourably" to the plan, but asked for time to consult their members.

"It is our hope that both sides will adopt the peace plan to restore the good image of the industry," said SABA.
KIDS IN THE CROSSFIRE

By Charla Carter

Children block the cameras after the Ontario Provincial Police隔着-helped-to-hear the Fringe from the front line of the Canadian Red Cross."Said one of the children, "We're tired of being listened to by the media. We want our voices heard." (Photo by Charla Carter)
Rini’s lights and water reconnected

THE Grahamstown City Council on Friday reconnected water and electricity to Rini township after violence claimed at least one life.

Services were cut on Wednesday over R760,000 owing for services by Rini City Council to Grahamstown council.

Grahamstown mayor Stephen Birt said affected parties held an urgent meeting on Friday to resolve the matter and the council agreed to reconnect if a consumer boycott were lifted.
A war zone calls home
By KURT SWART

FIFTY Grabouw squatter shacks were destroyed yesterday in a fire which broke out in the early hours of the morning — three days after the Ku Klux Klan-style hooded men hired by the Grabouw Municipality broke down shacks under the protection of heavily armed police.

But yesterday a police spokesman said foul play was not suspected and the blaze was "allegedly caused by a lamp or a candle falling.

Although no one was injured in the fire, a two-year-old boy, Ryan de Klerk, was shot in the face on Wednesday during clashes between police and angry squatters.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaier said no one was hurt in the fire or when squatters stoned a police vehicle guarding firemen.

A journalist at the scene said shocked squatters had stood at the edge of the camp while others searched the smouldering ruins for their possessions.

Mr Clinton Bronn of the ANC's Grabouw interim committee said 35 shacks were destroyed, leaving 85 adults and 89 children homeless.

"It's difficult to ascertain the cause of the fire. Police told us a shack belonging to a mentally disturbed person had caught alight and the fire had spread.

"Last night (Friday) there was a huge police presence. Riot police were stationed around the camp and private cars rode through it. It was very intimidating. They acted as if they owned the place."

Mr Bronn said he had been told Red Cross workers would visit the camp this weekend, bringing blankets and food parcels.

The ANC was "outraged" at the "vigilante actions" of the Grabouw Municipality.
2 die, 4 hurt in shebeen shooting

Staff Reporter

TWO men were shot dead and four people were wounded when five masked gunmen stormed a Guguletu shebeen late on Sunday night and fired on patrons, before fleeing with R12,000 in cash.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boenzaal said yesterday the attackers used an R1 rifle and 9mm pistols in the attack which occurred about 10.30pm.

Major Boenzaal said the dead men were Mr Mhlangabazi Manyamane, 55, owner of the shebeen at 13 Nyasa, and Mr Malinge Bikwana, 35, of no fixed address.

Patrons Mr William Malwana, 25, and Mr David Kobona, 25, are being treated for serious bullet wounds at Groote Schuur Hospital. Ms Nomzi Kuwe, 25, and a Mr Matshaya, 35, were discharged yesterday after treatment.

GRIEF-STRICKEN ... Mr Mhlangabazi Manyamane’s 19-year-old widow, Nayanda, looks on yesterday while a friend opens her dead husband’s speza store and shebeen in Guguletu hours after he died in an attack here by five masked gunmen.
LAGUNYA taxi man attacked

A LAGUNYA taxi driver was seriously injured when he was attacked with pangas and bricks on Tuesday evening.

Police said Mr Bill Patha was found lying on the corner of Landowne and Elizabeth Roads in Crossroads at 6:30pm with cuts and a broken ankle.

Mr Patha told the police he was attacked by韦伯ba rivals.

Meanwhile, peace and unity talks between Lagunya and韦伯ba are said to be progressing despite the continued violence. CT 13/1/1992
Taxi war to be probed

Staff Reporter

A COMMITTEE under the Goldstone Commission will hear evidence in Cape Town next month about the city’s taxi war. This was confirmed yesterday by an official at Mr Justice Richard Goldstone’s Cape Town offices.

The hearing will be on March 16 in the NG Kerk synodal building in Grey’s Pass Street.

The committee that will conduct the inquiry will be chaired by the attorney-general of the Cape, Mr Niel Rossouw, SC, who is also vice-chairman of the Goldstone Commission.

The commission is investigating the causes of public violence and intimidation in various incidents.

Pirate vehicles burned

FIVE pirate taxis valued at about R60 000 were destroyed by fire on Wednesday, police said yesterday.

Two of the taxis were burned along Terminus Road in Nyanga, two in Majola Road in Guguletu and the other in the KTC squatter camp in Crossroads.

Taxis belonging to Luguaya and Webla have not been running since the outbreak of violence two weeks ago.

In October last year, the ANC Women’s League asked for an inquiry to be held into violence connected with the taxi war.

Their request was backed up by 11 affidavits, most of which concerned allegations of police roles in intimidation or active participation in violence.
Tensions rising as taxi war disrupts KTC residents’ lives

VUSI KAMA, Staff Reporter

TENSION has risen in KTC as police removed barricades set up by residents to defend themselves against attacks, allegedly launched by the Western Cape Black Taxi Association.

A woman and a Lagunya taxi owner, Mr Michael Ntse, were arrested yesterday for rebuilding stone barricades which police had removed in Terminus Drive.

Women shouted at police as they removed the stones in the street near the Red Cross Centre in Nyanga.

Residents said they believed that the barricades were crucial for their safety, as they “stop Webta from driving down the road and shooting us”.

Many said they were afraid to go near Nyanga Terminus because it was like going “into the lion’s mouth”.

The terminus has been the scene of bloody clashes between the warring taxi groups of Webta and Lagunya.

“If you get there, you never come back,” said Mrs Maggie Zokolo. “It is like walking into the mouth of a lion.”

The residents said the barricades were erected last week after a pupil from John Fama Primary School was shot at during hostilities between rival taxi groups.

They said more shootings and damage to their property followed the shooting at the schoolgirl.

At an impromptu meeting, women demanded the removal of the police, claiming they were in collusion with Webta. The women said they could solve the taxi problem without the help of police.

They said they wanted an end to the taxi war.

“These days I cannot even go to collect my old age pension from Zolani Centre, because I am afraid of bullets from Webta,” said 64-year-old Mrs Etienne Sibonge.

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Taxi war trial moves to Supreme Court

THREE men accused of murdering a Webb taxi driver last September were yesterday referred to the Supreme Court for trial on March 9 after a brief appearance in the Athlone Regional Court.

Mr Xolisi Peterson, 24, SAlamba, and Zwelivelwe Sizwe's second-in-command, Sergeant Zimezume Ngobeni, 49, a Guguletu policeman and Mr Michael Kupiso, 33, a Lagushe taxi leader, will face a charge of murder and four counts of attempted murder.

The men are alleged to have killed Webb member Mr Zwelivelwe Tshangana at the Nyanga Taxi Rank, last October.

Magistrate Mr D Grobbier postponed the hearing to March 9 in the Supreme Court.
KTC burns as taxi warriors battle

By CHIARA CARTER

KTC squatter settlement was tense this weekend as residents braced themselves for further conflict following a renewed outbreak of the Cape taxi war.

Residents have been erecting barricades to protect themselves from warring taxi groups, Legunya and Webta.

The funeral of a Legunya driver, taken place at KTC this weekend and the community fears an attack from Webta drivers who are based at the nearby Nyanga terminus.

Yesterday morning police prevented a convoy of Webta taxis from entering the area.

According to the Black Sash, two minibuses were set ablaze in the area and another car was found riddled with bullets yesterday morning.

The Black Sash is investigating the alleged abduction of two brothers Xollie and Lindile Mcdonela from a shop opposite the Nyanga terminus.

Late on Friday afternoon, the burning body of an unknown man was found in a KTC street next to his blazing taxi.

Meanwhile, three men — including MK western Cape deputy commander Mxolisi Phethane and Sgt John Tutuse-Nyubenzi — accused of murdering a Webta driver last September, were this week referred to the Supreme Court for trial.
DON HOLLIDAY and DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Staff Reporters
RUNNING battles between warring taxi drivers have caused several deaths and property has been damaged.
A man was shot dead and at least eight shacks were torched yesterday near the Nyanga bus and taxi rank and KTC squatter camp.
Police fired rubber bullets, birdshot and teargas after being stoned on several occasions.
Only Western Cape Black Taxi Association taxis were at the rank today but they were not operating.
There was no sign of Lagunya taxis.
Police liaison officer Colonel Anthony Dewhurst said he was aware of only two deaths in the fighting at the weekend — one yesterday and one on Saturday when a man was shot dead near a funeral procession.
Residents and sources at the rank said seven people had been shot dead at the funeral.
Colonel Dewhurst said this information was incorrect and only one had died.
Colonel Dewhurst denied that police had supported one of the other faction in the clashes.
He said police had tried to keep the factions apart.

Weekend deaths in taxi war battles

Colonel Dewhurst said police had no knowledge of the alleged abduction of three KTC youths.
The families of the boys, brothers Xolile and Lindile Madonela and Wongama Qasana, believe they may have been kidnapped by Webta drivers because of support they had shown for Lagunya.
They have been missing since Friday.
Trio 'abducted' in taxi war

By PETER DENNEY

THE city's bloody taxi war again flared at the weekend, claiming six lives, according to unofficial sources - while there are fears for the lives of three youths abducted, allegedly by taxi drivers.

Accounts of how many died at the weekend differed between the police, the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (WCTA) and the Lagunya taxi association. ANC Women's League said yesterday.

Colonel Tony Dewhurst said he knew of one taxi-related death. WCTA members said they knew of six. A Lagunya spokesman also said at least six had died. A source close to the mortuary said there had been four.

Fears have been expressed for the safety of the three KTC squatter camp youths who have been missing since late last week, the

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Hostel fire flares in taxi 'war zone'.

Staff Reporter

FIREMEN were last night battling to control a fire at Nyanga Hostel, near the dangerous Nyanga taxi rank, in what is believed to be yet another outbreak of taxi-related violence.

Residents said that trouble flared early last night when a group of people attacked the hostel and several shots were fired — but a local police spokesman Col. Anthony Dewhirst said the lack of knowledge of any violence in the area.

A fire department spokesman said the situation was so tense that the fire department could only enter the area under police escort. It appeared that the hostel had been set alight, he said.

Two fire engines and several police vehicles were at the fire.

BARRICADE... KTC residents roll a log to form a barricade, one of several put up in the township's streets yesterday to stop Wehta taxis from entering. Several people have died in renewed taxi war violence and women stripped yesterday in a protest against police presence in the township.

Picture: BERNY GOOL

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Policemen stabbed

TWO off-duty policemen were attacked and stabbed in Khayelitsha at the weekend when a group of men cornered them in Bongo Road.

Constable M S Paliso and Constable E K Lembde were travelling in Bongo Road in Harare early on Sunday morning when 15 men ran out from the shadows, surrounded the car and slashed the tyres.

The men then opened the doors and attacked both men. They stabbed Const Paliso in the back and took his 9mm service pistol and eight rounds.

Const. Lembde was stabbed in the chest.

Both were treated at Groote Schuur Hospital and discharged. No arrests have been made.

Two municipal policemen were shot dead by gunmen in Katlehong, Germiston, early yesterday.

And in Daveyton, near Benoni, a police constable was gunned down on Friday while walking home with his wife.

In Natal, a man was shot dead and another wounded when gunmen opened fire on people at bus stops on the road between Umbumbulu and Maritzburg yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, the death toll following weekend fighting near Empangeni between supporters of the ANC and Inkatha rose to five yesterday, with reports of more than 20 injuries and 220 arrests. — Staff Reporter and Sapa
500 women bare to protest against police

Staff Reporter

SEVERAL women stripped down to their panties — and some even shed those — in front of policemen at the KTC squatter camp yesterday to protest against the presence of police in the area.

The protest preceded a march by nearly 500 women from the squatter camp to Guguletu police station to demand that the Nyanga East bus terminus be relocated.

The women, who bared their breasts and behinds to policemen on the KTC soccer field, caused a stir among the normally stern-faced upholders of the law, who appeared to be so embarrassed they retreated to the safety of the Nyanga police station.
Women march, strip in protest over squatter camp shootings

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 200 KTC women marched to Guguletu police station in protest against police and taxi shootings in the squatter camp.

Yesterday's march followed the killing of several people in running battles between Langata and Western Cape Black Taxi association drivers and the police at a vehicle at the weekend.

Before the march, scores of women gathered in a field and sang hymns.

Earlier, emotions ran high when a group of ululating women undressed and tried to stop police vehicles entering KTC.

The vehicles retreated and parked in a field.

Marshals told men not to "take part in the march because it is only a women's affair".

The women carried placards, some of which read "Down with Weba" and "Why must our kids be kidnapped by Weba?"

At the police station representatives of KTC residents handed a petition to the station commander.

TAKING A STAND: Women carry placards to the Guguletu police station during a protest against taxi-war killings.
STRIPPED: A protesting woman undresses while trying to stop police vehicles entering KTC.

POLICE PRESENCE: Police monitor a barricade set up by residents to stop taxis entering KTC.
POLICE EYEFUL: A half-naked woman, above, runs past a police Casspir during a march by women protesting against taxi war killings and the presence of police in the townships. Some of the demonstrators undressed as they tried to stop police vehicles entering KTC.

HOSTEL FIRE: A Nyanga single-quarters hostel, right, blazes after a shack was set alight and flames spread.

Hostels damaged by fire

TWO single-quarters hostels in Nyanga were badly damaged by fire after a shack opposite the Nyanga bus and taxi rank was set alight.

The attack on the shack followed a day of protests and as the taxi war in Nyanga continued.

There were no reports of injuries.

Earlier about 500 women marched on the Guguletu police station to demand that the Nyanga taxi terminus be moved to stop the fighting, particularly among rival taxi groups, which has claimed several lives.

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Police to shut down taxi rank?

By DAN SIMON

POLICE may close the Nyanga taxi rank, one of the most infamous trouble spots in the Peninsula, if the conflict between the Lagunya and Webta taxi organisations is not resolved.

Police said this in a statement after representatives of the ANC's KTC branch met senior officers, including Western Cape head of operations Brigadier Erik Kellerman, to discuss the violence.

The conflict at the taxi rank in Terminus Road is increasingly spilling over into KTC.

Reassured

Police spokesman Colonel Anthony Dewhurst said Brigadier Kellerman undertook to inform the leaders of both Webta and Lagunya that the community of KTC wanted an immediate end to the taxi war.

He said police also reassured the delegation that all complaints lodged in connection with police action would be "fully investigated".

"The ANC delegation on its part also led us to understand that they would henceforth co-operate to end the conflict," he said.

Meanwhile, a KTC resident has claimed he was injured by a "white man" who took part in a Webta attack in the area last weekend.

Mr Elliott Bolani, 38, an ANC peace committee member, said he and his 18-year-old son, Sandile were both shot in the leg by the gunman, who had a "white" appearance.

Mr Bolani said he had not reported the matter to the police or laid any charges of attempted murder as the police "could not be trusted".

Baffled

Police said there was not much police could do about the incident if Mr Bolani did not want to report the matter and lay a complaint.

The outbursts of violence have baffled the national taxi organisation, Sata, its marketing co-ordinator Mr Cyprian Lebese said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Mr Lebese, who is coming to Cape Town on Friday "to find out if there is any point in going on with peace efforts", said he did not want to join the chorus about a "third force" involvement in the war.

"But it is beyond our control," he added.

Three KTC youths who were reported missing late last week have still not been found.

Teenage brothers Xolile and Lindile Madonela and Wongama Qasana were allegedly abducted by taximen.
Violence
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THREE people have been shot
dead and four burnt to death in
violence in Khayelitsha.

Residents believe last night's
killings are related to the last
war.

Police said that about
6.30pm they found the bullet-
ridden bodies of two men in
Kusasa Street.

About 3am, unknown people
 torched a shack in D Block,
Site C, Khayelitsha. The fire
spread and a man, a woman
and two boys were burnt to
death.

A man was found close to
the fire with a bullet wound in
his neck. He died later.
Mob executes two after ‘confessions’

VUYO BAVUMA  
Staff Reporter

A MOB “arrested” two men in Khayelitsha, elicited confessions that they were gangsters and executed them in front of a large crowd, ignoring their pleas for mercy.

The men’s bullet-riddled bodies were found in Kusasa Street on Tuesday night.

They had been tied up with wire and rope and they had bullet wounds in their necks, legs and chests.

Thirteen spent cartridges and two bullets were found near the bodies.

A resident, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals, said the men were “arrested” after a mob, mostly youths, were given a tip-off.

The men were going to a bus stop opposite Section C just after 7pm when the mob accosted them.

He said: “I was passing the area when I heard a commotion in the street. I saw a group of people gathering around the two men.

“The mob accused them of being part of a group of balaclava-clad men who had been robbing shebeens in Khayelitsha.

“One of the men had a gun and told the mob he was selling it.

“The men ‘confessed’ that they were the gangsters and pleaded for mercy,” he said.

But some people in the crowd said the men should be killed immediately because the “police may arrive at any time”.

“Some said it would be futile to hand the suspects over to the police as they would be released anyway,” the resident said.

Some blamed the men for causing trouble and contributing to the closure of businesses in the area, he said.

“After about 10 minutes, one of the men in crowd shot the men and I left,” he said.
Eight killed as new violence flares in Khayelitsha

By Anthony Ndlovu

Khayelitsha became a flash point in Cape violence this week when eight people, including two children, were killed in the township.

Four people were burnt to death when 30 shacks were gutted in Site C and four others were shot dead when unknown gunmen attacked residents and set shacks alight in Khayelitsha.

The bodies of a man, a woman and two children were found at the scene of the fire on Wednesday.

While police blamed the violence on the taxi war, the ANC alleges town councillors were responsible.

A police patrol in Kusasa Street, Khayelitsha, on Tuesday found the bodies of two men tied with wire and ropes under some rubble.

The men had bullet wounds in their legs, chest and head.

Police recovered thirteen 9mm cartridges and two bullets.

The body of another man was later found about 50m from the scene of the fire at D block. He had died from a wound in the neck.

A spokesperson for the Mxolisi Petane branch of the ANC, Mr Six Nguka, alleged attacks followed an incident on Sunday when a Lingelethu West Town councillor, known as Jaba, started shooting at residents at Site C.

When people returned fire he ran away and his car was set alight.

Nguka said after the incident residents decided to start night patrols in the area.

Late on Sunday, Nguka alleged, 12 armed men — white, coloured and African, speaking Afrikaans — opened fire on the patrol and two shacks were burnt. No one was injured during the incident.

Early on Wednesday, he said, balaclava-clad men wearing grey overalls, armed with R4 rifles opened fire on the patrol.
KTC SQUATTERS took defensive action this week as rampaging taxi drivers threatened to destroy their camp.

Residents complained police and the SADF failed to protect them, forcing them to take measures to ensure their own safety.

They are particularly concerned by the failure of police to intervene in the abductions of youths in the area, allegedly by Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webla) members.

On Saturday, brothers Xolile and Lindile Madonela and two teenagers from KTC were abducted by men believed to be Webla drivers at the Nyanga terminus.

One of the teenagers, Sithobile George, 13, who escaped told SOUTH he was assaulted by Webla members.

"I was stopped by six men in a taxi while I was on my home through Nyanga on Saturday afternoon," Sithobile said.

He claimed he was slapped in the face, kicked and struck on the arm.

"I was dragged into a taxi and driven away. They drove to the busstop between Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain, and of them told me that my private parts would be cut off as soon as we reached their base."

"When we reached the base I saw many taxis in the area and a big shack," Sithibile said.

"They left me in the taxi and locked the doors before going into the shack.

"I managed to open the front window and jump out."

"I looked through the shack window before escaping and saw a group of men sitting around a fire."

"I was terrified as I walked down the railway line from Mitchell's Plain to Nyanga."

Sithobile said he did not know why the men had abducted him. The other three teenagers abducted had not yet returned home. He did not know what had happened to them.

Another KTC youth, Wongama Qusana, also disappeared after taking a taxi from Nyanga to Langa to register at a school there.

On Wednesday three commuters were attacked at the Nyanga bus terminus by people alleged to be Webla members.

Two escaped while the third, Mr Mandloske Sikwyo, was abducted.

A spokesperson for Webla, Mr Siphiwo Mool, denied his organisation's involvement in the incidents.

KTC residents have formed defence units to prevent further attacks to and protect their homes.

A defence unit "commander", an ex-political prisoner who did not want to be named, alleged that police had exacerbated the violence and shown bias in their policing of the conflict which resulted in the formation of defence units.

He said the units patrolled the area daily and night to ensure the safety of the community.

The "commander" said residents were demanding that police stop escorting Webla in and out of the area and that Webla be removed from the Nyanga terminus.

"If the police can't remove them, we will take the law into our own hands and remove them," he said.

He alleged the police were directly involved in instigating and maintaining violence in the area.

KTC residents' trust in the police has been eroded as they believe the force does not offer them adequate protection and is partial towards Webla.

One of the residents, who did not want to be named, said on Saturday morning about 14 komsies, believed to belong to Webla, and one police vehicle parked next to KTC.

He said a group of more than 12 men with firearms, backed up by about 15 armed men with axes and pangas, entered KTC. The men set two Lagunya taxis alight.

Two men were killed and six were wounded in the battle between Webta and the Lagunya Taxi Association this week.

Mr Elliot Bolani, an ANC Peace Committee member in KTC, and his son, Sabletho, both received leg wounds while watching the shooting through their window.

Bolani alleged he was shot by a white man wearing a balaclava.

"I know that the man was white because his forearms and hands were bare," he said.

KTC resident Mr Zolile Gelden said trust had broken down between the police and the community.

"When we were attacked on Saturday the residents saw the police in the area but they did nothing to stop our attackers," Gelden said.

"KTC residents demand policing that ensures the safety of the people."

"Some residents could not go to work this week because of fears their shacks would be burned down while they were away."

Said a resident: "It's better to lose my job than lose my wife and children."

About 500 women marched again this week demanding the removal of taxi terminuses in the townships.

Police spokesperson Colonel Anthony Dewhurst said all complaints lodged in connection with police action will be fully investigated.
Residents fear renewed Khayelitsha violence

EXODUS: "How is it coming, my friends?" The refrain was echoed by the assemblage of people gathered at the makeshift station where the train was due to stop. The atmosphere was one of unease, as rumors of violence spread like wildfire through the community. The local police force, underfunded and understaffed, struggled to maintain peace in the face of mounting unrest.

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Hanging from the eaves of a nearby house, a banner reads: "Fight for our rights!" The message resonates with the residents who have long been subjected to police brutality and human rights violations. The banner is a testament to their determination to stand up for their rights.

"We can't take it anymore," a resident declared, "We want justice!" The community is fed up with the cycle of violence and demands action from the authorities.
THREE people were shot dead and four burnt to death in a night of violence in Khayelitsha near Cape Town on Tuesday.

Khayelitsha residents believe the killings are related to the taxi war but police said yesterday they had not yet established the motive for the killings.

Police said that at about 8.30pm on Tuesday they found the bodies of two men in Kunasa Street, Khayelitsha.

The men had been tied up with wire and rope and had gunshot wounds in their necks, legs and chests.

Thirteen spent cartridges and two bullets were found near the bodies.

About 3am yesterday, unknown people torched a shack in D Block, Site C, Khayelitsha.

The fire spread to other shacks and about 30 were destroyed.

A man, a woman and two boys were burnt to death in the blaze.

A man was found close to the fire with a bullet wound in his neck. He died soon afterwards.

Khayelitsha residents said D Block, Site C, was a stronghold of the Lagunya taxi organisation, which is feuding with the Western Cape Black Taxi Association.

Meanwhile, police have undertaken to prohibit the warring taxi factions from the Nyanga rank if the violence continues.
Khayelitsha squatters flee from violence

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

SQUATTERS in Khayelitsha have fled and taken refuge at Driftsand after the death of four people in a night of violence.

The township remained calm but tense.

Some residents of D Section in Site C, Khayelitsha, where the family was killed in a dawn attack yesterday, have fled to Driftsand. The KTC squatter camp has huge boulders barricading entrances.

Throughout the day yesterday scores of armed men from the Webla and Lagunya taxi factions faced each other at a distance of less than 100m at the Nyanga terminus. Lagunya members were supported by local youths.

Policemen in a number of vehicles formed a buffer with the KTC youth-dominated grouping frequently toyi-toying and shouting.

More than 100 Webla minibuses were parked at the terminus guarded by armed drivers.

Teachers at nearby Mikhanyisell Primary school reported two teenage pupils injured during a shoot-out with Webla men.

But this was unconfirmed and subsequent inquiries at the terminus about the incident proved fruitless.

In Khayelitsha there were minor clashes between police and youths at the shack settlements at Site B and Site C.

Hundreds of youths toyi-toyed through the streets of D Block to protest against yesterday's killings.

About midday more than 100 youths were seen arguing with police officers at a petrol station near the Site B police station.

The youths, who said they were demanding the release of their "comrades" arrested earlier, attempted to enter the charge office, but were locked out.

There were no incidents.

Some D Block families escaped yesterday's attack and fled to Driftsand, where they have taken refuge with supporters of Crossroads mayor Mr Johnson Ngobogawana.

At least five families, including two babies, have moved there. A Driftsands headman said more than 70 families had arrived from D Block about 3 am.
Peace group visits scenes of latest violence

EDWARD MOLONYANE, Staff Reporter

A delegation from the Western Cape Regional Dispute Resolution Committee has visited the trouble-torn townships and areas harrowing incidents of violence.

The 12-member committee was formed the weekend in terms of the National Peace Accord to curb public violence and intimidation.

Five of the members, led by chairman Mr. Graham Higgs, yesterday visited Nyanga and Khayelitsha, the hardest hit by the latest violence in the taxi war.

They arrived at the Nyanga taxi rank four hours after police had fired teargas to disperse armed Westa and Lagunya men who were threatening to attack each other.

Police presence was heavy and the terminus was tense for most of the day as Lagunya men and youths on the KTC side toyed and broke into war songs.

The delegation, which included vice-chairman Professor Japie Durand of UWC, Mr. Vincent Diba of the ANC, Brigadier De Lamprecht of the SADF and Imam Hassam Solomon, spoke to a number of people.

Minutes after the delegation left for Khayelitsha, a man bleeding profusely from what looked like panga wounds on the forehead ran from the hotels, where Webita men were grouped. He said he had no connection with either taxi faction.

At the devastated D Block in Site G, Khayelitsha, scene of the slaying of a family of four on Wednesday morning, the delegation inspected burnt-out shanties.

ATTACKED: This man was hacked with pangas as he walked past a group of taxi drivers.
Dark day in Black City

EDWARD MOLYNEUX, Staff Reporter

I SAT dejectedly in the passenger seat as we rushed to the scene of the carnage in Nyanga.

It looked like Saddam Hussein’s “Mother of all Battles”. Thick clouds of smoke hung menacingly over the townships as we approached just after 7pm.

But this is not on television... It’s the real thing,

I thought to myself.

“What’s wrong with you today Edward?” asked Argus driver Thombus Dzimomorphic. “Nyanga is burning...” I said quietly.

Having been at the scene almost all day, I knew the magnitude of the problem and feared that what lay ahead was awful.

Our information was, “the taxi people are at it again. This time they are chopping one another like nobody’s business.”

As the Crossroads turn-off group of boys were playing soccer, hearing Penta to really worry. “It looks bad inside (the township) but people are playing.”

We turned the corner into Klooffontein Road and saw the first signs of what was to come. Scores of cars and trucks were travelling at high speed from the direction of Crossroads. Scared of people; wom-

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EN WITH BABIES ON THEIR BACKS, CHILDREN AND MOTHERS CARRYING WHATEVER THEY COULD LAY THEIR HANDS ON, GUARDING DOWN THE ROAD.

No time to ask these obviously desperate souls questions, I told myself.

The smoke seemed to be everywhere and it was difficult to pinpoint the epicentre of the trouble.

We took the turn-off into Klooffontein Road separating Nyanga from Crossroads and were met by large numbers of people on either side of the road.

“Do not go any further as they are shooting and burning our houses,” a woman warned as we stopped.

A Bullet stood across the road and soldiers were turning away.

It was sheer mayhem. Women with crying children on their backs ran in and out of the rhinos removing household goods. Men dismantled shanties.

This was the port of Black City the fire had not reached but families were leaving in any case.

Victims of the fire, most of whom had lost everything, stood about miserably as foremen hastily set out the hoses.

When it was under control the place lay in ruins.

Bleak residents stood about the Crossroads town council offices.

Shots fired at journalists

Staff Reporter

JOURNALISTS turned up at that all to the Crossroads had a narrow escape when Western Cape Black Taxi Association members attacked them.

The journalists were part of a group of 400 who were out covering the Boys惊奇 action. They had been set alight, allegedly by rival Langa members, minutes later.

One of the journalists said they had been chased by 200 armed agile men who then ran them through a sea of people.

The journalists took cover under their cars. The mob made a hasty move towards them.
3 die, shacks burn in Cape orgy of violence

EDWARD MOLOINYANE and VUYO BAYUMA, Staff Reporters

Three people died and 150 shacks were burnt in an orgy of violence at the Black City squatter camp, Nyanga, and New Crossroads.

Gunmen, believed to be Western Cape Black Taxi members, rampaged through Black City last night firing at residents and setting fire to shacks, leaving hundreds of families homeless.

The mayhem appeared to be sparked when a hand grenade exploded at the Nyanga bus terminus about 8.40 pm.

A Ladysa Camp resident said he was visiting friends in Black City when several gun shots were heard:

"One shot screamed through the shack near us and we took cover under a bed. Seconds later I crawled outside and saw a Casspir parked in the street with two policemen pointing guns in the direction of Black City."

There was pandemonium. Shacks burned. I saw five men run towards the Casspir shouting 'tshisa, tshisa' (burn, burn).

At 7pm the violence flared again when Weleta men in a minibus opened fire on a house in New Crossroads, killing a man identified by police as Mr Simphiwe Mtshana.

Soon afterwards, Mr Xolani Mabondwana, who was in a house in New Crossroads, was shot three times in the back by gunmen driving past in a minibus, minutes after the home of Mrs Rudo Shekelwana, whose husband is a Weleta member, was burnt down, allegedly by Lagunsa members.

Chaos ensued when Weleta members raided the area and set three houses and three vehicles alight, apparently in revenge.

Screaming women and children ran into their homes as the Weleta members, hanging out of their vehicles, fired shots. Mr Nelson Yelani was shot dead in his New Crossroads house.

New Crossroads spaza shop owner Mrs Nonhembile Mabimana, whose husband is a Lagunsa man, saw her house and cars burned.

Units of the Cape Town fire brigade were sent to the Black City blaze at 9pm and had to withdraw after a staff member was hurt to the ground. Firemen returned later under police escort as arsonists torched more shacks.

The Red Cross appealed for clothing, especially children's sizes. Inquiries: 786 5360; gifts to Red Cross, House 21, Board Road, Wynberg.
Police complicity in taxi war

KTC squat camp is ablaze — but the war is political — not one over taxi routes and ranks

By GAYE DAVIS

BARICADES put up by residents sealed off access to Cape Town's KTC squat settlement this week as police patrolled the area with sticks, pangas and iron piping, mounting a round-the-clock watch against incursions into the area by members of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta).

Their action followed weekend attacks in which taxis belonging to members of the rival faction, Langa/Maita Taxi Association, were torched within KTC's maze of shacks, residents shot at and shacks set alight.

The KTC settlement abuts the Nyanga terminus, flashpoint in the long-running taxi war. Within KTC, the general perception is that the police are on Webta's side, based on witnesses' accounts of police vehicles accompanying Webta members during attacks and allegations that police themselves were seen setting shacks alight.

KTC resident Elliot Bolani, a member of the African National Congress' Peace Committee, and his son, Sandle, were wounded early last Saturday morning by shots fired by a man Bolani says was white: "His hands and forearms were bare." Other residents told of seeing police vans and Casspirs accompanying Webta minibuses entering KTC.

Police denials of complicity or partiality notwithstanding, KTC residents believe that Webta members' grievances are being exploited by the police in an attempt to break the community. "This war is a political war — not one over taxi routes and ranks," said KTC leader Gladstone Nuomo. "KTC is an ANC and South African Communist Party stronghold, and this is an attempt to destroy the area.

"We believe the government has got an opportunity with the taxi war to create a bigger violence — and we're expecting more violence if our leaders can't act swiftly.

Surrounding areas are being drawn into the conflict: residents of the nearby Nyanga hostels marched on the local police station this week to demand the removal of Webta members from the Nyanga terminus in the interests of peace. Later, hostels were torched — and residents are convinced the arsons were Webta members.

Residents are also outraged at what they believe is a reluctance on the part of the police to investigate allegations. They cite the case of KTC teenagers, Xolie and Lindile Madonela, whom witnesses say were dragged into a taxi at the Nyanga terminus last Friday, allegedly by Webta drivers. The boys are still missing; police have launched an investigation into their disappearance.

This week the Joint Forum on Policing, consisting of a range of organisations monitoring the role of police in township violence, said trust levels between the police and the KTC community were at "an all-time low.

"The community's belief that the police are involved in attacks has eroded any trust in the police being a source of protection or justice, perceived police partiality aggravates the conflict and the result is that the community takes the law into its own hands," the forum said.

Regular meetings between senior police officers and the forum ended last November because former security branch members were included in the special unit set up in terms of the National Peace Accord to investigate complaints against police.

"Monitoring and legal groups feel unable to encourage witnesses to present statements or affidavits to the very people who have intimidated them over the years," the forum said. "Our repeated attempts to get this problem addressed by national police structures have met with no response.

Members of the forum include representatives of the ANC, ANC Women's League, Black Sash, Centre for Intergroup Studies, Democratic Party, Human Rights Commission, Lawyers for Human Rights, Imda, Cape Town's mayor and deputy mayor and the Unrest Monitoring Action Committee (UMAC). A total of 83 affidavits so far collected by the forum in relation to taxi-war violence cite police complicity or inaction at the time of attacks. Unrest Monitoring Action Committee coordinator Stefan Snel said: "Of the 83 affidavits, 61 allege some form of unacceptable police behaviour — and all of them concern the riot police.

"There was a gap between assurances given at senior police level and what happened on the ground, said forum member Susan Collins, of the Centre for Intergroup Studies.

"This isn't a police-bashing exercise. It's a demand for accountable and proper policing in terms of the police code of conduct as set down by the National Peace Accord. It's a demand for policing that allows trust to build so that the community feels that it has recourse to the policing that is its right in terms of the law of the land and ultimately, it's a demand that the community have the policing that ensures that it can live in peace, in its own place.

"We also informed them that all complaints in connection with police actions would be fully investigated," Dewhurst said. "They led us to understand that from now on they would work with the police to try and resolve the conflict."

He said the SA's Complaints Investigation Unit comprised members drawn from all branches of the force and not only Crime Investigation Services (formerly the security branch).

"They are investigating and making regular reports to the police general designated in terms of the National Peace Accord. The system is functioning," he said. Members of the recently formed Regional Dispute Resolution Committee set up in the Western Cape in terms of the National Peace Accord yesterday visited flashpoints of the taxi-war violence.
Shack dwellers flee balaclava-clad killers

By Gaye Davis, Cape Town

Hundreds of residents of Khayelitsha’s Site C shack settlement dismantled their homes and fled the area this week after an attack in the early hours of the morning by balaclava-clad men which left five people dead and at least 36 dwellings razed.

One man died of bullet and pang-wounds and a couple and their two children burned to death after being trapped in their blazing shack during the attack on Tuesday night, police confirmed.

Women marched on Khayelitsha’s police station on Wednesday afternoon bearing placards asking: “Who is behind the balaclavas?” and calling for the Langa-leleni West Town Council which they believe is behind the violence, to take action. Assistant town clerk Gerhard Ras has denied the council’s involvement.

African National Congress regional executive committee member Vincent Diba whose portfolio is conflict resolution, said residents told him their attackers shouted that they were going to “clear the ANC out of the area.” The section attacked is known as Mdantsane Park, after its ANC branch named for an Umkhonto we Sizwe commander.

The attack is the latest in a series of violent incidents in Site C in recent months. According to Diba, those behind the attacks are attempting to force residents to move into areas falling under the control of Langa-leleni West town councillors.

The complexities of the situation are compounded by a long-running dispute between Khayelitsha’s civic association and the Western Cape United Squatters Association (West-SA) over who had the right to organise shack dwellers.

Site C “comrades” have registered complaints with regional ANC officials that Wecusa is also involved in the attacks, and suspicions have been further inflamed by an apparent rapprochement recently reached between Wecusa leaders and Khayelitsha’s mayor, Mali Hora, grounded on Wecusa’s need for serviced sites in the area.”
Nyanga residents flee as homes are torched

CAPE TOWN — Nyanga residents fled in terror last night as more than 150 homes were torched in Cape Town townships and renewed bloody clashes claimed four lives and injured at least 10 people.

Bewildered residents stood forlorn at the side of the N2 highway, among tables, chairs and bags as shacks in Dark City went up in flames.

Police said they had requested that the Defence Force move in.

The latest deaths bring the toll in the five-day clashes in Cape Town townships to 13.

Last night, police, firemen and journalists came under fire in the clash, apparently between taxi associations Webta and Lagnuya.

Residents said shacks were torched at the four corners of the settlement to spread the fire.

At least seven fire engines, under heavy police escort, battled to contain the blaze.

Firemen had earlier been advised by police to withdraw, as 'shots were fired at them and police.

Once police reinforcements had arrived the firemen were once again escorted to the fires.

Ambulance personnel said they were 'rolling casualties out', but could not give a firm figure.

Police spokesman Col Anthony Dewhirst said the conflict apparently started when Lagnuya members hurled a grenade at Webta members at the Nyangu bus terminus just before 6pm.

Associated Press journalist Sahn Venter said journalists in three cars had stopped and got out at a burning structure in New Crossroads. Six shots were fired at them, and they took cover behind the cars.

The situation was calm by late last night.
Death toll 13

as arson flares

Gunmen shoot four from moving minibus

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen in a minibus went on a shooting spree in Leafwood Park, Soweto, last night and police said at least four people were wounded.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said police rushed to the scene in response to reports of the shooting and came under a stone attack by a group of about 60 people gathered in a street.

Police fired teargas to disperse the people in the area, he said, adding that the alleged minibus gangsters had vanished when the police patrol arrived.

Nine juveniles were killed in Meadowlands two weeks ago in the first serious outbreak of violence apparently pitting Inkatha-supporting hostel inmates against residents supporting the ANC.

Yesterday’s shooting came as local leaders of the foes were scheduled to meet to give last touches to a plan to establish a dispute-resolution committee. ANC official Mr. Floyd Mashele said the meeting went ahead.

Five people were killed, 14 injured and 16 arrested in various unrest-related incidents countrywide on Wednesday, according to the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria.

Police found two bodies of two men with stab and bullet wounds at Orlando, Soweto, and the body of a man shot and killed and thrown off a train between Parkhill and Woodville stations on the East Rand.

At Velskloos on the East Rand, a man was killed and six people were wounded when gunmen fired at a taxi. One person was shot and fatally wounded in a battle between residents of Nancefield Hostel and a nearby squatter camp in Soweto.

At 5.30am yesterday a train from Nancefield stopped at Orlando station. Passengers jumped from the train and attacked commuters waiting on the platforms. Police opened fire and one person was killed.

Police spokesman Colonel Tony Dewhurst said two policemen were injured on Wednesday with stones when a group of people attacked them while they were searching a car in Pasma Road, Khayelitsha. Two men were arrested after police fired teargass.

A confrontation between nearly 400 Lagunya supporters and about 150 Weita members at the Nynaga terminus was averted yesterday morning when police fired rubber bullets and 43 canisters of teargass.

The men were armed with knobkerries, sticks and pangas, according to police. No arrests or injuries were reported.
Residents flee as Nyanga burns
A MOB "arrested" two men in Khayelitsha, eliciting confessions that they were gangsters and executed them in front of a large crowd of people, ignoring their pleas for mercy.

The men's bullet-riddled bodies were found in Kusasa Street on Tuesday night. They had been tied up with wire and rope and had bullet wounds in their necks, legs and chests. Thirteen spent cartridges and two bullets were found near the bodies.

A resident, who asked not to be named, said the men were "arrested" after the mob, mostly youths, were tipped off.

The men were going to a bus stop opposite Section C just after 7pm when the mob accosted them.

He said: "I was passing the area when I heard a commotion in the street. I saw a group of people gathering around the two men.

The mob accused them of being part of a group of balaclava-clad men who had been robbing shebeens in Khayelitsha.

"One of the men had a gun and told the mob he was selling it.

"The men "confessed" that they were the gangsters and pleaded for mercy," he said.

But some people in the crowd said the men should be killed immediately because the "police may arrive at any time."

Some said it would be futile to hand the suspects over to the police as they would be released anyway," the resident said.

"Some blamed the men for causing trouble and contributing to the closure of businesses in the area," he said.

"After about 10 minutes, one of the men in the crowd shot the men. I left the scene immediately the first shot rang out," he said.
Nyanga sifts the debris

WITNESSES said police-fired devices among the houses which "caused their homes to burst into flames.

Yesterday only City Tramways buses operated at the trouble-torn Nyanga taxi rank.

There were no Webita or Laguna taxis at the rank.

Pupils at John Fama Primary School, near the rank, were sent home at 10am because too few had arrived, teachers said.

Police said the situation was "relatively calm mainly due to the more visible presence of police on foot and on motor pty, trolleys."

Scores of sombre-looking Nyanga residents sifted through the debris of their destroyed homes as relative calm returned to the township yesterday.

This followed a day of fierce clashes which left at least three people dead and more than 150 families homeless in the Black City squatter camp.

The residents' homes were set alight when a convoy of Western Cape Black Taxi Association members, escorted by police, passed near the camp.
CAPE TOWN — Police intensified patrols in the violence-racked townships in and around Cape Town from early yesterday morning after three nights of violence.

A police spokesman said there was "relatively calm" yesterday due to the more visible presence of police on foot and in motor patrols.

Most of the violence during the past three days occurred at night at Nyanga taxi rank. Police planned to remain in the area last night. — Sapo.
Troops, police in stricken townships

By KURT SWART

FOUR people were shot dead, three wounded and a shack firebombed yesterday morning as police and SA Defence Force troops maintained a high profile in Cape Town's riot-torn townships.

The killings bring the death toll over the past two weeks in taxi-related violence to 17.

The latest deaths come amid renewed allegations by residents of police partiality and their direct involvement in taxi war-related violence.

Allegations that police were supporting the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Websa) against rival group Laguna have been consistently made by various parties during the fast-rising taxi war.

They have constantly been denied by the police, who dismissed this week's allegations from the Western Cape United Civils Association with contempt.

The ANC has also alleged that armed white men were seen by residents in the groups of attackers who set shacks alight and fired apparently at random at residents this week.

Police spokesman Capt Attie Laubscher confirmed that SADF troops had been moved into the troubled townships on Friday night to assist police, as fears of more violence grew.

Reewed violence broke out soon after midnight yesterday when three men were shot and wounded in the Taylor's quarter camp in Khayelitsha, in what police described as a robbery attempt.

Shortly afterwards police heard shots being fired in New Crossroads. Followed by the firebombing of a shack in the same area five minutes later, he said.

Another hour later four men travelling in a car were stopped by two unidentified gunmen and shot dead.

The latest flare-up in the bloody ongoing taxi war began two weeks ago after a prominent Laguna member, Mr Vuyisile Matyolo was gunned down, allegedly by members of Websa.

About 150 shacks in Nyanga were torched in an orgy of violence this week and, in a sinister new development, journalists covering the story were shot at.

Many residents have fled from the area in fear of their lives and, in scenes reminiscent of the "Witloeks" wars of 1986, devastated residents — including women with babies — stood in the open surveying the wreckage of their homes. Many had lost all their possessions and the Red Cross moved volunteer workers into the area to run relief programmes.

Attacks this week appeared to be aimed at residents of New Crossroads and Khayelitsha. Shots were also fired from taxis at ETC residents near the Nyanga bus and taxi terminus — the focus of much of the ongoing violence of the past few months — and in other areas.

According to police, four people were shot and killed in incidents on Thursday and Friday.

Community leader Mr Wilson Sedina of the Interim Civic Association said the taxi war was "a smoke screen for state-sponsored violence" and community efforts to bring the violence to an end were being continuously undermined.
Family burn to death in shack

By CHIARA CARTER

TUMEA: Bote was looking forward to learning to read and write. Now that will never happen.

The six-year-old Sub-A pupil, her sister Portia 12, and their parents Themba Boto and Nontombi Fe-

lekhe were burnt to death this week when a group of attackers set light to about 30 shacks in Khayelitsha
Site C early on Wednesday morning.

According to neighbours the family screamed from inside their burning shack but the armed attackers
would not allow them to escape.

Nearby another man lay dying from a gunshot

wound.

Pupils and teachers from Phuzamanzini Primary
School which Portia and Tumeka attended voiced
their outrage at the horrific attack by staging a
placard demonstration next to the ruins of the fam-
ily's shack.

Later, hundreds of residents marched to Khayelit-
sha Police Station in Site B.

Hundreds of residents have fled the troubled area.

Two petrol bombs were thrown and shots were fired
at the home of Lungilethu West Mayor, Mali Hoza,
on Wednesday night.

An ANC spokesman in the area, Buyani Nkoko,
claimed violence began last weekend when an Lin-
gelethu West councillor known as Jada started shooting
at residents. Unknown gunmen returned fire and Jada
fled the scene. His car was then set alight.

The residents alleged a group of armed men,
including whites, opened fire on a home guard patrol
and shacks were burnt on Sunday night.

Col Tony Durrant said the SAP special investi-
gations unit was investigating the deaths.
Boycott both taxi groups, says ANC

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Boycott both taxi groups, says ANC

CT 24/2/92 Staff Reporter

WARRING township taxi associations Webta and Tagunya should be boycotted until they unite in one taxi association, the ANC Western Cape regional general council resolved yesterday.

At a conference at Brackenfell at the weekend the 152 delegates from 76 ANC branches resolved to design a programme of action to address the taxi violence.

They also called for the police and army to withdraw from the townships, saying communities needed to resolve all points of conflict.

The police should move out as they were implicated in the current wave of violence, said regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni.

"Specifically, the ANC will meet with township organisations to discuss the possibility of a joint peace march this Saturday and a proposal for an immediate boycott of both taxi associations until such time as they unite in one association," the ANC said.

"In addition the ANC Western Cape will demand of the city council that they revoke all taxi permits until the conflict is settled and there is one taxi association."
On Saturday, the body of an unidentified man was found with a bullet wound in the head next to a burned-out vehicle in NYS in England. The body was located in an isolated area, and police are investigating the case as a murder.

Police officers found the body near a rural road, and an investigation is underway to determine the cause of death. The area is being searched for evidence, and witnesses are requested to come forward with any information.

The police are urging the public to be cautious and report any suspicious activity in the area. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the police department.
Two killed as violence tears through Cape Town Townships

Somersby, 24/11/92

A resident of black City squatter camp in Cape Town, passes two bodies of men who were killed and burnt in the street.

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Unrest: five more deaths

Two men were killed and one seriously injured as violence continued in townships near Cape Town yesterday.

The body of an unidentified man who had been shot was found in a house in New Cross roads yesterday afternoon.

In another incident, a car drove past a truck which had broken down near a garage in Khayelitsha and shots were fired at the driver and his passenger. Sedenzile Macei (29), a passenger, was killed and his passenger was wounded.

Three people were killed in Empangeni's troubled Esikhawini township on the Natal North Coast on Saturday night and yesterday morning. KwaZulu police have confirmed.

Two men were shot and burnt to death near Hlanganani Hall on Saturday night, and a man was shot dead in Esikhawini's H section. Sapa.
ANC ultimatum to warring taxi bodies

VUYO BAVUMA
Staff Reporter

A REGIONAL general council meeting of the ANC, attended by 152 delegates representing 91 branches at the weekend, proposed an immediate boycott of taxis operated by Lagunya and Webta if they do not form a united body.

The resolution will be discussed with civic associations and taxi organisations to determine a programme of action to end the war.

The ANC will urge taxi associations from other areas not to operate in the townships during the proposed boycott.

Other resolutions included approaching township organisations to hold a joint march on Saturday to demand that the city council revoke all taxi permits until the conflict is settled.

Regional chairman Dr Allan Boesak said: "We believe that a lasting solution to the conflict lies in uniting the two warring taxi associations. We will continue to campaign against those elements who refuse to adhere to agreements reached so far and ignore the demands of our people."
Criminals cashing in on taxi war, say police

DON HOLLIDAY and VUYO BAVUMA

Staff Reporters

SEVEN people were killed in Peninsula townships at the weekend and police suspect criminals are cashing in on the taxi war.

Police patrols have been stepped up and on Saturday Defence Force troops also began patrolling the townships.

Yesterday the African National Congress proposed an immediate boycott of warring taxi organisations Lagunya and the Western Cape Black Taxi Association unless they formed a single body.

On Saturday afternoon two gunmen forced the driver of a car to stop in D Section, Site C, Khayelitsha, police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said.

They tried to steal the car, but opened fire on the four occupants when they resisted.

Police found two bodies inside and two outside the car.

Later the body of a man was found with a bullet wound in the head at NYS, Gugulethu. The body was lying next to a burnt-out private vehicle.

The charred body of a youth, about 17, was found in the ashes of a gutted shack in Harare squatter camp, Khayelitsha, yesterday morning.

Another man's body was found yesterday afternoon in a house in New Crossroads. He had been shot in the back and a leg.

Captain Laubscher said information the police had led them to believe the killings were not taxi-war related, but the work of criminals.

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THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST DEPLORABLE SITUATION

US conflict expert to help

By Muallimur-Mualk

'WITH THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST DEPLORABLE SITUATION, US conflict expert, Dr. John Smith, has offered to help.

Dr. Smith, a well-known conflict resolution expert, has been invited by the US government to mediate in the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. He has already helped to bring about peace in other regions of conflict.

Dr. Smith's approach to conflict resolution is based on understanding the underlying causes of conflict and working to address them. He believes that by focusing on the root causes of conflict, peace can be achieved.

The US government hopes that Dr. Smith's expertise will help to bring about a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.
FIVE NYANZA HOSTEL EXECUTIVES GUNNED DOWN
TrustFeed witness tells of conversion

MARITZBURG — SA Police Capt Brian Mitchell yesterday told the Supreme Court he had decided to tell the truth about his involvement in the 1988 murders of 11 people at Trust Feed because he had become a Christian while in prison.

Mitchell also told Mr Justice Wilson and two assessors he wanted to study to become a minister and was in the process of negotiating for funds. He hoped to establish a ministry for prisoners in jail.

While awaiting trial he had become involved in a Bible study group and organised church services for fellow inmates.

Last year Mitchell and co-accused Capt Jacobus van den Heever, Sgt Neville Rose and two former SAP special policemen pleaded not guilty to 19 charges of murder and attempted murder. But on Tuesday Mitchell’s advocate gave notice that Mitchell would amend his plea.

Mitchell said during cross-examination yesterday that he had known that the special constables who arrived in Trust Feed on November 30 were there as a “backup force” for Inkatha leader Jerome Gabela, with the aim of eradicating the UDP elements in the area. In effect he knew they were there to “kill people”, he said.

He deduced this from an earlier conversation with the head of the riot unit, the late Maj Deon Terblanche, who told him about “certain elements” within the unit that assisted Inkatha to take over UDP areas and defend Inkatha areas by “unlawful means”.

Similar remarks were made by Gabela at a meeting at Marawa House in Pietermaritzburg involving Maj Terblanche, well-known Inkatha member David Ntombela, and the three Trust Feed Inkatha leaders (Gabela, Johan Nsamulo and a Mr Majosi).

He believed Gabela was instructed at the meeting to act more “forcefully” against his opponents at Trust Feed as a result of a report by him (Mitchell). Gabela was a “weak” Inkatha leader who had no backbone. It was his belief at the time that the UDF was gaining the upper hand in Trust Feed and making the area ungovernable.

Mitchell also testified that a so-called prevention of crime operation carried out by the riot unit the day before to the massacre was aimed solely against members of the UDF. In his opinion, the aim of the operation was to remove a number of young men from the so-called UDF fighting force and to seize weapons belonging to UDF supporters so that the UDF could be vulnerable to attacks from Inkatha that night. He believed the special constables had been brought in to assist Inkatha with these attacks.

He testified that he had been drinking heavily before leaving for Trust Feed on the night of the massacre. He had no intention at that stage of ordering an attack by the special constables. This idea had only come to him while he was in the area. He then instructed two special constables to attack or kill UDP members, expecting them to seek out groups of comrades who may have gathered in the area.

“I didn’t expect the special constables to just shoot indiscriminately into a house ... I didn’t desire the killing of women and children.”

The hearing continues today.

Police ultimatum in Cape taxi war

CAPE TOWN — Police have flown in reinforcements from Pretoria and given rival Cape taxi organisations a week to end violence which has claimed 25 lives this year.

Both groups had agreed to consider a suspension of services while a unified body was formed, an ANC spokesman said. The ANC yesterday met the Western Cape Black Taxi Association and the Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga Association in an attempt to resolve the conflict.

Eighteen civilians and 14 policemen have been injured in the fighting which has caused an estimated R1m damage, mostly to minibus taxis.

Police had flown in 150 policemen and deployed more than 500 personnel in the main trouble spots of KTC squat camp, Khayelitsa, Nyanga and Crossroads, according to regional internal stability head Brig Frik Kellerman.

Five permanent SAP checkpoints have been set up around the Nyanga taxi rank. Kellerman said the rank would be closed if the violence continued.

Police have met representatives of both organisations, who undertook to convey the seriousness of the situation to their supporters.

Three policemen were injured on Wednesday when shots were fired at their vehicle as they patrolled KTC.

The ANC has organised a peace march through the troubled areas for Saturday.
Taxi leader tells of horror ambush in Nyanga

VUYO BAVUMA
Weekend Argus Reporter

A NYANGA community leader has told how he was shot twice in the leg and arm and pretended to be dead while gunmen fired at his colleagues two metres away.

Mr. George Stefani, a member of regional executive of Hostel-Dwellers Association and Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee, was describing how he and three other leaders were shot and injured in an ambush at Nyanga hostels on Thursday night.

Others were Mr. Lucas Mbenbe, chairman of HDA and ANC Nyanga branch, Mr. Super Nkathazo, secretary of HDA and Mr. George Mqokoli, executive member of HDA.

A fifth person was injured after being struck by a bullet while in a shack.

The attack took place a day before an important unity meeting between township bodies including the Western Cape Civic Association and Western Cape United Squatter Association.

Speaking with difficulty from his bed at Groote Schuur Hospital yesterday, Mr. Stefani, a father of three, said they were approached by a vehicle as they got into a car after a meeting.

"The lights of the car were off but we didn't suspect anything. Suddenly two men opened fire and struck me in the leg and arm. I fell and I pretended to be dead.

"I watched the gunmen as they fired at my other colleagues in the car. I was lucky that they did not take notice of me as I was lying down," Mr. Stefani said.

A deeply shocked Mr. Welcome Zonjile, who was in the car but escaped unharmed, said he could not believe he had survived.

"I hid under the steering wheel as the gunmen opened fire at us. Our car was damaged by several bullets.

"The gunmen were really determined to finish us off for they fired at us for about 10 minutes," he said.

The ANC's Mr. Tony Yengeni said the movement could not tolerate the shooting of community leaders.

He said the ANC had linked the shooting to a plan to eliminate community leaders "just like they did with Khayelitsha leader Michael Mapongwana."
Attack: 4 wounded in civic meeting shooting

FOUR people, including ANC Nyanga branch chairman Mr Lucas Mbembe, were wounded when gunmen sprayed a car with bullets after a civic meeting in Nyanga on Thursday night.

The attack took place shortly after a meeting to discuss today's launch of a unified civic association.

Police said the shooting was believed to be linked to the taxi war.

As people were preparing to leave the meeting venue a white Toyota bakkie with two occupants stopped and shot at one of their cars.

Interim Civic Association regional treasurer and Western Cape Hostel Dwellers' Association (WCHDA) general organiser Mr Welcome Zenzile, who was in the driver's seat, escaped unhurt.

Mr Mbembe and fellow passenger Mr Super Nkatazo, WCHDA secretary-general, were wounded.

Mr George Stefan, WCHDA association executive member and Nyanga ANC organiser, and Mr George Mqokolo, WCHDA executive member, were also wounded. They had been standing outside the car.

The injured were admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital, where a spokesman yesterday said Mr Mbembe was in a critical condition. Mr Stefan and Mr Mqokolo are both in a stable condition, and Mr Nkatazo was discharged after treatment.

A statement by ANC publicity secretary Mr Mzwonke Jacobs yesterday blamed the attack on elements opposed to civic unity.
Security guard killed at Khayelitsha store

A SECURITY guard was shot dead and two bystanders were wounded in Khayelitsha yesterday.

Taxi driver Mr Vinini Xanbesi was robbed of R20 by a group of armed men in Zola Budd Drive, near the Khayelitsha Supermarket.

Shortly after, three shots were fired at a Mdithsha Dairies delivery vehicle. The security guard, Mr Anthony Andries, 30, was shot, robbed of his revolver, and R200 was taken from the vehicle. He later died of his wounds.

Shortly afterwards Mr Mikanye Sirayi, 41, and his son Vuyani, 19, were shot at and wounded.

Police are investigating the murder, two charges of robbery and two of attempted murder. Anybody with information is asked to call Detective Warrant Coenie Jooste, at 951-6665 (w) or 92-7111 (h).

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Local action on violence

NINETEEN Western Cape monitoring, relief and development organisations have joined forces to form a Peace Alliance for responses to violence in the towns and the Peace Accord said in Cape Town yesterday.

The organisations have co-ordinated their activities to monitor, organise, relief and offer intervention and preventative action in periods of crisis.

Among the organisations participating are the Anglican Board of Social Responsibility, the Black Sash, Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, the Centre for Intergroup Studies and the Church of the Province of South Africa.
Waltzing Women Signal Police Raids

**Pathol...** armed SADF troops and police keep angry residents at bay

**The force approached...** during operations at theeec area. The closest thing to the KTC area...
WEBTA's woes

WEBTA chairman Mr James Mafuya denies that the taxi association's members have been involved in attacks on KTC residents.

He said this week KTC residents harboured Lagunya drivers and that attacks on Webeta had been launched from the settlement.

"Our houses are being burned from New Crossroads to Khayelitsha, yet we are always accused of being Inkatha and gunmen who shoot people," he said.

He accused civic associations of siding with Lagunya.

Webeta wanted to negotiate, but it regarded community boycotts against taxis as intimidation.

"The boycotts take away the bread and butter from the children of our drivers. We are not running with the police. Last Thursday, when the shacks were burned, 11 of our members were shot by the police with rubber bullets and birds." Mr Mafuya accused the police of pandering to the ANC and of failing to take action to stop the violence.

"I don't know if it's true that white men are involved in the attacks or not, but I believe people are hiding behind the taxi war to make trouble. I really don't know what is taking place in the townships any more."

Same old story

POLICE spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher issued the standard response to allegations of partiality:

"We dismiss these allegations with the contempt they deserve. We have a responsibility to the large majority who want to see peace and stability. We will monitor the situation for a week, then we will reassess and decide whether to take more drastic steps."

Asked about repeated allegations that whites have been involved in attacks, Captain Laubscher said:

"That allegation is so old. We can't ignore it altogether, so we appeal to the public to come forward. No one has come forward. If the allegations are true, it's a cause of concern."
Peaceful protest against alleged police violence in text reads: "Peaceful protest against alleged police violence."
Sheepless KLC in a siege of fear
Unionist killed by grenade

YUYO BAVUMA
Staff Reporter

A NEW Crossroads man was killed by a hand grenade near his home moments after leaving his house with his girlfriend.

Mr Suyuile Arthur Siyobi, 25, a member of Food and Allied Workers Union, died about 7am yesterday.

His arms were severed and his torso was badly mutilated.

Family members said they did not know whether the grenade had been thrown at Mr Siyobi or whether he had been carrying it. As far as they knew, Mr Siyobi did not belong to a political organisation.

His grieving sister, University of the Western Cape student Miss Pam Siyobi, said she heard an explosion soon after her brother left to take his girlfriend home.

"Minutes later, I saw people running to the scene. I followed the crowd but I could not get close. My sister told me my brother was lying dead."
Suspended taxi groups suffer

The voluntary suspension of operations by warring taxi associations is crippling them, according to Webta.

"I would not mind if I had to suspend my operation and go hungry — if it was for peace," Mr. Joe Serame, Webta's spokesman, added.

The suspension of services by Webta and Lagunya includes all townships except Langa.
Work stoppage over taxi war

JOHANNESBURG

Rival minibus taxi operators in Springs and KwaThema will hold a one-day work stoppage tomorrow in protest against an ongoing taxi war which has claimed more than 27 lives over the past six months.

According to ANC KwaThema spokesman Mr Dennis Maikinya the action was decided on at a meeting yesterday.
Lucas Mbenbe, dies of gunshot wounds

Staff Reporter

CIVIC leader Mr Lucas Mbenbe — who was gunned down as he emerged from a civic unity meeting in Nyanga last Thursday evening — died on Tuesday night in Groote Schuur Hospital.

Mr Mbenbe, 60, was the regional chairman of the Western Cape Hostel dwellers' association and chairman of the ANC's Nyanga branch. He leaves a wife and four children.
Staff Reporter

POLICE believe that shots fired at three city men in an ambush outside Laingsburg could be connected to Cape Town's bloody taxi war. Two of the men were wounded.

Mr Totale Twetiso, Mr Kgibesele, Gugwana and Mr Bongani Minini were driving in a minibus from Laingsburg to Beaufort West about 9pm on Tuesday when they were flagged down 15km from Laingsburg by the occupants of a white BMW.

The minibus driver, Mr Twetiso, had a brief conversation with the occupants of the BMW.

The car then roared off and several shots were fired at the occupants of the minibus.

Mr Twetiso was shot in the mouth and a bullet grazed Mr Gugwana's neck.

Speaking to police yesterday, the first time since the attack, the men alleged they were attacked by Webta members.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaier said police believed the shooting was connected with the city's long-running taxi dispute between the Webta and Lagunya factions.

He said the three men said in statements they believed their attackers were from the Webta taxi group.
Cape Cod's July 4th parade proceeds as usual with a few changes

The Fourth of July parade in Cape Cod proceeds as usual with a few changes, including the addition of a new float and the removal of a controversial one.

The new float, sponsored by a local business, features a giant American flag and is greeted by enthusiastic spectators.

The controversial float, which had been引发争议 in previous years, has been retired from the parade route.

Local officials hope the changes will make the parade more enjoyable for all participants and spectators.

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**GIVE Aways**

- Under the guidance of a Western Cape police officer, children are given away at the local fire station.
- The president of the 15,000-member Western Cape Association, Copo, holds a press conference to announce the results of a recent study on local crime rates.
- The mayor of a nearby town, Flato, presides over the opening ceremony of a new community center.

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**Coverage**

As usual, the media covers the event, with reports on local radio and television stations.
Man ‘hid under table in shack during shooting’

LIBBY PEACOCK
Supreme Court Reporter

A TAXI group member hid under a table in a shack while five men were firing at the dwelling.

This was heard yesterday by the Supreme Court in the trial of a Lagunya Taxi Association leader, a top Umkhonto we Sizwe member and a policeman charged with murdering a taxi driver and attempting to murder four others.

Top-ranking Umkhonto we Sizwe member Mr Mothobi Mpetane refused to plead, saying the case was a “frame-up”, but the State entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf.

The State alleges the men murdered Mr Zwelinzima Ntanyana, 40, a Western Cape Taxi Association (Webta) member, by shooting him at the Nyanga taxi rank on October 18 last year.

They also allegedly attempted to murder Mr Ralph Kaiman, Mr Stanford Mangali, Ms Ellen Ndlovu, Mr Clifford Nyikwe, the occupants of a nearby shack used by Webta members.

Mr Gubeni claims that at the time the crimes were allegedly committed he was at a garage and not near the taxi rank.

Mr Mpetane says he was writing a Unisa examination and he could not have been physically present, while Mr Kupiso said he was at his sister’s home in Khayelitsha.

One of the alleged attempted murder victims, Mr Stanford Mangali, a taxi owner and Webta member, said he was at the Nyanga taxi rank in a shack where tea is served, when he heard somebody saying: “They have arrived.”

He saw five men “with big guns” approaching the shack from the direction of the Lagunya taxis and heard shots being fired.

He recognised one of the men as a Mr Gladstone Miamo, who was the first to start shooting. Some shots were fired at the shack and others at the Webta taxis.

He hid under a table but was wounded in the arm. Afterwards he was “in a state of confusion” and was taken to the police station and then to Groote Schuur Hospital.

He said the taxi-related fighting started in February last year.

Forensic pathologist Dr Christo Fosseus testified that he performed a post-mortem on Mr Ntanyana on October 21.

The cause of death, according to him, was a bullet wound in the chest.

Detective Warrant Officer A Strydom told the court he was investigating an attempted murder in Nyanga when it was reported that there had been a shooting incident at the taxi rank.

When he arrived at the scene he found one taxi burnt out and another smouldering. Inside a third he found a dead man with blood on his shirt and pants.

There was a bullet hole near the handle of the taxi’s sliding door.

To a question by Mr M Bridgman, for Mr Kupiso, whether it would surprise him if one faction in the taxi war was suspicious of the police, Detective Warrant Officer Strydom said he could not say.

A suggestion that the police might be partial in the war between Lagunya and Webta was “unfounded”, said Detective Warrant Officer Strydom.

Mr Bridgman put it to him that evidence in court will show that a taxi were set alight while the police were on the scene and that three of the burning taxis belonged to the Lagunya faction.

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IN COURT

Cape Town, March 11, 1925

Investigation of the Special Inter-
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James Davies, the accused, has been in custody since
his arrest on November 26.

An eye-witness, a man named Smith, has been
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Smith identified the accused
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'Big firearms' in taxi attack

LIBBY PEACOCK
Supreme Court Reporter

FIVE men who approached a parked taxi at the Nyanga taxi rank had “big, long firearms” and wore brown raincoats, blue trousers, brown boots and caps, the Supreme Court, Cape Town, has heard.

Western Cape Taxi Association (Webita) member Mr Khaile Thantsi, 61, yesterday testified in the trial of police Sergeant Tutuse John Guben, Mr Mbhise Edward Petane, second-in-command of Umkhonto we Sizwe in the Western Cape, and Mr Michael Kupiso, a Lagunya Taxi Association leader.

The State alleges they murdered Webita member Mr Zwelembiza Ntshana, 40, on October 18 last year at the Nyanga taxi rank.

They also allegedly attempted to murder Mr Ralph Kaleli, Mr Stanford Mangali, Miss Ndomusiso Nelinane, and Mr Clifford Niykwe, the occupants of a nearby shack used mainly by members of Webita.

Mr Guben and Mr Kupiso pleaded not guilty, while Mr Petane refused to plead. The State entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf.

Mr Thantsi told the court he was sitting at the steering wheel in his taxi parked at the Nyanga taxi rank on the day of the incident.

There were between nine and 12 people in the taxi. The man who was later shot was sitting in the back of the taxi.

He saw five men approaching the taxi and said: “Here are the members of Lagunya.”

He said the men were “trotting” and they had “big, long firearms”. They wore brown raincoats, blue trousers and brown boots and had caps on.

He noticed Mr Guben, who he had known for 12 years, in the group.

Mr Guben was a policeman, but owned a taxi and in the 1980s operated as a Webita member, Mr Thantsi said.
Driver tells of taxi-war shooting

Supreme Court Reporter
A TAXI driver testifying in the Supreme Court yesterday said he had recognised Sergeant Tutuse Guben, a policeman, as one of five men armed with rifles who had shot at his taxi at the Nyanga taxi rank last year.

Mr Khulile Thantsi, 51, was giving evidence in the trial of Sergeant Guben, Mr Mxolisi Petane and Mr Michael Kupiso who are on trial for the murder of Mr Zwelinzima Ntanyana and the attempted murder of four others on October 18.

Sergeant Guben and Mr Kupiso pleaded not guilty to the charges while Mr Justice J J Fagan entered a plea of not guilty in respect of Mr Petane, a senior umKhorto weSibawe member, who had refused to plead.

Mr Thantsi, a Webita member, said he and about nine other drivers were sitting in his taxi at the Nyanga rank when four men emerged from behind a nearby shopping centre where Laguna taxis were parked. A fifth man approached his taxi from the side.

All five were armed with "big, long firearms" and were dressed in brown raincoats, blue trousers and boots and caps without badges.

He had recognised Sergeant Guben, who had been stationed at Bellville and who was also a taxi owner from the Mowbray rank.

As he was about to get out the man who had been approaching from the side opened fire on his taxi and was followed by the others, Mr Thantsi said.

The trial continues today.
"Third force" in taxi war claimed

LIBBY PEACOCK
Supreme Court Reporter

A WESTERN Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) taxi driver has told the Supreme Court a "third force" was involved in the taxi war between his organisation and the Lagunya Taxi Association.

Mr Khalile Thantsi, 51, testified yesterday in the trial of police sergeant Tutsane Gubeni, Mr Mojolise Petane, second-in-command of Unkhonto we Sizwe in the Western Cape, and Mr Michael Kupiso, an LTA leader.

The State alleges they murdered Webta member Mr Zwelinzima Ntanyana, 40, on October 18 last year by shooting him at the Nyanga taxi rank.

The also allegedly attempted to murder four occupants of a shack used mainly by Webta members.

Mr Gubeni and Mr Kupiso pleaded not guilty. Mr Petane refused to plead, but the State entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf.

Mr Thantsi said his house and taxis had been burnt out in the taxi war, which was "over the routes that we're using". He said the parties involved were "Webta, Lagunya and the residents, who are ANC members".

He saw Mr Gubeni's taxi at the Lagunya side of the rank and "took him for a member of Lagunya". In the 1980s he (Mr Gubeni) had been a Webta member.

Replying to a question by Mr D Potgieter, for Mr Gubeni, Mr Thantsi said "both sides are of the view that there is a third force".

The hearing continues.
Driver talks of taxi war ‘third force’

Supreme Court Reporter

A WEBTA taxi driver told the Supreme Court yesterday that he believed members of the ANC — he is a member — caused damage to Webta property in the taxi war.

This was evidence during cross-examination of Mr Khulile Thantsi in the trial of Sergeant Tutuse Guben, Mr Mxolisi Petane and Mr Michael Kupiso on a charge of murdering Mr Zonelinzima Ntanyana and the attempted murder of four others on October 18 last year.

Sgt Guben and Mr Kupiso pleaded not guilty to the charges while Mr Justice J J Fagan entered a plea of not guilty for Mr Petane, a senior ulMkhonto weSizwe member, who had refused to plead.

Asked by Mr Denzil Potgieter, counsel for Sgt Guben, if he knew what the cause of the fighting was, Mr Thantsi said it was a dispute over routes used by Webta and its rival Lagunya.

In response to questions by Mr Potgieter Mr Thantsi said he had served a jail sentence between 1988 and about June last year and found out that Sgt Guben, formerly a member of Webta, had parked his taxi with Lagunya.

He disputed the two organisations were enemies “and said they were on good terms now.”

Asked if Webta held the view that Lagunya was responsible for damage to property, he said: “I think we’re all confused — we don’t know who causes the damage.”

Questioned whether Webta believed there was a “third force” responsible for the fighting, he said: “Both sides are of the view there is a ‘third force.’”

He had subsequently heard a Webta meetings about the “third force” being responsible for damage to property on both sides.

Mr Thantsi said when he had seen five men approach his parked taxi on October 18 he had assumed they were policemen who had come to attack him.

The trial continues on Monday.
Senior ANC man denies Cape taxi war charges

CAPE TOWN — ANC regional executive committee member Mxolisi Petani, who appeared with two others in the Cape Town Supreme Court yesterday on charges of murder and attempted murder related to Cape Town's taxi war, claimed he had been framed.

Petani, who was represented by his lawyer, Mr. Desai, said he had not been present during the time the events of the taxi war were taking place. He said he was in hospital at the time.

The court heard that Petani was one of the accused in the case and that he had not been present during the time the events of the taxi war were taking place. He said he was in hospital at the time.

The State has alleged that the accused were members of an ANC group known as the 'Black Taxi' and that they had been involved in the murder of a taxi driver. The accused have denied these allegations.

The trial is expected to continue for several weeks.
Goldstone commission to probe taxi war in city

THE Goldstone commission of inquiry into the prevention of public violence and intimidation will begin an investigation on Monday into the causes of the taxi war in the Western Cape.

The commission has called on people with information to testify and has said evidence can be given in camera.

The vice-chairman of the commission, Mr Niel Rosseuw, will begin the three-week inquiry in the NG Church synod hall on the corner of Upper Orange Street and Grey's Pass, Cape Town, at 9am on Monday.

Anyone who would like to give evidence can contact the commission office (021 236 505) and ask for Mr Johan Slabbert or Mrs Pelton, or the Urban Monitoring Action Committee (021 242 2413).
Taxi rivals unite in 'Codeta'

Staff Reporter

RIVAL taxi associations, Webta and Lagunya yesterday announced that they had united in a commitment to peace by forming the Convention for a Democratic Association (Codeta). At a conference at the civic centre attended by Mayor Mr Frank Valder Veide and all the taxi bosses, Codeta chairman Mr Kidwell Magwayi apologised for the "loss of lives" and suffering caused by the taxi war.

Following three weeks of negotiation the former rivals have declared an "immediate ceasefire" and intend to resolve conflict through negotiation and "never to resort to arms", said Mr Magwayi.

Codeta has set up sub-committees to investigate the drafting of a new constitution, draw up effective internal policing mechanisms and investigate routes, franks, fares and permits. The chairmen of Webta and Lagunya, Mr James Mafuva and Mr Headman Nongwejane, apologised for the dispute.
Girl dies as 100 city shacks burn

A YOUNG Khayelitsha girl, Thandiswa Molyala, was burnt to death when about 100 shacks caught fire at the VT section, Site B, on Saturday evening. CPF 1349.

Khayelitsha police said yesterday the girl, 10, was asleep when the fire started in the middle of the night. The fire was allegedly caused by unidentified men wearing balaclavas.
Petane counsel accused of bribery

A WEBTA taxi-driver yesterday accused Mr. Siraj Desai — counsel for senior ANC member Mr. Mxolisi Phelane who is on trial for murder — of having bribed a state witness to give conflicting evidence.

Sergeant Tutu Gubeni, Mr. Petane, and Mr. Michael Kupiso pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court to murdering Mr. Zwelinzima Ntanyana by shooting him on October 18 last year and attempting to murder four others.

Asked if it was not part of a conspiracy that he and a previous witness testify they saw five men approach his taxi, Mr. Khulile Thantai said: "If that is how you bribe proceedings..." As ked to explain why he used the word bribe, Mr. Thantai said to Mr. Desai: "You bribe people."

Mr. Thantai was asked why his description of the five men who allegedly attacked his taxi differed from that of a previous state witness, Mr. Clifford Nqiyawe. The trial continues tomorrow.
Marshals lose control at Cape Town rally

MARSHALS temporarily lost control of thousands of people taking part in an ANC-led march yesterday as the group approached the Roeland Street entrance to Parliament.

Sapa reports that a group of about 150 singing and chanting youths surged ahead of the front ranks and ran past policemen towards the entrance to Parliament, reports Sapa. Some of the group taunted policemen and waved placards in their faces.

Police reinforcements and a riot control vehicle with a water cannon were brought to the scene. Policemen with shotguns took up position.

A tense standoff ensued outside the entrance to the H F Verwoerd Building which houses the offices of most government offices and ministers. Chanting and singing supporters demanded to be let in, but were held back by a cordon of policemen. After about 20 minutes marshals shouting "move, move" managed to get the crowd moving and the tail end of the march proceeded slowly back towards the Grand Parade.

SA Communist Party general secretary Chris Hani said the "people's Budget" march to Parliament marked the beginning of "an intensive campaign to force the government to redress the problems of our people".

He told the rally: "We have assembled in our thousands to begin an offensive against this government which represents rich people. "We will continue coming out in our thousands until all our demands are met."

The principle demands of the people's budget include the scrapping of VAT on all food and medical services, decent housing, proper health services, adequate pensions and a drought relief programme.

Cosatu president John Gomomo called on supporters to "eradicate this minority government and replace it with a nonracial, democratic government".

KATHRYN STRACHAN reports that in Johannesburg, an estimated 7 000 people from the ANC, SACP and Cosatu marched to John Vorster Square to show their opposition to the Budget and to call for a stronger police presence to stop the violence sweeping the Reef.

In an open letter to President F W de Klerk and Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel, handed in at John Vorster Square, the alliance focused on the recent violence. Since the Peace Accord was signed six months ago, it said, the police had done nothing to quell the violence.

A large crowd took part in a march to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to hand over a memorandum protesting against the "arbitrary" Budget, among other things.

In Natal, Cosatu staged three mass pickets in Durban, Kokstad and Mbatlelo.
Supreme Court Reporter

A WESTERN Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) member has told the Supreme Court, Cape Town, he had recognised two of the men who fired “indiscriminately” at the Nyanga taxi rank in October last year.

Mr. Farewell Mantshi, 47, was giving evidence in the trial of Sergeant Tutiso Gubeni, top-ranking Umkhonto we Sizwe member Mr. Mxolisi Petane and Lagunya Taxi Association chairman Mr. Michael Kupiso, who are charged with murdering Mr. Zwelinzima Ntayana by shooting him and attempting to murder four others.

Mr. Ntayana, 48, a Webta member, was shot dead at the Nyanga taxi rank on October 18 last year.

The men pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Mantshi yesterday testified that he was standing at the rear wheel of a taxi when some of his fellow Webta members “hurriedly struggled to open the sliding door to get out”.

He saw four or five men with long firearms approaching from the Lagunya side and heard shots being fired indiscriminately.

He recognised Mr. Gubeni, who he knew from the taxi operation and because he was a policeman, and Mr. Kupiso, who he had previously seen at meetings, he said.

He ran away and hid in a shack.

He conceded that he looked at the men very quickly and that it was drizzling at the time.
Inside the lion’s mouth of the taxi war

SQUATTERS in a camp near the Nyanga taxi rank, the scene of most of the violent confrontations between taxi drivers, have dubbed the rank the “lion’s mouth”.

Once you get in, you never come back.

Along with the hundreds of thousands who use taxis every day, residents of the KTC squatter camp have been at the receiving end of the war.

Elderly people face difficulties in collecting money from Zolani Centre on pension day, and pupils and teachers from a nearby primary school have to contend with conducting classes only a stone’s throw away from the battlefield.

The Khayelitsha Business Association has predicted that if the war does not end by April, several businesses face closure and at least 500 jobs will be lost.

One grave feature of the senseless war is that it has claimed scores of innocent lives, while hundreds of thousands of commuters experience unprecedented inconvenience.

On the opposing ends are the Western Cape Black Taxis Association (Weaba) and Lagunya. The war is simply over lucrative routes. Lagunya has about 3 000 members while Weaba’s membership is estimated at 1 000.

Formally pirate taxis, Weaba are intent on defending and expanding their empire, which they acquired after heavy struggles for recognition, mainly with the traffic police who harassed them for lack of licences.

The association was officially formed in 1997, amid a high profile publicity drive. They later joined the South African Black Taxi Association.

Weaba’s power-base is mainly in Khayelitsha, where many of their members live. Most of the members come to Cape Town as migrant labourers and occasionally visit the

Trunkei and Ciskei.

Lagunya (named after the townships of Langa, Gugulethu, Nyanga) is mainly based in the three townships and has won much of the support of the residents in times of trouble, as residents believe that Weaba is in collusion with the police.

Both organisations claim to stand for peace, but history has taught township residents not to take them on the strength of their word.

Bloody clashes were sparked by failure of the taxi groups to agree on rescheduling routes, after Lagunya opened a new taxi rank in Khayelitsha last March.

Among the first casualties were commuters and there were clear indications that the war was not about to end, as daily reports pointed to an escalation in hostilities.

The police seemed unable to contain the increasing turmoil, amid calls from residents for an end to the war and the launch of an investigation into the war.

Suddenly buses and trains became the “in-thing”, but it was evident that nothing could replace the minibuses.

A blanket boycott aimed at “disciplining” the warring factions was launched in April last year, but ended hostilities for a relatively short period.

In an attempt to attain a lasting peace, an inter-organisational body called the Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee called the factions to a meeting, where a 10-point plan was agreed on.

The plan was aimed at sealing all the holes that had previously led to clashes, and help the two organisations form a single body.

But rumours of war re-emerged when youth in Khayelitsha, believed to be under the leadership of an ANC group, refused to recognise the 10-point-plan because they had not “mandated” their representatives to take such a decision.

On the other hand, accusations were flying in the face of Weaba. Some TCCC members accused Weaba of breaching the terms of the plan, by refusing to reduce fares and to disband and help form a single body.

There were also concerns in the community that Weaba had refused to register their taxis and identify the owners, in terms of the 10-point-plan, because the taxis were owned by faceless whites who had no interest in community affairs.

War erupted again in June after there were calls to boycott Weaba for not sticking to the terms of the 10-point plan.

The TCCC distributed about 100 000 pamphlets calling for a boycott of Weeba taxis.

For their part, Weaba accused the TCCC of siding with Lagunya, andrumours of a terror campaign against TCCC officials abound.

Following the assassination of civic leader Michael Mapongwana, who had advocated a boycott of Weaba taxis, and ANC activist Mziwonke “Pro” Jack, residents anger welled up against Weaba.

The association’s taxis were constantly burnt and houses of members torched.

A Weaba driver is facing charges of murder for the Mapongwana murder.

As the saga continued, prominent members of the Cape Town community also added their voices, but all in vain.

Not even that of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who, along with Mayor Frank Van Der Velde, advocated a plan to end the gruesome war.

There were also calls that South African Defence Force troops be deployed in the township to help end the violence, as the police had “clearly failed”, and were perceived to be in favour of Weaba.

In its latest attempt, the ANC has called on the community to boycott both taxi associations, until they unite. Since the call was made two weeks ago, there have been no signs of such a boycott being implemented.

The organisation also called on the police and the army to withdraw from the townships and allow residents to resolve the conflict on their own.
Supreme Court Reporter

A STATE witness in the "taxi-wars" trial was questioned in the Supreme Court yesterday on "coincidences" in his evidence and that of other witnesses.

Mr James Matheli was being cross-examined on his evidence in the trial of Sergeant Tutuse Guben, a senior ANC member, Mr Mxolisi Petane, and chairman of the Langanya taxi group Mr Michael Kupiso.

Mr Sira Desai, counsel for Mr Petane, put it to Mr Matheli that he was the fifth Webta member to testify in the trial and also the fifth to identify only one of the men who had allegedly attacked a shack used as a tearoom by Webta members.

"If that was only a coincidence," Mr Matheli said, he did not know what other witnesses had seen, but he had identified a person he had seen.

Asked if it was also a coincidence that he was the third witness to use a similar hand gesture to indicate Mr Guben's position in the line of attackers, he said he could not comment on what the others had seen.

Asked if it had also been a coincidence that he had used the exact distance a previous witness had used, Mr Matheli said he did not know what the witness had seen.

Told that the trial, along with his evidence, had been planned by Webta in advance, Mr Matheli said he would like to know what they (the witnesses) had said in their statements to the police.

He replied that he did not know what to say when Mr Desai put it to him that he and each of the witnesses who had only identified one face had said the other faces were unknown to them.

The trial continues on Monday.
Taxi factions unite in commitment to peace

SHARON SOROUR
Weekend Argus Reporter

WARRING taxi factions in the Western Cape have united in their commitment to peace with the establishment of Codeta — the Convention for a Democratic Taxi Association.

Announcing a proposed peace plan yesterday, the two taxi associations, Lagunya and the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (WCBTA), said they planned to unite under one organisation.

Codeta carried a mandate from the general membership of both associations to "negotiate the shape of a new taxi organisation".

Cape Town mayor Mr Frank van der Velde said: "I firmly hope, and believe, that we are announcing that peace has broken out."

Mr Van der Velde praised the two taxi associations for uniting and committing themselves to peace and negotiation and encouraged them to go back and consult with the communities most affected by the taxi war.

Codeta chairman Mr N K Magwayi said an immediate ceasefire had been declared.

"From this day on, all conflicts, past, present and future, will be resolved through negotiation in Codeta and we commit ourselves never to resort to arms," Mr Magwayi said.

Both Lagunya and WCBTA apologised to all the people who had been affected or suffered because of the taxi war.

"We offer our deepest sympathies to the families of those who lost their lives or who were injured and maimed as a result of the war. We also apologise to all those who suffered financially from this conflict," they said.

Mr Magwayi said: "Although we know that we cannot replace the lives that have been lost, we do hope that our efforts (Codeta) will indicate our sincerity in ensuring that this war is never repeated."

The two factions had held negotiations over the past three weeks and several agreements had been reached.

A 30-strong negotiating committee comprising 15 members from both groups had been formed to agree on interim operations, establish effective policing and monitoring mechanisms and raise funds for carrying out its duties.

Long-term tasks of the committee included negotiating the terms of a united taxi association and addressing problems that prevented or obstructed either group from "completing the process toward unity".

Mr Magwayi said: "We have set up several sub-committees to investigate specific areas concerning the new taxi association, namely, the drafting of a new constitution, drawing up effective internal policing mechanisms, investigating routes, ranks, fares and permits."

Mr Magwayi said all parties were aware that commitment alone was insufficient and "we pledge ourselves to work tirelessly for peace and unity".

He appealed to the "entire Western Cape community" for its help to make the effort work.
By EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN

SENIOR members of the two warring Cape Town taxi organisations are expected to give evidence to a Committee of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation which begins its hearings tomorrow.

The sitting of the Committee was delayed this week when no one directly connected with the groups involved in the conflict appeared to give evidence.

"We have made every effort to contact those concerned and I am confident we will be able to hear evidence from tomorrow," said the chairman of the committee, Mr. Niel Rossouw.

Other factors which had been taken into account in postponing the hearings included the unavailability of the venue for two days and the referendum, said Mr. Rossouw.

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He "expected" members of WEFTA and Lagunya to attend the hearings "otherwise we may have to resort to a subpoena to ensure their attendance".

"This committee recognises that the community served by the taxi associations is an important party to any investigation.

"Therefore, I invite any person who has personal knowledge that will explain why there is violence surrounding the taxis, to write to the Commission's counsel, Mr. John Slabbert at Private Bag X9120, Cape Town 8000 or (021) 33 8505." Mr. Rossouw confirmed that arrangements had been made for evidence to be heard in private to protect the identity of anyone who feared victimisation.

The Committee has been formed to ascertain the nature and causes of violence surrounding the taxi industry in the Western Cape and to establish what needs to be done to stop it.

The other members of the committee are Mr. Gert Hofmeyr, a retired Regional Court President of the Eastern Cape, Mr. Louis van Zyl, a senior attorney in Cape Town and Adv. Bernard Ngeope of the Pretoria Bar.

The hearings, which are open to the public, will be held for three weeks. They are being conducted at the NG Synod Hall, corner of Upper Oranje Street and Grey's Pass at the top of Queen Victoria street from 9am tomorrow morning.
Residents in battle with cops

Staff Reporter

PITCHED battles between residents and policemen occurred in Morningside, near Durbanville, at the weekend after police shot a man who tried to stab a constable.

Captain Attie Laubscher said that after the incident "hundreds" of residents descended on Sergeant Martin Laubscher and Constable J. Julies, who had been responding to a call, and reinforcements had to be called in.

(215) 223-2192
Uniform rules for taxis on the cards

JOHN VIJOEN
Staff Reporter

The costly taxi conflict in the Western Cape could be ended by uniform regulation of the industry, a policeman told a committee of the Goldstone Commission.

Captain Andrew Miller of the Criminal Investigation Service was testifying yesterday before the committee, headed by Cape Attorney-General Mr Niel Rossouw - which is inquiring into the taxi war.

Captain Miller said that there were more than 9,000 minibus taxis in the Western Cape - about 3,000 belonging to members of the rival Western Cape Black Taxi Association and Laguna and the rest to members of 15 other taxi associations.

There was "more than enough business" for all if they could "get their show on the road", he said.

A taxi often brought in R6,000 a month - of it about R3,000 profit, he said.

There were thousands of pirate taxis on the roads and attempts by the Local Road Transportation Board to prosecute them had been unsuccessful, Captain Miller said.

Mr Johan Slabbert, counsel for the committee, said the board had been unable to tell him how many minibus taxi permits it had issued in the Western Cape.

Captain Miller said taxis were a multimillion rand industry and he believed business rivalries played a role in the conflict.

For example, he had heard claims that City Tramways encouraged taxi violence to boost the use of buses.

The ANC boycott was causing great losses to the industry and proving a flashpoint for violence, Captain Miller said.

Turning to other sources of conflict he said taxi ranks were overcrowded and drivers badly educated and untrained.

The conflict boiled down to an attitude of "what are you doing at my rank?" and disputes over the control of routes, Captain Miller said.

Incidents of violence had been reported as far afield as Laingsburg and De Doorns.

Town councils had differing interpretations of taxi regulations and often made up their own conditions when issuing permits.

He suggested that the Administrator call a meeting of town clerks to rewrite a uniform set of regulations governing the taxi industry.

All minibus taxi permits should be withdrawn and re-issued once the new regulations were in place.

Captain Miller brought the committee up to date with the latest efforts of the Conference for a Democratic Taxi Association Codeta, at whose meetings he has been an observer.

At the weekend Codeta - which has 15 delegates each from Wevta and Laguna - drew up an interim agreement on taxi operations which would last for the next month.

Codeta established sub-committees to discuss routes, ranks, permits, fares and the formation of one taxi association for the Western Cape, he said.

Earlier, Lieutenant Colonel Philippus Nel said intervention by people from certain groups made the police task difficult.

He complained that the "Joint Forum on Policing - in particular - sided openly with one of the sides in the taxi conflict. Members, who probably had no training in unrest control, were prescribing to police how to handle taxi-related violence.

If police did not act to their satisfaction they were sometimes threatened with their actions being reported to the Goldstone Committee or District Commissioner, Colonel Nel said.

Effective police activities were also difficult after sunset because of poor lighting in the townships. Police used mobile spotlights mounted on Nyalas vehicles, but this was not ideal, he said.

The hearing continues today.
ANC, state in taxi clashes?

Boycott call under review

By PETER DENNEHY
LAGUNYA taxi association was backed by the ANC and civic associations — while its rival Webla was supported by the police and the government, a senior policeman told the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

The commission heard that three taxis were often driven on one permit. Permits were hired out and the issuing authority had no accurate record of those issued.

The commission is investigating Cape Town’s taxi war in which many lives have been lost and millions of rand’s worth of property destroyed.

Captain Andrew Muller of Crime Intelligence Services said Lagunya had 400 permits and Webla 490 — “but each guy operates three taxis on one permit”.

While Lagunya was supported by the evics and the ANC, “Webla are seen to be government boys”, Capt Muller said.

He said Webla and Lagunya had 3000 taxis between them, each of which was able to take in about R6 000 in fares in a good month. There were about 2 000 “pirate” taxis.

“It is not far-fetched to believe that business rivalry has played a part” in the conflict, he said. “It is a multi-million rand industry.”

Capt Muller said it was possible to rent a permit from a permit holder for about R100 a week and to “be totally faceless in the sense that one does not have to go through any channels”.

He had no statistics for white ownership of minibus taxis but had heard of a white café owner who was issued with five permits.

Capt Muller told the commission of claims that “comrades were paid R50” to side with Lagunya in its fight against Webla.

He was asked by committee member and advocate Mr Berneard Ngoepe if he had any substantiation for these allegations.

Capt Muller said he had no evidence that any “political organisation” had planned such activities.

Lieutenant Colonel Phillipus Nel of the Stability Unit — formerly known as the unrest unit — at Maitland, said the permit system was creating problems. Some permits were for specific routes, while others allowed drivers to operate within a 55km radius of a starting point.
Interference is making task difficult, says SAP

CAPE TOWN — The SAP's task in combating the taxi war had been made difficult by the interference of the Joint Forum on Policing, the Maitland Stability Unit's Li-Col Phillip Nel told the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

The commission is investigating the nature and causes of, and possible solutions for, the violence stemming from the taxi war. The parties to the conflict — the taxi associations, Weha and Langa, committed themselves to a peaceful settlement at the weekend.

The forum was established by a range of organisations including the DP, Black Sash, Umtata Monitoring Group and the ANC to monitor the role of the security forces in violence in the Cape.

Nel claimed the forum had openly sided with one of the groups involved in the conflict. "Members of this organisation, who in all probability have not undergone any training in the prevention and combating of unrest violence, prescribe to members on the scene how they should behave. If the members do not behave to their full satisfaction, the members are even threatened that their actions would be brought to the attention of the Goldstone Commission."

But forum spokesman Rachel Brown yesterday denied these allegations as "absolute nonsense". She said the forum had been responsible for the SAP appointing a special team to investigate allegations made against the police and had worked closely with this team at one stage.

Nel said the deployment of the Stability Unit to search taxis for weapons from mid-November 1991 had been enormously successful and violence had waned. The unit was withdrawn from December and no further violence occurred until February when it was again re-deployed in Nyanga and Khayelitsha.

He said the taxi conflict had led to many deaths, widespread damage to taxis and other property and the use of licenced and stolen firearms by the warring groups.

He attributed the conflict to the inflow of taxis from the Transkei and Ciskei which had led to stiff competition. This was exacerbated by a lack of proper facilities at taxi ranks; unwillingness of members of the different organisations to reach agreement, or when agreement was reached to get it endorsed at ground level and the permit system.

Nel said proper facilities should be established in each local authority area; a uniform permit system must be applied; the two taxi associations should amalgamate and there should be stronger law enforcement by local authorities. There was a lack of cooperation from the two associations which were not prepared to negotiate with the SAP at scenes of violence or potential violence.

Electricity cuts set off stoneings

BURNING barricades were erected and vehicles stoned in troubled Ennerdale township south of Johannesburg yesterday as council workers, protected by police, cut residents' electricity cables.

A local development committee spokesman said three committee vehicles were stoned by angry residents while "illegal electricity supply wires" were being severed.

He said the committee, which is part of the House of Delegates' Development Board, would begin disconnecting the supplies of residents who had outstanding account arrears within the next few days.

Civic association chairman Farouk Jardine said a meeting last week between his association and the committee had resolved to take no action until further talks.

The committee had agreed to write off electricity arrears and were in the process of seeking funding for the proposal, Jardine said.

The arrears total about R10m.

Jardine said the association had suggested an interim flat rate be paid while problems were sorted out, but this had been rejected by the committee. "There is widespread dissatisfaction because the people are not happy with why the rates are so high for the services provided," he said.

Meanwhile, the Johannesburg City Council will meet the Noordgesig Civic Association today in an attempt to resolve the current rent and service payments crisis.
CAPE TOWN — There was gross mismanagement or corruption in the issuing of taxi permits by the Road Transportation Board, a committee of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Cape ‘taxi war’ heard yesterday.

Giving evidence to the committee, Helen Zille, a consultant employed by the Cape Town City Council to investigate the taxi war, said permits issued to former private taxi operators for alternative routes between the townships and white areas seemed to favour the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta).

Permit applications with the Webta stamp on the back of them had a high success rate with the board, she said. Insufficient records were kept of unsuccessful applications and the board was not able to provide a list of licenced taxi operators.

One of the reasons for the violence was that the Lagunya Taxi Association saw a far higher success rate for Webta operators than for members of other organisations, she said.

The granting of permits pointed to gross mismanagement at best and corruption at worst, Ms Zille said. She said it seemed the violence was contained when pressure from peace committees or the community was applied.

Another of the reasons for the violence was that authorities were trying to introduce regulations in a vacuum where no rules for minibus taxis had existed before.

Previous attempts at trying to achieve peace among the taxi operators broke down because Webta saw dispute resolution as a means to enforce existing regulations while Lagunya wanted the regulations changed.

Ms Zille said she had heard the allegation that City Tramways had bribed civic associations to get people to continue using buses. This had been from a journalist who had been given the information by police.

'There was a police perception that they were up against an ANC strategy, and that is why they could be seen being siding with one side,' she said.

The ANC, she added, had worked hard to end the conflict.

The committee resumes its hearing today.
Ruling today in taxi murder trial
Taxi permits ‘caused war’

By PETER DENNEHY

THE root cause of the taxi war lay in the administration of the permit system, public affairs consultant Ms Helen Zille told the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

Giving evidence before the commission into the causes of the city’s taxi war, Ms Zille criticised the Local Road Transportation Board, which issues permits to taxi operators.

'Their record of administrative chaos suggests that there was almost criminal negligence on their part,' she said.

The board, which was to have given evidence yesterday, is expected to respond next week.

Ms Zille said the authorities faced a quandary in 1987 after it happened to legalize pirate taxi operators who had pioneered new and lucrative routes between the townships and white areas.

She said the board had granted a high number of applications which carried a Webla stamp as this was the only way to identify pirate drivers already operating.

Many non-Webla applications had been submitted in good faith, and most were rejected. This caused resentment among Lagunya drivers.

Ms Zille said she had not spoken directly to the board, but had consulted others, including Deputy City Administrator of Cape Town Mr Alan Dolby, who had.

Mr Dolby told her that board officials had been "unable to specify the criteria used to evaluate permit applications".

The board had been unable to produce lists of registered taxi-owners or drivers, and it kept no waiting lists, nor records of unsuccessful applicants.

The regulation system failed to function in a way perceived to be fair, accessible and impartial.

With no channels for redress, "a perception arose that taxi operators would have to secure their rights on the ground, by violence if necessary. This culminated in a situation of open warfare."

THE Cape Times incorrectly reported yesterday that a police officer had told the Goldstone Commission that the Webla taxi association was supported by the police and the government.

What the officer, Captain Andrew Miller, actually said was that these were among allegations made by people. Whereas Lagunya was supported by the ANC and civic associations, "Webla was alleged to be supported by the SAP and the government. Webla are seen to be government boys."

Mr G D Griessel, SC, for the police, objected at the commission yesterday to the report and handed in a copy of the Cape Times. Mr Niel Rossouw, Attorney General of the Cape, who chairs the committee inquiring into the causes of the taxi violence, agreed with Mr Griessel.

The mistake in the Cape Times report occurred during sub-editing. The Cape Times regrets the error.
Transport ‘collapsing’

By PETER DENNETH

THE public transport system in Cape Town is ‘collapsing’, transport planner Mr. Paul Mann told the taxi war committee of the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

He said that major problems were being experienced in the taxi, bus and rail industries, and there was a rapid increase in congestion on the roads.

“At the heart of the problem has been inadequate understanding of metropolitan transport problems,” said Mr. Mann, who has spent over a year drawing up a 16 part transport study for the Cape Town City Council.

“The powers that are available to deal with the situation are divided between a plethora of different departments.”

He advocated that there should be a single political body at metropolitan level with full power to decide on transport policy, and that no taxi permits should be issued until this had been achieved.

Mr. Mann quoted a survey in which 33% of commuter respondents said they were unhappy with overcrowding of taxis, and 73% with the way they were driven.

His ideal system would be one in which private operators provided taxi, bus and rail transport in parameters laid down by the authority.
Deregulation partly to blame for taxi war

Earlier yesterday the manager of City Tramways bus company told the committee that deregulation was not a solution to the taxi war.

Mr PE Mayosi said the taxi war was proof that deregulation was not a solution.

"Deregulation must take part of the blame" for the violence, he said.

There had been a tremendous increase in the number of taxi operators following deregulation. Previously the areas in which people operated were clearly defined.

A summary of violence and robberies of City Tramways buses and drivers was handed in to the committee.

Mayosi said 30 bus windows and 42 windscreen were smashed and in January and February this year the company lost 92 windows and 15 windshields.

When the committee resumes it will hear further evidence from Miss Helen Zille who did a study of the taxi war for the Cape Town City Council. - Sapa
Minibus taxis: Sabta, Sanco put fares up

Johannesburg — The South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) and the South Africa National Civic Organisation (Sanco) have announced that they are to increase their taxi fares by eight percent. This was announced yesterday by Sabta and Sanco, which are the two organisations that represent the taxi industry.

The two organisations met yesterday to discuss the fare increases.

"It was resolved at this meeting that Sabta members would reduce the percentage increase to a maximum of eight percent for the next two months," they said in a statement.

"Sanco and Sabta will engage other parties in negotiations to alleviate the consumer from these costs."

"The government and businesses will be called on to bear these costs."

"Sabta and Sanco will continue these discussions until a solution is found in favour of the commuter." — Sapa
Goldstone inquiry stutters, postponed

THE Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Western Cape taxi war, plagued by false starts and delays, stuttered to a halt this week and was postponed for a month.

Legal counsel for the committee, advocate Johan Slabbert, said on Thursday an adjournment was needed for further investigations.

Little progress was made as evidence was heard this week in a long room on the sixth floor of the NG Snoed Centre in Queen Victoria St, Cape Town.

The bland surroundings of the commission's workings are a far cry from the dusty battlefields of Nyanga and Khayelitsha, scenes of vicious fighting involving rival taxi groups, police and township residents during the conflict between the Lagunya Taxi Association and the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta).

Chairing the Goldstone Commission committee is Cape Attorney General Mr Niel Rossouw, who has been seconded to act as commission vice-chairman.

Other members of the committee are Mr Geri Stern, retired regional court president of the Eastern Cape, advocate Bernard Nkomo of the Pretoria Bar, Mr Louis van Zyl, senior partner in a Cape Town law firm, and Mr Slabbert.

Witnesses this week were transport systems analyst Mr Paul Mann, general manager of City Tramways Mr Frans Mayoss; city council public affairs consultant Ms Heleen Zille and Col Phillipus Nel and Capt Andrew Miller of the SA Police.

Mr Rossouw said on Thursday that the committee would have liked faster progress, "but the very fact that our hearings have been dogged by waiting, adjournments and changes of plans is an indication that we should exercise more patience."

"The situation is fraught with difficulty and needs careful and sensitive treatment. Consultations with witnesses and the preparation of representations and statements need to be given more time to properly do justice to our terms of reference," said Mr Rossouw, announcing that the hearing would resume on April 21.

This week's evidence centred on possible technical reasons for the "war."

City Tramways general manager Mr Frans Mayoss, whose buses compete with the taxi groups, said deregulation of the industry had been a recipe for conflict.

Ms Zille criticised the Local Road Transportation Board which issues permits to taxi operators.

"Their record of administrative chaos suggests almost criminal negligence on their part," she said, alleging that the board had "fanned Lagunya resentment by favouring Webta drivers in issuing permits."

The board had been unable to produce lists of registered taxi owners or drivers and it kept no waiting lists nor records of unsuccessful applicants, she said.

Police witness Capt Andrew Miller of the Crime Intelligence Service said Lagunya was backed by the ANC and the civic associations while Webta was seen to be supported by the police and the government.

An assertion by Capt Miller that the ANC had taken sides with the intention of securing transport for mass action drew a sharp response from Ms Zille, who said police bias was clear to those monitoring the conflict.
When going to work is a dice with death

The ever present taxi war has driven the fear of death into the people who make use of it. And, those who choose a different means of transport, literally pay for it — with hard cash and, sometimes, their lives. And, they say, the Goldstone Commission won't change anything. GILLES WEINTROUB spoke to domestic worker Florence.

For domestic worker Florence an innocent trip to work is a daily dice with death.

In the past year or so, Florence has seen her neighbourhood bus terminus turned into a battlefield — and she is no stranger to violence. In the Crossroads war of 1986, she lost her shack and most of her belongings in the fires that spread through the town.

Would you indulge in "Russian roulette" once in your life, never mind every day as Florence must? For her, the simple act of catching a taxi is just such a high-stakes activity.

Florence (her true identity is concealed for fear of reprisals), a KTC resident, gave up using taxis in April or May last year.

Apart from the stress of ever-present danger, avoiding taxis has put extra strain on both purse-strings and time.

"I get up earlier because I have to wait a long time for a bus. If there is meant to be one at 6.30am, it doesn't come till much later — 7am or even past 7am."

"And bus fares are different early in the morning. Before 7.30am I pay R2,15 to Mowbray, Wynberg and Claremont, and R2,96 to town. After 7.30am it's R1,70 to the Southern Suburbs or R2,56 to town."

"Taxis cost R2,20 to town and are much quicker."

She worries about abduction and death at the hands of parties to the conflict.

"I thought the stories of abduction were rumours and that people were trying to terrify us, but since two people I knew were abducted I see that it is true."

"Those people might grab us while we are walking to the station."

Does Florence think the Goldstone Commission investigation of the conflict will bring results?

"It doesn't seem as if the fighting will ever end. The taxi representatives won't come to meetings when they are called, and they won't accept what the community says. They won't accept that there is enough business for all."

"Now, Wepta is working, but Laguna isn't."

"One party wants to monopolise everything. They can't be there together."
Staff Reporter

AN ATTEMPT to review the taxi boycott collapsed yesterday when key figures failed to turn up for a meeting between the ANC and a delegation of taxi organisations.

The meeting was postponed until today.

The ANC was due to meet the Convention for a Democratic Taxi Association (Cotaxa) and a united taxi body formed by both Laguna and Webtax to discuss the boycott.

Hungry

The ANC, in consultation with other organisations, including the taxi bodies, called for the boycott at the height of the bloody war between the two rivals.

Mr Joe Serame of Cotaxa said he hoped for a satisfactory solution "for the sake of hungry stomachs and struggling commuters".
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Taxis back on city streets

It was business as usual in the city’s streets yesterday as township taxis resumed their operations after a four-week boycott by the ANC and community groups.

Sources said there were taxis at almost every township rank as early as 6 am. The only exception was the big Nyanga terminus, which the ANC said should be used only after consultation with the community.

The ANC suspended the boycott for a trial period of a month on Monday, but said the boycott would be reinforced if acts of violence occurred during that period.

No taxi-related violence was reported yesterday.
Accused's acquittal leads to million rand civil claim

By GAYE DAVIS, Cape Town

The government is facing a million rand damages claim from a Western Cape African National Congress executive member on grounds of malicious prosecution.

Mxolisi Pezane was arrested in November last year by heavily armed policemen who surrounded the ANC's Cape Town offices in what the organisation condemned as a "melodramatic" manner.

Pezane, along with a policeman and a Langa taxi driver, was later charged with the murder of a rival taxi driver and the attempted murder of a number of other people during a shooting incident at the Nyanga taxi rank in October last year.

When he eventually appeared in the Cape Supreme Court last month, Pezane refused to plead, saying he had been framed. He said he was writing University of South Africa exams at the Goodwood Show grounds at the time the offences were supposed to have been committed.

Despite this, Pezane's prosecution continued until last week, when he was discharged by Judge IF Fagan, who found evidence by state witnesses to be "very weak", "untrustworthy" and containing "numerous material differences". So little value could be attached to evidence against Pezane that no reasonable person could convict him on its basis, the judge said.

In a statement, the ANC said it regarded "with contempt" repeated attempts by the police—aumed of partiality and bias in the conflict themselves—to "create the impression that the ANC is involved in violent activities in connection with the taxi war".

Instead, the ANC said it had played a key mediating role and had always "remained neutral and motivated only by the wish to bring about unity between the two warring factions", the statement said.
Township shootings leaves 1 dead, 3 wounded

Staff Reporter

A MAN was shot dead and three other people were wounded in two incidents in Khayelitsha on Saturday evening.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher yesterday said they are investigating the possibility that the two incidents were linked.

Taxi war

He said, however, that they are "not necessarily" related to the taxi war.

He said that three men were walking down Zola Budd Drive, Khayelitsha, about 6.20pm on Saturday when they were fired on from a white taxi carrying four passengers.

One of the men was shot in the head and right side, and died. The other two were wounded in the head and right hip, and were not seriously hurt.

Wehla sticker

About five minutes later, police discovered a bullet-riddled taxi bearing a Wehla sticker abandoned on the corners of Zola Budd Drive and Pama Road.

Next to the taxi stood a woman who had been shot in the foot, and six spent cartridge cases were found nearby.
TAXIS: Police Failed

Excerpt from a newspaper article titled "TAXIS: Police Failed".

"Department of Transport do-er..."

Article continues with detailed account of an incident involving a taxi.

"...after which the taxi was seized by the police."

Further details are provided about the investigation and actions taken.

"The investigation concluded that the taxi had been illegally operated."

The article ends with a statement about the implications of the incident.

"This incident highlights the need for stricter enforcement of taxi regulations."
Taxi-war probe to hear police answers

JOHN VILJOEN
Staff Reporter

THE Goldstone Commission will hear police responses to "a thick file" of complaints during its investigation into taxi violence.

A committee of the commission headed by Cape Attorney-General Mr Niel Rossouw is investigating the Western Cape's taxi war, which began in 1997.

Mr Johan Sibbert, counsel for the committee, explained yesterday that a witness, Colonel Flip Nel of the police stabilising unit, was giving "historical and background" evidence.

Colonel Nel had been asked about complaints against the police by Mr John van der Berg, counsel for the ANC, the Black Sash, the Cape Town Peace Committee and the Urban Management and Awareness Committee.

Colonel Nel said according to his instructions he was expected to give the committee an account only of the taxi violence, what he believed the causes to be, and what proposed solutions he had.

Mr Sibbert said other witnesses would deal with allegations against the police. Before the inquiry began, police were given "a thick file" containing complaints and had investigated each one.

Colonel Nel told the committee police were unable to prevent some taxi war-related deaths and damage to property, as most of the conflict took place away from the taxi ranks.

Where police had their highest presence, these incidents took place inside the township and along the taxi routes where it was impossible for police to provide blanket protection, he said.

During the early stages of the conflict police gave taxi operators the assurance they held patrols and maintained a presence.

However taxi operators had not used ranks controlled by their rivals because of intimidation, he said.

Investigations into alleged assaults by rival taxi drivers and complaints of intimidation were pursued only once an individual laid a charge, Colonel Nel said.

Police were hamstrung as they seldom had any leads to follow. Witnesses were reluctant to come forward.

Asked by Mr Van der Berg: "What happened to good old-fashioned detective work?" Colonel Nel replied: "Even in the good old days they had clues to follow-up."

Earlier, transport planning consultant Mr Paul Mann said public dissatisfaction over the taxi service in Cape Town was "significantly higher" than elsewhere in the country.

He could not, however, pinpoint the reasons for this.

No further permits to operate taxis should be issued for a year to allow the establishment of an interim body to control the taxi industry, Mr Mann said.
Most taxi conflicts 'on the routes'

By PETER DENNEHY

POLICE would either have to travel in taxis or park their vehicles every 100m along taxi routes if they wanted to be 100% effective in ending taxi war intimidation, Stability Unit chief Colonel Phillipus Nel said yesterday.

He told the Goldstone Commission's committee investigating the taxi war much of the conflict occurred in residential areas or along the routes, rather than at taxi ranks.

"If we had the manpower for more patrols, we would have these," he said. To be reasonably effective in combatting the violence, "you need some presence on the routes".

Under cross-examination by Mr John van der Berg for the ANC Black Sash, Unrest Monitoring Action Committee and Cape Town Peace Committee, Colonel Nel said despite a regular police presence on routes and at ranks, grievances were still voiced about the lack of access to some ranks.

He said the Bellville, Claremont and Cape Town ranks at one stage were not used by Lagunya members. Taxi associations exercised control over ranks "by someone standing there". Often intimidation was enough to keep that force not necessary.

He said a planned "experimental police action" due at week after alleged assaults on the Nyanga-Bellville route could not be carried out "because the leader of the Western Province Black Taxi Association (which now includes Lagunya) was too scared to ride the route".
Police deny blame for taxi violence

JOHN VILJOEN, Staff Reporter

POLICE could not be blamed for five years of taxi violence in the Western Cape, the Goldstone Commission has heard.

Colonel Flip Nel, officer commanding the police Stabilising Unit, said this while testifying yesterday before a committee of the commission looking into the taxi violence.

He also denied that police sided with either the Western Cape Black Taxi Association or the Lagunia Taxi Association.

Mr John van der Berg, counsel for the ANC and the Black Sash, among others, said he had "concrete evidence" that some policemen were disillusioned with the prospect of an ANC government.

He said he would produce evidence, in the form of a video tape, to the committee.
Cops give view of taxi war
Bad ranks no bar to taxi permits

By PETER DENNEY

THE Local Road Transportation Board had been advised that it could not regularly refuse to grant taxi permit applications merely because rank facilities were inadequate, the Goldstone Commission heard yesterday.

Mr. J.A. le Roux, who appears for the Department of Transport and for the board, disclosed this to the commission’s taxi war committee yesterday during cross-examination of senior traffic officer Mr. Petrus Hofmeyer of the Cape Town Traffic Department.

Mr. Hofmeyer — who often lodged Traffic Department objections to taxi-permit applications at the board’s meetings — confirmed there had been debate about how ranks should be viewed.

Eventually the board had taken legal advice on whether it could regularly disallow applications on grounds of a lack of ranks when it knew there was a demand for more taxis. It was advised against refusing the applications.

Mr. Hofmeyer said most applications for taxi permits were turned down by the Local Road Transportation Board.

There had been a great increase in the number of applications in recent years, he said.

Mr. Hofmeyer said relations between his department and the Transportation Board were “excellent”. He did not know where council consultants Ms. Helen Zille had got her comments about its offices being in “administrative chaos”, but it had not been from the traffic department.

The taxi war committee of the Goldstone Commission will be reconvened on July 20.
Shooting may keep buses out of townships

GOLDEN ARROW bus drivers will meet this morning to discuss whether or not they will go into Cape Town townships after the shooting of a colleague at the Nyanga bus terminus this week.

Mr Peter Afrikaner was shot in the face on Monday by a man who was told the bus was returning to the depot and not going to Khayelitsha. Golden Arrow spokesman Mr Bob Krause said yesterday.

Police yesterday took nine people for questioning in connection with a spate of attacks and the killing of policemen in the Phola Park area near Alberton, police reported.

While the attacks were being investigated in the squatter camp a young man allegedly fired at the police and was shot in the shoulder.

The wounded man was arrested and was under police guard in the Natalspruit Hospital, police said.

In Natal police are holding 18 people for questioning after a senior Inkatha Freedom Party official was shot dead at Table Mountain, near Maritzburg, on Monday.

Police are also to probe the massacre of six people in a bus ambush near Amanzimtoti on the Natal South Coast on Monday afternoon. — Sipi and Staff Reporters.
Lagunya 'main source of aggro'

Staff Reporter

THE Lagunya taxi association was the greater aggressor in the taxi war, Stability Unit commanding officer Colonel Flip Nel yesterday told the Goldstone Commission into the conflict.

"I get that from statistics, on how many vehicles are burned out and so on. We get information from victims and bystanders," he said.

Earlier he was asked under cross-examination by Mr John van der Berg, for the ANC, Black Sash, Urban Monitoring Action Committee and Cape Town Peace Committee, whether there was any justification for "a perception, even if it is wrong", among some township people that police "lean towards Webta".

Colonel Nel replied that whenever police took action against one party in the conflict, that party tended to believe that police favoured their rivals.

Both Webta and Lagunya had approached the police "and asked if they could meet at our place, because that is where they feel safe", he said.

Mr J A le Roux, counsel for the Department of Transport and the Local Road Transportation Board, said there were between 1 000 and 1 200 legal taxis on the township routes, "and a couple of thousand pirates".
75% of township taxis ‘pirates’

BY PETER DENNEHY

Up to 75% of the taxis operating from black townships in the Western Cape are “pirates”, Captain Andrew Miller of Crime Intelligence Services yesterday told the Goldstone Commission’s committee investigating the taxi war.

Captain Miller said that, of some 2,700 operating from black townships, up to 75% were “pirates”, in that they did not have Road Transportation Board permits.

The violence, however, resulted from conflict between members of the rival taxi associations Webta and Lagunya, not between permit holders and non-permit holders.

Colonel Phillipus Nel of the Stability Unit said complaints by Lagunya that Webta was denying it access to certain ranks were taken seriously.

Mr John van der Berg, for the ANC, Black Sash, Unrest Monitoring Action Committee and Cape Town Peace Committee, asked whether Lagunya’s complaints at a meeting on March 18, 1988, that its members were not being allowed to operate in the business areas had been taken seriously.

“Yes, they were,” said Colonel Nel. Webta was told that from March 31, we would see to it that all legal taxi operators would be able to use all ranks to which they were entitled.

As the Webta representative had not attended the next meeting and it was not known whether the message had been passed on to the drivers, the police had been told to carry through a plan to enforce this.

They had gone to the taxi ranks at peak time next day and had noticed that Lagunya drivers were still using ranks frequented by Webta members, possibly “out of fear of intimidation”.

The Goldstone Commission’s taxi war committee has been halved since it last sat almost a month ago.

Cape attorney-general Mr Niel Rossouw, SC, chairman of the committee, said there was so much violence in South Africa that the law governing the commission had been amended, freeing two members, Mr G. Steyn and Mr B.M. Ngoepe, to investigate taxi violence on the Reef. The remaining members are Mr D.J. Rossouw, SC, and Mr L.S. Van Zyl.
Taximen adopt Peace emblem

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Durnacol has a history of industrial conflict.

By FERIAL HAFFAJEE

LAST week’s hostage drama at Durnacol in northern Natal was an almost inevitable explosion of tensions simmering at the troubled coal mine.

It is the third time in two years that management has resorted to mass dismissals to solve conflict. The drama continued this week as Iscor once again fired the entire workforce.

On Monday last week, workers allegedly held 15 white mine officials underground for 12 hours. As a result of the incident, 1,950 workers have been dismissed. Fifty workers remain.

In 1990, conflict between Xhosa- and Zulu-speaking workers erupted at the mine, leaving one miner dead and scores injured. Mine management sent 1,500 Zulu-speaking workers home and new workers were recruited from the surrounding villages.

“Iscor’s Neels Howatt says the Zulu-speaking workers drove the Xhosas from the mine and the safety of the Xhosas could not be guaranteed,” he says.

Last year, 3,000 workers were dismissed from the mine after going on a legal wage strike. Even as the NUM was fighting to win termination packages for these workers who were not rehired last year, Iscor again dismissed the entire workforce this week.

Howatt says “Durnacol has always been a volatile mine”, prone to what he calls “ethnic conflict” and wildcat strikes.

The union charges that the mine’s industrial relations practices are archaic and the working conditions of employees among the worst in the country. Durnacol workers, who earn an average wage of R520 a month, are among the lowest-paid in the industry.

In 1990, the mine was bought by Iscor from Goldfields. Almost immediately after the sale, the industry went into its worst-ever slump and the mine was soon classified as marginal.

Durnacol workers found themselves in the incongruous position of falling under two sets of wage grades. Higher grade workers are paid on Iscor scales, which are among the highest in the country at an average of R680 a month. The majority of the workforce, made up of less skilled workers, are paid the lower Chamber of Mines rate of R470.

“This created serious problems,” says the union’s Jerry Matjaladi. Moreover, they earn less than on Iscor mines at Thabazimbi, Groot Geluk and Sishen.

The union also alleges that its officials are being singled out for harassment. In the past two weeks management has invited dismissed workers to present mitigating and personal factors to them but they have allegedly refused to give hearings to union activists.

The NUM says that, moreover, the mass dismissals wiped out its union structures.

Working conditions also play a role in the mine’s volatile nature, say union officials. Workers sleep 10 to 1 room in the hostels which are as far as 10km from the mine and even further from the nearest town.

The NUM says employees are not provided with transport, but Iscor denies this.

This week, the mine dug in its heels and said that, until other arrangements could be made, white miners would keep production going. On Tuesday, Durnacol produced its first coal in a week.

Meanwhile, the mine is considering legal action against miners on charges of kidnapping, intimidation and extortion. Nine shaft stewards are still in detention following last week’s action.
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Rough road ahead,
Taxi killings: 2nd accused freed

By RONNIE MORRIS
Supreme Court Reporter

MR. Michael Kupiso, charged with the murders and attempted murders of four people at the Nyanga taxi rank in October last year, was yesterday acquitted and discharged.

Mr Kupiso, a Lagoonya Taxi Association executive member, is the second accused to be acquitted on all charges in the long-running trial in the Supreme Court.

On March 26 Mr Justice J J Pagan acquitted senior ANC member Mr Mxolisi Petane.

The state had not proved its case against Mr Kupiso beyond all reasonable doubt and he was accordingly found not guilty and acquitted, Mr Justice Fagan said.

Judgment will be delivered this morning, in respect of the last remaining accused, Sergeant Tutuse Gubeni.

Reacting to his acquittal, Mr Kupiso said: “I am very pleased about it but I want to make it clear I believe this was a frame-up.

“I was not Webza but the South African Police with this biased government who have done this to further their aims and show that Lagoonya is being used by the ANC,” he said.
Taxi leader acquitted of murder

A LEADER of the Langa Taxi Association, Mr Michael Kupiso, 32, has been acquitted in the Supreme Court of the murder of a Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) member.

He was one of three men charged with shooting and killing Mr Zwelinishedla, 35, at the Nyanga taxi rank in October, and attempting to murder four occupants of a hut used mainly by Webta members.

Two weeks ago Mr Justice Fagan granted an application for the discharge of top-ranking Umkhonto we Sizwe member Mr Mxolisi Petane, 35.

Yesterday, Mr Justice Fagan said he could not find any reason not to accept Mr Kupiso's evidence.

The evidence of the single State witness who testified against him was weak and unsatisfactory. The court was not satisfied Mr Kupiso had been properly identified.

"Judgment on the third accused, Sergeant Tutus John Gubeni, will be given today."

Mr M Mdluli appeared for Mr Kupiso and Mr D Bregman represents Mr Gubeni. Mr M Stoew appears for the State.
Last man freed in taxi trial

Supreme Court Reporter

SERGEANT Tumelo John Gubeni yesterday became the last of three accused in the long-running taxi murder trial to be acquitted and discharged on a charge of murder and four of attempted murder.

Mr Justice J.J. Fagan, with two assessors, found that Sergeant Gubeni’s version of events could have been reasonably possibly true and that he was entitled to an acquittal.

The facts

Mr Michael Kupiso, regional chairman of the Langa Taxi Association, has pointed out that a picture on Page 3 of the Cape Times yesterday was not of himself, as was incorrectly stated in the caption. The picture was taken outside the Cape Town Supreme Court after his acquittal yesterday on all charges of attempted murder and the murder of four people at the Nyanga taxi rank in October last year. In fact the man in the picture with Mr Kupiso’s advocate Mr Murray Bridgman is Mr Kupiso’s brother-in-law.

Some state witnesses had claimed they had identified Sergeant Gubeni as one of the attackers but it was not necessary for the court to find they had not been telling the truth.

His version, supported by two witnesses, had been that he had been 12km away at the time of the incident and could not have been involved.
Children in the

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in charge.
Dowes, their tendency to get involved in more risky behaviour also put them in greater danger. Removing them from these areas, unless they went to other, familiar family members, is not necessarily a solution, says Dowes.

"Children need to be educated about what is going on at home and will tend to imitate the dangers faced by those left behind. When threats are real, it is hard to keep them close to those who can rely on them."

"What's necessary are support groups for teachers, parents, and children to be linked to social services, with the aim of circular channels for information sharing. There is a need to enable everyone to give therapy."

"The main thing is to avoid people becoming implicated in violence, asking questions, not just offering to talk, share their fears and concerns — but not just to victimise but to think of constructive ways of doing things."

Some might argue — become little again — say how they are being very young. Children are in a way of making sense of what is going on around them — a way of exercising some form of control over their lives. So says Dowes, "It's a part of being very young. Children use their imagination to make sense of the world and use their imagination to find ways of coping with their fears." This means that teachers and parents allow children to talk about their drawings and games in a way that makes the children feel safe to do so. "This can provide comfort and support."

"All children will react to violence in different ways, according to their ages, their individual make-up and their home environments. According to Dowes, these most at risk are children who lack support from parents or siblings, or who have experienced the death of someone close to them (parents seem it happen), lost their homes and been displaced or injured themselves.

"For such children, particularly those whose family events happen to the same child, one can predict long-term effects."

But Dowes dismisses the notion that the violence will develop through an extreme brutalisation, with dire implications for the future. "Many children in the troubled area are brutalised already by life itself," he points out, adding that only a small proportion of children will manifest more serious long-term effects, becoming depressed, social and withdrawn.

"For many, violence can become understandable as the way problems are solved. "Young children often have quite aggressive fantasies anyway. When they see the outside world being aggressed..."

The war zone

Children memories... and a lifetime of pain

The borders of the world are changing... and if there is a war, perhaps the childhood of children will be changed as well. Violence can become a way of life.

"... Adolescents' ability to understand the violence acts as a form of protection, but says Dowes, as they will make sense of it in their own way."
Barbaric school violence

Kids murdered, raped, beaten

JOHN VILJOEN
Education Reporter

SHOCKED Guguletu teachers have called on police and parents to act to end a sudden outbreak of "barbaric" gang violence which has claimed the lives of three schoolchildren.

On March 18 the body of I D Mkize High School pupil Zoleka Sikaota, 18, was found with her eyes gouged out after a sports meeting. She had also been raped.

A man appeared in Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the murder.

At a press briefing at the school yesterday, teacher and spokesman Mr Monde Tuwana said two more pupils, Luyanda Myanda, 21, and Vusumzi Tsholetsane, 18, had been stabbed to death this week, apparently by gangsters.

A fourth I D Mkize pupil, Siyabulela Mnrakwe, was in a serious condition in hospital after a stabbing attack, allegedly by the gangsters known as the "Anna Soweto".

Funerals for the two would be held today.

The attacks were increasing and some pupils said it was too dangerous to go to school, he said.

Certain teachers had been targeted for attacks and this was part of a new culture of intimidation and harassment, he said.

Gang violence was a major issue in the worsening education crisis.

"We find it shocking and unbearable that our historically deprived commu-
nity, especially our students, be fur-
ther humiliated, attacked, raped and killed," he said.

Parents were the key to ending the violence epidemic because it stemmed from a breakdown of discipline in the home.

The use of drugs like dagga and mandrax was increasing and he called on parents to educate and discipline their children.

Police response to the killings was "disappointing", Mr Tuwana said. They seemed unable to curb the gangsterism or arrest the culprits, he claimed.

A teacher told the briefing that the school approached police on Monday for protection, but that no police vans had been seen patrolling the premises.

Three times in the past year gangsters with weapons had come onto school property and become involved in fights with pupils. Unarmed teachers had risked their lives by intervening in these incidents, he said.

The gang's source of power was the inaction of the police and the community, Mr Tuwana said. The inaction had given them credibility.

Pupils at the school linked to the gang had been identified and reprimanded.

★ Violence, gangsterism and their effects on township life, is the topic of a meeting being held by the Western Cape Civic Association, Gugulethu Zone, tomorrow at 2pm in the Eyona Centre.

★ Gang violence on rise again —

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Protesters pelt FW with stones

STATE PRESIDENT FW de Klerk was yesterday forced to abandon his visit to Mitchell's Flat in Cape Town after protesters threw stones at him.

The incident happened while he was addressing more than 10,000 people gathered there and around a marquee. The stones were apparently thrown by members of the ANC and the New Unity Movement.

Some of them hit Mr de Klerk, but he was not injured.

By-NEUMANN WERT

Political Reporter

...a running welcome. The crowds then moved to the marquee which was lined by thousands of people waiting for the President.

Inside, Mr de Klerk was received by the mayor of Mitchell's Flat, a hundred or so men and women, and the mayor's wife. The crowd was singing and cheering. Mr de Klerk was given a microphone, and he spoke for about 10 minutes.

Cheers

But as soon as the President left, the crowd started to jeer and whistle. Mr de Klerk's speech was greeted with loud clapping and cheering. The President ended his speech and left.

THOUSANDS GATHER TO CHEER, BOO DE KLERK IN MITCHELLS' PLAIN

FW rally ends in chaos, division

BY KURT SWART

THE battle for the hearts and minds of the people of Mitchell's Plain reached a crescendo yesterday when State President F.W. de Klerk was pelted with stones and driven off stage during an abortive attempt at a mass rally.

Mitchell's Plain, with a population of more than 700,000, will be a key constituency in a future non-racial election.

Many of the Labour Party MPs who have crossed to the National Party have taken their supporters with them.

Yesterday NP supporters claimed a victory when thousands turned out to witness Mr de Klerk's controversial first visit to the sprawling township.

Of the evidence of the crowd's response Mr de Klerk has strong support in Mitchell's Plain. But, it was equally clear that the township's residents were deeply divided between supporters and opponents of the National Party.

In Seventh Avenue near the Town Centre, the homes of residents lined the road, ANC and New Unity Movement supporters on the one side facing F.W. fans, waving NP flags and shouting "F.W! F.W. F.W.!" on the other side.

Some NP supporters tried to pelt an ANC player off a van. A white NP official shouted through a megaphone to the F.W fans: "Please calm down, comrades."

Posters cried: "Welcome F.W. de Klerk" from the NP. "Welcome to Apartheid's Ghetto," from the ANC.

Democratic Party MP Mr. Janie Memong said: "The crowd estimated at under 10,000 is surprising. I expected a lot more people here."

Heated arguments and healthy, good-natured debates between ANC and NP supporters broke out all around the marquee after Mr de Klerk had been escorted to safety from the stonethrowers.

Boatbuilder Mr. Johan Clophoff, sporting F.W. stickers and waving a NP flag, said: "De Klerk has made everything possible. Sanctions are dropping, and life is becoming better."

"The ANC is in disarray. They want to break things down. They throw rocks and are going to stir up more trouble," for the National Party.
A Bastion of Gravel Chips

But he was not the only loser in the fiasco. Reports gave

President P. de Klerk's mission to build a nation, marred in Mitchell's Plan

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THOUSANDS of pupils at three townships high schools are gripped by fear as marauding gangs terrorise residents.

So far six pupils - five boys and a girl - have been stabbed to death in gang-related violence in the past three weeks.

Two pupils from I D Mkhize High in Guguletu, Sizwe Feiman and Dumisane Gum, were stabbed to death.

And, teachers say that gang members in the school are making their jobs almost impossible. A month ago, a member of Ama-Soweto pointed a gun at an I D Mkhize teacher, and threatened to stab him with a knife.

A woman teacher at the same school was nearly raped by some pupil gang members, but was saved by colleagues who heard her screams.

The violence has confined young people indoors in the evening and nightlife in the normally vibrant townships has quietened.

There are widespread fears the violence will spill into the schools.

The crisis broke out after the notorious Ama-Soweto, based in Section One, Guguletu, lured I D Mkhize pupil Miss Zoleka "Nomtho" Sokiti, 17, away from a sports meeting and killed her.

Her body, found five days later, had many stab wounds and her eyes had been gouged out. She also had been raped.

Sources, who refused to be identified for fear of reprisals, claimed the killing sparked off a "revenge spree" by some of Zoleka's associates.

VUYO BAVUMA
Weekend Argus Reporter

In a week of violence, three pupils from Oscar Mpetha High School in Nyanga, Xolile Thululupu, Sizwe Feiman and Dumisane Gum, were stabbed to death.

A week later, two I D Mkhize pupils, Luyanda Myanda, 21, and Yusufi Tshofu, 16, were killed. A fourth pupil, Siyabulela Mrase, spent two weeks in hospital after being stabbed, allegedly by members of the Ama-Soweto.

This week, Weekend Argus visited three schools - I D Mkhize and Fezeka High in Guguletu, and Oscar Mpetha High in Nyanga - to assess the effects of the violence on the pupils.

Class attendances have dwindled because many pupils fear marauding gangs on the streets.

Many pupils use alternative routes to avoid "enemy territories", while others walk in protective groups.

Teachers say they are helpless to tackle the situation as they are unarmed while the gang members carry dangerous weapons including "axes and pangas".

They say pupil morale has sagged because they are in constant fear of attack.

Some anxious parents drive their children to school and some walk with them to the school premises.

Security gates at the schools are locked and caretakers police them to keep out not only late-comers, but also "undesirable elements".

I D Mkhize school, which has lost three pupils, seems to be the worst affected.

Many pupils, mostly girls who were Zoleka's friends, are afraid they might be tracked down by the Ama-Soweto gang.

Almost daily, distressed parents, like a Guguletu father from Nyanga, ask for help from the school.

This week, two I D Mkhize teachers asked for police patrols at Guguletu police station after hearing rumours that the gangs were "grouping to prepare to attack the enemies at the school".

Like at I D Mkhize, some Oscar Mpetha high pupils - sometimes up to 25 percent of the total 1 500 enrolment stay away from school.

Pupils said the problem was that Ama-Soweto "guard all the school's pupils as its enemies".

Like at I D Mkhize High school, the Oscar Mpetha High gang members use drugs like Mandrax tablets and dagga on the school premises.

Teachers showed Weekend Argus two "bottle necks" - used by the gangs to smoke dagga and Mandrax.

At Fezeka High, which is near the base of Ama-Soweto, pupils and teachers alike said gang violence was having adverse effects on tuition.

Sometimes classes were disrupted when street battles broke out between the rival groups.

Meanwhile, angry Guguletu residents, organised by the Western Cape Civic Association, have introduced street night patrols in a bid to combat the gangs.

Police promised to increase patrols around the affected schools to safeguard the pupils.
HONEymoon's over:
(below) The ill-fated romance between Willem de Klerk and Erica Adama was a favourite target for placards

HOU JOU BEK ... Fistfights broke out between the NP and ANC factions after the rally.

WAAR IS ERICA NOU??
SY WERK IN F.W. DE KLERK SE KOMBUIS
Sowing the seeds of peace

DR SESHI CHONCO believes he knows why the Peace Accord is failing. As a "ceremonial paper signed by leaders" it did not draw enough on the troubled communities themselves, says this representative from the Institute for Multi-Party Democracy.

"It is disturbing that the accord is failing. We need to go back and look at why it did not deliver," said Chonco.

"For me, the main problem was that it did not involve the rank and file of participating parties. Instead, it was a ceremonial paper signed by leaders.

"It has not trickled down; it should have been a bottom-up process."

For Chonko, the accord signed last September by South Africa's political leaders was "a perfect opportunity to involve more people in negotiations".

"We should have drawn ideas from the troubled communities themselves. They should have been allowed to launch a people's peace movement," he says.

With over 1 300 people killed in political violence since the Peace Accord was signed, the National Peace Committee is having a difficult time meeting its objectives.

For them the agreement was not just a flash in the pan. It heralded the start of a treacherous journey with the end-point resembling some sort of peaceful nation.

Related efforts are being made to ensure the agreement does "trickle down": a simplified version of the accord is being mass-produced in seven languages, and 11 Regional Dispute Resolution Committees (RDRCs) have been established countrywide.

The brief of these RDRCs is to identify conflict areas in their specific regions and set up Local Dispute Resolution Committees (LDRCs) to deal with problems through mediation.

The Western Cape RDRC has been operating since February 16. It consists of 32 regional organisations and has an executive of 15 members. Political parties, church groups and a range of community organisations are represented.

Regional chairperson Mr Graham Higgs says the taxi war and community disputes with local government are the two troubling issues in the Cape. The committee is focusing on these.

So far no LDRCs have come off the ground but this is the immediate priority — especially in Nyanga, Crossroads, Guguletu, Khayelitsha, Grabouw, Villiersdorp and

Peace has not taken root despite the signing of an accord last September.

Quentin Wilson examines why the bloodletting continues:

Dr Seshi Chonco

Woesley, which have been defined as "tension towns."

Progress has been slow in the Cape and a number of reasons have been cited by those involved.

The size of the region, a lack of commitment from participants, a shortage of money and the practical task of getting dozens of busy people in one place at one time have proved to be stumbling blocks.

The RDRC is expected to set up LDRCs in a region spanning the Orange River to George — and not one full-time person is operating for it.

RDRC executive member Mr Jan van Eck said: "Our biggest problem is that we do not have the financial resources for full-time staff.

We need a lot more money.

"Another stumbling block is that the violence here is seen as less important than the violence elsewhere."

There was a desire to work on the problem but no sense of urgency, he added.

On a national level the peace process is driven by three vehicles — the National Peace Committee, the Peace Secretariat and the Goldstone Commission.

The National Peace Committee, chaired by Mr John Hall, sees to the overall implementation of the Peace Accord, publicity for peace and the drawing up of codes of conduct for all signatories.

The Peace Secretariat, headed by Dr Antonie Geldenhuys, has set up regional committees and handles mediation.

The Goldstone Commission, meanwhile, is expected to come up with judicial findings that point to the causes of our war-torn society.

Socio-economic restructuring committees are also planned. These will assess the needs of different communities and look for ways in which these can be met.

All funds for the project come from the coffers of the Department of Justice, but Geldenhuys feels a lot more financial assistance is needed.

"We need a much greater infrastructure. The secretariat will visit each region within the next two weeks to discuss the needs of each," he said.

But in spite of all the problems, Geldenhuys believes progress has been made.

"It has been a huge task getting all 11 regional committees up and running.

"Just getting people together who have been fighting for so long is a significant achievement. I think we are happy," he said.

Seminars have been held for regional chairpersons on skills such as negotiation communication, preparation for facilitation, techniques for reducing listener resistance, empathic listening, political posturing, dealing with cultural differences, dealing with violence; dealing constructively with anger and bringing parties to settlement.

A workshop last Friday drew up plans for the way forward.

There is still much work to be done and if the National Peace Accord is going to have the "same magnitude as the Magna Carta" — as chairperson John Hall claims — the sooner noble gestures at the top are mirrored at a grassroots level, the better.
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The expected address was little more than a five-minute harangue against the ANC.

"These people do not represent the spirit of Mitchell's Plain," (Clarence, the true spirit of Mitchell's Plain had to be busied in from the platoons with the other NP supporters.)

"They are the radicals we must eliminate from our society." Shades of PW there, PW.

Then the strain got too much for the bald Messiah and he disappeared through the back of the tent under the not-so-democratic hail of sand, pebbles, stones, gravel or coarse gravel depending on your political vantage point.

A large part of the NP crowd vanished in pursuit, the rest occupied the stage and resumed the toyi-toyi, initiating a prolonged slanging match with the ANC supporters who were toyi-toying at ground level.

Yet as far as real aggro was concerned, the gathering barely measured up to a Sunday braai attended by the supporters of two different cricket teams.

Now and then people in search of fresh air would start an NP or an ANC protest march and do a few laps of the field outside. A self-appointed orator leaped onto a plastic chair to proclaim "PW is the best, as sal oek Julie baas ween."

So who were? While coloured people are still disfranchised, we won't find out.

"Caan PW nog praat?" asked someone passing me on his way from the box terminus towards the tent.

Very, bra. You're three years too late for PW — and an hour too late for PW, just in case you know the difference.

The shrubs of delight from one side of the tent would have made Paul Simon (Jolson) envious, could it be — he... no, this one's got hair, it's only Kleinbaas Staffel van der Merwe.

He was not the Light, but comes to bear witness to the Light. He beamed at the audience, muttered into the microphone before standing aside for the bald man in the grey suit who came stumbling on after him. This time the shrubs were worthy of a Madison concert.

Someone arrived with more balloons, and people went over like dominoes in the ensuing scuffle for a souvenir.

Then a white, statuette-like figure in a suit shuffled his way onto the stage. Could it be, could it be (the

FWS FAITHFUL AND UNFAITHFUL SUPPORTERS: Both sides with a score to settle went to great lengths to make their point at the Nat jamboree in Mitchell's Plain. Thereout however is in dispute with both teams claiming victory

There were no way the crowd would relax before PW appeared — but it seemed increasingly unlikely that he would be able to make himself heard, or even to squeeze his way onto a stage already jammed with photographers, journalists, Nats of assorted colours and strangers-on.

The multi-cultural brass band having given up, Bontshweul MP Mr. Patrick McKenzie seized the microphone and tried to lead the audience in more gormandizers.
Photographer, roughed up by police at rally
ANC chairperson abducted, shot

By Mbuyiselo Mtshekethe

A ROW is looming between the ANC and headmen in the Waterloo squatter camp in the Boland following the abduction and shooting of the ANC branch chairperson in the area.

Mr Phillip Sangwangwa was shot in the neck and shoulder last week by three blackface-clad men who are allegedly members of the Western Cape United Civic Association (Wecusa).

Sangwangwa said he was abducted from his house by the man who said they were policemen.

The men, armed with shotguns, wanted to know whether he was a member of the ANC.

"They forced me to show them the house of one of my comrades," Eric, on our way they threatened to kill me.

"We reached Eric’s house and they asked us whether we knew of Mr Makgabane who they alleged was an ANC comrade.

"We denied any knowledge of Mr Makgabane."

Sangwangwa said the men then forced them out of the house. Eric managed to escape but Sangwangwa was shot in the neck and fell to the ground.

He pretended to be dead. "I thought the men would leave, but the leader of the men instructed one of them to shoot me in my head because I was not dead."

The man then shot him in the shoulder.

Sangwangwa said one of the men tried to set him alight after pouring petrol on him but was disturbed by neighbours.

He was taken to Worcester hospital for treatment.

Sangwangwa said the shooting followed a recent meeting that the ANC held in the area without consulting the headmen.

He claimed the headmen have aligned themselves with Wecusa in an attempt to oust the ANC from the area.

Responding to the allegations of Wecusa involvement, the organisation’s chairperson, Mr Enoch Magwaba, said Wecusa would investigate whether its members were involved.

However, he said attacks "are not Wecusa policy."

ANC spokesman Mr Vincent Diba said the incident could not be isolated from the violence against ANC members around the country.

Diba said there was "a national strategy by those who are opposed to democracy aimed at destabilising and weakening the ANC."
End to taxi war in sight

Warring taxi drivers in the Border and Eastern Cape regions have agreed to seek a peaceful resolution to their dispute, which has already cost three lives.

They made the pledge at a meeting organised by the Border-Ciskei Regional Dispute Resolution Committee in Grahamstown.

Fighting erupted two weeks ago between members of Umgcobo Service Taxi Association and Border/Alliance Taxi Association over two routes, from King William's Town to Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth. Three taxi drivers were killed and seven injured in the feud.
Strict action pledged to halt minibus taxi deaths

The government would not hesitate to introduce legislation, such as the withdrawal of licences, to curb road deaths caused by minibus taxis, the Minister of Transport, Dr Piet Welgemeed, has said.

Speaking during debate on the International Air Services Bill, he welcomed the 20 per cent reduction in the Easter road death toll and said this had been made possible by a multi-disciplinary approach and strict law enforcement.

The official death toll during this Easter weekend was 152, compared to 245 during the same period last year.

Dr Welgemeed said it was clear that minibus taxis and pedestrians were the "greatest culprits". Fifty-two of the accidents in which people were killed involved minibus-taxi and 33 pedestrians had died in accidents.

Speakers from all other parties also welcomed the drop in Easter road fatalities and called for sustained action to combat road accidents. — Sapa
Individuals afraid to complain, say police

BY GAYE DAVIS - CAPE TOWN POLICE were aware that taxi operators were quite unhappy, but they did not know to what extent.

File photograph of a police officer and a taxi driver. (Reuters)

By Gaye Davis

The Cape Times, 24 April 1987

Cape Town police appear not to have been given any information, however, about the outcome of the government’s plans for a new taxi tariff system.

A section of the transport policy document, which was leaked to the media, states that the new tariffs will be introduced in stages, with the first stage being implemented in January 1988.

The document also states that the government plans to introduce a new taxi service that will operate on a weekly basis, and that this service will be available to all commuters, regardless of whether they are using public transport or not.

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Train deaths
Sit-in ends
Action vowed

JOHANNESBURG. Nine protesters seeking an end to train killings last night won an agreement for tougher measures and ended their sit-in they launched a week ago.

Police, railway authorities and the activists, who included members of the ANC, reached an agreement at the end of talks that began on Monday.

At a joint news conference the protesters, Spoornet and the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (RCC) said police had committed themselves "to urgently redeploy personnel in affected areas."

The RCC had undertaken to bar armed commuters from stations and trains.

A total of 112 Peninsula railway stations are expected to be upgraded by March 1994 in a bid to make commuter travel safer, a senior RCC official said yesterday. - Sapa, Staff Reporter
Taxicab rivals sign peace treaty

CLAIRE KEETON
Weekend Argus Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Eastern Cape taxi associations have signed an interim peace treaty, committing themselves to negotiating a peaceful solution to violence.

The Border Taxi Alliance, Stellenbosch, United and Babas agreed on the use of certain routes and ranks. They also decided to suspend the lucrative long-distance Peddie-Johannesburg route.

Conflict over this route precipitated the regional taxi war last month in which at least three people died and there were allegations of hit-squad and abduction.

The chairman of the Border/Chickel peace committee, Bishop Trevor de Bruyn, said it was encouraging to see the commitment of the delegates to negotiate a peaceful solution.

There was clearly concern expressed by the delegates to maintain peace. They recognised that violence was not in their interests or the interests of the commuters," he said.

The Border peace committee called a crisis meeting a month ago which led to a commitment by the associations to refrain from fighting and maintain mediation.

They also invited other organisations like local authorities, churches, the ANC and the PAC to take part in peacemaking.

He said the associations reached an agreement to go back to their members and consult them for mandates on areas of conflict.
African people coming to the cities in search of jobs are bound together by values they brought from their rural way of life. But, as they settled in the Metropole City, government policies have eroded these bonds of unity.

In addition to the black-white divide, apartheid helped to separate township residents with rural attitudes (mainly migrant workers in hostels) from those with urban attitudes (the permanent residents).

"We are looked upon as less human because we come from so-called backward uncivilised rural areas," said a hostel dweller who declared to give his name.

"It is surprising that your own brothers and sisters can look up to you as a non-entity."

Those who today claim to be Cape Town-born people originally came from the rural areas. They came to the cities to seek work like us. They also returned to the farms during the holidays but later forgot about their origins and chose to settle in Cape Town.

"The township people refer to us as "amagubuku" (migrant labourers) and "amakupha" (filthwalkers) because we came from the impoverished rural areas," he complained.

Despite these negative feelings, many young men from the township frequently visit the hostels to join in games-drinking in the shebeens. But these nights out bring to the front their dangerous.

"They like to stay with us and forget about their origins."

One township resident, who preferred to remain anonymous, confirmed the hostel dwellers were regarded by the township residents as less human.

"Not all township residents share the same negative feelings about the hostel dwellers. There are a large number of people who sympathise with them.

I also sympathise with our brothers because they do not ask to be here.

They are the people who, as a community, should sympathise with and assist in getting employment as they came to the city in search of work to maintain their impoverished families.

Although this negative attitude against the hostel dwellers is found among aged township residents, it predominates among the youth.

"The cancerous virus of racism is the root cause of the problems experienced by the migrant labourers."

"In order to diffuse the tension between the migrant labourers and the township residents, the hostel system should be abolished to allow the migrant labourers to own homes and lead a normal life with their families," he said.

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A hostel dweller and was in touch with all the members of his branch. He said negative attitudes had been previously rife because of illiteracy control resulting in the hostel dwellers being separated from their wives and families.

The University of Cape Town deputy vice-chancellor and senior researcher in anthropology, Dr Mamphele Ramphele, said:

"Among the reasons which led to this tension is that during the days of influx control, restricted sections were introduced to settle the migrant labourers away from the township residents.

"As they are migrant labourers and regarded as people employed in the lowest category of jobs, like the garbage collectors, they are considered to be the illiterates as they are regarded as people who could play no role in the community.

"Lack of respect for migrant labourers has brought about a terrible resentment among hostel-dwellers towards township residents.

"The town life has always been associated with the better life. People who are more urbanised look down on those who are less urbanised."

"An effect of racism on our society has been to spread hate among blacks," she said.
Youths kill ANC member after police 'ignore' his plea for help

By Quentin Wilson

Youths stoned and stabbed to death ANC member Mr Elias "Shorty" Sithembile in the West Coast town of Koekenaap on Sunday night, soon after he had asked the police to protect him.

According to Koekenaap residents, Mr John van der Westhuizen and Mr Victor Magoa, Sithembile, 57, was driving home after an ANC meeting in his bakkie when the vehicle was stoned by a group of youths.

Sithembile prevented three fellow ANC members in the bakkie from retaliating, and drove to the police station in nearby Lutzville.

When Sithembile reported the incident to three policemen on duty, including Sergeant Koopman, they refused to arrest the stone-throwers or allow a charge to be laid.

Sithembile showed them his bakkie which had a damaged windscreen and asked that they help him get safely to his home in Koekenaap.

The police refused, said Van der Westhuizen.

On their way from the police station the four ANC members were stoned a second time by the group of about 15 youths.

The three passengers got out to chase them away and urged Sithembile to drive home. He did but was confronted near his home by the group who had taken a short cut, the two men said.

After stoning his bakkie, they repeatedly stabbed him and ran away. Sithembile later died in hospital. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Van der Westhuizen says he knows the names of two of Sithembile's attackers. He insists that the police have yet to take action.

Major-General Nic Acker, police commissioner for the Western Cape, said the police "paid due attention" to Sithembile's complaint.

"It is absolutely absurd to suggest that the police are biased and that the police will not take action against any alleged criminal.

"I assure all members of the public that the case as well as all the allegations against the police are under investigation and if any negligent behaviour can be proved, proper action will be taken," Acker said.

ANC spokesperson Mr Willie Hofmeyr said the ANC is outraged" and demanded "an immediate enquiry".

"This appears to be another instance of police indifference to the plight of members of the community who are seen to be sympathetic to the ANC,"
MUSLIM protesters and police clashed outside the US embassy in Cape Town this week.

About 100 people heeded a call from the Anti-imperialist Solidarity Committee, a coalition of militant Muslim groupings, to protest against Yankee imperialism, Zionism and the US-sponsored sanctions against Libya.

Police spoke to the demonstrators who then moved forward shouting "Death to America."

Scuffles broke out during which police and demonstrators clashed violently and teargas was fired. About 26 people were arrested and a police pistol was stolen during the fighting.
DREADLOCKS are hazardous when you are trying to evade arrest, two Rastafarians brothers discovered.

The city centre showdown on Greenmarket Square last Friday was the latest clash the Rasta brothers have had with the police.

Mezwes Govia and Trevor Ebomb became involved in a scuffle with police and traffic officials when the brothers thought they were being given a raw deal by those in authority. Govia was protesting against a policeman searching him in public when brother Trevor joined the fray. Next thing Trevor knew, a traffic policeman had him by his dreadlocks and wouldn’t let go. That’s when things got out of hand.

The final scene: three policemen injured and one Rasta arrested.

“This is not the first time we are treated like this. Rastas are discriminated against because of their faith and their appearance,” Trevor said.

“Look what happened in Los Angeles when the police arrested a man in full view of the public, people took to the streets to express their anger.”

What Trevor found disturbing was the apathy of the crowd which gathered to watch the scuffle. None attempted to assist Govia.

The Ebomb brothers might bring civil action against the police.

Both were treated for injuries, including a cut in Trevor’s right arm which required three stitches.

Police spokesperson Captain Atte Laubscher said the policemen had not played an active role in arresting Ebomb but had merely assisted traffic officers who were first on the scene.

“But if they want to lay a charge of assault against the police, this can be done at the nearest police station,” Laubscher said.
Township tense as resident shot dead

Crossroads violence feared; Police on stand by

By Raymond Joseph

The Internal Stability Unit has been placed on standby as fears grew this week end that the sprawling township of Crossroads could explode in bloody violence following an incident this week in which a man was shot dead after a heated public meeting.

A councillor, Mr Poni de Wet, was arrested and his gun confiscated after the incident at a community centre on Wednesday night when Crossroads resident, Mr Bantuza Mbonimana, was shot dead during an altercation.

An unidentified witness to the shooting, who has given a statement to police, has gone into hiding after threats against his life were made on Friday night.

Factions

A police spokesman said yesterday that the ISU was closely monitoring the situation in Crossroads which has for a long period of bloody internecine warfare, enjoyed relative peace for the past few months.

They are on standby and anything happens they are ready to respond immediately.

The chairperson of the Western Cape council, Colonel Tony De Wet, said yesterday that the potentially explosive situation arises from a heated meeting between councillors and Crossroads residents on Wednesday which was called in an attempt to resolve a dispute over rents and the allocation of houses.

Mr De Wet said that in the Unathi housing development, known in the township as the "white houses," the houses are in an area which was the scene of violence involving rival factions.

Hundreds of shacks were destroyed and thousands of people forced to flee for their own safety.

After the area was cleared of squatters, it stood empty for a long period before the "white houses" were built.

Angry Crossroads residents, who accused councillors of favouring outsiders in allocating the houses, then went on the rampage and drove the new occupant s out.

Some of the houses were burnt down and many others demolished.

The area then stood empty for over a year before being taken over by the Communist Services Board, which after reaching an agreement with the ANC and other recognised civic leaders, re-built the houses.

Two housing units were then allocated to Crossroads residents who had originally lived there.

The residents then made several demands, including a reduction of rents from R50 to R15 because they said the houses were in a poor state of repair.

They also demanded that the council retract a ruling that businesses may not be run from the houses.

This resulted in the Crossroads council calling this week's meeting which, according to eyewitnesses, was attended by several heavily armed councillors and their bodyguards.

A witness said the meeting became extremely heated when the councillors attempted to leave arguments between them and some of the residents continued outside the hall.

The witness claimed that Mr De Wet pulled out his weapon and shot Mr Ndamane.

Rushed

Mr Jas van Eck, the former DP MP who has now joined the ANC, rushed to the scene with members of the Black Sash's unrest monitoring group after the incident was reported to them.

He said yesterday that witnesses had told him that "there was a lot of shooting, but nothing else was hit.

The Internal Stability Unit was called and, immediately, Mr De Wet was arrested and his weapon confiscated.

"said Mr Van Eck. "The situation is very tense and could explode at any moment. We are planning to send a mediator into the area as possible in an attempt to defuse it."
X’roads killing: Official held

Staff Reporter

ONE of three men arrested in connection with the fatal shooting of a Crossroads man at a meeting between residents and the local town council last week has been identified as a town councillor.

ANC activist Mr. Busi Tubakhe, Ndamane, 24, was shot twice in the chest and killed as he ran from the TokoANE Community Hall. Crossroads: after fighting broke out at the meeting.

The meeting, called to resolve a rent dispute, ended in chaos after Mr. Ndamane allegedly would not allow the meeting to move onto another issue.

It emerged over the weekend that three men — not two as previously reported by police — have been arrested in connection with the killing.

One of the men, has been identified as a councillor and the other two as employees of the town council.
Taxi murder charges dropped
Gunmen kill guard in 'cold blood'

Staff Reporter

A SECURITY guard was killed in New Crossroads yesterday morning when three unidentified gunmen shot him three times in what police described as a cold-blooded murder.

Parade Security Services staff member Mr Christian Mulder, 44, was shot in the head, body and arm while guarding a bakery van outside the Early Bird Store in Lutango Street at about 7.30am. Police said that the attackers took away Mr Mulder's firearm, a heavy calibre handgun, while the driver and another delivery man were busy inside the shop. An assistant in the shop said the driver immediately went out and drove to the nearest police station.

Police believe the motive for the attack was robbery.

Police asked anyone with information to contact Lieutenant Deon Schapenar of the Murder and Robbery Unit at 951 6656.
A YOUNG mother’s birthday celebration in a Somerset East restaurant was ruined by a group of white men who lashed at women with a sjambok and told them to "find a kaffir place to dance in".

The evening out for Georgina Sammy, 23, ended when her husband, Rowan, 27, was bundled into a police van. She spent the night in the Somerset East charge office with their baby son.

"That was the most humiliating moment of all," said Mrs Sammy. Rowan was the one with the complaint, but they wouldn’t hear it. They wouldn’t even give him a glass of water or take him to the doctor, even though it was claimed he was drunk.

She said they were celebrating her birthday with about 10 friends at the Killamo Steakhouse a week ago when four white men entered the restaurant at 11pm. Later more men joined the group.

They started passing nasty remarks about kafirs and hotnobs, but we ignored them. Then Rowan got up to go to the toilet and a man we know to be a prison guard followed him outside and spat at him," she claimed.

Steakhouse manager Thomas Visser tried to keep the peace, but a fight broke out. Mrs Sammy was sjambokked across the back, allegedly by a local farmer, as was one of her friends, Mrs Rosemary Hafkie.

Police confirmed they were investigating charges of assault and criminal injury.
Govt clampdown on drug trade

CAPE TOWN — Government introduced tough new regulations yesterday to combat the drug trade, including the right to confiscate property acquired through trafficking.

The aim of the Drugs and Drug Trafficking Bill, tabled in Parliament, is to bring SA's drug laws into line with the UN convention against illicit traffic in cannabinoids and psychotropic substances.

According to the Justice Department memorandum, the Bill has been introduced to counter the expanding national and international dimensions of drug trafficking.

Apart from the harsh confiscation of property clause — which says all property that dealers have acquired through trafficking can be confiscated by the state — the Bill also increases the state's powers to combat drug trafficking by increasing the number of drug-related crimes.

If the Bill is passed it will become a crime to:

1. Manufacture or supply a scheduled substance, knowing or suspecting that it is to be used in or for the unlawful manufacture of a drug;
2. Acquire property knowing that it is the proceeds of a defined crime; and
3. Convert property knowing it is the proceeds of a defined crime.

The Bill makes it an obligation for the owner, occupier or manager of any place of entertainment to report to the police if they believe any person on the premises is in possession of or is dealing in drugs.

Failure to comply will become an offence. Likewise, provision is made to compel financial institutions to report to the police property purchases suspected of having a direct link to crime.

The central feature of the Bill is the wide powers it gives the state to confiscate from drug traffickers the entire proceeds of their trafficking retrospective to the passage of the Bill.

The memorandum states that the aim is to remove the incentive for people to become involved in drug trafficking by removing the proceeds and making the continued practice unattractive.

The Bill also contains mechanisms to improve co-operation with foreign authorities in an endeavour to combat drug trafficking.

The state will be able to confiscate property in SA of drug traffickers found guilty in foreign courts.

DP, CP slam bid to scrap Part Appropriation Act

CAPE TOWN — The DP and CP yesterday strongly objected to the proposed abolition of the Part Appropriation Act — saying that the step would undermine parliamentary control of government expenditure.

It would also reduce the time spent on debating vital financial, economic and other topical issues, they said.

The Part Appropriation Act governs state expenditure on current services from April 1 until about June when the main Budget is implemented.

In introducing the Part Appropriation Abolition Bill, State Expenditure Minister Anie Venter said its motivation was to streamline the budgetary process by obtaining a standing authorisation from Parliament for interim expenditure on the basis of the previous year's approved budget.

A limit of 45% calculated on the previous year's parliamentary authorisation for expenditure during the first four months of the following financial year was proposed and thereafter 10% per month, calculated on the previous year's authorisations of already approved services.

Venter said it appeared that expenditure in the first four months would total about 35% of the previous year's total budget.

"The nature and limited analytical worth of information which is included in the part appropriation does not provide a basis for any in-depth parliamentary debate over economic policy and control of state expenditure," Venter said, adding it therefore appeared to be a waste of time and effort.

DP MP Ken Andrews said the proposed abolition of the Part Appropriation Act was another nail in the coffin of parliamentary accountability and democracy. At a time when greater control over government spending was required, a measure was being proposed which would leave government expenditure unchecked for a long time.

The DP objected to the magnitude of spending which the bill made possible and said the legislation was pernicious and extremely dangerous.

"The government can spend 45% of this year's budget amount in the first four months of next year — a spending increase of 12%. It can also spend a further 16% per month thereafter and we could end up with a situation in which the government only summons Parliament in January or February 1894, omitting the whole of 1993, having spent almost the total permissible budget amount for that financial year without having any parliamentary approval at all," DP MP Douglas Gibson said.

Tough move on guns proposed

CAPE TOWN — In a further attempt to crack down on weapons used in crime and political violence, government yesterday tabled a new Bill increasing penalties for illegal possession of semi-automatic guns and rifles to a maximum of 25 years.

The Arms and Ammunition Acts Amendment Bill excludes semi-automatic guns and semi-automatic rifles from the definition of "arms" and these may only be possessed once a special permit has been granted.

Law and Order Minister Hermann Kriel proposes in the Bill that any rifle capable of firing repeatedly should be forbidden to civilians.

Police adviser Leon Kellerman said that an existing ban on submachineguns would be extended to civilian models of the AK-47 and the R1 and R5 rifles.

He said these weapons played the greatest role in crime and political violence in SA.

The penalty for owning a non-automatic AK-47 would rise from a fine of R12 000 to a prison sentence of between five and 25 years. The five-year minimum would be introduced as an amendment to the Bill next week.

A police spokesman said 1.2-million South Africans legally owned 3.3-million firearms, but declined to release details of how many were owned by whites and how many by blacks.
Municipal protesters arrested

Weekly Mail Reporter  

FOUR people were arrested in Brackenfell, Cape Town, this week as thousands of municipal workers around the country held pickets demanding an end to retrenchments.

The workers were also calling for a halt to the state’s restructuring of the local government sector and for a living wage.

The arrested workers, who were charged with violating municipal by-laws, appeared in the Keisrivers court on Wednesday and were released on bail of R100 each.

More than 800 workers in the Vaal participated in the pickets, organised by the South African Municipal Workers’ Union (Samwu). Hundreds took part in Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Kimberley and the southern Cape.

According to Samwu Vaal chairman Sunnyboy Matoso, the major threat facing union members is retrenchments.

Matoso said the Interim Measures Act, which proposes the merging of black and white neighbouring councils, “will bring about the rationalisation of services and lead to the loss of jobs”.

Cape Town Samwu representative Rodger Ronnie said: “Police in Bloemfontein confiscated posters in the picket, while in Mitchell’s Plain a scuffle broke out between workers and police when they tried to take away the posters.”

The pickets were a build-up to marches planned for June 10 in 13 cities around the country, he added.
ANC set to stage protest in Kimberley

KIMBERLEY — A street demonstration will greet Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring today when he attends Kimberley’s unification ceremonies at the city’s Civic Centre.

Yesterday ANC regional spokesman Fakes Dikgetsi confirmed that a demonstration by his organisation would take place at the Civic Centre.

Civic association chairman Solly Legodi said the civics and Cosatu would also take part in the protest action.

“We are intending to bus ANC supporters in to the council for the purpose of having a demonstration against the unification,” Mr Dikgetsi said.

The protest action is only part of a bigger ANC programme of action to express its dissatisfaction with the new system of local government in Kimberley.

Mr Dikgetsi said today’s action would be followed by a consumer boycott “in the near future” and a stayaway the following month.
Staff Reporter

CITY law student Mr David Mthletheleli Dlali, 32, kept a huge arms cache under his bed, the Cape Supreme Court was told yesterday.

The cache consisted of an AK-47 rifle, Makarov and Beretta pistols, two limpet mines, four hand-grenades, 30 AK-47 rounds, 27 nine millimetre rounds and two .22 bullets.

Mr Dlali yesterday pleaded guilty to the illegal possession of the arms. He was arrested on April 7 at his NY 132 Guguletu home.

He is a "region commander" of the ANC's military wing, nMlenhlo woSizwe, a Food and Allied Workers' Union employee and a first-year law student at the University of the Western Cape.

He told the court that MK members had been instructed to keep their weapons and be prepared to hand them over only to a joint command of the government and the ANC. He said negotiations between the two parties had reached an advanced stage.

He said he had travelled abroad to ANC meetings in Sweden and Norway last year and had received two years' military training in Southern Africa in 1986 and 1987.

In 1989 he received orders from MK to hide the weapons until further instructions. In March 1990 his commander — whom he refused to name — told him to keep the arms safe. That order was repeated personally by Mr Chris Hani, then MK chief of staff.

He went to Strandfontein, where he had hidden the arms, and took the weapons home. He "saw no reason" to hand the weapons over to the police when the government had offered amnesty to those who did so, he said.

Replying to a question by Mr Justice J G Foxcroft on his MK rank, Mr Dlali said he was a "region commander" but he did not have soldiers under his command.

Mr Christopher Dlamini, the president of FAWU and vice-president of Cosatu, said Mr Dlali's union job entailed liaison with lawyers before strike action began.

Professor Vincent Maphal, head of political studies at UWC and Mr Dlali's lecturer, described him as a "diligent and determined" student with "enormous leadership potential".

He had been elected class representative and received 70% and 72% for two essays he had written this year.

Mr Siraj Desai, counsel for Mr Dlali, sought postponement as a witness "involved in negotiations with the government" would be available to testify today.

Mr Dlali's R3,000 bail was extended and the trial continues today.
POLICE in the Western Cape have been accused of actively taking part in attacks during Cape Town's vicious taxi war.

This allegation was made yesterday in a 100-page report by Amnesty International, which investigated human rights abuses in South Africa. The report endorsed criticisms made by the Goldstone Commission and the International Commission of Justices of the security forces, Inkhata and the ANC for the violence in South Africa.

The report, whose latest report publication on South Africa was released last week, Amnesty has largely focused on the security forces and Inkhata.

The report was denounced yesterday as partisan and one-dimensional by Law and Order Minister Mr Johan Schepers, human rights lawyers, township residents and organisations monitoring unrest and security force operations.

On the Cape Town taxi war, the report said that police not only failed to intervene in the violence but, according to eyewitnesses, had actively participated in attacks and there was evidence of secret intervention by the police in the taxi war.

The report listed a number of cases of alleged police involvement or lack of action in violence in different parts of the country.

Amnesty International alleged police co-operated with Inkhata in attacks on the strongholds of rival organisations, or did nothing to halt these attacks.

"Similar behaviour on the part of the police has also been evident in the Western Cape, where the presence of Inkhata is not a factor in the local violence."

"The only sensible source of violence in the townships and squatter camps is a longstanding rivalry between two taxi associations, which are competing for lucrative routes."

"However, one of the associations apparently has majority backing in the strongly pro-ANC township communities."

"There is ample evidence of covert intervention by the police on the side of the rival association."

The Human Rights Commission said yesterday it concurred with Amnesty International's findings that the bombing, abduction and torture of political opponents by the South African security forces during the 1980s has continued unabated.

"This conclusion accords with our own findings, as our monitoring and painstaking research shows."

"There was no reason to believe the system would now shrink from gross human rights violations."

Amnesty blames all sides
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Police direct callers to ANC

THE CALEDON Square charge office yesterday referred telephone inquiries on safety during the massacre campaign to the ANC, because they know where the trouble will be.

A member of the public phoned Sapa and said he had called the charge office to ask whether it would be safe to come into the city. He was given a number to phone. He dialled this number and was surprised when the phone was answered by ANC Western Cape headquarters.

Mr Willie Hofmeyr of the ANC confirmed that members of the public had phoned his office to inquire whether it would be safe to travel in certain areas.

A Sapa staff member phoned the Cape Town charge office of the police and asked whether it would be safe to travel to Cape Town from Kraalfontein and was told to phone the ANC.

The policeman gave his name and rank when asked for them. But he also gave the number of the police regional operations room and said they would be able to give information on which routes to take. - Sapa
Textile workers plan march

Thousands of clothing workers plan to take to the streets of Cape Town today in a mass march that industry employers have criticised as "grossly irresponsible", warning that jobs are on the line.
Smiles end bitter war of the taxis

By DANIEL SIMON

PEACE was officially declared in the Peninsula's vicious taxi war yesterday.

Hundreds of minibus taxi drivers in the two warring groups, Webta and Laguna, converged on the Cape Showgrounds near Goodwood to attend a Convention for a Democratic Taxi Association (Codeta) ceremony.

Declaring the long and bitter taxi war over, both Laguna chairman Mr Headman Ngqwejana and Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) chairman Mr James Maphuya shook hands and beamed when they placed the first unifying logo on a Webta taxi.

To symbolise the peace, taxis will now carry an emblem depicting a white dove with a twig in its beak.

Codeta control

Hostilities between the two organisations over the past few years have claimed numerous lives and cost millions in damage to property.

Dignitaries at the ceremony included Cape Town Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, the ANC's Western Cape secretary Mr Tony Yengeni, and other guests, including speakers from the PAC, Azapo and the ANC Women's League.

With the ceremony, Webta and Laguna were assigned to the past, and both organisations will now fall under the control of Codeta, which brokered the peace pact.

Displaying the emblem on minibus taxis will allow taxi drivers from both organisations to ply all formerly disputed routes without fear of violence or intimidation. Taxis which do not display the new logo will not be allowed to do business.

SABC man 'threatened'

Codeta will now work on establishing a new controlling taxi association and aim to restructure ranks and routes as speedily as possible.

An SABC radio journalist was confronted and allegedly threatened by Codeta chairman Mr Kidwell Magwayi yesterday afternoon when he (Mr Magwayi) demanded a cassette tape containing interviews with taxi officials and dignitaries.

The journalist alleged that Mr Magwayi threatened to take action against the SABC if it aired the interviews as Codeta did not want to be seen to be dealing with the SABC while the Media Workers' Association of SA wage strike was on.

MK 'w'

From CHRIS BATE

LONDON. — THE ANC's movement in South Africa began in 1942.
WARNING TO GO: June 15 may be a day of action for action.

December 16 and the ANC would henceforth hold the government to its

ANC’s final offensive

has still to be nullified

Rethinking Rossovsky: recent reports

suggest that the ANC has over

bigger challenge the

people are very excited.

The ANC’s mass action

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The government to its
ANC home ransacked

Staff reporter

The Blackheath home of a senior ANC member was ransacked this week.

Mrs. Fotsile Botha, wife of ANC national executive committee member Mr. Thozamile Botha, said the kitchen and bedrooms had been turned upside down on Thursday and that only ANC video tapes appeared to be missing. She suspected the act was an attempt to scare them into moving out of the white area.

The incident was reported to the Kuils River police.
PAC man: I was abducted

Staff Reporter

Police are investigating a charge of attempted murder after a PAC member alleged that on Thursday some ANC supporters, including a former exile, abducted him, tried to set him alight and shot him in the hand. (CFS)

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaijer said the PAC man could not be named 'because his life was in danger. He told the police four men and a woman had abducted him in Langa. No arrests have been made. CT 20/11/92
Goldstone: Taxi War Cost 66 Lives, R3.6m

By Anthony Johnson
‘Tide of action will roll De Klerk towards sea’

By Quentin Wilson

IF THE mood of about 10 000 people at the June 16 commemorative rally in Nyanga was anything to go by, the ANC in the Western Cape can expect a massive turnout for their mass action campaign in the coming weeks.

The packed Nyanga Soccer Stadium erupted in enthusiastic applause when new uMkhonto weSizwe chief of staff, Mr Siphiwe Nyanda, declared: “This mass action must end at Pretoria’s Union Buildings when Mr Nelson Mandela becomes the first genuine president of this country.

“The tide of mass action will roll (President FW) De Klerk towards the sea. He has no alternative but to hand over the reigns of power to the people.”

Mr Lizo Nkoni, SACP Western Cape general secretary, said: “We are here for one reason and that is to launch the offensive on the NP government. This rolling mass action will start in Cape Town, continue to Port Elizabeth, then to Durban — until power is transferred to us.”

“We need to prepare for July. Some day in July we must take control of the city — everything must come to a standstill that day. “We have nothing to fear, we will occupy the government offices, we will control the councillors’ offices and then prepare for a prolonged general strike — until the Boers bow to our demands.”

An ANC national press statement said rallies took place in villages and towns which seldom appeared on maps. A rally in Ritchie drew 400 people and in Hotazel, 2 000 people.

“We are most happy at the success of the rallies because the government and the media created hysteria around the possibility of violence, aimed at intimidating those who wanted to participate,” the ANC said, in its statement.

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'Closer look' still needed at taxi war

THE bloody Western Cape taxi war had its roots in commercial competition and it was still premature to say to what extent politics had played a role in the related violence and intimidation, the Goldstone Commission found this week.

The committee of the commission set up to investigate taxi-related violence in the Western Cape consists of Cape Attorney General Mr. Niel Rossouw and attorney Mr. Louis van Zyl.

Mediate

An interim report, aimed at informing the commission of the investigations up to now and what still needs to be done, was tabled in Parliament this week.

The cost of the war up to the first quarter of this year was "awesome" with some 66 deaths and damage to property amounting to R3.6 million, the report says.

On allegations that policemen had participated in the violence, the committee found that there was evidence "to the contrary". "There has been evidence that the South African Police have tried to mediate in the war on a continuing basis," the report stated.

It added, however, that the role of the police and their influence on the level of violence had "not been fully explored" and would be investigated further.

The committee had been hampered by the unavailability of witnesses, including representatives of the taxi organisations, resulting in the hearings being punctuated by postponements.

The record of evidence had already reached 780 pages, however. The committee had also held private hearings with witnesses unwilling to testify in public.

The report sketched a brief history of the two taxi rivals, the long-established Langa (an acronym for Langlaagte), Gugulethu and Nyanga, and the former "pirate" operators, the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta).

One of the factors contributing to the conflict was "deregulation", which resulted in more permits being granted by Local Road Transportation Board, leading to greater competition.

Other factors included taxi operators' lack of business and driving skills, the absence of ranks and stops, and inadequate or non-existent shelter and toilet facilities at ranks.
Youths riot in Galeshewe

KIMBERLEY — Galeshewe has become embroiled in an orgy of violence after groups of youths went on the rampage, stoning and setting vehicles alight in the township. Kimberley's Metro ambulance service has summarily prohibited its ambulances from entering the township after six separate incidents between Wednesday and Saturday afternoon in which delivery vehicles were surrounded by youths, stoned and set alight. Nearly R1 million damage was caused to six vehicles.
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Up until the first quarter of 1972, about 60% of the total number of traffic violations contributors exhibited a level of skill that could be described as 'suitable'. However, the percentage of violations committed by these individuals rose sharply in subsequent quarters. The report said this same trend continued in the Cape Province, noting that the number of traffic violations had contributed to the car accident toll. In Parliament, on Friday, the report said the same thing in South Africa, the 1975 Commission said the same thing. In 1974, the report said, the Cape Province had contributed to the car accident toll. In 1976, the report said. The commission reported that the number of traffic violations had contributed to the car accident toll.
Elises River death brings RSC to talk about rent

By Justin Perez

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Many mourners turn up for work

ALTHOUGH absenteeism was higher than usual in many regions, the vast majority of workers chose to mourn Boipatong through workplace prayer services, mass meetings or demonstrations.

Police said 10% of workers from Soweto stayed away, although about 90% stayed away in some of the more industrial Vaal towns.

Sapa reports that in the eastern Cape there was a partial stayaway and companies were forced to close.

Volkswagen was closed after only 50% of its workforce turned up. Only about 22 workers showed up for work at the Goodyear plant.

In Port Elizabeth Firestone workers turned up but left again to attend a march.

Johannesburg mining bosses said attendance was virtually normal. Prayer services and mass meetings were held on many mines.

A spokesman for the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry said there had been a high level of cooperation between employers and employees regarding the mourning of Boipatong victims.

Some companies were flying the ANC flag at half mast and most employers had allowed workers time off to hold commemorative meetings.

Group in protest against massacre

CAPE TOWN — A group of ANC Women’s League demonstrators yesterday tore down the SA flag at the Cape Town Magistrate’s Court before dousing it with red paint and re-hoisting it at half mast.

Police used teargas in the arrest of 12 men and women after they tipped a bucket of red paint over a policeman. Shortly before the incident, eight women who were arrested outside Parliament on Friday for throwing paint at the building had their first appearance in court.

No charges were put to them, but several were rearrested afterwards.

After the arrests, western Cape ANC Women’s League chairman Mildred Lesani said the demonstration was part of an “anger campaign” against the Boipatong massacre. A police spokesman said the 12 would be charged with desecration of the flag, malicious damage to property, assaulting a police officer and demonstrating near court buildings.

Sapa reports that wreaths were laid at the gates of Parliament yesterday after a memorial service in the St George’s Anglican Cathedral. Cape Town Mayor Frank van der Velde, ANC western Cape chairman Alan Boesak and clergy members later led a march to Parliament.

In Bloemfontein, 28 ANC members were arrested while picketing. Police said they would appear in court for picketing without permission.

Our Durban correspondent reports that about 200 people attended a memorial service in Durban, where several ANC speakers called for government’s downfall.

Thousands of people attended a city centre service in Maritzburg.

In an apparent reference to blame for the massacre apportioned to “Zulu” hostel dwellers, he warned that those who labelled people in ethnic terms would cause a long legacy of bitterness.

In Windhoek, about 200 people took part in a memorial service in St Mary’s Catholic Cathedral and in London Anti-Apartheid Movement members claimed to have occupied the SA embassy in Trafalgar Square. They called on ambassador Kent Durr to refute government’s stand that violence was caused by black political rivalry and the ANC’s mass action campaign.

Sapa-APP reports that about 75 people demonstrated peacefully in front of the SA embassy in The Hague.
Police admit birdshot used in Cape march

CAPE TOWN — Police yesterday admitted they had fired birdshot into the crowd during Wednesday's Cosatu march.

They defended their actions, saying they had been forced into action when provoked by unruly elements of the crowd.

Cosatu acknowledged they had anticipated a smaller crowd than turned out and had only appointed 400 marshals.

At least three people were wounded when about 15,000 people took to the city streets and the march turned to chaos.

Police initially denied they had opened fire with birdshot, admitting only to using rubber pellets and teargas.

But police liaison officer Major Gys Boenmoller yesterday said birdshot had been used, but denied the police had acted provocatively.

A joint statement was issued by the ANC, Cosatu, and the South African Communist Party accusing the police of unprovoked attacks on marchers.

Journalists were shown police videos of the march. In it people could be seen throwing stones at them. Police were seen opening fire with rubber pellets and teargas. — Sapa.
Police shoot fleeing protesters in the back

By GAYE DAVIS: Cape Town
THE run-up to the Congress of South African Trade Unions' August 3 general strike got off to an ominous start this week when riot police fired gunshot and rubber bullets at the backs of fleeing protesters after a 6,000-strong march on parliament.

Cosatu's Living Wage march, aimed at pressuring the government to accede to majority rule, ended in chaos and conflicting reports. Police initially denied gunshot was used, despite eyewitness reports to the contrary.

Red Cross volunteers told The Weekly Mail that five people were treated for gunshot wounds at the scene and the superintendent of Somerset Hospital, Dr PJW Roux, said of two of the five people brought in with injuries after the march had gunshot wounds. A sixth patient was transferred to Groote Schuur Hospital after she fractured her ankle when she was knocked down by a car in the parade.

Police Illovo officer Major Gys Boonzaaier yesterday conceded gunshot had been used. He said this information was not available to him earlier.

The police action reflected a general mood of anger and frustration among the marchers and the militant, no-holds-barred rhetoric of those who addressed them — and is unlikely to ease tensions or soften attitudes to negotiations.

A small contingent of marshals was hard-put to maintain order during the march, which got off to a murky start around 1pm when a couple of hundred people set off in a fast-paced toy-joy, leaving their leaders — including the South African Communist Party's Chris Hani, struggling behind.

Taunts and insults flew back and forth between marchers and police and dog-handlers as the crowd moved from District Six through the city centre to parliament, where a memorandum listing 10 demands was handed over for the attention of President PW de Klerk.

Later, when the crowd was gathering in Upper Darling Street to be addressed by Hani and other, a motorist, who apparently panicked on being caught up in the crowd, knocked down one of the march leaders. His car and at least two others were damaged in retaliation before marshals managed to regain control.

Cosatu assistant general secretary Sam Shilowa appealed to all workers 'to prepare yourselves for the battle lying ahead' — but few could have realised that first force by only minutes and about 100m away, where police blocking Darling Street were trying to arrest an itinerant lay-preacher amid vociferous protests from people gathered round.

Once the preacher was bundled into a van, a police sergeant used his dog to send people scattering — just as the main body of dispersing marchers, heading for the station, was approaching.

In the ensuing confrontation, stones rained down on the police. Young comrades 'liberated' the preacher from the back of the van as riot policemen raced to take up position and fire at the backs of the fleeing crowd.

A joint statement by Cosatu, the African National and the SACP expressed outrage that no warning was given and that police made "no effort" to use minimum force. The statement also condemned "isolated incidents" of hooliganism and what it called "a return to old apartheid-style police methods".
Residents expose vigilante plan

By Quinn Wilson

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El Dorado, California, June 26, 1992

The El Dorado Times

Residents of the Westland Apartments complex in El Dorado, California, were shocked last week when they discovered that a group of residents had formed a vigilante group to protect the complex. The group, known as the Westland Vigilantes, has been patrolling the complex and targeting what they see as suspicious activity.

The Westland Vigilantes have been active for the past month, and their actions have drawn mixed reactions from the residents of the complex. Some residents support the group's efforts, while others feel that their actions are more of a nuisance than a deterrent.

The Westland Vigilantes have been seen in the complex several times a day, and they have been reported to be carrying guns and carrying out patrols after dark. Some residents have complained that the group's activities are causing them discomfort and fear.

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Diary of the week's mass action

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By Quintin Wilson (Ht 38739-2)
Icy cold oasis of peace

KURT SWART looks at some of the possible reasons why the Western Cape seems to have escaped the violence affecting most of the country.

The absence of the Inkatha presence, a more unified and democratically-oriented population and even local weather conditions have been cited as reasons why the Western Cape remains a relative oasis of peace in a country rife by political violence.

Opinions canvassed this week point to various factors contributing to the tranquility of the Cape, although it was noted how violence does exist with tensions and divisions that could be exploited by forces promoting instability.

This week's incident on the Grand Parade when police opened fire on marchers was the first of its kind in the Cape. Town since ANC president Nelson Mandela's release and, in fact, since 1994. With a general forecast of violence, it was highlighted by the disturbances on the northern suburbs of the town, where relations between hostels and police have been peaceful for almost a year.

The Western Cape police said that their community policing efforts have contributed to the reduction in violence.

A significant factor was the absence of the strong Inkatha presence in the Western Cape. This is not to say that there is no Inkatha violence. However, police Commissioner Constatino da Silva said that the setting up of a new police station in the area has helped to reduce crime.

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Tribute

Block 86 national vice-president, Mr. Wilfred Nderi, said one of the reasons for the relative peace in the Western Cape is the willingness of the police to cooperate with the ANC and other community organisations.

There is some community activism here — some community and ANC leaders have been assassinated, though on a lesser scale than in the rest of the country.

"The people who live in the townships are largely Xhosa-speaking and they are a more homogeneous population.

Mrs. Burton paid tribute to the hard-work and dedication of the police in the Cape. The police, she said, have always worked closely with the community to fight crime and to keep the peace.

"The West Cape Province has been fortunate to have a police force that is committed to the community and has a good working relationship with the community."

"If people are using Inkatha to create divisions, the police have a responsibility to prevent this, and they have been doing this very effectively."

Eric M. Arthur

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NOTHING BEATS THE TASTE.
Councillor survives new attack

EDWARD MOLOMYANE

A KHAYELITSHA town councillor has survived a second attempt on his life in less than a month.

Mr. Charles Banti said he was watching television in his Site C shack about 7pm on Wednesday when he saw four men walk past.

"I crawled out to check because you never know what's going to happen to you these days. They must have noticed me because moments later they fired several shots, which all missed me," he said.

Mr. Banti, who was also armed, said he took cover and fired back. The men fled.

Three weeks ago he narrowly escaped death when gunmen fired a volley of shots at his shack and car.

Meanwhile, a sabotage attempt on power and telephone lines was discovered at Lingelsho yesterday. No major damage was caused.

A similar attack on Wednesday left the up-market areas of Tembani, Gongweni and Ikwezi without power for six hours.
It's smiles now after taxi war

Peace has finally ended the year-long taxi war which ravaged Cape Town townships. Ever since Codeta was formed, life has been returning to normal in the townships. Weekend Argus Reporter VUYO BAVUMA reports...

LONG queues of township dwellers are becoming a normal feature at township taxi ranks as peace continues to hold.

The Nyanga rank, a virtual battle zone during the year-long conflict, is again a busy transport depot since the hostilities between the two warring factions, the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) and Lagnuya, ended in February.

Fruit hawkers, who used to abandon their corrugated-iron stalls when gunmen struck at the rank, are doing a brisk trade again.

Classes at two nearby schools which were caught up in the violence are conducted in peace.

At the rank, former rivals, with their vehicles bearing the Codeta emblem — a white dove with a white flower in its beak — are operating side by side. Once enemies and now colleagues, the drivers exchange jokes and smoke hand-rolled cigarettes as they chat.

This week Weekend Argus saw many passengers, most of whom opted for trains and private transport during the conflict, boarding taxis at Nyanga in relaxed fashion.

In Khayelitsha, where gun battles between rival factions were almost daily occurrences, taxis operated freely.

The violence, which claimed more than 20 lives and destroyed vehicles worth over R1 million, resulted from disputes between Webta and Lagnuya over routes.

At the height of the taxi war, many people feared going to the rank as defenseless commuters had been shot in cold blood.

Angry residents alleged that police collaborated with one of the factions in the conflict, but the police vehemently denied the accusations.

Bus drivers did not escape the wrath of the gunmen. A City Tramways driver was shot dead in Khayelitsha.

Township-broked peace died down after community leaders — including Mr Michael Mapongwana and the ANC's Pro Jack — involved in the talks were assassinated.

Members of an umbrella peace body comprising political township organisations went into hiding as the attacks on the peace brokers increased.

Some peace initiatives, including one organised by the Mayor of Cape Town and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, failed to halt the township violence.

However, the search for peace continued, including attempts by South African Black Taxi Association officials who flew from Johannesburg.

Another behind-the-scenes peace initiative, brokered by the UCT Centre for Intergroup Studies, began late in February.

Many a township cyanic did not give the process a chance, recalling previous “peace talks”.

Not that they enjoyed the endemic violence engulfing the townships — it was because many treaties had failed to produce positive fruits.

Even when whispers of “progress to achieve peace” started filtering through the townships, many residents reacted with cynicism although violence died down.

The Goldstone Commission also threw its weight into a bid to look into the roots of the conflict.

Residents' fears were gradually dissipated as the taxi factions announced the formation of an interim structure — the Convention of Democratic Taxi Associations (Codeta) — to oversee unification of two rival factions and seal permanent peace.

The 36-member Codeta, helped by five working groups, resolved that Webta and Lagnuya should disband and work toward forming one taxi association.

To show it meant business, Codeta abolished the regions and recommended that the two bodies should ditch their logos and adopt a uniform emblem — a white dove with a white leaf in its beak — for all taxis.

And, in one of the most crucial aspects, Codeta, headed by chairman Mr Kidwell Magwayi, also decided to set uniform fares for all taxis — a previous sore issue as rival bodies used to lower fares during the cutthroat competition days.

Codeta resolved that no taxis should have exclusive rights over certain routes. All routes, including the lucrative township-central business districts routes, formerly a Webta domain, should be shared by all.

Meanwhile, Codeta would like to be consulted by the transport board concerned with permits. Another thorny issue is that all taxis should register so that "offenders" could be traced by Codeta's patrol squad.

Although other details — like whether drivers should rotate or operate on a fixed route for certain periods — have not been finalised, the prospects of long-lasting peace look bright.
Four killed in Khayelitsha shooting spree

EDWARD MOLONYANE, Staff Reporter

FOUR people have been murdered in an orgy of violence in Khayelitsha.

The victims included three cousins who were killed when men wearing balaclavas went on a shooting rampage in a shebeen and among neighbouring shacks in the Harare squatter settlement. They were Mr Mqwaliseli Lilela, Mr Andile Mgadwywa and Mr Bouliize Mpanda.

Six other people were seriously injured in the attack.

“A taxi operator, identified only as Mr Nqai, was shot in a field near the cemetery in Litha Park. His death has baffled residents. He is said to have been “giving driving lessons to a woman”.

The woman, Miss Minkile Phakoe, 26, who escaped unscathed; said yesterday they were attacked by three gunmen who sprayed the hatchet in which she was being taught to drive with more than 20 bullets.

“We went to a shebeen to buy some liquor. Nqai had said to me on our way from the shebeen that he wanted to teach me how to drive. After drinking, Nqai and I went to the open space next to the Phase Two houses.

“After a while I saw three men walk past, but moments later three wearing big coats and brandishing long guns appeared from the direction in which the men had gone.

“They just surrounded the hatchet and, without uttering a word, began firing randomly,” said Miss Phakoe.
Planned sit-ins may result in confrontations

Planned sit-ins at government buildings today seem likely to result in confrontation between the authorities and members of the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance.

Targets are all government buildings including police stations, courts and buildings owned by local and provincial authorities. ANC campaigns committed chairman Mandla Dlamini said the sit-ins would be staged "right in the offices where their effects will be felt most."

Dlamini said although the alliance was aware police would "arrest and harass protesters" the protest would go ahead.

Police said yesterday they had taken precautions to prevent the sit-ins as they would disrupt essential services.

They called on organisers to refrain from the planned action because it would lead to confrontation with the police who had to maintain law and order.

They said many townships where sit-ins were planned were unrest areas and those taking part could be breaking the law.

Dlamini said today's occupation of government buildings and other actions - such as barricades in city centres, pickets, marches and rallies - were a build-up to the three-day general strike from August 3.

Linda ENSOR reports from Cape Town that the ANC Youth League is to hold a mock trial of President F.W. de Klerk and other key figures on the Grand Parade today as part of the mass action campaign.

ANC MP Jan van Eck and ANC Western Cape regional secretary Tony Yengeni are due to speak at the rally which will see mock charges being laid against de Klerk, State Affairs Minister Gerrit Viljoen, Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha and police officer 'C P Van der Westhuizen.'

ANC Youth League Western Cape president Mcebisi Skwatsha said "charges" would focus on "corruption, murder and assassinations and conspiracy to prolong apartheid."

After being found guilty they would be sentenced. At Caledon Square formal charges would be laid against C P Van der Westhuizen for signing the death warrant of the Cradock Four.
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Deputy city administrator Mr Alan Dolby said: "They were either untruthful with us or they couldn’t control their members in the end. I prefer to believe it was the latter. Up to now the ANC has had a good record with us, but the Youth League has bloated the copy book of its parent body."

The Democratic Party also condemned the mock trial and alleged threats about a Nuremberg trial made on the Grand Parade by ANC (Western Cape) secretary Mr Tony Yengeni.

DP spokesman on justice matters Mr Douglas Gibson MP said wild and irresponsible threats about holding Nuremberg trials and creating people’s courts inflamed the situation further.

He said: "Talk about the Nuremberg trials in South Africa trivialises the Holocaust in Nazi Germany. The idea of people’s courts makes true democrats shudder. It shows that the spirit of Joseph Stalin is alive and well in the ANC Youth League."

‘Imprisoned’

During yesterday’s protest two bottles were thrown at senior policemen, the South African flag was set alight in Burg Street, a police dog bit Youth League secretary Mr Neville Ndlozo, police at one stage appeared to be preparing to fire on demonstrators and a train was wrecked.

During the mock trial Mr "Justice" Mlolo Gunguluzi "sentenced" President De Klerk and IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to life imprisonment.

Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha and head of military intelligence General C P van der Westhuizen were "imprisoned" for life.

Minister without portfolio Dr Gerrit Viljoen was "imprisoned" for 25 years "with a slight chance of appeal".

Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetsee condemned the mock trial, saying it "pushes one’s tolerance to the extreme."

Mr Coetsee said the flagrant rejection of the National Peace Accord by leaders of the gathering was to be "strongly condemned".

IFP spokesman Mr Kim Hodgson said the trial showed "utter contempt" for the National Peace Accord.

It was a "deliberate slap in the face for all signatories of the National Peace Accord that could result only in increased tensions", he said.

But Mr Yengeni said the ANC was within its rights to hold a mock trial.

He said: "It symbolises the frustration of our people with the fact that no one is being held responsible for violence and corruption."

* See page 17.

MASS ACTION: ANC Youth League members with a South African flag which was burnt on Burg Street and set alight.

VANDALISED: Spoor net worker Donald Knight cleans up after vandals damaged a suburban passenger coach at Koeberg Road station yesterday. They smashed lights and windows and slashed seats, leaving shards of glass and debris.

*See page 17.

Violent start to mass action in city centre

Staff Reporter

The start of the ANC's mass action campaign in the Western Cape yesterday was marked by violence, confrontation and vandalism.

ANC Youth League members burnt a South African flag, threw bottles and stones at police, and wrecked a taxi after an impromptu march in the city centre.

During the unplanned march from the Grand Parade to the National Party offices in the city centre, a shop was also damaged and several pedestrians were robbed.

There was a tense stand-off outside the NP offices in Burg Street — which the protesters had earlier occupied — as a phalanx of policemen faced hundreds of marchers, and two senior police officers were struck by bottles and bricks.

ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni said yesterday's march was the beginning of mass action in Cape Town. He said the action would bring the city to a standstill in August.

Police spokesman Major Bokani said Lieutenant Colonel Eustice Nel and Colonel John Parker were both injured by missiles thrown by the crowd.

Scores of police armed with 14 rifles, shotguns and stopper guns refrained from using their weapons after being taunted by ANC supporters.

Earlier about 40 ANC members had entered the unattended NP offices. They refused to leave until their demands for an interim government and an elected constituent assembly had been formally acknowledged.

Youth League members tied tyres on tables in the offices and chanted ANC slogans.

The South African flag was torn off the wall and some Youth League members wiped their shoes with it.

When the group emerged from the office with the flag and set it alight,uffles broke out between police and the marchers, and bottles and rocks were thrown.

Police then formed a line, cocking their weapons, and marched back to the Grand Parade. At the station, the crowd piled onto a stationary train.

Spokesman spokesman Mrs Yvonne Olwage said the train broke down at Koeberg Road station near Parliament.

The passengers proceeded to wreck the train by smashing seats, pulling out ceiling and wall panels and light fittings and causing £200,000 in damage. They then went to Yeardley station, refusing to wait for a replacement train.

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* New demo laws needed. — Page 9
The answer to the question "New Body to feed children in Kalimpong" is: "Foundations of Copenhagen".

The answer to the question "AnC occupies NPO offices in Cape Town" is: "News from the Cape Town office."
Police, protesters clash during campaign to occupy govt buildings

POLICE clashed with ANC demonstrators in Cape Town and Maritzburg and NUM members staged peaceful marches to three gold mines near Westonaria yesterday as the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance launched its campaign to occupy government buildings.

Sapa reports from Maritzburg that a policeman was stabbed, 25 people were arrested and several shops were looted when several hundred ANC supporters tried to occupy the city hall.

Police said a crowd freed 25 detained people while they were being taken to Loop Street police station. At Richmond, several thousand ANC supporters marched from Ndalele to the town, where they handed a memorandum to the chief magistrate.

Protest marches organised by the NUM to three mines near Westonaria proceeded without incident yesterday.

The marches, which the NUM said were "part of the broader programme of mass action," were held at JCT's Randfontein Estates, Westonaria gold mine and Gold Fields' Libanon gold mine.

However, an ANC spokesman said last night plans to occupy government buildings in the PWV would be disclosed only on Friday.

In Cape Town the SA flag was burnt, and bottles and stones were thrown at police during a highly charged stand-off between police and protesters during the ANC Youth League's occupation of the NPA's Cape head office yesterday.

Later, a rally on the Grand Parade heard that ANC stickers had been stuck on portraits of SA prime ministers and Youth League members had toy-fought on tables and "drunk all their tea and sugar."

Earlier, Foreign Minister Pik Botha, President F W de Klerk, State Affairs Minister Gerrit Viljoen, Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Gen. C F van der Westhuizen were all "convicted" by a mock trial on Cape Town's Grand Parade. They received "prison terms" ranging from 25 years to life imprisonment.

WILSON ZWANE reports police said they did not receive reports of the planned occupation of government buildings in the border and the northern and southern Free State regions.

The ANC's campaign committee chairman Mandla Dlamini said fears of confrontation with police had contributed to the uneventful launch.

Mcebisi Bata, spokesman for the alliance's Border region, said the only sit-in staged in the region was at the Mdantsane Magistrate's Court near East London.

But, Bata said, more sit-ins at government buildings were expected to be staged from today. Dlamini said sit-ins at government buildings were a prelude to the clogging up of city centres next week.
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Police, Restrain!

Expert praises.

The ANC pledged in its election manifesto to protect the rights of all South Africans and to ensure that the police are professional and accountable. However, recent events have raised concerns about the effectiveness of the police in enforcing the law and maintaining order.

The Western Cape provincial police commissioner, Bheki Cele, has come under fire for his handling of the incident involving the police shooting of a suspected crime suspect. Cele, who has been in his position since 2017, has faced criticism for his response to the incident, which has sparked outrage among the public.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, and Cele has since issued an apology to the family of the deceased. However, the police have faced criticism for their handling of the incident and for not providing adequate information to the public.

The opposition Democratic Alliance has called for an independent investigation into the incident, while the ANC has defended the police, saying they were carrying out their duties.

The Western Cape provincial government has also been criticized for its handling of the incident, with some calling for the resignation of the provincial premier, Alan Winde.

The incident has highlighted the ongoing challenges faced by the police in maintaining order and ensuring the safety of all South Africans.

Source: The Sunday Times
Van Eck, distressed at behaviour in ANC demo  

MPs stand up in Parliament against ANC violence.
Babes among Casualties

Resident's battered by seemingly mobbedness attacks in
quiet residential streets:

Ms. Thembi, a resident of Cape Town.

News

Mothers and babies shot by gunfire wrapped in blankets

March in KwaZulu, while third class looters rob.

Mass action continues
Grand Parade trials in absentia

Mock trials of various figures heads this week did not amuse the authorities, but they sure proved to be a crowd-pleaser.

Weekly Mail Reporter

LENGTHY prison sentences were given to "President FW de Klerk", "Pik Botha", "General CP van der Westhuizen" and "Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi" this week. "Gerrit Viljoen" might just get off on appeal.

In a striking bit of guerrilla theatre, the African National Congress Youth League occupied the Cape Town Grand Parade for a "people's trial" of De Klerk, two senior cabinet ministers, the head of Military Intelligence and the president of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The "defendants", wearing cloth masks with photocopied faces pasted on, refused to plead.

But it was to no avail: they were sentenced to prison terms ranging from life to 25 years after "Judge" Mhlolo Gunguluzi found them guilty of charges including murder, corruption, being part of an illegitimate government and instigating violence.

Gunguluzi denied four of the "defendants" leave to appeal but said there was a slight chance he would rule differently for "Viljoen".

The lunchtime "trial" attracted a huge crowd, which cheered the sentences.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetzee was not quite so pleased, condemning the incident "in the strongest terms" as a rejection of the National Peace Accord. "This leads one to believe the negotiation process is being abused by hidden agendas," he added.

An IFP spokesman called the mock trial and sentences "inflammatory" "a deliberate slap in the face to all signatories of the Peace Accord" and likely to result in increased tension.

The Democratic Party was also not amused, charging that "at a time when emotions are running high, wild and irresponsible threats about holding Nuremberg trials and creating people's courts ... only inflame the situation... further".

Back at the Grand Parade, however, the "trial" went off smoothly. "I would do it again if I had to," said an unrepentant "Van der Westhuizen" when convicted of the murder of Matthew Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkhonto and Sicelo Mthandi.

"Viljoen", found guilty of being part of an illegitimate government and wrecking the future of millions of youth through Bantu education, said apartheid had had good intentions but the government "had made only a few mistakes ... I didn't intend to harm the blacks, but only to keep them away from the whites".

"Botha" was found guilty of being a lifelon supporter and architect of apartheid, "denying the people their basic human rights" and being an international advocate of apartheid and the government. Gunguluzi said it was against the policies of the court and the people in general to impose the death sentence and he sentenced "Botha" to life imprisonment.

"Buthelezi" was found guilty of several charges, including collusion with the South African Police, exploiting the miserable condition of hostels and hostel dwellers to foment and perpetuate the killing of innocent people, and being a puppet of the National Party. He was sentenced to life imprisonment and ordered to disband the kwaZulu Police.

"De Klerk" said he could not be tried by a people's court because he is the president, but he was also sentenced to life imprisonment and was ordered to concede to majority rule, stop restructuring the economy and the government and disband hit squads.

After the sentence was passed, the "president" showed some contrition. "I cannot be blamed for what the SAP and SADF did," he told his grim-faced accusers. "I am not responsible for the violence. But I am sorry for what my government has done to you."

Life imprisonment... "President FW de Klerk" and "Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi" Photo: AP
ANC action rolls into NP office

By Quintin Wilson and Mihalis Gargalos

VICTORY in phase two of the ANC's pro-democracy campaign was claimed by the ANC Youth League (ANCYL).

The league claimed to have arrested the police on Wednesday when thirty-seven of its members occupied the National Party offices in the city centre for three hours while 200 supporters waited outside. Mr Mochulu Shweshe, Western Cape ANCYL chairman, said the party had "given false signals to the SAP" about which government building they would occupy.

They kept their chosen venue a secret and it came as a surprise to many on the parade that the NP offices had been targeted.

After Mr Hubert Lombard, an NP organiser, accused the 37 ANCYL members that a written response to the league's memorandum would be issued "as soon as possible," the occupants ended their sit-in and joined the crowd outside.

Before they marched to the Grand Parade for the final address, a small group in the crowd set fire to the South African flag outside the NP offices in Buit Street.

While the burning "symbol of apartheid" was held aloft to great cheers, eight policemen moved in with hoes and retrieved the remains of the flag.

Mr Nicola Matsos was allegedly beaten by police during the incident.

After a series of scuffles between police and demonstrators, police were pulled back to the gates of the NP offices. Guns pealed, an empty coke can and a brick were seen to be thrown at the police.

About 100 people stayed behind and argued with the police about the Peace Accord while the rest of the demonstration moved to the Parade. A dog handler chased this group away and Mr Neville Naidoo, an ANCYL regional executive member, was hit on the leg.

Earlier in the day, the ANCYL staged a "People's Court" on the Parade where President PW de Klerk, General CP van der West-

KEEPPING MUM: State President PW de Klerk is silenced by a demonstrator's sticker
State taking sides in health strikes
Police station sit-in: 31 protesters held

THIRTY-ONE members of the Ravensmead ANC branch were arrested yesterday after staging a sit-in at Ravensmead police station.

The 19 men and 12 women refused to pay bail of R50 each and spent last night in jail.

They were protesting against the high crime in the area and demanding an interim government and elections for a constituent assembly.

A spokesman said they had entered the charge office at 3.35pm and had been arrested at 6pm.

Police said they had been charged with trespassing and attending an illegal gathering.
THIRTY-ONE members of the ANC Ravensmead branch have appeared in the Belville Magistrate’s Court on charges of trespassing and attending an illegal gathering after a sit-in at the Ravensmead police station at the weekend.

The 19 men and 12 women were not asked to plead yesterday, and the hearing was postponed to August 27 to enable their counsel to make representations to the Attorney-General.

Mr P.M. Gwelo was the magistrate. Mr J. Venter was prosecutor and Mr R. H. Stuurman appeared for the defence.
Webta 'was favoured'

Goldstone member killed, cop appears

PRETORIA. — A police assistant appeared in the Randfontein Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the murder of Advocate Mr Legual Pitje, a member of the Goldstone committee investigating the displaced people of Alexandra.

The committee yesterday observed a moment of silence for Mr Pitje.

Committee chairman Mr R. Nugent said there was no reason to believe Mr Pitje's death was connected to his membership of the committee.

Police said a watch and a ring which belonged to Mr Pitje were confiscated after they were allegedly sold by the accused to a shebeen. The case was postponed to tomorrow. — Sapa

BY PETER DENNEHY

THERE had been favouritism at one stage in respect of the issue of taxi permits to the benefit of Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta) operators and to the detriment of its rival Langalangalangulana (Langa) Guguletu/Nyanga Association (Lagunya).

This was said by Cape Town's deputy city administrator Mr Alan Dolby yesterday. He gave evidence — concerning the operation of the Local Road Transportation Board (LRTB) which grants permits — before the Goldstone Commission's committee investigating the local taxi conflict.

However, he added that he did not think the favouritism was "purposely engineered". It had come about simply because the government was keen to regularise the position of what used to be "pirate" (or permitless) taxi operators.

Most of the then "pirate" on the township-to-town routes, which were seen to be lucrative, happened to be affiliated to Webta. They had pioneered the routes when it was illegal to operate there.

When given the chance to become legal, they applied in batches for permits and many were successful, Mr Dolby said. There was no reason to believe bribery and corruption were taking place at LRTB offices, despite the perceptions of taxi operators who were unable to get permits for the town routes.

"As far as I am concerned, there was definitely favouritism in practice in this particular instance," Mr Dolby said, but declined to say there had been a "conspiracy".

He suggested applicants for permits who had been turned down should be given reasons, whether or not they appealed. The cost of an appeal used to be R100, but then it rose to R300, he said. Mr J A Le Roux, counsel for the Department of Transport, said this price rise had come into effect in November 1981. Mr Le Roux was unable to provide the committee with reasons for this increase. He did mention, in another context, that those who heard the appeal had to come down from Pretoria.

It emerged from Mr Dolby's evidence yesterday that virtually no new taxi permits have been issued to Webta or Lagunya by the LRTB for the Cape Town municipal area since last year.

Mr Dolby said most taxi operators appeared to be in favour of some sort of permit system.
Pirate taxis 'cause of war'

LIBBY PEACOCK, Staff Reporter

The legalisation of pirate taxis — seen as blatant favouritism towards the Western Cape Black Taxi Association by other operators — was one of the causes of the Western Cape taxi war, a committee of the Goldstone Commission heard.

Deputy city administrator Mr Alan Dobbs told the committee yesterday the system under which permits were granted by the Local Road Transportation Board had a great deal to do with the conflict.

He believed the existing system was deficient and had to be researched and modified.

Under cross-examination by Mr J.A. le Roux, counsel for the Department of Transport, he said it appeared to taxi operators that there was no fairness in dealing with applications for permits.

The criteria for granting permits was "so simplistic" that the board could not explain to unsuccessful applicants why they did not get permits.

The legalisation of pirate taxis was seen as being unfair in Cape Town, while it "may have worked in other centres".

Lagunya and other groups saw it as "blatant favouritism" towards Webba.

Mr Dobbs said the council preferred a modified system in terms of which people would be given understandable reasons for their unsuccessful applications.

There should also be a locally based, or at least regionally based, appeal system.

Discrimination, whether it was deliberate or not, existed, and Webba members had benefited most from the legalisation of the pirate taxis.

Committee member Mr Louis van Zyl remarked that representatives from Webba and Lagunya had told the committee the legalising of the pirate taxis made operators "so angry that they took to violence".

Mr Dobbs said ideally, the taxi industry should provide its own training.

Excluding the South African Black Taxi Association, which did not enjoy the support in Cape Town it had in the rest of the country, the associations did not have the means to provide education programmes.

The inquiry continues today.
By AUDREY D'ANGELO
Business Editor

Last-minute efforts are made to avert the threatened general strike. The Cape Town Chamber of Commerce has appealed to both employers and employees to avoid confrontation and cooperate to protect the economy and save jobs.

Both the chamber and the Cape Chamber of Industries (CCI) have sent delegations to a special meeting of the SA Chamber of Business (Sacob) today to discuss a draft agreement between Saccopa and Sacob which could result in a one-day shutdown instead of a longer strike.

Herbert Hirsch, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Colin McCarthy, executive director of the CCI, said yesterday that they did not yet know details of the draft agreement.

Hirsch said he could not comment before the meeting.

McCarty said: "We are going to the meeting to wait and see what has been proposed.

"I am certain that as a chamber, we would support a call for all parties to go back to the negotiating chamber and go ahead with the formation of an interim government as soon as possible.

"But some of our members may feel that it is not necessary to have a work stoppage to make this point.

"Neither McCarthy nor Alan Lighton, director of the chamber of commerce, knew yesterday whether a one-day shutdown believed to be proposed by Saccopa and Cosatu was intended to be a paid holiday.

"That is one of the questions we are waiting to be answered," said McCarthy.

"But a spokesman for Saccopa said it would recommend "no work, no pay, no discipline.""

Today's meeting will be held behind closed doors and reaching agreement may be difficult.

Cosatu is known to look on a strike or a shutdown as a way of demonstrating its strength.

Although business people are worried by the prospect of strikes and mass action which could result in violence some may be reluctant to appear to act in support of Cosatu against the government.

And the point has been made that not all the workforce are in favour of a shutdown.

The chamber of commerce weekly bulletin points out that employers and employees "are interdependent and will sink or swim together."

"Within this context the chamber strongly appeals to all employers and employees to make every effort to enable ongoing consultations and negotiations to succeed, the minimal objective being to assist in meeting each other's needs."

Urging proper and timeous consultation and negotiations it warns: "Employers or employees who resort to the confrontational enforcement of rights or powers will, in the context of SA today, delay and possibly even destroy any hope of a rapid transition to a democratic and stable SA."
Vehicles and flag burn in PE 'mass action' rampage

PAT CANDIDO
The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. - Damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of rands was caused when marauding gangs set fire to trucks and buses after mass action demonstrations here.

Police liaison officer Captain Henry Chalmers said a municipal vehicle worth R15,000 was stoned and set alight yesterday morning.

In the afternoon, a delivery vehicle belonging to a furniture chain was attacked and plundered. The furniture was removed and the truck was set alight, causing R67,000 damage. The driver got away.

Soon afterwards, a R100,000 vehicle belonging to a building contractor was torched. About midnight 'a truck' believed to have been stolen was set alight.

At 3am, today a bus was stopped and torched by a group of people in a minibus. The damage is estimated at R240,000.

A second bus was attacked about 7am, but no details were immediately available.

Yesterday a group taking part in mass demonstrations tore down the South African flag at the New Law Courts building, set it alight and then replaced it with an ANC flag.

The chanting crowd also pulled down the South African flag at another government building and replaced it with an ANC flag.

The demonstration disrupted court proceedings. Magistrate's Court staff locked doors and windows and only some trials could take place.

Twelve ANC activists were arrested and released after staging a sit-in at the Department of Correctional Services offices.

In Uitenhage 18 people were arrested for taking part in an allegedly illegal procession.

The demonstrations were part of the 'rolling mass action' campaign initiated in the Eastern Cape by the ANC, Communist Party and Cosatu.

Details of mass action planned for today were not available by mid-morning but indications were that it would include sit-ins at government offices.
The taxi wars
‘must stop’

‘Threat to the future of state’

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Staff Reporter

TAXI violence threatened the future of the state and the free enterprise system, SA Black Taxi Association executive member Mr Jabu Mabura has told a committee of the Goldstone Commission.

He said the truce negotiated by Sabta in the Western Cape was "shaky".

He believed it was important that every effort be made to stop taxi wars but added that the situation could have been avoided if various warnings given by the State President to the Department of Transport and cabinet ministers since 1986 had been heeded.

Mr Mabura said there were 10 reasons for the violence — transport policy, the autonomy of local road transportation boards, deregulation agreements, lawlessness, a lack of facilities, no visible law enforcement, economics, subsidies, political groups, negotiation problems and vested-interest groups.

He said Sabta had reluctantly agreed to deregulation because it understood it would manage the process jointly. But local road transportation boards were issuing permits "willy-nilly".

He said the anarchy on the roads was caused by law enforcement agencies being unable or unwilling to enforce the law.

This amounted to a total breakdown of discipline and control by policymakers and created anarchy.

More and more taxis — there were about 100 000 on the roads — were entering an already shrinking market.

He slated the system of subsidising white-owned bus companies and non-minibus taxis.

He said the government was talking about phasing out subsidies but was taking no real action.

Sabta was worried that even if central government phased out subsidies, they would be replaced by regional services councils.

Political organisations were all fighting for political territory, trying to influence events in the taxi industry and politicising the issue of fare increases.

The hearing continues today.
‘Chain’ to halt city

LENORE OLIVER, Staff Reporter

The demonstration outside the Afro-Center in Jackson Square was part of a citywide protest against police brutality and systemic racism. Activists gathered to demand justice for George Floyd, a Black man who was killed by a police officer in Minneapolis last year. The protest, led by Black Lives Matter, drew hundreds of people who chanted for change and held signs with messages of solidarity.

The police were on high alert, with officers in riot gear and military surplus equipment. There were reports of clashes between protesters and police, with at least one arrest made.

Mayor لمدة and Chief of Police scheduled a press conference later in the day to address the issue. The mayor called for calm and urged the public to support the police in their efforts to maintain order.

Later in the evening, a peaceful vigil was held at City Hall for those who lost their lives to police violence. A moment of silence was observed to honor the memory of those who have died at the hands of law enforcement.

The city continued to grapple with issues of racial discrimination and police reform. The demonstration was a call to action for change and a reminder of the ongoing fight for justice.
TAXI violence was caused by a lack of law enforcement, a committee of the Goldstone Commission has been told.

Deputy Director of the Department of Transport, Mr Pieter Geriaenger, said under cross-examination yesterday that minibus taxi drivers did as they pleased.

"There is no law enforcement. People are doing as they please. They assault us if we try to apply the law," he said.

Last year one of his inspectors was assaulted and since then "we don't enter black townships without the permission of the police."

He added: "If we go in we do it in co-operation with police."

In January, minibus taxis mounted a blockade of the department's Bellville offices.

"Subsequently we were asked by police to stop law enforcement."

Asked by Mr John van der Berg if law enforcement had ground to a halt in the Western Cape, he replied that it was difficult to apply the law in townships. He added: "It is difficult to get police back up at all times because police are busy with other activities."

Questioned by committee chairman Mr Niel Rossouw, he said some of his inspectors had been warned that they would not be safe from Cape Town to Transkei.

Asked by Mr Rossouw if there was any hope that law enforcement would be resumed, he said law enforcement could only be applied with the help of police.

Mr Geriaenger said traffic police did not enter Khayelitsha because it fell outside their jurisdiction. They were issuing tickets to offenders but summonses could not be served.

He told Mr Van der Berg that the South African Black Taxi Association had told the department that political differences were the root of taxi war in the Western Cape.

He said the department had realised in 1997 that violence in the taxi industry was a serious problem.

Proceedings continue today.

Mr Van der Berg, instructed by Malan, appears for the ANC, the Black Sash and the Cape Town Peace Committee.
Mass Action

The campaign had created a "explosive situation which can cause a serious escalation in violence," he said.

Mr. Schooneman's comments were immediately rejected by the ANC, which said its campaign was "peaceful and disciplined."

In a wave of protests and sit-ins country-wide:

- About 49 ANC supporters were arrested outside the Rand National Court in Johannesburg when they tried to occupy the building.
- A police officer was punched in the face when police arrested demonstrators.
- In KwaMashu 28 people were arrested for occupying the local courthouse. A group of demonstrators outside the court followed police orders and dispersed without incident.
- No incidents were reported during mass action involving shops which the ANC targeted for protest against VAT in Johannesburg. The stores included OK Bazaars, Clicks and Pick 'n Pay.
- In Pretoria at least 146 protesters were arrested in various protest actions at police stations and government offices.

Blockade

- About 1500 KwaMashu township residents marched through Mossel Bay to deliver a memorandum at the police station demanding housing, health care, jobs and an end to the violence sweeping the nation. There were no incidents.
- In Cape Town about 35 Crossroads ANC supporters yesterday blocked the entrance of the "government" CPA offices to protest against high rents and to call for the resignation of community councillors.

THE ANC is planning a "human-chain" occupation of Cape Town's central business district tomorrow to bring traffic to a standstill.

Details of the ANC's programme of action in the city were disclosed as violence flared in the Transkei, Ciskei, and in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

Adderley, Weltevreden, and Strand streets are to be encircled for about an hour from 10 am, according to National Executive Committee member Mr. Reg September.

Solidarity

There will also be demonstrations extending to the Paul Sauer building, the Revenue office's building, the Department of Manpower's offices.

The SA Communist Party is to demonstrate outside the United States Consulate in solidarity with Cuba against a US blockade of the island.

Yesterday security forces patrolled Transkei and Ciskei towns after violence linked to the mass action campaign flared up.

In South Africa, nearly 500 protesters were arrested country-wide. Butterworth in Transkei was brought to a standstill yesterday after crowds barricaded roads with burning cars and boulders.

South African customs officials at the Kei-Bridge border post were warned motorists not to travel through the area. "In the atmosphere of violence," Transkei's Minister of Police Colonel V. Ntsanga, blamed violence in Butterworth and Qumbu yesterday on "criminal elements" of the ANC's campaign.

At a press conference in East London, the ANC, Cosatu, and SACP in the Border said Ciskei was seen as the aggressor in the wave of violence sweeping through areas in which mass action was taking place.

In Port Elizabeth police used stun grenades and baton-charged a group of 2000 marchers, arresting 240 people. A shop was damaged and four cars set alight. The arrests followed mass action aimed at occupying offices of the House of Representatives.

Explosive

Meanwhile, Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Renul Schoeman charged yesterday that the increase in attacks on policemen was linked to the ANC's mass action programme.

The situation, watched by riot policemen, became tense when the leader of the ANC's Bantu Bakhe branch, Mr. Elsie de Poch, and the CPA's regional director Mr. Gerrit Erasmus could not reach agreement on the ANC's demands.

After more than two hours of negotiations involving the ANC's attorney, Mr. Mark Jason and a member of the ANC's regional executive, the Rev. Chris Nissen, the Crossroads group agreed to disperse — Staff Reporters, Own Correspondent and Sapa.
It was ‘too quiet’ before ambush

ANDREA WEISS, Staff Reporter

TWO policemen wounded in an ambush in Khayelitsha said they sensed something was wrong before a barrage of fire was let loose on them in an "unusually quiet" squatter area.

Constable Leonard Kidd-Anderson, 23, and Sergeant Andre Mells, 45, are recovering from shrapnel wounds at 2 Military Hospital, Wynberg.

The men were on a "routine crime prevention" patrol early yesterday when they were attacked.

They said their 12-man squad had felt edgy and uneasy before the attack in the L block squatter settlement.

Said Constable Kidd-Anderson, who was shot in the thigh and calf: "We could sense something was not right. You usually find at least one or two people on the street, but there were just barking dogs.

As he ran the rest of the patrol turned a corner he heard shots and automatic fire before he fell to the ground and lost consciousness.

Constable Kidd-Anderson, who has been with the Internal Stability Unit — previously known as the riot squad — for two years, said he had done patrols in the area regularly, although different routes were followed.

Sergeant Mells, a member of the unit since 1985, said an earlier Casspir patrol had seen a suspicious vehicle in the area.

Sergeant Mells has shrapnel wounds in his thigh, but a lucky charm — an ornamental nail clipper carried in his pocket — deflected the main impact of the bullet.

He said his "intuition" had also told him something was amiss. He was walking fourth from the front when he rounded the corner and shots were fired from directly ahead.

"I ran for cover but I was hit in the leg, I managed to fall behind a vehicle and returned fire," he said.

Three other members of the patrol have superficial shrapnel wounds. They were discharged after treatment.
Murder of 'Pro' Jack: 10 charges dropped

Staff Reporter 23 July 1982

CHARGES against 10 men — including four ANC Youth League members and an MK cadre — for the murder of ANC activist Mr Mziwonke “Pro” Jack have been withdrawn.

No reasons for the withdrawals were given in court.

However the MK member, Mr Patrick Ndumbizi, 28, of Guguletu, appeared briefly in the Athlone Magistrate’s Court in connection with the murder of Constable Ndipinnie Nkoks. He will appear in the Wynberg Regional Court on September 24.
City traffic boss questioned on taxi permit claims

LIBBY PEACOCK, Staff Reporter

COUNSEL for the Department of Transport has strongly disputed claims before a committee of the Goldstone Commission that the Local Road Transportation Board issued too many taxi permits and that this had contributed to the taxi war.

The committee is investigating the causes of the Western Cape taxi violence.

Mr A le Roux, for the department, yesterday cross-examined Cape Town traffic chief Mr Wouter Smit.

Mr Smit testified that he did not support deregulation, but did support legalising pirate taxis because they were already rendering a service and would use existing or officially planned ranks.

Mr Le Roux told Mr Smit that the Department of Transport disputed claims that too many permits had been issued by the Local Road Transportation board and that it led to taxi violence.

He told Mr Smit there had been a "serious onslaught" on the permit system. He was not representing illegal operators and accepted that at any particular rank there might have been too many operators, but that was totally different from too many permits having been issued.

Mr Le Roux said "wild allegations" that permits have been issued on a "willy-nilly basis" was "a myth.

He put it to Mr Smit that there were no official taxi ranks in the townships, excluding one set up at Site C by the Lingeletluh West Town Council.

Mr Smit conceded this, but said taxis used bus terminuses.

Mr Le Roux said there was no evidence that there had been taxi violence among legal permit holders entitled to use a particular rank and suggested that violence took place between people without permits and those with permits operating at ranks they were not entitled to use.

The inquiry continues today.
New city ‘chain’ demo arranged

By PETER Dennen

THE ANC, the police and the Cape Town City Council have agreed on a compromise, less disruptive plan for the “human-chain” occupation of the city centre tomorrow.

The agreement came as Mr Justice Richard Goldstone announced that an interim agreement had been reached between the ANC, Cosatu, SACP, SAP and IPF on the conduct of demonstrations.

The human chain demonstration will take place around Adderley, Wale, Long and Strand streets, entry to which will be closed to most vehicles for half an hour. Cars will be able to get out.

Permission has been granted for 5,000 demonstrators to march down Darling Street about 10.30am. In Adderley Street they will form a chain by linking arms, but they will have to take up just the lane of the roads closest to the block they are enclosing.

The chain may not be in position for longer than half an hour, after which the participants will go to the front of the City Hall, where they will be addressed before dispersing about noon.

Darling Street will be closed from Buitenkaap to Adderley streets throughout the demonstration. Vehicles will be allowed to leave the enclosed block at any time.

Mr Willie Hofmeyr, Western Cape assistant secretary of the ANC, confirmed that his organisation had agreed to the revised set of conditions.

Captain Attie Laubscher said the police were happy with the agreement and would take action if it were breached.

A handful of Adderley Street shop managers expressed apprehension about “totsits” who might come in with the protesters.

It was incorrectly stated yesterday in the first edition of the Cape Times that the “human chain” occupation of the city was to take place today. The error was corrected in the later edition.
Permits given ‘overloaded’ taxi facilities

THE Local Road Transportation Board (LRTB) had issued permits to taxi operators despite objections by the Cape Town traffic department that there were not enough facilities, traffic manager Mr Wouter Smit told a Goldstone Commission committee yesterday.

The committee, chaired by Cape attorney-general Mr Niel Rossouw SC, is investigating the taxi conflict in the Western Cape.

Mr Smit said there were 48 taxi ranks in the Cape Town municipal area, with facilities for 792 vehicles. Given the turnover of vehicles, the ranks could accommodate 2,400 taxis but 2,834 route and radius permits had been issued.

Asked by Mr L S van Zyl, a committee member, if there were cases where permits issued led to violence, Mr Smit referred to Strand Street and said the number of permits issued had had an adverse effect on traffic yet the LRTB continued issuing permits.

Mr J A le Roux, for the Department of Transport, said that up to 1989 the LRTB had respected the objections of the traffic department but later investigated ranks and found no overcrowding as alleged.

In practice and in law the LRTB was not entitled legally to refuse a permit if the only problem had been a lack of ranking facilities, he said.

Mr Smit said he was unable to say whether the absence of illegal operators would have had a significant effect on the level of violence.

The hearing continues today.
Agreement on ANC, Human Chain protest

City demo deal
Police shot at in Khayelitsha

Johan Schronen and Dennis Cruywagen

Staff Reporters

Gunmen fired at a police foot patrol in Khayelitsha today, the second such incident this week.

Five police were wounded in an ambush on Wednesday.

In today's incident, at 1:40 am, police returned fire, but it is not known whether anyone was injured. Police have opened attempted murder dockets.

Police said they went to investigate a reported shooting incident at a house and when they arrived about 20 men fled. Two, with a rifle and a pistol, were seen disappearing between shacks.

Shots were fired at the police, who fired back.

Tear gas was fired into a shack where it was believed suspects were hiding.

No guns were found but police arrested several occupants of the shack and other suspects later.

The attack has been condemned by the ANC.

A spokesman said: "The ANC is committed to peace and non-violence. We are totally opposed to violence under any circumstances and condemn any attack on anyone, including the police."

Three policemen were shot dead in Durban last week.

This brings to six the number of policemen killed in Durban and surrounding areas this week.

Police said Constable T. M. Mebea of the Berea satellite police station was off duty and walking to his home in Kwa Mashu when he was shot dead.

In Umlazi, near Durban, two KwaZulu police reservists were shot dead in T. Section.
'Chain' to halt city centre activities

Weekend Argus Reporters

ACTIVITY in the city centre is to come to a standstill this morning when members of the ANC-Cosatu-SACP alliance form a human chain around several central city blocks as part of the mass action campaign.

The ANC, police and City Council officials met this week to discuss contingency measures for the demonstration. Police appealed to the demonstrators to abide by the agreements of the meeting.

Police will be out in full force to monitor the demonstration, but "will not interfere unless a crime is committed." An ANC statement says anyone engaging in "criminal activity of any kind" will be handed over to the police. The ANC also called on police to avoid the "kinds of incidents and behaviour" demonstrators had been exposed to over the past weeks.

About 8,000 demonstrators were expected to gather in District Six at 10 am.

They will then march to the centre of the city to form a human chain around the area enclosed by Adderley, Wale, Long and Strand streets for half an hour.

Tangents from the circular chain will reach various government buildings.

After the demonstration, protesters will move to the Grand Parade for a rally.

Darling Street will be closed from about 10 am between Adderley and Buitenkant streets during the demonstration.

Cars may leave the CBD at any time but may not enter the enclosed block while the protest is under way.

Pedestrians will be able to move freely.

But, while the mass action programme is expected to climax early next month, sources inside the ANC admit the programme has virtually fallen flat and not reached the momentum that was hoped.

The ANC is being pressured to give up the programme.
DP concerned over protest

Political Correspondent

THE Democratic Party yesterday expressed concern over this morning's planned human chain protest in the city centre.

"Almost without exception, mass action in the Western Cape — whether by marches, demonstrations or hospital strikes — has abused the rights of many citizens," DP manpower spokesman Mr Robin Carlisle said.

Starting at 10.30am the ANC plans to form a human chain to encircle Adderley, Wale, Long and Strand streets.

Mr Carlisle said the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance claimed it wanted a human rights culture in South Africa, and he would like to believe this.

"No human rights culture will, however, be developed through a process of intimidation, violence and disrespect for the human rights of others.

"The DP, therefore, calls upon the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance to ensure that the rights of every citizen in the city centre today are respected by every one of their demonstrators.

Low police

Staff Reporter

POLICE will keep a low profile during the ANC’s human chain demonstration in the city centre this morning, spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said.

This had been decided after a meeting this week between senior police officers, the city council and the ANC.

"The police will not interfere unless someone commits a crime," he said. "Then we will take action."

Captain Laubscher said the police presence during the demonstration would be kept to a minimum but that police would be ready for emergencies.

He appealed to the participants to keep to the terms agreed upon for the protest:

- Hand-holders may only occupy the lane in the road closest to the buildings in the Adderley/Wale/Long/Strand Street block.
- The human chain enclosure of the block should not last longer than half an hour.
- Cars should be able to get out of the block during the protest.
- Pedestrians should not be interfered with and protesters should disperse from the front of the City Hall about noon.

Among the prominent personalities who have said
Clash feared over 'trials'

DURBAN. — The Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC are poised for face-to-face confrontation in the city centre streets here over today's plans to stage "mock trials" of political leaders.

And fears that the ANC Youth League's controversial trials — part of the mass action programme — may turn violent have led to calls from both organizations for calm and discipline.

But the IFP, angered by the plans to include Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, among the "accused", has called on members to attend and "vote against the so-called sentences".

IFP central committee member Mr Walter Foigate stressed, however, that a message had gone out to branches ordering members not to react to provocation or become involved in violent incidents.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said the ANC had no objection to the "symbolic" mock trials as long as "death sentences" were not passed.

Police spokesman Colonel Bill Dennis revealed that SAP and ANC representatives had met yesterday in an attempt to ensure that the march was conducted in an orderly and disciplined manner.
Transport Dept 'rejects claims of corruption'

LIBBY PEACOCK
Supreme Court Reporter

A SENIOR Department of Transport official has told a committee of the Goldstone Commission in Cape Town that the department rejects claims of favouritism and corruption made against it and that there is "no merit in such accusations".

The committee is investigating the causes of the Western Cape taxi war.

Mr Pieter Geringer, deputy director of Road Transport Administration in the Department of Transport, told the committee that in January 1987 the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association (Sabta) asked for better application of the law in the taxi industry.

At the time Sabta also informed a law application committee — consisting of members of Sabta, the Department of Transport and the police — that City Tramways had started to use minibus taxis on certain routes.

This could lead to a "bloodbath", as City Tramways was intruding on existing taxi associations' activities, Sabta warned.

City Tramways then withdrew its minibus.

Problems in the taxi industry were organised thefts, false permits and insurance scams.

Gullible black entrepreneurs and insurance companies had already lost millions of rands as a result of fraudulent practices by unscrupulous white businessmen, Mr Geringer said.

In August 1989 Sabta alleged in a memorandum to the committee that radical political groups in the transport industry were infiltrating the taxi associations with the intention of getting control over the operators and that this could lead to "unnecessary political implications".

In reply to a question by committee member attorney Mr Louis van Zyl, Mr Geringer said in his opinion Sabta knew exactly what went on in the Western Cape at the time.

Sabta had told the Minister of Transport that the taxi violence was a political issue.

Mr Van Zyl said he had got the impression from evidence by previous witnesses that Sabta's involvement and support in the Western Cape was far less than in the rest of the country.

Previous evidence had also shown that the general cause of the violence was commercial competition and previous witnesses had spoken about a "battle for space", Mr Van Zyl said.

Mr Geringer rejected claims of favouritism and corruption by Department of Transport officials and said there was no merit in such accusations.

In certain cases people sought loopholes in the Road Transport Act and application of the law became difficult. This contributed to unhappiness in the industry.

Mr Geringer told the committee there was a "general lawlessness" in the local taxi industry and a culture of lack of respect for officials and for traffic regulations prevailed.

Officials were scorned just because they exercised control.

A general education programme could improve misconceptions, but the department did not have the means to offer this on each local level, although it could possibly do so on a national level.

The inquiry continues on Monday.
RESIDENTS of Wallacedene, squatter camp, as well as police, believe business rivalry may be behind the shooting that took place there on Tuesday night.

Mr Churchill Fortuin — also known as "Faisel" — and a man identified by residents as Mr Atie Malombi were shot dead by unidentified gunmen in the settlement near Kraaifontein.

The bullets seem to have been intended for tavern owner Mr Bennett Brown, also known as "Bizz", who was lightly injured.

Brown's brother-in-law, Mr Leonard Jodi, and two men identified as "Whitey" and "Sometime" were also injured.

The shooting took place outside the popular Pop-In tavern which Brown owns.

According to Mr David Brown, the tavern owner's brother, the alleged killers had visited the scene of the crime twice before.

He told how a group of about six men had come to the tavern on Sunday evening and asked where the owner was. When Bennett Brown arrived with a group of friends, the men ran away.

David Brown said he suspected the men had come to rob his brother. He recognised them as taxi drivers, allegedly members of the defunct Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Wetba).

On Monday night the same men held David Brown and three others at gunpoint in the tavern and ransacked the building.

According to Brown, one of the men said: "You can be thankful we're saving your lives — but we're coming back for Bizz."

On Tuesday night, the men returned in a bakkie and fired at least 12 shots at the group of men who were sitting at a brazier outside the tavern.

Detective Constable Sydney van den Heever of the Kraaifontein detective unit said business rivalry was the suspected motive for the shooting.

Bennett Brown could not be reached for comment.
ANC recruits 200 marshals to monitor city demonstration
South, 28/17 = 29/11/92
By Muleike Gantshe

TWO HUNDRED marshals have been recruited to control a "peace and democracy demonstration" which is to be held in Cape Town on Saturday.

"This is as a result of the outcry in the newspapers over the recent march organised by the ANC Youth League," said Mr Willie Hofmeyr, the deputy secretary of the ANC in the Western Cape.

He said those who commit acts of hooliganism will be handed to the police, but also urged the police not to disrupt peaceful demonstrations.

"According to the Goldstone commission even if a march is spontaneous the police should not disrupt it as long as it is peaceful," he said.

The organisers of the demonstration will meet the city council and traffic police to discuss arrangements for the protest.

Hofmeyr said no trains would be hired because of the high cost. Organisations expected to participate include the taxi organisation, Coetra, the NECC, Call of Islam, and the lawyers' organisations Nadela.
3 000 in human chain protest

By DIANA STREAK and KURT SWART

THOUSANDS of people joined hands to form a human chain around Cape Town’s central business district in a peaceful, but lively, protest yesterday, which formed part of the ANC’s country-wide mass action campaign.

But the occasion was marred by allegations that the ANC had organized a “red Bandit” attack on protesters and forced them from the trains.

Protestors linked arms to form a 3-km long chain at a point near the Mutuals and a section of the train tracks.

The protest was called by the ANC and the SACP to protest against the government’s policies of economic reform, which they see as causing hardship to the poor.

Thousands of protesters took part in the march, which was accompanied by a band.

The police presence was kept to a minimum, but there were a few arrests and clashes with protesters.

At one point, police used tear gas to disperse the crowd.

The protest ended without incident, and the police said they had arrested 20 people.

Action

A group of SACP supporters picketed the US Embassy in protest against America’s blockade of Cuba and later toyed alongside the chain before joining it.

Although cars were prevented from entering the city centre, there were no major traffic jams.

Pedestrians were allowed to pass through the chain and marshall moved the line on several occasions to allow motorists to pass.

At a rally after the march, Mr Yegey, addressing a crowd of about 3 000, said the first major objective of the mass action campaign was to put out of power State President P.W. de Klerk and “the apartheid government’s policies of violence and government corruption and having a democratic, an elected, constituent assembly.”

The crowd dispersed peacefully after Mr Yegey warned that such organisations would not be tolerated.

Control

Two victims of the alleged assault, Mr Mabizuka and a young woman, who were only given their first names, said police had removed their...
'Greed' taxi conflict factor

The taxi conflict in the Western Cape was caused by commercial competition and "greed" rather than the number of permits issued or the political affiliation of operators, the Goldstone Commission committee has been told.

This was the evidence of Mr Pieter Johannes Geringer, a senior official of the Department of Transport, in response to a question on Friday by Mr L S van Zyl, a committee member.

The committee is investigating the taxi conflict in the Western Cape.

Mr Geringer said that with the introduction of 15-seater minibus taxis in 1987, City Tramways saw it as a threat to its bus service and introduced its own taxis in competition. This led to an outcry by the South African Black Taxi Owners Association (Sobia) which warned of a bloodbath should City Tramways-subsidised minibus taxis continue. The vehicles were then withdrawn, Mr Geringer said.

Problems in the taxi industry included the theft of vehicles in one province and their continued use as taxis in another, false or duplicated permits, worthless insurance policies and car hire syndicates.

The hearing continues today.
Protesters' human chain peaceful but late

By PETER DENNEHY and RONNIE MORRIS

THE ANC-organised Pro-Democracy Campaign's hand-holding demonstration in the city centre on Saturday morning went off peacefully and eventually successfully, although it ran late.

Some protesters, however, reported that police and railway officials had stopped a train from Khayelitsha at Langa station about 11am and forcibly removed "hundreds of people" from three carriages.

Mr Mpho Khetsiwe, who had a bleeding head wound, said: "They did not arrest, they just hit. I was hit with a big plastic thing (baton). I had a ticket," he said.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said yesterday police monitored all stations along the route. At Langa station, Spoornet officials asked people for their tickets and when they failed to produce them, they were asked to get off the trains.

After a ticket inspector was struck on the head with a blunt object police intervened.

The police were then attacked and were forced to use batons.

Captain Laubscher's comments yesterday differed from those he made when first approached by the Cape Times on Saturday. At that time he said the Langa station incident had nothing to do with the protest.

In a statement, ANC Campaigns Co-ordinator the Rev Chris Nissen expressed outrage at the police behaviour.

The "human chain" of protesters set off from the gathering point in District Six only at 11.14am instead of the expected 10.30. Eventually about 3,000 people lined the 1.5km route around the Adderley/ Wale/Long-/Strand street blocks.

Organisers repeatedly stressed the need for discipline and efforts were made to abide by conditions jointly agreed upon last week by the ANC, police and the city council - though the time constraint was not met.

The centre of Cape Town was unusually quiet on Saturday. Many shops closed their doors. A few bystanders expressed irritation at the disruption, but others joined the protest.

Marshals were assigned to guard Grand Parade stalls on the Grand Parade.
Staff Reporter

FOLLOWING threats to road transport inspectors, the Department of Transport had stopped enforcing the law regarding taxi operators on police advice, a Goldstone Commission committee was told yesterday.

The department's deputy director-general, Mr Pieter Geringer, told the committee investigating the taxi conflict in the Western Cape that police had asked them to stop enforcing the law after a group of taxi operators surrounded their Bellville office before a proposed roadblock and threatened department members.

He said the transport department was not to blame for the conflict. Asked who, in his opinion, was to blame, Mr Geringer said the taxi operators, because of their "lawlessness". "People (taxi operators) do what they want to," he said.

Mr Geringer said there were insufficient taxi ranks and in 1980 this and the existence of illegal taxis had become clear. Only later was it realised that inadequate facilities would lead to friction after pirate taxis were legalised.

When Mr John van der Berg, representing the ANC and other groups, put it to Mr Geringer that the department was in a position to find the culprits, he said the department had accepted the reports of the South African Black Taxi Association, who claimed that political conflict had caused the taxi violence.

The hearing continues today.
School boycott likely

SHARON SOROUR
Labour Reporter

TALKS between Cosatu and the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce “went off well” yesterday, but Western Cape workers are still set to support the general strike as teachers signalled a school boycott was on the cards.

Sources close to the talks, aimed at limiting the effect of the mass stayaway, said the status quo remained.

Meanwhile, the SA Democratic Teachers’ Union (Sadtu) has called on teachers to observe the stayaway on Monday and Tuesday.

The union said it had “consulted broadly with its members, who were committed to catch up on work and time lost through the action.

Teachers would negotiate with parents and pupils and hoped that examinations set for those days would be re-scheduled.

In the latest Cape Town Chamber of Commerce Bulletin, chamber president Mr Herbert Hirsch appealed to employers to approach the mass stayaway on the basis of “no work, no pay”, taking disciplinary action as a last resort.

Mr Hirsch asked both parties to display “understanding and empathy for each other’s needs and difficulties” and discuss their problems “as a matter of urgency”.

The chamber “noted with regret” the failure of Cosatu and Saccola (SA Consultative Committee on Labour Affairs) to reach an agreement last week to avert the mass action.
State defends tax policy

— no party blamed

Vaal train violence
‘Buses stopped by intimidation’

Staff Reporter

Some long-distance bus services had been terminated after taxi operators intimidated and assaulted passengers to get the public to use minibus taxis instead, a Goldstone Commission committee heard yesterday.

This was the evidence of the deputy director-general of the Department of Transport (DOT), Mr Peter Geringer, during examination by Mr J le Roux for the DOT. The committee is investigating the taxi conflict in the Western Cape.

Mr de Roux asked Mr Geringer what taxi operators hoped to achieve by assaulting passengers in buses travelling to South Africa from Botswana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Ciskei and Transkei.

He replied: “To get people to use taxis instead of buses.” The intimidation had led to certain bus services being terminated.

Mr Geringer also said there was no law enforcement by the inspectors of the DOT in black townships in the Western Cape at this stage.

It was pointed out to the Cape Times by the chairman, Mr Neil Rossouw, that an earlier report, stating that the police had advised the DOT to stop law enforcement following threats to inspectors, should also have stated that there was still law enforcement in townships but by the police.

Statistics given to the committee by Cape Town traffic manager Mr Wouter Smit tell their own story:

- Minibus-taxi accidents in the Western Cape increased by 26 per cent from 2,642 in 1988 to 3,236 in 1989;
- Drivers committed 16,499 traffic violations in 1989. Of these 5,894 were for vehicle defects and 4,236 for driving without permits.
- A random study involving 12 of the more than 3,900 taxis plying their trade in Cape Town showed that 529 prosecutions were pending, one admission of guilt fine had been paid, 40 cases were struck off the roll, 67 cases were withdrawn and 564 warrants of arrest were outstanding.

Identifying culprits was a headache as drivers would hide documents and accept prosecution for no public permits to avoid identification, Mr Smit said.

Some of the accusations levelled at the minibus taxi industry by witnesses include intimidation and allegations that their internecine wars threatened the future of the state.

They are also alleged to disregard traffic laws, drive dangerously and take the law into their own hands.

Last week irate minibus taxi operators blockaded the N2 for half an hour to protest against vehicle safety checks.

On Tuesday they caused a peak hour snarl-up by blocking Strand Street Extension, apparently in protest against "strange tickets" and summonses arriving in the post and "harassment" at the Strand Street rank.

Mr Smit told the committee that minibus taxis disregarded any legal requirement that might impede the econom

Last year one of his inspectors was assaulted and since then "we don't enter black townships without the permission of the police."

He added: "If we go in we do it in co-operation with police."

He said there was a general "lawlessness" in the local taxi industry and a culture of lack of respect for officials.

He told committee member Mr Niel Rossouw some of his inspectors had been warned they would not be safe from Cape Town to Transkei.

Asked by Mr Rossouw if there was any hope that law enforcement would be resumed, he said only with the help of police.

Mr Geringer said traffic police did not enter Khayelitsha because it fell outside their jurisdiction. They issued tickets to offenders, but summonses could not be served.

Mr Jabu Mahaza, SA Black Taxi Association executive member, said the anarchy on the roads was caused by law enforcement agencies being unable or unwilling to enforce the law.

"This amounts to a breakdown of discipline and control by policymakers and creates anarchy."

He said more and more taxis - there were about 100,000 on the road - were entering an already shrinking market.

He stated the system of subsidising white-owned bus companies and not minibus taxis.

He said government was talking about phasing out subsidies but was taking no real action.

Mr Mahaza added that political organisations were all fighting for political territory, trying to influence events in the taxi industry and politicising the issue of fares.

FILL HER UP: When it's time to start the homeward journey there's always a rush among commuters for a seat in the nearest minibus taxi. On some of these occasions elbows and knees become handy weapons in the rush for seats.

Because of the heavy demand minibus taxis are often overloaded.
Business as usual next week for most of city

BY PETER DENNEHY

MOST shops, factories and institutions in the city will be open for business as usual on Monday and Tuesday, despite the call for a general strike on those days.

The University of the Western Cape will be closed on both days, however, while the University of Cape Town has not yet decided what to do.

Western Cape officials of the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) announced at a press conference yesterday that their "33 000 plus" members in Greater Cape Town would not be taking part in next week's "mass action". Mr Peter Roman, organiser of the SA Chemical Workers' Union, said Nactu had not been properly consulted by Cosatu.

Sporrenet liaison officer Mrs Evette Olwage said train services would be operating as usual.

Some disruption to Golden Arrow bus services is seen as likely. Taxi spokesmen said minibuses would operate.

Mr Ted Doman of the city council said his organisation would be at work on Monday and Tuesday.

Our Political Staff reports that the IFP and ANC became embroiled in a new row yesterday, sparked by Mr Nelson Mandela's reported comments that "killers from the hostels" would be let loose during the strike.

Sapa reports that the South African Nursing Association said it feared the rights of patients would be violated by next week's strike.
Police to protect Wynberg taxi users

Staff Report

POLICE are to take a hard line against gangsters intimidating taxi drivers and passengers at the Wynberg rank, following the murder of a 23-year-old Newlands man there.

Mr Dudu Mkhize, 20, was stabbed to death at the Bexhill Road taxi rank on Monday. His assailant was later arrested at Victoria Hospital. He had been injured when witnesses attacked him, police said.

Police said taxi drivers at the Bexhill Road rank had said they were being asked to pay protection money to outsiders and had been warned not to talk about Mkhize's murder.

Mr Mkhize's distraught mother, Mrs Thelma Mkhize, and her employer, Mrs Janine Greaves, were comforting each other at their Newlands home last night.

Mrs Mkhize said Mrs Greaves and her husband, ophthalmologist Dr Brian Greaves, had taken her son as their own.

Mrs Greaves, who got Mr Mkhize through private technical college and helped him obtain his qualifications as a mechanic, said: "He worked hard and everything I had dreamt for him was starting to happen."
Taxi permits 'not issued willy-nilly'

THE Local Road Transportation Board had not taken the availability of rank space into account when evaluating taxi permit applications in 1989/90, but it had not issued permits "willy-nilly", a Goldstone Commission committee heard yesterday.

Mrs Cathryn Busby, the Cape Town LRTB secretary, was testifying before the committee investigating taxi violence in the Western Cape.

In 1989 there had been a directive from the Department of Transport that permits should also be issued to pirate taxi operators because of the large number of illegal taxis.

"We are aware that ranking facilities were not taken into account," she said. Since 1986 there had been a decrease in the number of successful applications, and permits had not been issued "willy-nilly".

In 1991 the LRTB had reverted to first considering the availability of ranks when deciding on applications.

Responding to claims that the LRTB was a "remote issuing body" that acted unfairly when issuing permits, Mrs Busby said: "We try to be as helpful as possible. We tell them to find out about ranks and to get support for their applications."

The number of permits issued per taxi rank was readily available from statistics kept by the board.

The LRTB did not want to issue more permits than were necessary. The hearing continues on August 31.
Boesak for demo talks
Sequel to ANC Youth League ‘invasion’ and protests in city

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE city council executive committee has asked African National Congress Western Cape leader Dr Allan Boesak for talks on recent problems at protest marches and demonstrations.

Exco chairman Mr Dick Friedlander announced this during a debate on the council’s commentary on a report by an international panel to the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the prevention of public violence.

Mr Friedlander said his committee had discussed issues related to demonstrations frequently in past weeks.

The ANC Youth League demonstration two weeks ago had led to his committee’s invitation to Dr Boesak, he said.

ANCYL members staged mock trials of government figures, and invaded National Party offices in Buitengracht. Replying to criticism by Mr Arthur Wienburg of the authority delegated to officials to negotiate about planned protests, Mayor Frank van der Velde said Cape Town’s method and the effectiveness of its team was an example to other cities.

Deputy Mayor Clive Keegan said Cape Town could be proud of the high standards it had set and the spirit of co-operation when demonstrations were held in the city.

Since the “big march” of September, 1989, 361 protest marches had been held in Cape Town, he said.

Mr Wienburg said protests caused economic disruption. Central business district shop-keepers lost thousands of rands because of the July 25 “human chain” protest.

“Let’s not kid ourselves — no one was going to walk through that chain to shop or go to business,” he said.

An amendment by Mr Wienburg that the executive committee draw up guidelines to protect all ratepayers was defeated.
Port Elizabeth is bracing itself for a "black weekend" which begins today in commemoration of "disappeared" eastern Cape leaders, including assassinated anti-apartheid activist Matthew Goniwe.

The "black weekend" will culminate in a rally on Sunday to mark the 71st anniversary of the SACP to be addressed by SACP chief Chris Hani, Cosatu general-secretary Jay Naidoo and ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu.

The weekend's action coincides with a three-day consumer boycott, which also begins today.

Members of the ANC, SACP and Cosatu will today form a "human chain" through the city.

Tomorrow the tripartite alliance will stage a demonstration at H F Verwoerd Airport, where a "renaming" ceremony will take place.

ANC deputy regional secretary and mass action co-ordinating committee spokesman Bonang Gxilishe yesterday said branches had forwarded several suggested names for the airport but a final decision had not yet been taken.

Delegations from the Cuban, Chinese and German communist parties will attend the weekend's programme.

The alliance is meeting representatives of the Eastern Province Herald and Evening Post to discuss the boycott of the newspapers.
ANC condemns burning of newspapers

The ANC national office yesterday condemned the burning of newspapers by its eastern Cape region and distanced itself from the region's commitment to boycott newspapers in the province.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said: “The ANC unequivocally condemns any intimidation of journalists, newspaper vendors or other media workers, as well as the burning of newspapers. The ANC will always work to ensure the safety of journalists within our communities, and their right to publish news and events as they occur.”

He had urged the region to meet the newspapers' staff to resolve the problem.

Eastern Province Herald and the Evening Post editor-in-chief Derek Smith said last night he would meet members of the ANC region today.

On Wednesday copies of the EP Herald and Evening Post were burnt outside Newspaper House in Port Elizabeth as a precursor to today's boycott of the two newspapers, apparently for “driving communities apart through false reporting”.

On Tuesday the ANC head office issued a statement distancing itself from the action, which the Youth League disregarded.

Smith said he welcomed the ANC national office's commitment to Press freedom and freedom of expression.

The newspapers and their staff were committed to reporting events fairly and they assured a “full right of reply”.

SAPA reports the PAC and Cosatu yesterday pledged to uphold the safety of journalists. They joined the ANC, Inkatha, NP, SACP, and DP in signing a declaration drawn up by the SA Union of Journalists.
ANC against boycott

JOHANNESBURG. — ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said here yesterday that “the ANC is against intimidation, against the burning of newspapers, against anything like that”. He was referring to the ANC-led boycott of two Eastern Cape newspapers. “We reiterate we are committed to press freedom and freedom of expression,” he said.

The ANC has consistently stated that newspaper editors have the right to print what they like but consumers have the right not to buy the product,” he said.

Protesters burnt copies of the Eastern Province Herald and the Evening Post in central Port Elizabeth on Wednesday. — Sapa CT31792
Simon's Town service pledge

Staff Reporter

A SPOKESMAN for Simon's Town municipality said services would continue as usual. "We will read the situation as it develops," she said. "At this stage we have no indication of how many people will stay away."

Pinelands to go on working

Staff Reporter

PINELANDS municipality would conduct business as usual next week, said Town Clerk Mr Alwyn Landman. "We are working with ratepayers' money and we can't stop working. We have no indication at this stage how many workers will stay away."
Receiver to resist ANC bid

Political Staff

A SHOWDOWN is looming over the ANC's plan to occupy the offices of the Cape Town Receiver of Revenue as part of the mass action campaign on Wednesday.

Receiver of Revenue Mr E Conradie said today he would not allow it.

The ANC announced it intended marching to the Receiver's Plein Street offices to hand over a document protesting against the payment of taxes without having the vote. The building would also be occupied.

Mr Conradie said: "If they want to hand over a document to me, I shall send it on to the relevant authorities because it is a political matter."

UCT to close on Monday

Staff Reporter

THE University of Cape Town would close on Monday to mark its commitment to reconciliation and peace and in respect for those who had lost their lives in the violence, Vice-Chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders said today.

Academic activities would resume on Tuesday, and Monday's teaching and research programmes would be rescheduled.

Monday's extra-mural studies courses have also been cancelled and will resume on August 10. André Brink's post-modernist novel course will begin as planned on Tuesday.
Fighting flares up over taxi routes

By CLAIRE KEETON
East London
NINE people have been admitted to hospital and five taxis were damaged following a flare up in fighting between rival taxi associations in Peddie, near Grahamstown.

The Peddie Taxi Association, which is aligned to Border Alliance Taxi Association (Bata), claimed the attack against their drivers and vehicles was launched early on Wednesday morning by members of the Uncedo Taxi Association.

"Some drivers and passengers were shot and hurt by pangas. Others were beaten with sticks and attacked with stones," said the Bata chairman Themible Nomana.

Nomana said some of the wounded have been discharged but others are still in the hospital. He said five of the Bata taxis were severely damaged, with all their windows broken and 20 tyres slashed.

Nomana accused people from the Uncedo Taxi Association in Peddie, Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth for the attack. He said Uncedo members were identified in the raid.

The fighting broke out over which associations could service which routes. Bata said Uncedo would arrive with a full load from Port Elizabeth and service local routes, while waiting for a full load for the Johannesburg run.

Neither the Ciskei Commissioner of Police, General Johan Viktor, nor the chairman of Uncedo, Headman Mkuyanahas, had responded at the time of going to press. — Elnews
PORT ELIZABETH. — About 900 ANC supporters yesterday formed a chain in Port Elizabeth's main street as part of ongoing mass action.

The ANC plans to march to H.F. Verwoerd Airport today, where they intend renaming it after former ANC president Albert Luthuli.
Civic leader killed in horror shooting

By Yunus Mohamed and Lucas Mati

Khayelitsha civic leader was brutally murdered last week after his pregnancy with a much younger woman was discovered. The woman, who had been pregnant for two years, was found dead in her home with a single gunshot wound to the head.

"When they took my husband out of our house to kill him, I was prepared to die too," said a woman who was found dead after the attack.

The murder of the leader was the latest in a series of attacks on civic leaders in the Khayelitsha township.

The government has launched an investigation into the murder, but no arrests have been made.

A group of men wearing ski masks entered the house and shot the leader multiple times.

Witnesses said that the men were wearing ski masks and that the dead leader had been tortured before being killed.

The leader was well known for his activism in the community and had been a vocal critic of the government.

A large crowd gathered at the scene of the murder, demanding justice for the leader.

The leader's family said that they would not give up hope and that they would continue to fight for justice.

Holomisa hits out at killings of blacks

By Muzoloki Gweshe

The Democratic Left Front (DLF) has condemned the recent attacks on black people in the country.

"These attacks are unacceptable and must be stopped," said DLF general secretary Thabo Makgoba.

The DLF called on the government to take urgent action to prevent further violence.

The DLF also called on the South African Police Service (SAPS) to ensure that law enforcement officers act in a professional and impartial manner.

The DLF said that the recent violence was fuelled by poverty and inequality, and called on the government to address these root causes.

"We cannot continue to allow violence and crime to go unchecked," said Makgoba.

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What to expect:

Mass Action!

Amicable discussions between trade unions and employees have resulted in the following outcomes:

- Employees will be paid their full salary for the week.
- Emergency services will remain operational.
- Public buses and trains will continue to operate.

The City Council, Cape Town's Municipal Workers' Union, and the Western Cape Provincial Administration have agreed to a joint statement regarding the upcoming strike.

Tony Yengeni, ANC Western Cape general secretary, said that the Western Cape will be on strike for two days starting on Monday.

The Western Cape Education Department has assured that no essential services will be disrupted during the strike.

The Western Cape Civil Protection and Emergency Services will remain operational.

The Health Department has assured that all essential services will continue without disruption.

The police have assured that law and order will be maintained.

The strike is in response to the government's proposed general levy.

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plans for an event such as this will be brought into effect to minimise any disruption of municipal services," the statement said.

Late last night talks between the council and SAMWU broke down over the issue of using council transport to ferry workers to the Civic Centre to hand-over memorandums on the stayaway days.

Mr Chris Mooke, chief executive officer of the Western Cape Regional Services Council, said it was not possible to say in advance how and whether council services would be affected. A no-work, no-pay policy would apply.

The Cape Provincial Administration said it respected people's rights to hold peaceful and non-disruptive demonstrations, but "the CPA cannot support any action which would lead to an escalation of violence or a disruption of services".

A CPA statement said talks were held earlier this week with the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) to exempt health workers from the mass action programme for three days, but by yesterday afternoon agreement had not been reached. The ANC statement on emergency services referred only to Monday and Tuesday.

The Guguletu-based Ikapa Municipality has asked employees to request leave if they intend staying away on Monday or Tuesday, or they will not be paid.

A skeleton staff will be on duty at the Ikapa offices on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr Herbert Hirsch, president of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, was concerned that the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance would proceed with its week-long action "which could well result in tragic loss of life and damage to property".

He reiterated his organisation's earlier calls for the elimination of political violence and the resumption of negotiations for an interim government and democratic dispensation.

But, said Mr Hirsch, it was unjustifiable that individual businesses and their employees be made to suffer as a result of mass action.

The notion that business was able to influence the government on political decisions was incorrect and unrealistic.
Truck hit by petrol bomb

Staff Reporter

IN an unrest-related incident in the Western Cape at the weekend, a petrol bomb was hurled into the cab of a truck on Owen Road, Nyanga, causing thousands of rands worth of damage.

Three men who were travelling in the truck escaped with minor injuries when the petrol bomb was thrown into the window — setting alight the cab — on Saturday afternoon, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The truck was completely burnt out.

No arrests have yet been made. CT 31/8/92
Violent to stay away

The Argus Correspondents and Staff Reporters

VIOLENCE marked the start of the ANC-Cosatu-SACP alliance's week of mass action today with reports of deaths, stone-throwings and burning roadblocks.

In the Western Cape two men were killed, a train coach was damaged, a security guard's hut was petrol-bombed and burning barricades were set up in township streets.

Across the country employers reported huge worker stayaways.

One Reef early today three men died and four policemen were injured in a shootout when a crowd ambushed police in Soweto.

Liaison officer Captain Gumbi, Mariemuthoo, said a man drove up to a Casspir outside Dobsonville police station at 4.15am, saying a crowd had attacked and stoned his vehicle at a garage near Roodepoort.

"Three policemen got into the minibus and asked the driver to point out the scene. The Casspir followed," Captain Mariemuthoo said.

When the vehicles arrived at the garage, stones were thrown at the Casspir and shots were fired from the crowd, he said.

One of the policemen jumped out of the minibus and into the Casspir and the others two took cover behind a truck.

More shots were fired from the crowd. Police returned fire.

Captain Mariemuthoo said three men were fatally wounded and four policemen were injured, one seriously.

Trains from townships surrounding Johannesburg were only two percent full at 7am and few taxis were seen.

A Putco bus company spokesman said two buses were hijacked last night and recovered undamaged in Bolsburg and two staff buses were stoned today north of Pretoria.

One driver was injured.

Burning body

In Johannesburg, 90 percent of municipal cleaners stayed away and refuse piled up in the streets.

In Natal a burning body was found at Ntuzuma, north of Durban, early today.

Petrol bombs were flung at a police vehicle at KwaMashu and buses were stoned in Phoenix.

Access routes to Umlazi, Chesterville, KwaMashu and Umbumbulu were cut off by barricades of burning tyres.

In Pretoria, taxi ranks and bus stations were deserted.

At the normally hectic Bied Street taxi rank, the only moving things were hundreds of pigeons feeding on litter.

A lone taxi pulled up at the rank at 7.15am and dropped one passenger.

At a bus stop outside the Pretoria railway station about 15 passengers huddled round a fire, waiting in vain for buses.

A small group of policemen kept watch from the entrance to the third class ticket office.

In Port Elizabeth business virtually ground to a halt.

There was a marked absence of buses and taxis and streets were almost deserted.

Businessmen said early indications were that there would be a total stayaway.

The mass action programme in Port Elizabeth includes a rally this afternoon.
Five die as shacks blaze on Flats

FIVE men died in shack fires on the Cape Flats at the weekend after burning candles fell over and ignited bedding.

Firemen found the charred bodies of Mr Sikenza Poyo, 35, and Mr Ntomo Hamza, 34, of Macassar, beneath debris at 9.21 last night after a fire razed their shack at R072 off Pana Road in Site C, Khayelitsha.

They also found the charred body of Mr Mlungisi Mgwenzi, 34, early yesterday after putting out a shack fire in NY106, Guguletu.

Mr M. S. S. 20, died in a shack blaze yesterday in Harare squatter camp, Khayelitsha, and the body of Mr M. Tshwedi, 38, was also found yesterday after a fire destroyed a shack at Site B, Khayelitsha.

Emergency services took another man, Mr Thakazile Jekoni, 22, to hospital after he escaped with burns from his blazing shack in Site B, Khayelitsha.

City fire chief, Mr Joop Harmel, said firemen entered the townships under police escort last night after earlier being warned that sporadic stoning had taken place.

He said: "We are providing a service after being given an assurance by the unions that there would be no action against staff."
Deadly mass action
Two killed as general strike gets under way

Staff Reporters

Two men were killed, a train was damaged, a security guard’s hut was petrol-bombed and burning roadblocks were set up in the Cape Peninsula as the two-day general strike began today.

Major employers were expecting mass stayaways, but said they would be able to assess the extent of absenteeism only later in the day.

In the clothing industry, the Cape’s biggest employer, at least 15 factories employing about 5,000 agreed to close today in terms of an agreement with the SA Clothing and Textile Workers’ Union.

Mr. Joan Seymour, one of the 10-member United National monitoring team, arrived in Cape Town yesterday and was out early today visiting black townships in the Peninsula to observe the stayaway.

Mr. Seymour, a resident of the former British colony of Guyana but based at the UN headquarters in New York, was accompanied by monitors from the Urban Monitoring Awareness Committee.

Police reported the following incidents of violence:

- A man was found dead just before midnight after a crowd of about 50 people moved past the Nyanga police station. Police said the group suddenly started running and when they went to investigate, found the body of a man, who had been stabbed in the neck. The motive for the attack has not been found.
- Another body was found in Nyanga opposite Crossroads today. Police said the man had two bullet wounds. It was not known who shot him.
- A group of men broke into a security guard’s hut at a construction site in Khayelitsha about 2:30 am and petrol-bombed it.
- At Nqubela station in Khayelitsha, a sleeper was thrown over a railway line about dawn, damaging a coach. The driver, Mr. Graham Heath, said he was about to enter the station when a huge sleeper was thrown on the rails. He said the train’s air pipes were damaged.
- Burning tyres and barricades were set up in many township streets. Police removed many of them.
- In Lansdowne Road, Crossroads a company lorry had to beat a hasty retreat when scores of youths tried to attack it.
- In Milnerton, Turf Club employees held a demonstration about 1:30 am. Police said 200 people blocked Miller Road with tyres, logs and rocks.
- Roadblocks were set up in Masassar squatter camp and police were stoned when they intervened.
- A lorry was stoned at the corner of Lansdowne and New Eisleben roads, Philippi, about 3:15 am.
- Shortly after midnight, a petrol bomb was thrown at the police barracks in Zwelethemba, Worcester. Police took “action” and a person was believed to have been injured.
- In Robertson last night, the police station at Nqubela was stoned.
- A car was stopped in Zola Budd Drive, Khayelitsha yesterday by 10 men, three of them with guns. The men forced the driver out and then torched the vehicle. Police have not traced the driver.
- Almost all streets in Peninsula townships were deserted.

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Violent start to stayaway

today and there were few cars on the roads.

Most taxi and bus terminuses in Khayelitsha, Guguletu and Nyanga were deserted.

At the Nyanga taxi rank, a group of ANC and SACP members, including ANC regional secretary Mr. Tony Yengeni, monitored the situation.

Mr. Yengeni said they wanted to ensure that there was no intimidation of people going to work or going home.

The ANC had arranged buses accompanied by marshals to transport workers who worked night shift last night.

At 7am, the Strand Street taxi rank in the city was virtually empty, with only three minibuses parked outside the third-class exit from Cape Town station.

There was a handful of commuters on the third-class concourse, watched by a few policemen and the Golden Acre bus terminus was quiet.

ANC spokesman Mr. Willie Hofmeyr said the movement had not had reports of “serious” incidents of violence, but ANC monitors stationed in Khayelitsha were dispatched to investigate reports of burning tyre barricades in the township.

“As far as we know there have been a few isolated incidents. Our policy is that mass action must be peaceful and disciplined.”

Cosatu spokesman Mr. Jonathan Arendse could not comment because he had only just arrived at his office.
Plea: No Intimidation

THE deputy national president of the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation has appealed to the ANC not to intimidate people going to work.

"I expect there could be some trouble," Mr Junior Tallie, said after a meeting of the Sebokwe branch of the PAC in Nkonyeni yesterday.

In Johannesburg, Mr Barney Desai, PAC secretary for publicity and information, said "numerous reports" had been received of intimidation. Teachers prepared to work through the stayaway had had to flee their homes.

Staff Reporter and Sapa

INCIDENTS of violence and intimidation were reported at the weekend as the Western Cape branch of the SA National Civic Organisation warned that these could continue during the stayaway.

Mr Johnson Mpukumpa, Sanco's representative on the dispute resolution committee, said a construction company truck had been petrol-bombed while dropping people off in Nyanga. The incident was confirmed by police who described it as unrest-related.

Also cars had been damaged in several incidents of stone-throwing in Lansdowne Road, Mr Mpukumpa said.

He added that it seemed some people were intent on "orchestrating violence" to undermine the stayaway.

"No one has been mandated by the ANC, Sanco or affiliated organisations to intimidate people or commit acts of violence," Mr Mpukumpa said.

A city woman said her domestic employee and two others who tried to return to their employers' homes last night had been prevented from doing so by taxi drivers.

An SA Breweries worker claimed Food and Allied Workers Union officials had told members they would have to "face the consequences" if they went to work. The union could not be reached for comment.
Mystery of sole-less march

ALL that was left on the Grand Parade after a mystery march, apparently not organised by the ANC, were scores of shoes left behind by fleeing marchers, various sorts of headgear and a raincoat.

About 150 people were involved in the march from Cape Town station. It wound its way through the city centre, along Plein Street and stopped outside Tuynhuys.

At that stage no one knew who had organised it.

Watched by police, the protesters chanted "ANC, ANC" outside the State President's office.

As a policeman took down the personal details of one of the marchers, a Captain Hansen pushed an Argus reporter aside to tell the man, Mr Vincent Jonas, the march was illegal.

Mr Jonas replied that the march was part of mass action and the general strike and therefore legal.

Captain Hansen: "It's now 1pm. I give you five minutes to disperse. Your protest is illegal. You must have permission from the Chief Magistrate and the city council to march."

He then walked off saying: "I'm finished talking to you. You have no permission."

The procession stalled outside the American Centre in Scotti Building where scores of clenched fists were thrust skywards.

The procession also stopped outside the General Post Office.

Mr Jonas told Argus reporters he did not know who had organised the march.

He said: "We wanted to occupy Tuynhuys."

He said the march were all ANC members and from "various unions."

As police moved forward, the marchers slowly started to move and walked through the Golden Acre bus terminus, banging on buses, to the third-class section of Cape Town station.

By then it was 1.40pm. Police, who had rushed to the station deck, moved on to the Parade and at 1.30pm began to arrest marchers who were singing in a circle.

Many fled without their shoes and caps. Some unable to escape were dragged to police vehicles.

The ANC's official mass action programme made no mention of a march in Cape Town.
THE ANC alliance’s mass action campaign entered its second day today after a night of stone-throwing, petrol-bombing, burning roadblocks and other incidents of violence across the Western Cape.

Police said more than 70 incidents of stone and bottle-throwing and some petrol bombings were recorded in the Peninsula and Boland.

But townships were quiet this morning and traffic police said all roads closed because of violence last night were again open to traffic.

Suburban trains were fuller today, indicating a smaller worker stayaway on the second day of the general strike. Average occupancy in the Peninsula was 55 to 60 percent and on the Khayelitsha line 20 percent, compared with two percent yesterday.

But in other parts of the country trains were virtually empty as Metro Services spokesman in Johannesburg said indications were that fewer passengers were travelling than yesterday.

Police said Lavender Hill, Steenberg, Manenberg and Mitchells Plain were “high activity” areas in the Peninsula last night and incidents were reported in Paarl, Wellington, Grabouw and Richmond in the Boland.

Police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse unruly crowds, but in some incidents groups moved off after police spoke to them.

A man was slightly injured when police fired birdshot at a crowd in “Lavender Hill where burning barricades had been erected and a bus damaged by stones.

Prince George Drive between Retreat Road and Concert Boulevard was closed and in most townships motorists skirted around burning roadblocks.

Townships became virtual “no-go” areas for ambulances after emergency service vehicles were stoned last night.

People were advised on radio news bulletins to take ill and injured people to police stations, gathering points, for ambulances to be escorted out of townships.

In Mitchell’s Plain, A Z Berman Drive and Elsleben Road were littered with burning mattresses, tyres, rubbish and a variety of other old furniture, while passing cars were stoned.

In Manenberg Drive barricades were set up about 50m apart. A group of about 60 people could be seen adding objects to the fires, while police responded by firing rubber bullets and teargas.

The ANC Lavender Hill, Seawinds and Vrygrond branch dissociated itself from the violence in Prince George Drive.

A spokesman accused “elements” in the area of hijacking the mass action programme.

He said, “Cars were stoned and burning tyres. Barricades were erected on Prince George Drive. But our marshals stepped in and put an end to it.

Rubber bullets

He said police used teargas and rubber bullets.

He called on residents in the area to keep the peace and urged those responsible for the violence to “refrain from such deeds.”

In the Eastern Cape today there was again a marked absence of buses and taxis on the roads and black schools were closed.

Police warned people travelling through Cradock to be on the lookout for stone throwers.

Traffic to the north was disrupted yesterday when a crowd stoned and tried to stop cars in Cradock.

Police said nine people, including two children, were admitted to hospital after police broke up a group of protesters blocking the national road.
BUYING an existing house could still be a better proposition than having one built, but much will depend on economic conditions arising in a new SA.

The price of a home in a middle-class suburb is currently 25% to 35% below replacement cost depending on geographical location, says Board of Executives Merchant Bank assistant GM Richard Harman.

The discount is due to current socio-political turmoil and the resulting poor economic climate. 

Whether SA can use similar political developments to those which occurred earlier in other independent African countries as a guide to what may unfold here is a moot point, but a similar pattern may unfold, as the pattern has its roots in the economics of supply and demand.

In Zimbabwe, Harman says house prices initially softened from previous highs by up to 30%. But through development of a new middle class, demand began to rise.

"Within two years prices were above previous highs, and during the following five years they grew at an average rate of about 75% a year."

"Hopefully SA will not experience quite the same rate of increase, as the accompanying inflationary implications would be disastrous for the purchasing power of the rand, he says.

However, it is realistically expected that the current discount should become a premium of up to 10% to 20% in the face of increasing demand.

"We can also assume building costs will rise and an escalation factor of, say, 10% would not be unreasonable."

Looking at likely investment implications, assuming an average three-bedroom house in a middle-class SA suburb now costs R15 000, this represents a 25% discount on replacement (R230 000).

Taking the accelerated rising building costs, the same house would cost about R35 000 in five years time.

"If demand in five years is such that existing homes are trading at a 20% premium due to the scarcity of suitable land and the time delay of building, then our house will be worth R45 000 — or a 240% increase."

Harman says whether this will represent an after-tax return will depend on whether a capital-gains tax is introduced during the period.
13 intimidation cases in Cape

THIRTEEN cases of intimidation were registered with police in the Western Cape yesterday. Seven of these were in the Stellenbosch district, which includes the trouble-wracked Grabouw area. One case was reported in Du Toitskloof, two in George and three in Vredendal.
Clash as garage opens

By GUY OLIVER

POLICE and Manenberg residents clashed when protesters tried to close a garage yesterday.

Pistols, birdshot and teargas were fired by police during the tense stand-off of more than two hours as dark palls of smoke hung in the air from burning barricades which blocked the roads.

There were no reports of injuries.

The garage opened for business in terms of an agreement reached by the Western Cape Traders' Association and the ANC.

ANC housing co-ordinator Mr Irvin Kinners said the ANC had negotiated with local businesses for all trading to cease at noon for three hours on the first day of the general strike.

While other businesses decided to remain closed for the rest of the day, the garage reopened.

About 4.15pm, protesters tried to close the garage and police retaliated with teargas.

Residents threw stones on two Casspirs which drove around the Dows-Manenberg roads intersection.

Other parts of Manenberg became no-go areas. Rows of burning tyres were placed across roads as residents gathered to watch.

Police denied pistols had been used.
Stayaway was damp squib, say Western Cape employers

Staff Reporters and Sapa

WESTERN Cape employers have reported a "fairly poor" response to the stayaway, with more workers than expected reporting for duty yesterday.

But the Afrikaans Handelsinstituut said the strike was one of the biggest to date. It estimated an 80 to 100 percent stayaway in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban and Maritzburg, 90 percent in Bloemfontein and 80 percent in Pretoria.

There were no lessons in the Peninsula's black high schools and no bread was delivered to black townships.

Strike action by stevedores in Cape Town harbour did not disrupt the off-loading of maize for drought-stricken Southern African countries.

Pörtet spokesman Mr Leon van Deventer said 14 percent of Pörtet's personnel had joined the strike.

Cape Chamber of Commerce human resources manager Mr Charl Adams said the Western Cape's workforce was not as militant as that in the rest of the country.

In the retail sector between five and 12 percent of workers had stayed away, a figure he described as very low.

There was a stayaway of up to 25 percent in the oil sector, 10 percent in the insurance sector and 15 percent in the shipping sector.

Pick 'n Pay (Western Cape) reported a 12 percent stayaway but the nationwide figure was 79 percent, according to company spokesman Mr Frans van der Walt.

Sanlam was moderately affected, with a seven percent stayaway at its Bellville head office and 20 percent for the Cape, while areas such as the Northern Transvaal reported figures as high as 65 percent.

Cape Chamber of Industries executive director Mr Colin McCarthy said attendance levels were much higher than expected.

In the clothing industry, the Cape's biggest employer, factories that stayed open reported attendance levels of between 50 and 70 percent.

Mr McCarthy said the "lighter" the industries the higher the attendance — but "obvious intimidation" had kept township residents away from work.

He said the good thing about the stayaway was that it had elicited a great deal of discussion between managers and workers, with most employers adopting a policy of no work, no pay, no discipline.

A quarter of the city council's workforce was absent.

A large-scale stayaway at Cape Town's three main dairies halted milk deliveries. Black drivers and their assistants did not report for work at Joyce's and Homestead, while about 70 percent of Dairybelle workers stayed away.

Most bakeries continued operations in spite of stayaways of between 50 and 90 percent, but curtailed deliveries to black townships.

Absenteeism at Cape hospitals ranged between five and 15 percent, according to the Cape Provincial Administration. Most of those on strike were general assistants.

In Khayelitsha, the Nolungile Day Hospital in Site C was closed when hospital staff were advised that the situation in the township was "unstable".

Grooto Schuur Hospital reported 535 absences while 477 workers at Frere Hospital in East London stayed away. At Kimberley Hospital 267 employees did not report.

Valkensberg Hospital had 137 absences while 117 workers stayed away from Conradie and Somerset.

All workers at CPA road depots in Bellville, Kraaifontein, Paarl, Port Elizabeth, Kuruman, Vryburg, East London, Aliwal North, Barkly East, Graaff-Reinet, Upington and Mossel Bay stayed away.
Mixed response to first day of Stayway

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W Cape stayaway figure lowest in SA

SHARON SOROUR
Labour Reporter
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THE Western Cape had the lowest percentage of absenteeism countrywide during the two-day general strike, with Cape Town employers reporting that attendance figures improved up to 19 percent yesterday in major industries.

According to preliminary estimates of the SA Chamber of Business (SAceb), the total stayaway was not likely to have exceeded four million workers in the private sector.

A Aceb breakdown of absenteeism showed the Western Cape, at 11 percent, at the bottom of the pile and the PWV region the highest (46 percent), followed by Eastern Cape (20 percent), Dera (17 percent), Eastern Transvaal (16 percent), North West (12 percent) and Northern Province and Zimbabwe (20 to 30 percent).

Sorour said the impact of the stayaway on the economy had been confined by employers, but the full impact had yet to be evaluated.

A “conservative” response by Western Cape workers was reported on the first day of the mass stayaway.

Cape Chamber of Industry executive director Mr Colin McCarty said in some industries things were “back to normal” yesterday, while in others, employers had reported a 10 percent increase in attendance figures.

At Groote Schuur Hospital about 500 workers are supporting the strike, but more arrived for work yesterday than on Monday.

At the Pietermaritzburg laundry, where a 54 percent stayaway has been reported, about 15 workers were at work and extra help was not needed.

The Khayelitsha Day Hospital was open but the Nkandla Day Hospital in Site C was closed.

Tygerberg hospital authorities reported minimum stayaways by council workers and no incidents.

Darrellville had the highest absenteeism figure of “about 50 percent.”

The vast majority of workers arrived for work in Bellville, said council spokesman Mr Sue Vellem.

In Mimetn absenteeism was low, a council spokesman said. There were no incidents except when members of the agri-staff community at the Marcos unseen site blocked Keurberg Road and marched into the Montague Gardens Industrial area.

At Kraaifontein, Brackenfell and Kela River, municipal spokesmen said attendances were normal. There were no incidents involving council personnel.
Burning barriers in townships

TOWNSHIPS were quiet yesterday morning as the ANC alliance's mass action campaign entered its second day, but as the day wore on there were frequent burning barricades, impromptu marches and "gangster elements" causing trouble.

After a night of violence on Monday, Mitchells Plain and Manenberg were practically deserted early yesterday morning.

But by late yesterday afternoon, Manenberg became a "no-go area," and burning debris and tyres spanned streets at regular intervals.

In Mitchells Plain, several burning barricades could be seen in AZ Berman Drive and Alpine Way in Tafelsig late yesterday afternoon.

There were incidents of stone-throwing and teargas was fired to disperse large crowds.

ANC strike monitors constantly appealed to people not to stone passing vehicles. There was a small police presence in the area.

At Guguletu and Khayelitsha taxi ranks and railway stations were deserted yesterday morning and residents remained indoors.

Later in the day Khayelitsha residents emerged and rebuilt barricades in Zola Buhe Drive.

● More than 85% of the staff at factories in the Western Cape went to work yesterday, said Mr. Colin McCarthy, executive director of the Chamber of Industry.
Criminals caused sit-in violence

Staff Reporters

VIOLENCE erupted in Kleinville last night following a sit-in protest at the rent office and community hall.

Police said a "criminal element" in the town was to blame. Earlier an ANC delegation had met a senior Regional Services Council officer to discuss a moratorium on evictions and the payment of outstanding rents.

While the meeting was in progress a sit-in was held by about 600 people, the ANC branch leader said.

Police spokesperson Captain Hendrik Opperman said police had fired teargas at a crowd of "a few hundred" people about 6pm who had attempted to break into the hall. Police estimated the crowd number at about 30 minutes later.
‘40-100%’ went to work in W Cape

MAJOR industries in the Western Cape reported attendances of between 40% and 100% yesterday.

Most employers in the wine, canning, textile and fruit processing industries in the Boland said the two-day strike had not had any significant effect on production.

Attendances at KWV wine producing and bottling plants ranged from about 50% in Worcester, and Upington to close on 100% at Paarl, Robertson and Vredendal, said personnel officer Mr Henk Coetzee.

At Langeberg Canning in Ashton attendance was about 45% on both Monday and yesterday. About 388 workers were sent home early yesterday when they reported being threatened in Zolani township.

At Port Nolloth about 2,000 residents of Nolothville, Bloukamp and Tentedorp marched on the police station to petition for the right to hold protest marches without asking permission. — Sapa.
ANC happy with 70% support for stayaway

MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent
HAILING an overall 70 percent stayaway in the Western Cape on Monday and yesterday, ANC spokesman Willie Hofmeyr said there had been "greater intimidation from employers (for workers to ignore the stayaway) than from the community".

He said the ANC had had no confirmation of reports of "large-scale intimidation", at railway stations.

"I think the intimidation angle has been over-stressed. In fact, there was widespread intimidation of workers by employers. "Intimidation is a sword that cuts both ways," said Mr Hofmeyr.

Black Sash strike monitor Ms Anne Greenwell, who attended an ANC press conference yesterday to tell of her findings during the stayaway, said: "We have not been aware of any intimidation."

"The problems at Grabouw have been described, but otherwise we felt things went very well and in Nyanga, where I was yesterday, it was very peaceful and organised."

She said of the police presence: "I would almost describe it as discreet. We all felt that was a good thing. They were there, but their presence was never great."

Ms Greenwell questioned the accuracy of "barricades" as a description of often small, scattered objects in the road.

"There have been burning tyres, bits of concrete and bricks ... but they were cleared very quickly. I did not see any large barricades; you could drive through," she said.

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Police act to avert clash

OWN CORRESPONDENT

PORT ELIZABETH — A possible clash between white and black people on the outskirts of Despatch was averted yesterday when the police intervened.

ANC spokesman Mr. Phila Nkayi praised the police for their action.

About 600 township people intending to march through Despatch yesterday returned to their homes after being intercepted, police spokesman Colonel Harold Smyman said.

A photographer who witnessed the event said between 60 and 80 white men, armed with rifles and handguns, were intercepted by the police.

The men said they were there to protect their properties.
Traffic disrupted

Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at the crowd who pelted police vehicles with stones and bottles. A police spokesman said the stone-throwing was a direct result of the police use of tear gas.

Later about 50 policemen were clearing debris from burnt buildings in the city centre. Rubber bullets were fired and tear gas was used in the area.

Mr De Klerk told the ANC leaders that the police had used a lot of force and that the city centre had been burned.

They dispersed peacefully after about 150 people had gathered in the area.

The ANC leaders said they would return to the Marcor building next week to discuss the situation.

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Revenue offices in city to be taken over "symbolically"

MICHAEL MORRIS Political Correspondent

A SYMBOLIC occupation of the Receiver of Revenue building in Plein Street, this afternoon, is to round off a day of marches, motorcades and rallies by thousands of ANC alliance supporters backing the week-long mass action campaign.

ANC officials were expecting the crowd to be prevented from occupying the building and opted for a "symbolic occupation" instead.

"We will attempt to close the doors of the Receiver," ANC regional chairman Dr Allan Boesak said in a statement.

The ANC would then install its own ombudsman "to receive complaints about government corruption and financial mismanagement from the public."

The events in Cape Town, starting with a march from Langa to the city centre along the N2, are part the ANC alliance's campaign to take mass action into the centres of white power, with demonstrations targeting key government buildings and businesses.

Pretoria will be the main focus and the city was bracing itself for the arrival of an expected 50,000 to 70,000 supporters to be led by ANC president Nelson Mandela to the Union Buildings.

Many Pretoria traders are planning to close shop, losing a third day of business.

In Cape Town demonstrators were expected to return home by train. Free passage on nine trains has been pre-arranged.

ANC deputy regional secretary Mr Willie Hofmeyr said 500 marshals had been recruited for today's events and the ANC was hoping to recruit more at rallies last night.

"We want to be sure that we will be in full control of events," he said.

He said any damage that might arise as a result of the march would be covered by a public indemnity policy taken out by the ANC some time ago.
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Warning: Demo will close N2

By PETER DENNEHY

CAPE TOWN’s civic and police authorities were reluctant to allow today’s re-enactment of the 1960 protest march from Langa to the central city — but felt they had no choice.

The ANC had indicated in a meeting to which it hurriedly summoned the council on Monday that its followers were determined to march on the freeway, with or without official sanction, the council said.

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde said a controlled, permitted march was better than uncontrolled action.

The 1960 Langa march went via Durban Road and Mosterts’ Mill, but today’s march will go along one carriageway of the N2.

Its city-bound lanes will be closed to traffic, from the Vanguard Drive intersection, from just after 9.30am.

Traffic manager Mr Wouter Smit said yesterday that the whole of Eastern Boulevard, from Hospital Bend, will be closed to traffic once the march gets there.

Mr Smit appealed to motorists not to try to use the N2 to go into the city from mid-morning onwards. Traffic will be redirected to Klipfontein Road or the N1, or to Viking Way.

Deputy city administrator Mr Alan Dolby advised citizens who do not wish to participate not to come to town unless they had to do so.

There will be a far larger march in the central city itself. The ANC has permission for 25,000 people to assemble on the Grand Parade from 9am, and march on the Revenue building from 1pm. Nine trains have been hirid to take people back afterwards.

The route will be: Darling, Adderley, Bureau, Spin, Plein streets, and back via Roeland and Buitenkant streets. Mr Dolby urged motorists not to park there.

Major Hendrik Opperman said police did “not feel good about the march”, but permission had been granted and their duty was to ensure that everything went off smoothly.
DEMO closes city

By ANTHONY JOHNSON and BARRY STREEK

THE ANC's mass action campaign peaked yesterday with a huge show of strength countrywide culminating in Mr Nelson Mandela demanding immediate interim government.

Speaking outside President F W de Klerk's office at the Union Buildings, the ANC president said he stood ready to return to the negotiation table as soon as the government had met key ANC demands.

The ANC's rolling mass action proved climax yesterday with more than 40 rallies across the country.

After a massive but overwhelmingly peaceful demonstration of 'peoples' power' - with Pretoria and Cape Town the focal points - both Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela committed themselves to renewing negotiations.

But the ANC president bluntly told the government that the formal resumption of the stalled negotiation process hinged on it taking 'practical steps' to curb violence, the creation of an interim government and a commitment to a democratically-elected constitution-making body.

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City march

Insisting that the ball was now firmly in the government’s court, Mr Mandela told a mass rally of 70,000 gathered outside the Union Buildings: “What happens next, and what form the campaign for peace and democracy takes, depends on how the government responds to our demands which address the crucial obstacles in the path to negotiations.”

Mr de Klerk, speaking after yesterday’s cabinet meeting to reporters outside the same building, declared that there was “no fundamental difference between us”, adding: “The doors are open. There is no necessity to kick them down... I am prepared to sit down tomorrow.”

He emphasised that there was an “urgent need” for a resumption of negotiations and said he was confident they would get back on track.

Political insiders close to the two main negotiating parties said last night that bilateral talks between the government and the ANC would probably begin “soon” — but that discussions between Mr de Klerk and Mr Mandela would have to wait until the mass action dust had settled.

About 400,000 people participated in more than 40 rallies, marches and occupations of government buildings and inner cities, Cosatu claimed in a statement last night.

At least 600 demonstrators were arrested, police said. The ANC, however, said more than 850 people were arrested.

The climax of the campaign in Cape Town saw between 18,000 people (a police estimate) and 50,000 (an ANC estimate) flocking into the city centre, blocking streets, and then marching to the Receiver of Revenue offices, demanding an end to taxes without the vote and lighting a “freedom flame”.

Earlier, some 2,000 people marched down the N2 freeway from Langa to the Grand Parade in a symbolic re-enactment of the PAC’s 1980 anti-pass demonstration.

In Pretoria, businesses were brought to a virtual standstill by the march to the Union Buildings, where ANC leader, Mr. Nelson Mandela, was introduced, with roaring applause, as “the next president of South Africa”.

With the crowd chanting “De Klerk must go”, ANC secretary-general Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa declared: “We are now here outside the buildings — but next time we will be inside.”

Deputy Law and Order Minister Mr. Johan Scheepers complained afterwards that there were “numerous flagrant breaches of conditions set down for the march, including deviations from agreed routes and some demonstrators clothed in tattered Defence Force uniforms brandishing AK-47 rifles.”

But Pretoria police spokesman Maj. Andrew Lesch said no serious incidents were reported and he “thanked the people for their behaviour during the march.”

ANC spokesman Mr. Lucas Nhlapo said about 120 demonstrators were arrested in Warmbaths after police swooped on a crowd staging a sit-in protest in the centre of Warmbaths. Police later said charges had been dropped.

Police said at least 21 police vehicles parked near the CID’s head office in central Cape Town were damaged by marchers. The damage, which included slashed tyres, smashed windshields and ruined aerials, was estimated at R25,000. Most of the police vehicles were unmarked.

Human chain

Assistant policeman Mr. N. M. Maguileka received a neck injury when he was stoned at Buteheuwel by marchers on their way home.

A multi-million-rand mobile computer training unit was destroyed by arsonists in Mdantsane.

In Worcester, 400 protesters, mostly municipal workers, formed a human chain around the town’s civic centre during their lunch-hour. Town clerk, Mr. Cyril Wessels addressed the crowd which then dispersed peacefully.

About 5,000 ANC and Cosatu supporters marched to the police’s John Vorster Square headquarters in Johannesburg to hand over a memorandum. After nine people were allowed in to hand in the memorandum, the well-disciplined crowd, which stopped at traffic lights to minimise traffic disruption, marched away peacefully.

Several thousand people took to the streets in Durban to occupy the central post office and attempt a sit-in at the Game Discounter Centre on Mt. Street.

The crowds also marched on the House of Delegates building.

In Port Elizabeth, a march by thousands forced the closure of its largest shopping centre.
Thousands in march on city

Staff Reporters
ANC supporters marched on Cape Town yesterday and lit a "freedom flame" in front of the City Hall.

The number of marchers was given as 16 000 by police but the ANC said there were 50 000.

The peaceful march — to commemorate a similar mass march in 1960 — was characterised by tough marshalling and minor incidents of vandalism.

Protesters took over a ghostly city centre for several hours as panic-stricken shopkeepers brought their shutters down when the mainly well-disciplined crowd surged into town.

During the 10km march from the townships, ANC marshals wrestled weapons away from protesters, and later handed over to the police three men who marshals said had picked pockets and stolen from shops.

Protesters also occupied government buildings.

A police man died when he fell from a train near Langa station.

A row of police cars parked in the city centre was vandalised.

Earlier, the in-bound N2 freeway was closed as a procession of about 2 000 marched from Langa over Settlers Way to join a crowd already assembled there.

But only incidents were minor

The good-humoured and well-disciplined march was not antagonised by a lone AWB supporter about 150 metres from the N2 waving the three-pronged flag close to the power station.

As the Langa march joined waiting protesters about 1pm on the Grand Parade, a breakaway group of about 300 youths, many with sticks, surged on, meeting police and SADF men deployed at the top of Adderley Street.

They were turned back by ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni and city lawyer Mr Johnny de Lange.

Addressing the throng, Dr Alan Boesak, Western Cape ANC leader, said those who marched had shown (President F W) De Klerk that the ANC was able to bring people out into the streets and even occupy buildings.

"We will no longer pay taxes to a corrupt government," he said.

ANC Women's League stalwart Ms Dorothy "Mama" Mfau lit the "flame of freedom" on the Parade soon after 2pm. After the march, Dean Colin Jones accepted the flame at St George's Cathedral.

• ANC spokesman Mr Cameron Dugmore said protesters occupied offices of the Transkei embassy, the Post Office and Department of Home Affairs.

• An SADF Casspir stood by outside Telkom's Jout Street offices as they were occupied and picketed by about 100 people.

Telkom agreed to extend its service in the townships and negotiate around certain disciplinary actions against the Post Office and Telecommunications Workers' Association.

• The head of the Internal Stability Unit, Brigadier Frikk Kellerman, said the organisers of the march had not stuck to their plans. "We would not have had a problem if they had told us what they had planned to do."

• City council spokesman Mr Ted Doman said the marchers had not stuck to the agreement on the march. Along the N2 they should have occupied only the incoming lane, but they moved into both lanes. The march had also occupied buildings that had been occupied.
City businesses close doors

Staff Reporter

SHOPS and banks shut their doors in anticipation of trouble during the ANC march and planned occupation of city buildings.

First National Bank in Adderley Street was "open and shut" for a few hours as confusion reigned in the city, according to a staff member.

Most store owners in the Golden Acre closed their shops shortly after 2pm.

Chamber of Commerce spokesman Mr Charl Adams said companies had been advised to send their staff home early.

Mr Colin McCarthy, executive director of the Chamber of Industries, said factory management had been angered by last-minute approaches by staff to join the march in the morning.

A major supermarket outlet in Maizenberg closed after 2pm.

An anonymous phone-caller ordered several Woodstock businessmen to close their shops—or they would be forced to close. Woodstock police investigated complaints of intimidation, but no charges were laid, a police spokesman said.
I joined thousands on I-95 for a free-way named desire

MASS ACTION

The Argus, Thursday August 6, 1954
Courts thronged as 57 appear for protests

Staff Reporter

FIFTY-SEVEN members of Cosatu and the ANC Women’s and Youth League appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate’s Court yesterday in connection with flag burning, damage to property and illegal marches.

Thirty-seven Cosatu and ANC Youth League members, who were arrested during a march in Milnerton on Monday, packed into the tiny dock of Court 13 and responded with shouts of “viva” and “forward” to acknowledge their presence as the court orderly read out their names.

Outside the building dozens of protesters sang freedom songs.

The magistrate, Mr G Olwage, said bail would be extended. The group was instructed to appear on August 18 and 19 to hear the attorney-general’s decision on whether to press charges.

One accused said: “Mass action will continue and no court can stop it. We do not believe that we should be here. The courts support apartheid and we will continue with our actions until our demands are met.”

In an opposite court, bail was extended for the 12 ANC Youth League and Women’s League members who were appearing in connection with burning the SA flag. The case was postponed to September 22.

No charges were put to the eight ANC Women’s League and Youth League members who appeared in court 26 in connection with damaging railings on the parade during a demonstration last month.
Thugs smash window, steal clothes

HENRIETTE GELDENHUYS
Staff Reporter

I WATCHED hooligans break through a line of ANC marshals and smash windows and steal clothes from a men's clothing store in Adderley Street during yesterday's march.

Thousands of singing people were marching peacefully when some spilled into Hout Street next to the side window of Markhams.

About 25 khaki-clad marshals joined hands, forming a human chain in front of the shop windows and directed people back into Adderley Street.

But a small group pushed sideways against the crowd towards the side and front windows of the shop.

Marchers collapsed in a sea of people as the group pushed forward.

Glass shattered as the 'looters' smashed the windows with bricks and bare hands and grabbed clothes.

Marshals retrieved some of the clothes, which they threw back through the broken windows.

Urban Monitoring Awareness Committee monitor Mr Sean Tait, was punched and kicked.

"As they broke through, I was flung into a maelstrom and someone punched me in the stomach. I went down and I was kicked in the kidneys. I was winded. I couldn't breathe," he said. His radio pager was stolen.

Within seconds, wooden sticks appeared from beneath the clothing of angry marchers who caught the culprits and started beating them.

Marshals desperately tried to break up the fight.

*See pictures, page 2*
Prince George Drive closed

PRINCE George Drive in Lavender Hill was again closed last night when about 60 people set up three burning barricades in the road. (ARC 81 0492)

Police used teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse crowds, according to an ANC spokesman.

The spokesman reiterated that the ANC dissociated itself from the incidents.
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At 2.30 pm Dr Boesak, his precocious daughter Christmas and Congress of South African Trade Unions official Mr Florence de Villiers, addressed the protesters to the Receiver’s office in Plein Street via Adderley and Spier streets.

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tenant, telling him angrily that Telkom had promised earlier to let some demonstrators enter the building for a symbolic occupa-

The lieutenant agreed to arbitr- tate and five demonstrators were allowed to enter.

The negotiators emerged at 2.35am and ANC official Camer- on Bugnion announced that they had conveyed a list of demands to Telkom — including the provi- sion of telephone services for black areas and the adoption of an affirmative action pro-

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Staff Reporters

A man is in a critical condition in the intensive care unit at Groote Schuur after being thrown off a train on Wednesday. A hospital spokesman said no further details about the man would be available until his condition improved.

Another man died on Wednesday after falling from a train carrying ANC marchers from the city.

In a separate incident, a worker at Red Cross Hospital was assaulted at work on Wednesday. A CPA spokesman declined to give details.

A police patrol from the Internal Stability Unit was attacked on Wednesday night by a mob who threw stones and bottles at them when they were removing a flaming barricade in Mitchells Plain.

Constable R. Baartman was hit on the head by a half brick, a police spokesman said. He had eight stitches in the wound.

The patrol of five opened fire with teargas and rubber bullets, driving off the attackers.

Also on Wednesday, two shots were fired at police in Walter Sisulu Drive in Khayelitsha, by gunmen. No one was injured and the men escaped.
Many marchers but few incidents in Cape Town protests

A low-key police presence and crowds well controlled by marshals allowed the protest march in Cape Town to pass off relatively peacefully.

BY GAYE DAVIS

Department of Home Affairs — were also "occupied". A tense situation at Constitution Hill — interception centre of the former security police — was defused after a crowd confronting police with exiled leaders who were persuaded to disperse... 

If the tension continued, the impression that the clock had been turned back to the political turmoil of the mid-1960s, the police's response did not. In Mamelodi, where local gangsters and youths massed barricades and stoned any police vehicles that approached, clashes were simply lopped through the halls of Modelo — occasionally passing a volley of stones or rubber bullets to be fired above the heads of the crowd.

But while the few-key police response in the Pretoria area was not seen as an immediate threat to the safety of political opponents, this was not the case in Cape Town where the atmosphere was almost festive and police kept a low profile: control of the crowd was left chiefly to multi-club marshals, who were quick to demonstrate that anyone tried to damage property.

The police's windows were smashed and cars parked outside police CID offices had their tyres slashed and windows damaged. But given the sheer numbers of people involved in the march and throughout "occupational" city buildings, the incidents were negligible. Four people "arrested" by police for breaking windows and pick-pocketing were publicly castigated by western Cape ANC chairman Alan Boesak, who were later handed over to police but released "for lack of evidence", according to the ANC.

After Women's League veteran Dorothy Mbare's "taste of freedom" — to be kept in St. George's Cathedral "until we have our freedom, when we will put it in parliament," according to Bucak, the crowd moved to the Receiver of Revenue's offices, chanting "No vote, no tax". Other public buildings — the Department of Munitions, Telkom SA, the

Number game but strike's a success

BY MOLISI MAKABUHNYA

ALTHOUGH no one is disputing the success of the mining action campaign, there is a great deal of number juggling going on. The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) has claimed about four million people stayed away, representing about 90 percent of formal sector employees. The federation called its figures as tens of thousands protest at Cosatu and explained the South African Rail Commuter Corporation and Patco bus companies on occupancy levels.

However, organised industry disputes these figures on the basic that the mining, agricultural and public sectors, while mining and public sectors employ about 55 percent of gross domestic product — were mostly non-unionised and damage to the economy was minimal.

"On a public holiday when the entire economy shuts down but production amounts to about R900 million, on a day's lost production during this strike it would be R1,000 million," says South African Chamber of Business economists Keith Lockwood.

Although the build-up to the strike was marked by hysterical warnings about the irreparable damage such action would do to the economy, more sober assessment reveals this will be minimal. Most manufacturers are already operating below full capacity and two days' lost production is unlikely to hurt much.

Also, at Economic director Tony Twine points out, since the mining, agriculture and public sector — which account for 35 percent of gross domestic product — were mostly non-unionised and damage to the economy was minimal.

The best analysis of the general strike will be business confidence, which has in the past 18 months taken a heavy knock from the stagnant economy, violence and the political impasse. Instability on the labour front will contribute to the depression of investment decisions by potential domestic and foreign investors.
ANC MARSHALLS tried in vain to control gangster elements who turned peaceful protest into violent confrontation during the mass action campaign.

"We are trying to tell them they by carrying on like this they are playing straight into the hands of De Klerk," said Mr David Sampson, an ANC strike monitor in Mitchells Plain.

"There are gangster elements here, professing to be ANC comrades," said Sampson.

A photographer, in a car clearly marked with the ANC colours, was chased away with a hail of rocks and half bricks when he approached people standing at a barricade in Mitchells Plain.

"Most of the people causing trouble here are not ANC members," Sampson said.

"There are definitely gangster elements there, and we have had to stop them from stoning private vehicles."

In Manenberg, which saw most of the violence in the Cape Town area over the three days of mass action, gangsters were noticeable in the crowds around the barricades.

A "demonstrator" smelling strongly of dagga leaned into our car, "Give us water to shoot the boilers," he demanded, claiming to be an ANC member.

ANC organiser Mr Claude Basson denied this and blamed the gangsters for the barricades.
GRIEF: A friend comforts Mrs Nozintombi Sitsa, right

Grabouw man 'shot while fleeing police', say residents

By Justin Pearce

THE MAN shot dead by a riot policeman in Grabouw on Tuesday was allegedly hit while fleeing police.

Residents say police fired teargas into the Waterworks squatter camp after dispersing a peaceful protest march on Monday.

Mr Watherforce Ntuywaya, who was with Mr Nozintombi Mbovane when he was shot, described how they had been running among the shacks when Mbovane was hit in the chest with birdshot.

"I could not see the policeman who shot us, because of the teargas," said Ntuywaya, who was shot in the face and arms.

Mbovane was the only son of Mrs Nozintombi Sitsa. Aged 26, he had lived in Grabouw since 1986 and was employed as a construction worker.

Police spokesperson Major Hendrick Opperman said an unidentified man "aged about 25" had beenfatally injured when police opened fire with birdshot on him and another man.

Opperman claimed about 200 people were marching illegally and were warned to disperse. He said: "Two men then stormed a police Casspir and threw stones and half-bricks." He denied that Mbovane had been in the squatter camp when he was shot.

Witnesses were adamant that no warning had been given before police opened fire.

Mr Vuyani Ngucaye, who was injured when a teargas cannister hit him on the leg, said that when confronted by police, the marchers had sat down in the road. The police later opened fire without warning, he said.

Witnesses also told of teargas and birdshot being fired into the squatter camp. Police denied this.

Mr Nonno Arnot said he had been outside his shack watching the march when his shack was hit by a hot teargas cannister. Afterwards burn marks were visible in the shack's wooden boards.

A month-old baby, Joyce Baduza, was taken to hospital after teargas was allegedly fired into the shack where she lives. Her mother, Mrs Matankiso Baduza, said she had been sitting at home with her baby when a cannister was fired into her shack.

"My child gasped for breath, and fell unconscious," she said.

The other injured were Denzil van Rooyen, a teenager, and Mr Headman Booi.

With the exception of Ngucaye, all the injured had received birdshot wounds in the squatter camp after the march had dispersed, witnesses said.
Police allow march—then make arrests

By Justin Pearce

ALL THE people participating in a march in De Aar were arrested on Monday, in spite of organisers having obtained police permission.

The march, part of the mass action campaign, was intended to raise demands from De Aar's townships, said Mr Victor Mkosana, media officer for the De Aar branch of the ANC.

The 115 people arrested included 13 children, Mkosana said. They were held for six hours before being told they could leave. No reason was given for their release.

The marchers were ordered to pay a fine of R100 by August 27, or appear in court on September 3. Mkosana said permission for the march had been obtained from the police and the municipality, but the police had made the arrests on the grounds that permission had not been obtained from the magistrate.

A second march was held on Tuesday after permission from the magistrate.

The De Aar residents' demands included investigations into the killings of activists Mr Booi Manty (killed 1985), Mr Sizakele Mbekuhi (1989), Mr Andile Tandai (1989), and Civic president Mr Ambrose Mbelephu (1990). No charges have been laid in connection with the deaths.
Marches, sit-ins across W Cape

Weekend Argus Reporters

SEVERAL thousand people took part in marches and sit-ins held across the Western Cape on the final day of the ANC alliance's mass action campaign.

About 350 people joined a lunchtime march through central Cape Town to present a list of education-related demands to the government.

The march was organised by the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, the Congress of SA Students, the SA National Students Congress and other education organisations.

At the H F Verwoerd building in Plein Street, where government ministers have their offices during parliamentary sessions, NECC regional president Mr Ben Temming handed a memorandum, addressed to the Minister of National Education, to plainclothes policeman Sergeant J Lewin.

The memorandum called on the government to:

■ End the unilateral restructuring of education.
■ Establish a national education forum.
■ Create one education department.
■ Stop retrenchment teachers.
■ Recognise the South African Democratic Teachers' Union.
■ End the platoon system at black schools.

In Pinelands, striking health workers who had occupied the manager's office at the Cape Provincial Administration's central hospital laundry for several hours, left the building.

The workers were members of the Health Workers' Union. Police monitored proceedings.

About 80 of the workforce of 300 have been on strike at the laundry for about seven weeks.

A CPA spokesman confirmed everything was back to normal and the strikers had left the building after holding a meeting.

At Kayamandi, near Stellenbosch, a mock coffin was burnt outside the municipal offices yesterday after residents left the offices following a two-day sit-in. Later a guard's hut was flattened by residents, and the guard took refuge in the offices.

At Grabow, where a man was shot dead by police earlier in the week, about 20 people occupied the municipal offices, while a large crowd gathered outside, watched by police. Later the offices were vacated and the crowd dispersed.

At Montagu Gardens about 260 workers marched on the premises of MCG Industries. The marchers, who all work in the Montagu Gardens area, were showing solidarity with 38 striking MCG workers, said MCG shop-steward Mr Jan Arendse.

The workers are demanding a 15 percent wage increase and a moratorium on retrenchments.

Initially police refused the workers permission for the march but after a short hold-up it was allowed to continue.

At Kraaifontein police dispersed about 400 people, including women and children, protesting against rents outside the local rent office.
Entering the Lions' Den...

By Queenie Wiman
Veteran comrade marches again

Mr Chittaranjandas Chavda remembers the 1960 march from Langa to Cape Town as being well-organised and disciplined.

The 66-year-old ANC member was one of three veterans in this week's march who "saw action" in the 1960 march.

Born in South Africa, he studied in India, returned in 1942 and joined the ANC the following year.

This week Mr Chavda, a tailor, recalled the historic march on March 30 1960, which was led by UCT student Mr Phillip Kgosana of the Pan Africanist Congress.

He said: "Just like this week Wednesday..."

"We were together as one," he said.
"It took us about four hours to reach our destination. Amazingly there were no policemen along the streets, although our march was illegal.
"We chanted and sang freedom songs outside the Caledon Square police station for an hour. Later Kgosana went to speak to someone in the police station."

Mr Chavda said the marchers dispersed and went home by bus. He thought this week's march was "excellent".
"I had never seen such a big crowd. And it was well-organised too."

As an ANC member he endorsed the sentiments of the mass-action programme.

"The day that day was very nice, weather-wise."
"When we arrived at Washington Street in Langa there were about 30,000 people. They were angry but peaceful. The event was after the killings of Sharpeville."

"The leader, Kgosana, addressed the meeting and the march started."

"Unlike today, there were no marshals those days because the crowd behaved very well."

Mr Chavda said he had no qualms about joining a PAC march because there was no conflict among the organisations, "like now".
Jail terms for killing on farm

By DALE GRANGER

TWO men — one an AWB member — were sentenced in the Riversdale Magistrate's Court yesterday to jail terms for killing a farm worker.

For culpable homicide in the death of Mr Hans Muggels on the farm Watergat on August 28, AWB member Willem Odendaal, 23, was sentenced to six years' jail (two years suspended for five), his brother Margharinus Odendaal, 18, a Std 9 schoolboy, received 18 months' jail (suspended for five years) and former Watergat farm manager Christian du Toit, 26, three years (one year suspended for five).

For assaulting four other farm laborers Willem Odendaal was sentenced to a fine of R3000 (or 200 days) and Du Toit to R1100 (or 50 days). Margharinus Odendaal was sentenced to six cuts with a light cane for pointing a firearm at a labourer.

All three accused, who pleaded not guilty to the charges, remained expressionless during sentence and served notice that they would appeal against sentence. Their bail of R150 was extended.

Passing sentence, magistrate Mr C P J Prinsloo described the killing of Mr Muggels as a "cruel and disgusting attack on an innocent man who had not provoked his fate but was turned into a human punchbag".

The prosecutor was Mr MP Heyns. Willem Odendaal was represented by Mr G de Klerk. Mr D Vosker appeared for Du Toit. Margharinus Odendaal was not represented.

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Squatter threat over dismissals

By EUGENE PARAMOER

HOUT BAY squatters who are members of the ANC Youth League yesterday warned that action in the Hout Bay Valley will include occupation of vacant land until squatters dismissed for taking part in recent ANC strike action are reinstated.

The Youth League feels that the 17 squatters were unfairly dismissed.

A campaign to reinstate the workers will include the occupation of vacant land by squatters, a boycott of companies which dismissed the workers and mass demonstrations, a Youth League spokesman said.

Hout Bay Ratepayers' Association chairman Dr Rob Millar said last night that the Youth League action could jeopardise the "good working relationship" that was established with the squatter community.

If the squatters wanted help from ratepayers they should discuss it with them instead of threatening to occupy their land.

Dr Millar added: "We are in no position to force employers to take their workers back."
CITY STANDSTILL!

MASSES OF MARCHERS: 50,000 Pro Democracy campaigners closed down Cape Town's city centre on Wednesday as part of the 'occupation' programme.

Photo: Yousif Mohamed

WIN A DREAM TRIP TO THE WILD COAST IN THE SOUTH/RADIO 'GOOD HOPE' COMPETITION — PAGE 10.
Clashes narrowly averted

CONFLICT between ANC demonstrators and armed AWB supporters in Despatch, Port Elizabeth, was narrowly averted this week after intervention by the local peace committee.

This ended a four-hour stand-off between 300 ANC members attempting to march to the local police station, and a large group of armed residents, most of whom are believed to be members of the AWB.

It was the second time this week that a clash between ANC members and conservative whites was averted in the town.

Earlier in the week, police intervened after about 80 armed residents tried to block an ANC march.

Leaders of the march and police travelled to Uitenhage, where talks took place in the presence of UN observer Jose Campano.

Negotiators returned to say it had been agreed to postpone the march for a week.

Announcing the deal, Cosatu president John Gumomo told the crowd: "We are going to drive the AWB out of town."

The AWB is not going to tell us what to do."

He said the Despatch community would be supported by ANC members.

UN observer Jose Campano had to delay his departure. — Eca
Patrol van under fire

Crime Staff

A POLICE patrol van came under fire in Khayelitsha early today, but no one was injured and the vehicle was undamaged.

A police spokesman said the van was passing Tombeli shopping centre in Swartklip Road at 2am when several shots rang out from a dense bush.

Today police in “softskin” unarmoured vehicles were advised to be careful in the area.

On Friday a policeman was shot and seriously wounded while trying to arrest a suspect in Khayelitsha.

Warrant Officer Braam Lombard was chasing the suspect when the man turned around and fired at him twice.

Police have opened attempted murder dockets for both shootings.
Farm attacks "by APLA"

ELLIOV A.- Two farms in this area of the north-easterm Cape were attacked yesterday.
Police claim the attacks were carried out by the Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Pan-African Congress.

In the first attack shortly after midnight the house of Mr. Klasie de Klerk of the farm Cluny was fired on. About half an hour later Mr. Ernie Copper of the farm Clitha came under fire. Before the attackers fled, they set alight a shed containing agricultural equipment.

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Ordinary men and women who enforce marshal law

Volunteer army wins the battle for peace

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

CAPE TOWN owes them a debt of gratitude for stopping anarchy in its tracks and preventing the city centre from turning into a muggers' and looters' paradise when mass action rolled into the city.

Numbering just 400, the ANC marshals were stretched to the limit as they controlled a 30,000-strong gathering on the Grand Parade last Wednesday.

They further enhanced their image as peace-keepers during the march to the Receiver of Revenue Building when they stopped protesters abusing police.

Regional chief of marshals Mr Peter Sindi Mboho said: "We did not want to see a repetition of the violence of a previous march and therefore stationed some marshals between marchers and police."

Marshals also apprehended looters and handed them over to police.

They are not members of an elite force but ordinary men and women, unarmed and working without the benefit of crowd-control equipment.

They live ordinary lives as students, housewives, workers and unemployed people, who are trained in drilling techniques once a week and are on duty whenever the ANC or its allies stage mass demonstrations.

Their leaders, regional head Mr Bongani Jonas and his two chiefs of staff, Mr Mboho and veteran ANC activist Mr Freddie Minini, were trained as Umkhonto we Sizwe soldiers, not as crowd control experts.

Mr Jonas said: "We can do the job because MK is a special army. It's the people's army. We are politicians first and then soldiers. That's what makes us special."

Though the marshals have impressed many, Mr Jonas said they were understaffed.

He appealed to the ANC, the SAPC and Cosatu to make more manpower available.

Marshals often confiscate weapons such as sticks, knives and pangas from protesters in a tense environment.

"There is a growing concern that we need some protective equipment," said Mr Jonas. "We need spray guns and batons. We haven't considered carrying firearms."

He denied that it would be better, cheaper or more effective to ask the police to do the work of the marshals.

"The image of the police is dented and they do not enjoy the support of our people," he said.

"We can't have them as peace-keepers. We need people who are not only trusted and respected by the people but know how to deal with them."

Sixty percent of marshals are women and many of them are unemployed.

"Historically, marshals have been volunteers. They are not forced to do the job," said Mr Jonas.

"They do it out of political conviction and conscience because they want to see mass action remain peaceful and disciplined."

Mr Jonas said his biggest fear was of hooligans running out of control or agents provocateurs whipping up crowds and turning peaceful protests into chaos.

"We want the world to see that the ANC and its allies are serious about peace. We won't stand for lootings, muggings or shootings."

What does it take to be a marshal? "They are not picked off the streets. They must be registered members of political organisations which form part of the ANC, SAPC and Cosatu alliance."
Western Cape police top unrest injury list

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Police here have described recent unrest as the worst in recent years. The Western Cape police say they have arrested over 1,000 people and have had to deploy additional resources to deal with the situation. The unrest, which started in December, has spread across several districts, with clashes between protesters and security forces.

A police spokesperson said that the unrest was caused by a combination of factors, including economic woes, inequality, and government policies. The spokesperson added that the police have been working tirelessly to bring the situation under control.

The Western Cape police have urged residents to remain calm and avoid taking part in the unrest. They have also asked for the public's cooperation in providing information that could help in apprehending those involved in the violence.

Efforts have been made to de-escalate the situation, with negotiators from the government and civil society organizations engaging in talks with protesters. So far, however, the talks have been unsuccessful.

The police have warned that anyone found guilty of instigating unrest or causing violence will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The Western Cape police have also urged the media to exercise caution in reporting on the unrest, as some information may be unreliable or misleading.

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5 000-strong E Cape march

DESPATCH. — About 5 000 people marched through the main street here yesterday, monitored by ANC marshals, right-wingers and the biggest concentration of police and security forces yet deployed for a protest march in the Eastern Cape.

A teargas canister was tossed into the crowd as they moved into the town. It exploded and scattered marchers, but they later re-grouped and continued.

SA Police Stability Unit chief Brigadier 'Wynand' van der Merwe said more than 1 000 police and soldiers lined the 8km march route.

About half-an-hour before the march, Brig Van der Merwe approached a group of about 80 whites who had gathered on the town's outskirts and told them to disperse. AWB regional chief Mr Barend Mostert also urged them not to interfere with the march.

About 300 National Education Health and Allied Workers Union members marched to the Criminal Investigation Bureau in Loop Street yesterday, to protest "covert security police involvement in the deaths of political activists and union members".

National Health Minister Dr Rina Venter has asked the Transvaal Provincial Administration to put a moratorium on the replacement of dismissed hospital workers. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

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OK manager intervened

Staff Reporter

POLICE did not intervene when more than 100 unemployed workers took R1 000 worth of bread and milk at the OK Bazaars in Adderley Street on Thursday because the manager, Mr J. Therom, had asked them not to do so.

Police said yesterday that the manager had allowed the items to be taken in the unusual protest organised by the Western Cape Unemployed Workers' Union. The "bread and milk were a donation," according to Mr Therom's internal incident report.
AWB barred from Despatch march

AN estimated 5 000 ANC alliance supporters marched through Despatch's main street on Friday, monitored by 500 ANC marshals, rightwingers and the biggest concentration of police and security forces yet deployed for an eastern Cape protest march.

As the group made its way to the municipal offices, business came to a standstill in the main street.

The leaders presented a petition to town clerk Udut Erasmus, then marched to the police station to present a similar one to the SAP station commander.

A rally was then held at Bellview Sports Stadium.

The march had to be called off last week when AWB gunmen took up positions in the street. A week of negotiations between the tripartite alliance, the police and the Despatch Municipality paved the way for the Friday march.

About half an hour before the march was due to start, SAP Stability Unit chief Brig van der Merwe dispersed a group of about 60 whites who had gathered on the outskirts of the township.

AWB regional chief Barend Mostert also urged them not to interfere. – Sapa
March: 17 ANC supporters in court

Staff Reporter

SEVENTEEN African National Congress supporters have appeared briefly in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on charges of taking part in an illegal march in Milnerton.

The 17, all residents of the Marconi Park squatter camp, allegedly marched illegally in Milnerton on August 4, the second day of the ANC/SACP Cosatu general strike.

They were not asked to plead, no charges were put to them, and the case was postponed to September 21.

The accused are Miss Susan Williams, 21, Miss Zolioka Mihlo, 20, Mrs Margaret Matole, 53, Mrs Edna Mahletie, 58, Miss Lucia Mgakana, 27, Mrs Angeline Sitsholweni, 42, Miss Katrina May, 32, Mr Eric Charley, 30, Mr Mncedzi Nyini, 26, Mr Michael Nkuzane, 33, Mr Michael Rum, 19, Mr Patrick Matshokotsha, 24, Mr Joe Dayani, 33, Mr Sibongisele Nkobla, 25, Mr Mzunqabile Ndubatha, 36, Mr Zukisana Yolwa, 22, and Mr Moses Nuka, 19.

They are on R50 bail each.

Co-accused Mr William Ndenbeni, 24, and Mr Philani Wayementon, 25, failed to appear in court yesterday and warrants for their arrest were authorised, to be put into effect if they fail to appear on September 21.
Memo to City Council

A total of 2000 people marched from Galeshewe outside Kimberley on Monday, sticking posters on police and other vehicles en route to the City Council offices where they presented a memorandum. The posters, issued by the ANC, SACP and Cosatu, called for a general strike on Monday and yesterday and the occupation of the city today. - Sapa.
Watson ‘is next on Hammer death list’

STEFANUS BRUMMER
Staff Reporter
PORT ELIZABETH.—Valence Watson, friend and confidant of murdered Addo farmer Mr Louis de Villiers, believes he is “next on the list”.

Mr Watson, who works for the ANC’s human resources department, is the person Mr De Villiers confided in about the SADF’s clandestine Hammer unit in the months before his death.

Mr Watson said a source had alleged that “laughing” Hammer members had said he was next.

He said Mr De Villiers approached him with allegations about a huge fraud involving the Ibhayi Town Council and the Hammer unit after going to the police, his Member of Parliament, Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Mr Tertius Deport, and Democratic Party MP Mr Eddie Trent, without success.

“Andre, who was apolitical, went to the police. He trusted them. He went to his Member of Parliament. He trusted him. He went to Trent. He trusted him. Then eventually he came to me in desperation.”

Mr Deport has denied being approached by Mr De Villiers, but Mr Trent has confirmed that he was approached.

Mr Watson said Mr De Villiers had stumbled on the alleged Ibhayi fraud and Hammer activities when he was partner in a Port Elizabeth panelbeating business.

An example of the alleged fraud was to “get a vehicle from the Ibhayi Town Council to fix up a dent that would cost R100, but they would charge R10 000,” Mr Watson said.

A cell of Hammer operatives also used the panel shop as a meeting place.

“They would come and have their meetings there. They would arrive and change their number plates.”
Police attacked crowd, court told

By DALE GRANGER

RIOT POLICE under the command of a former Koevoet officer alleg-
edy fired teargas into a Robertson community hall on April 11, 1990, trapping residents, be-
fore firing rubber bul-
lets at them as they ran out of the hall.

This was evidence yes-
terday in the Worcester Regional Court where Major Johannes Calitz, 31, is being tried on
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Keyster said.

The trial continues to-
day.
Police charged with firing
on crowd in packed hall

WORCESTER - Riot police under the command of a former Koevoet officer fired teargas into a packed Robertson community hall where residents singing "Nkosini Sikelelwa Afrika" were trapped and had a volley of rubber bullets fired at them when they escaped, the Worcester Regional Court heard yesterday.

Major Johannes Calitz (31) was charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and an alternative charge of negligently causing policemen under his command to shoot, causing 125 people to be injured.

Jan van Eck, MP for Claremont, and an ANC member, attended the hearing.

Gertruida Adams (52), a Robertson housewife, said the hall was packed on April 11 1989, when the local civic association had called a meeting with residents to discuss high rent, water and electricity rates.

She said the proceedings were calm and peaceful but during the singing, shots were heard and a Robertson community leader, Frederick Booyson, had appealed for calm and ordered the windows and doors of the hall to be shut.

"My eyes were burning, my lungs were closed and people were stampeding for the doors and screaming. I ran for my life when the teargas was fired," she said.

A side door was kicked in but she landed on top of the door and people trampled her in the rush.

Shouted

Another housewife, Khatlida Adams (44), said a teargas canister landed in the row of seats behind her and as she escaped from the hall she was hit by rubber bullets in the thigh and arm and later treated in hospital.

"I ran towards the police but someone shouted 'Lady, turn around, you will be shot.'

"I fell against a wall and felt cartridges hitting the wall around me.

The magistrate, A J van Wyk, said Ms Adams was about 25 m from the police and it was impossible for her to have been shot by cartridges because they fell to the ground after being fired.

Franklin Keyster, the manager of the Cosy Cove Hotel, which is situated across the road from the community hall, said he had watched policemen throw two objects into the hall.

About two minutes later, people were screaming as they ran from the hall and about 10 to 15 policemen fired at them as they fled, Mr Keyster said.

B J Uys, for Major Calitz, said the basis of the defence would be that a mob that had been smashing windows and vandalising the administration offices next to the hall had run into the hall, and that police had fired only when people had rushed towards them armed with chairs and stools.

The trial was postponed to today. — Sapa.
Witchdoctor: Mundit Luliong has promised to destroy the evil spirits, bringing 15 families in Gugtugan.
Mr Wilberforce Ntowyaya, who was with Mboyané when he was shot, told a SOUTH reporter after the incident that the march had already dispersed when the shooting occurred. He said marchers had retreated to a nearby squatter camp where Mboyané was shot.

According to the report, the concentration of wounds on the right side of the body suggests Mboyané was turning that side of his body towards the police when he was shot.

SAP spokesperson Captain Anie Laubscher said the police could not comment on a matter of evidence that was to be led in court.
Attorney-general plans special team to probe Addo farmer's murder

EASTERN Cape Attorney-General Michael Hodgson said yesterday that he would appoint a special team to investigate the killing of Addo farmer Andre de Villiers - despite police saying they had already arrested three men in connection with the murder, and were seeking another.

And Goldstone commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone said he had sent a full-time member of his commission, Col H Heslings, to Port Elizabeth to observe the police investigation of the murder.

Goldstone asked to be kept informed of developments in the investigation, because of "recent developments and the obvious relevance thereof to the commission's terms of reference". He asked the SAP, the ANC and Hodgson to keep the commission informed of developments.

Police said at the weekend they had arrested three men - two of them "trained soldiers of Umkhonto we Sizwe" - in connection with the De Villiers slaying.

Our Port Elizabeth correspondent reports that one of the three appeared briefly in court in Kirkwood yesterday. The others are expected to appear today.

Their names are being withheld until identification parades have been held, so early court appearances will be in camera.

A R50 000 reward would be paid out soon to the person who supplied information.

Arrests would not have been made so soon without this information, police said.

Before his death, De Villiers was repeatedly disclosing information about the activities of the "Hammer" unit mentioned in connection with the killing of eastern Cape activist Matthew Goniwe in 1985.

Hodgson said that at this stage he was looking separately at the deaths of Goniwe and De Villiers, but that he would look into anything in the De Villiers case which might assist in other cases.

The police statement on the arrest of the three came amid allegations by the ANC that De Villiers had been assassinated to prevent him from making disclosures about security force actions.

On Sunday night, eastern Cape regional police commissioner Maj-Gen Koos Calitz said the three suspects had been positively linked to the murder, and that a Makarov pistol had been seized.

Calitz said the arrests confirmed initial police suspicions that the motive for the killing was robbery.

The ANC condemned Calitz's statement, saying he had made presumptions about the guilt of the arrested men before they had faced trial.

The DP yesterday criticised both the SAP and the ANC.

DP justice spokesman Tony Leon said: "The SAP is not assisting its role as the neutral enforcer of law and order by alleging that MK is responsible for the murder.

"However, if the police are to be criticised for passing judgment on the ANC in this matter and for convicting the arrested for murder before the trial process is even set in motion, then the ANC must bear a portion of the blame for rushing to judgment before the first facts of recent incidents of violence, killings and massacres had even been established."
Police may sue ANC for march damage
ANC sit-in: 15 in court

Staff Reporter

FIFTEEN ANC members appeared in the Bellville Court yesterday in connexion with occupying the Ravensmead Police Station in July. They are still awaiting the Attorney-General's decision on whether or not to press charges.

The magistrate, Mr E F Louw, postponed the trial to October 14.
Court locks up angry pupils

JOHANNESBURG. — Court ordered temporarily locked protesting pupils in the cells at the Alberton Magistrate's Court yesterday to allow a case against 23 pupils to proceed, police said.

The Congress of South African Students earlier claimed that 63 pupils and two parents demonstrating outside the courts were arrested by police. — Sapa
In safety of Casspir

Radio crackle: The message was:

brief - cops are under fire in Manenberg:

In safety of Casspir

NEWS Protection Against AK-47 Bullets: Working Women Press for Refuge in new SA
On patrol with the Bokaap Watch

SATURDAY night, about 10pm. It's chilly here, high up on the south-eastern shoulder of Signal Hill, shrouded in lights. Cape Town's city centre sprawls below, like some fantastically decorated bedtime fairy. A wind swishes by to off Table Bay brings the salt tang of the sea.

But this is no time to sit back and soak up the fabulous panorama. The Bokaap Neighbourhood Watch is out on patrol.

There are perhaps 20 men on duty tonight, none of them armed, ridding in groups in cars linked by two-way radios. They have already done an initial sweep of the area, making sure the streets marking the boundaries between Cape Town's central business district and the Bokaap.

Some have lived here for more than 50 years; even since their ancestors were first brought to the country as slaves. It's a close-knit community, and, strongly religious homes hold co-exist uneventfully with doggy and mandrax merchants, where petty crime is rife.

Down below, in the city, prostitutes are pimps are gracing up for another night's work. On Long Street's nightlife, officers are starting to enact their way through a 'second naming after. Some of them will stay on their way up, but others will go to buy some doggy to smoke in the less of dangerous footing.

It is in just such a place that two young men and a woman are caught, suddenly, plane, on the face of the boat's worst ship from the car. There's a heroic exclamation: "This is a bad area, we advise you not to stay here." The trio, too, to have been threatened, surge up a narrow street to cut out another notorious bad spot.

The road clacks into life: "Someone this is Black Beauty, do you copy over?"

We apprehended two suspects, respectively, are supposed to be a man and a woman, respectively, but they had nothing on them. The police were present -- there was no evidence, not from them, to go on.

Another night; another patrol. Four Afrikaner are stopped and asked when they're going. "To see a girl," says one. "And the others?" "We're with him," they say. But they can't supply an address and the police have to leave the area. Msmapa Beal, chief co-ordinator of the watch and it's successor under the rightful name, takes to the radio: "Hi, this is our radio, we have come up to drink wine and calisthenics from a dated in an area known as Oldilet. In a calisthenics building where the air is filled with the sounds of two, three childrenare flushed out and sent on their way.

"We don't approach the dealers," says Beal. "They don't want to be seen, but it's not good for us. If we are seen coming into the area and we don't know them, we ask them when they've come to see. If they can give us a name and address we'll excor them there. If they can't, we tell them to leave.

Anyone spotted leaving a known man-"" het's house will be stopped and searched. "We're not fools," says Beal. "We make them stand with their hands up against a wall and there's always someone who's armed standing by."

It is a scene that is repeated on both occasions I accompany the watch on their nightly patrols. It's obvious my presence is more an added deterrent than a deterrent in itself. I can't explain why I feel safer. This is another paradox.

A few minutes before 1am, the watch is left. It's a small victory. The streets are quiet, and the police have left.

"At the height of the emergency the police could pin-point where an afrikaner was living and had him out in 24h. But deals have lived in the same houses for years and they're still there.

If the police were no longer in Cape Town, the area would be in chaos. The watch is doing a good job."

Launched in February, the Bokaap Neighbourhood Watch grew out of an anti-drugs drive spurred by an awareness of the growing number of children in the community, where there are few recreational facilities, using doggy and mandrax. This was compounded by frustration at what was perceived as an inability or unwillingness on the part of the police to act against known dealers, according to Jacques Achmat, a former member of the watch and the watch.

Achmat is now the watch's first-man with the police, and what was once an extraordinary relationship has developed to the point where five watch members will accompany a police patrol, for example.

"We don't just want to stop crime, we want to stop the crime that is based on children's needs in the Criminal Procedure Act."

A survey recently carried out by the watch to test the community's attitude towards them threw 378 positive replies ("Keep up the good work" was the most common), and 35 negative ("Don't know how to approach people in the area"). For Achmat, this means "the community is really behind us".

But it was also an attempt to make the watch accountable to the community it serves. Achmat and the 200 members of the watch are aware of the criticism of the group and are particularly sensitive to suggestions that they are heading towards becoming a vigilante group.

Kinder Edelman, a schoolteacher and anti-drugs activist in the community, acknowledges the need for the watch and readily concedes it with the dramatic drop in crime in the area. But after witnessing an incident in June where a watch member pointed a gun at a man at gunpoint, he took it upon himself to tell the man that "he was entering into a vigilante group"

For Edelman is an inherent contradiction in the fact that key members of the police committee are also members of the watch. "We try to establish a relationship with a group because we can come to ask for help," she says. "Then they see the guy is also a member of the watch, hamstringing them or whatever, and they breakdown that trust."
Girl shot in attempt to occupy school
Dying cop tells of taxi killer

Staff Reporter

The colleague of a policeman gunned down yesterday outside a Worcester charge office told how his dying friend's last words to him were that a taxi driver had fired the fatal shots.

Constable A G Damons, 20, was shot in the face and back when an unknown gunman opened fire with an automatic weapon outside the Zwelethembha charge office shortly after midnight. He died in hospital about 6am.

Municipal Constable I M Olivier, 24, who had been inside the charge office at the time of the shooting, was injured when a stray bullet hit him in the leg as he went to investigate.

Speaking from his Worcester hospital bed yesterday, a distraught Constable Olivier said: "As soon as I heard a shot go off, I headed outside to see who was shooting."

"I saw a man disappearing over a fence and as I was about to dash after him, Constable Damons collapsed in front of me."

"I asked him if he knew the person who had shot him and he whispered to me: 'Yes, a taxi driver we both recognised. Don't remember his name.'"

No arrest has been made, police said.