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# Teargas used on matric protesters

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**Crime Reporter**  
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Police were alerted and ordered the pupils to disperse

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group became aggressive and moved to the nearby Ndongeni Higher Primary School where two pupils ordered a teacher to close the school

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the main gate because it was blocked by the protesters so they were forced to go through the back gate

'The gate is very small so many clambered through toilet and classroom windows,' he said

Mr Mbeko said some of his pupils, who are all in Standard 4, 5 and 6, were injured in the stampede but he did not know exactly how many.

'I don't think they will come to school again tomorrow,' he said

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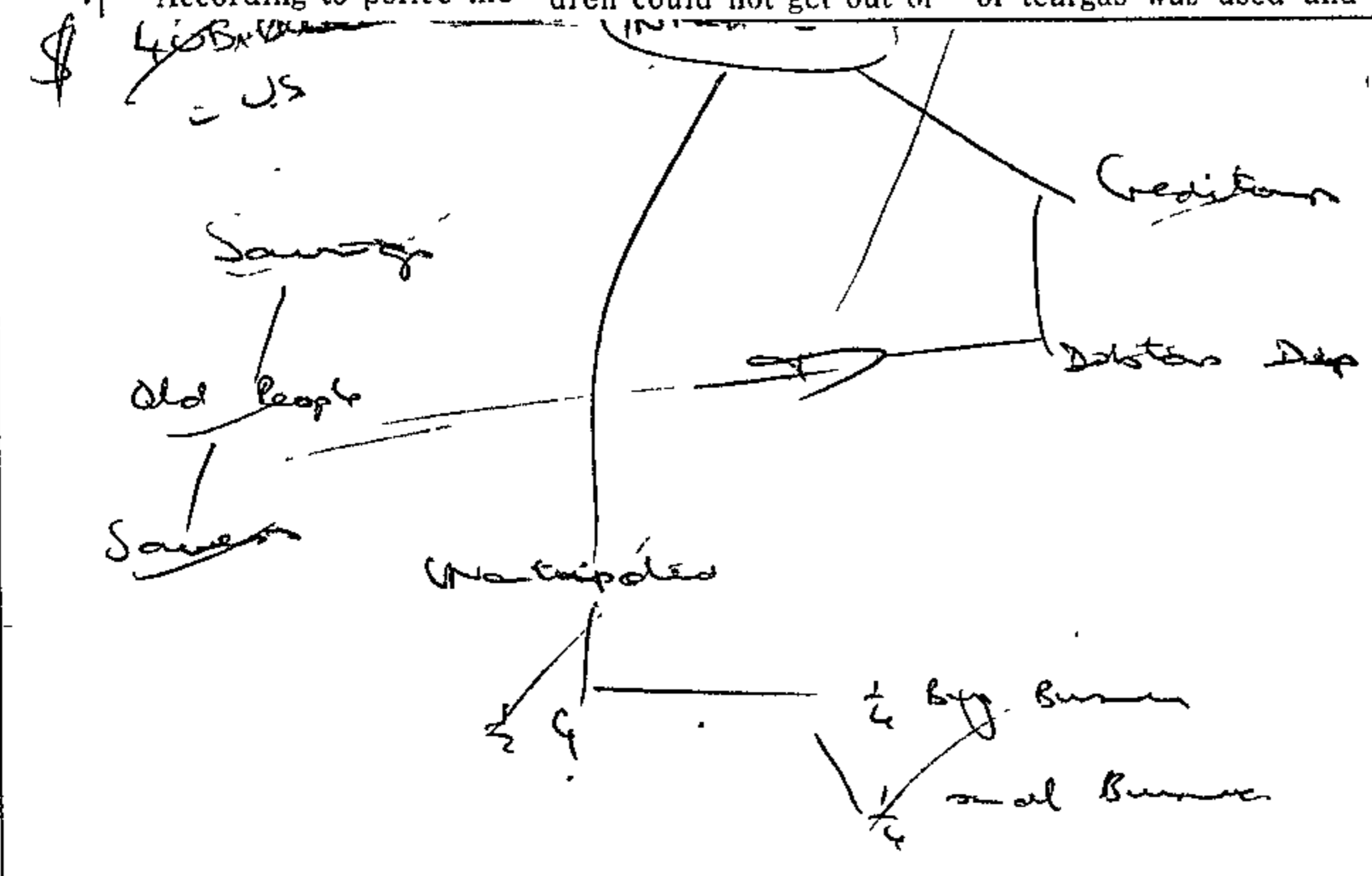
Our African Affairs reporter writes that pamphlets calling on African pupils to boycott schools until the Department of Education and Training has released the results of last year's matric examinations were distributed in bus stops and homes in Umlazi on Sunday night and yesterday

The unsigned pamphlets said all pupils from first year up to matric should boycott schools, and warned that if they ignored the call they would be assaulted.

## Tour

However, many children attended schools and teachers reported no disturbances.

Mr Winnington Sabelo, a member of KwaZulu Legislative Assembly and Inkatha central committee, accompanied by some parents toured the schools yesterday morning but found no signs of intimidation.



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# Exam rewrite — 500 pupils stone school

**DURBAN.** — A crowd of 500, led by matriculation pupils, stoned the Menzi High School in Umlazi today for about 10 minutes and threatened to burn it down. They also threatened to burn down a nearby shop owned by a KwaZulu Legislative Assembly edly trying to get at the

member, who urged the pupils to rewrite their exams. Police protected pupils inside the school who were rewriting the biology paper. They stood 10 metres away from the crowd and warned them to disperse. The crowd were alleged to be trying to get at the

Pupils gathered at the Vukuzakhe and Menzi high schools this morning but after about 20 minutes most took to the streets. They urged higher primary school pupils from the Ndongeni School to join them. They urged higher primary school pupils from Kwamashu. About 240 pupils arrived at Nzuvele High School to write the

School authorities did biology paper but by 11 am had not written and gathered in the school hall. Many pupils were rewriting the examinations in the morning. Meanwhile, lawyers here are preparing to bring an urgent application to the Supreme Court interdicting the Department of Education and Training to stop the rewrites.

# Police use teargas to disperse 500 Natal pupils

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Own Correspondent

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# Parents, Inkatha clash with exam protesters

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## Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Parents and members of Inkatha clashed at Menzi High School yesterday with demonstrators protesting against a Department of Education and Training ruling that certain matric examinations be rewritten as a result of a leakage of examination papers last year.

Eleven of the demonstrators, who moved on to the school grounds and called on pupils to leave the classrooms, were driven off by angry parents and Inkatha members led by a member of the Kwa-Zulu legislative assembly, Mr Winnington Sabelo.

Soon after stones were thrown at the school's classrooms and number of windows broken

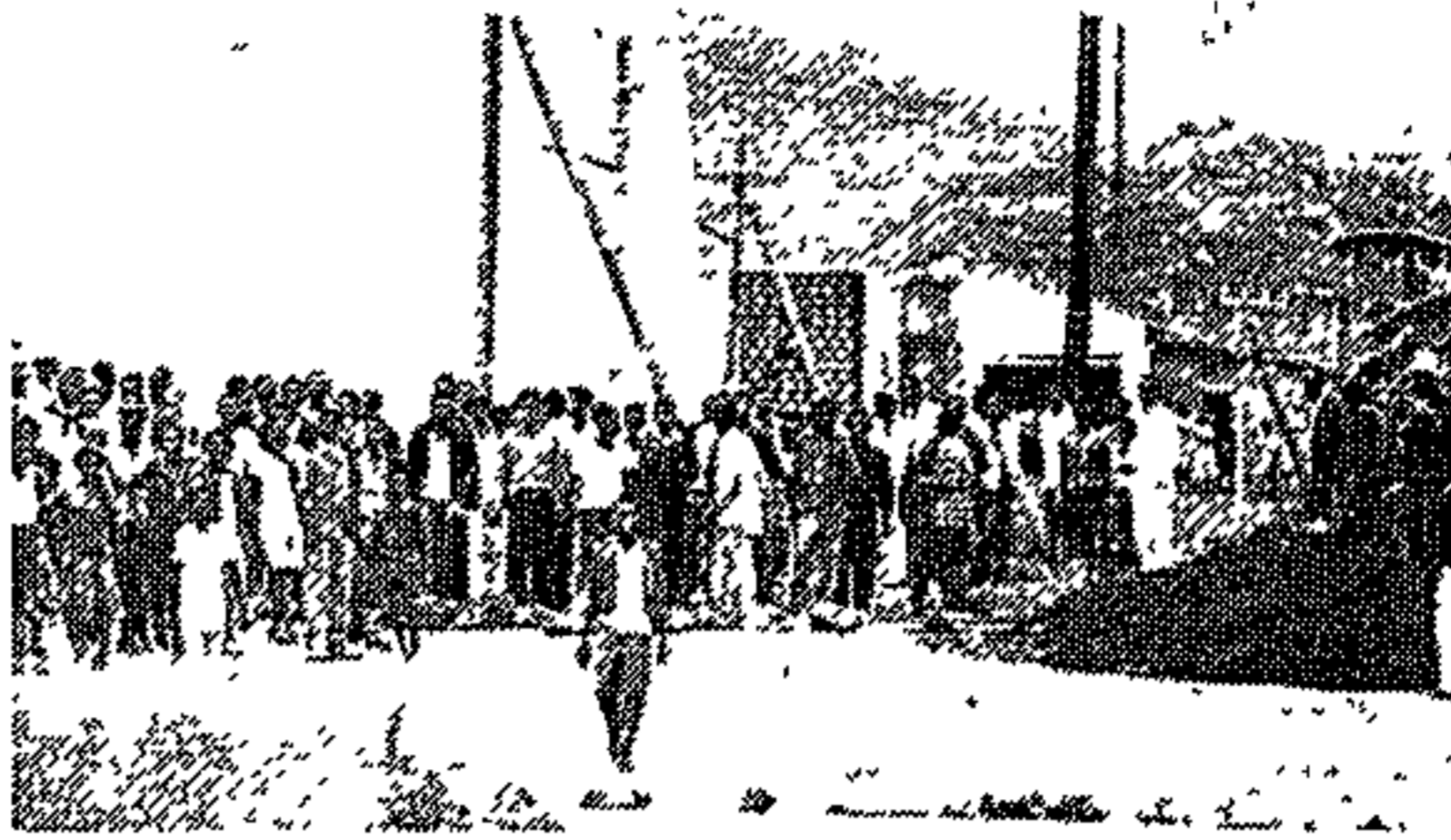
## Car stoned

Mr Sabelo's car was also stoned and the demonstrators later marched towards his shop. Police rushed to the scene and no damage was done

Other schools stoned were the Vukuzakhe and Zwelibanzi high schools.

Hundreds of pupils milled around the stoned schools, but parents drove them off and assured those who wanted to write the examination that they would be protected. One pupil was sjamboked by a parent and driven into the examination room

After failing to drive away pupils from examination rooms, the demon-



Demonstrators built several road blocks near the Menzi High School in Durban yesterday to hinder police attempts to chase them from the school.

strators built road blocks apparently to make it difficult for the police vans to chase them.

Police arrested one man in connection with the stoning. No other arrests were reported.

At KwaMashu and Inanda the situation remained calm, although pupils from two schools refused to re-write the biology examination.

Pupils at the Mzuvele High School gathered outside the school before the examination. They remained in a group at the roadside during the time in which the examination was scheduled to have been written before dispersing.

The pupils said they would not write the examinations because only some schools had been singled out to re-write the examinations while others did not have to.

Of the five high schools in Inanda, only three had to re-write examinations. Pupils at the Inanda Seminary School all wrote the examination as did those of the Mqhawe High School.

Pupils at the Ohlange Institution gathered outside their school to protest against re-writing.

There was confusion at the school earlier in the day when the examination question papers failed to arrive.

## No papers

The school's principal, Mr G Sangweni, said the 78 matric pupils at his school had arrived but there were no examination papers.

A pupils spokesman, who did not wish to give his name, said that even if the question papers had arrived, the pupils would have refused to write them

# Riot police out over bus service protest

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Mercury Reporter Mercury

Riot police were called to Clermont yesterday to disperse a large crowd of angry bus commuters who were protesting against the introduction of a new bus service to Durban and the withdrawal at the weekend of the old service.

More than 150 angry black women commuters gathered in New Germany early yesterday but were dispersed without incident by riot police.

Earlier the commuters allegedly stoned at least one of the buses belonging to an Indian operator while the Durban Corporation's 'green mambas' were allowed to pass freely.

Several commuters were also pulled from the bus and stick-wielding men attacked the bus. Police yesterday reported no injuries and said they had not received any reports of damage to any buses.

The disturbances arose from the withdrawal of the di-

rect bus service, operated by the Durban Transport Management Board, between Clermont and Springfield. The direct service had been in operation since February 1981.

The DTMB service is the only one operating in the area and the Local Road Transportation Board instructed the DTMB to terminate the service on March 6, but they were granted an extension until yesterday.

The route used by the DTMB passed via Reservoir Hills and local operators in the area lodged a successful objection with the Local Road Transportation Board to the Corporation service.

Mr C B Makhathini, the chairman of the Clermont Advisory Board, reacted strongly to the termination of the service.

'We will kick the Indian operators out of Clermont. We don't want them here and they know it,' he said.

'My people will rather walk than catch their buses.'

The chairman of the Springfield Bus Owners' Association, Mr M Bux, said yesterday that although they did not have authority to run a service in and out of Clermont, they would attempt to obtain a temporary permit that would allow them to do so.

'We are capable of operating a service for them but we cannot do this without the necessary authority,' he said.

Mr Makhathini said they did not want the new service because the operators had no feelings for the people of Clermont.

'The Durban Corporation is the only body which is prepared to consult with us about our needs,' he said.

A police spokesman said yesterday that the commuters were upset because they had to walk up to 5 km to the bus terminal now because the old service had been discontinued.

He said police would be on alert for any more disturbances today.

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# Pupils attempt to burn schools

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ATTEMPTS were made to set fire to two schools in Umlazi, Durban, on Tuesday night but in each case police put out the fires before much damage was done.

At the Zwelibanzi High School, curtains in the headmaster's office were set alight after windows had been broken.

Damage was limited

to burned curtains and a chair, and blackened walls.

Curtains were also set on fire at the Vukuzakhe High School.

Police said it was all quiet at the township schools which were the scene of sporadic unrest on Tuesday, and attendance appeared to be high.

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# Zulu pupils boycott exams, smash windows

African Affairs Reporter  
PUPILS of KwaDlangezwa High School, near Empangeni, boycotted classes and broke windows this week after refusing to write trial exams, Capt S van Rooyen, public relations officer for the police, confirmed yesterday.

He said the trouble began last Tuesday when the pupils demanded that the quarterly exams be suspended until they wrote the final exam because

they felt that it was waste of time to write the tests.

Capt van Rooyen said there was no serious damage and everything was back to normal.

Meanwhile, the KwaZulu Department of Education has sent officials to investigate the pupils' action.

Mr J E Ndlovu, KwaZulu's Secretary of Education, confirmed that he had received information of disturbances at the school.



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## market mob

### Crime Reporter

POLICE used teargas to disperse a mob of more than 100 blacks who had freed an arrested suspect after a man had been shot and wounded at the Stanger Market at the weekend.

Market employee Mr P Moodley detained a black man on an allegation of having stolen R20 on Saturday but other blacks intervened and tried to free the suspect. While Mr Moodley was struggling to hold his captive Mr Dan Singh came to his assistance.

The crowd increased and several threatened to kill the two men unless they released the prison-

er. When one man lunged at Mr Singh with a knife he fired a warning shot into the air from his .38 revolver but the knifeman was not deterred.

Mr Singh fired another shot and a man was wounded in the leg. The crowd surged forward and the two men abandoned their prisoner and fled to report to the police.

When police reinforcements arrived at the market a crowd of more than 100 blacks adopted a threatening attitude and refused to disperse but scattered when police used teargas canisters.

A wounded man was arrested.

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# Tear-gas used after incident at shop

## Crime Reporter

TEAR-GAS was used by police to disperse a large crowd of blacks who adopted a threatening attitude while a man was resisting arrest outside the Spar Foodliner at Clairwood yesterday.

A spokesman said there had been a scene inside the store when a black man's parcel, deposited at the hand-in counter, had inadvertently been given to another customer.

The man allegedly became very aggressive and would not accept the store's explanation or accept its promises to try to retrieve his parcel. The police were eventually called.

He struggled violently when police attempted to put him in their van. A large crowd gathered and became threatening, demanding that the police let the man go free.

They were ordered to disperse. When they refused to do so, a tear-gas canister was lobbed among them and they dispersed.

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# - Youth dies after township mob attack on home of policeman

A 16-YEAR-OLD black youth who was shot in the head during unrest in Sobantu township here on Tuesday night, died in Edendale hospital yesterday.

Graham Radebe and two other youths were wounded after a policeman fired at a crowd of youngsters who had stormed his house in the town just after 9 p m.

Graham was rushed to Edendale hospital with a bullet wound in the head and died yesterday morning, according to a hospital spokesman.

Another youth, Mhlengi Duma, 15, had two bullets removed from his shoulder and leg, while a third youth, Jabulani Nkosi, 15, is still in hospital with a bullet lodged in his back. His condition is satisfactory.

A senior police spokesman said riot police had to use tear-gas to disperse a crowd of demonstrators at the Drakensberg Administration Board offices on Tuesday evening.

A number of placard-carrying blacks, mostly youths, were protesting against the R3,90 rent increases which take effect on October 1.

## Stoned

Protesters were back at the offices again late yesterday and police were still patrolling the area.

Trouble started on Tuesday when 50 youths stoned a police car driven by Sgt D B du Plessis of the Mountain Rise Dog Squad who was patrolling the township about 9 p m. The youths then went to the home of Det-Const S M Mthembu of Mendi Street and started stoning his house. The policeman fired five shots, hitting three youths.

Three schoolchildren aged between 16 and 17 are due to appear in court today on charges of trespass and malicious damage to property.

Mr Roy de Wet, chief director of the administration board, told the Mercury yesterday that Sobantu residents had been informed of the impending increases in service charges a fortnight ago.

## Pietermaritzburg Bureau

He said on the present budget the board was faced with having to subsidise the township by R842 000, an increase of about R290 000 over 1979/80.

'Our board cannot absorb this and service charges have not kept up with the increases in salaries. We are still running Sobantu at a terrific loss,' he said.

The average monthly rent was R13,27 which was made up of interest and redemption charges, and service charges, which would increase by R3,90 from tomorrow and again next March.

He said a circular had been sent out on September

10 giving a breakdown of the costs of services and maintenance and explaining that those who could not afford the increases could apply through the township manager for assistance.

'To date we have not had one application for assistance,' Mr de Wet said.

The acting chairman of the Sobantu Community Council, Mr. Metcalf Khumalo, said just before a meeting last night to discuss the unrest he was arranging to see the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, about the hikes.

The board had bypassed his council, he said.

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# Teargas used in township

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Riot police used teargas to disperse a crowd of demonstrators in Sobantu township near here yesterday where there have been sporadic disturbances in protests about increases in rent.

A group of demonstrators who gathered near the Drakensberg Administration Board offices were dispersed after police had moved in with teargas canisters.

## Road block set up

A road block was set up at the entrance to the township but after the demonstrators had scattered, the police left the area.

A police spokesman confirmed that there had been a "disturbance" in the township yesterday morning, but said it had not been serious.

He said all was quiet by the afternoon.

There have been demonstrations against the increase of R3,90 in the monthly rent in the township, since Monday this week.

On Tuesday a 17-year-old youth, Graham Radebe, was killed when shots were fired outside the home of a policeman during a demonstration.

● Sapa reports that 19 people were arrested during the unrest.

They are expected to appear in the Magistrate's Court on Monday to face charges under the Internal Security Act.

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## Skiboat squad

THE skiboat fishing team which will represent Natal in the interprovincial Evinrude International fishing competition off Rumbley Bay near Cape Town between October 7 and 9 has been chosen. The team is: Keith Wertheim (captain) of Richards Bay Skiboat Club, Brian Hart of Shelly Beach Skiboat Club, and Kit Case of Umhlanga Rocks Skiboat Club.

There have been demonstrations against the increase of R3,90 in the monthly rent in the township since Monday this week.

On Tuesday a 17-year-old youth, Mr Graham Radebe, died after shots were fired outside the home of a policeman during a demonstration.

The constable's home was burned down after he had been warned to move out following the death of the youth

A police spokesman said that although most of the policeman's furniture had already been moved damage from blaze was valued about R5 000

An arson docket has been opened and police investigations are continuing

# Telepho saves u

Crime Reporter  
A CHANCE telephone call to Mrs Willemina Johanna Basson, 62, saved her from being stabbed by a black man who had threatened to kill her unless he found money after he had sneaked into her Winston Road home in Westville on Thursday

She picked up the ringing telephone and managed to say into it in Afrikaans that there was a black man with a knife in her bedroom before the knifeman severed the cable

Mrs Basson said yesterday that she and her husband, Louis, 65, were dozing when she woke to find the man with a large knife bending over her.

He put the point of the blade against her throat and told her if she screamed she would die.

'He kept demanding money. I said there was no money in the house and he again said he was going to kill me

'He searched through my handbag and through the drawers and cup-

## Teams for ho

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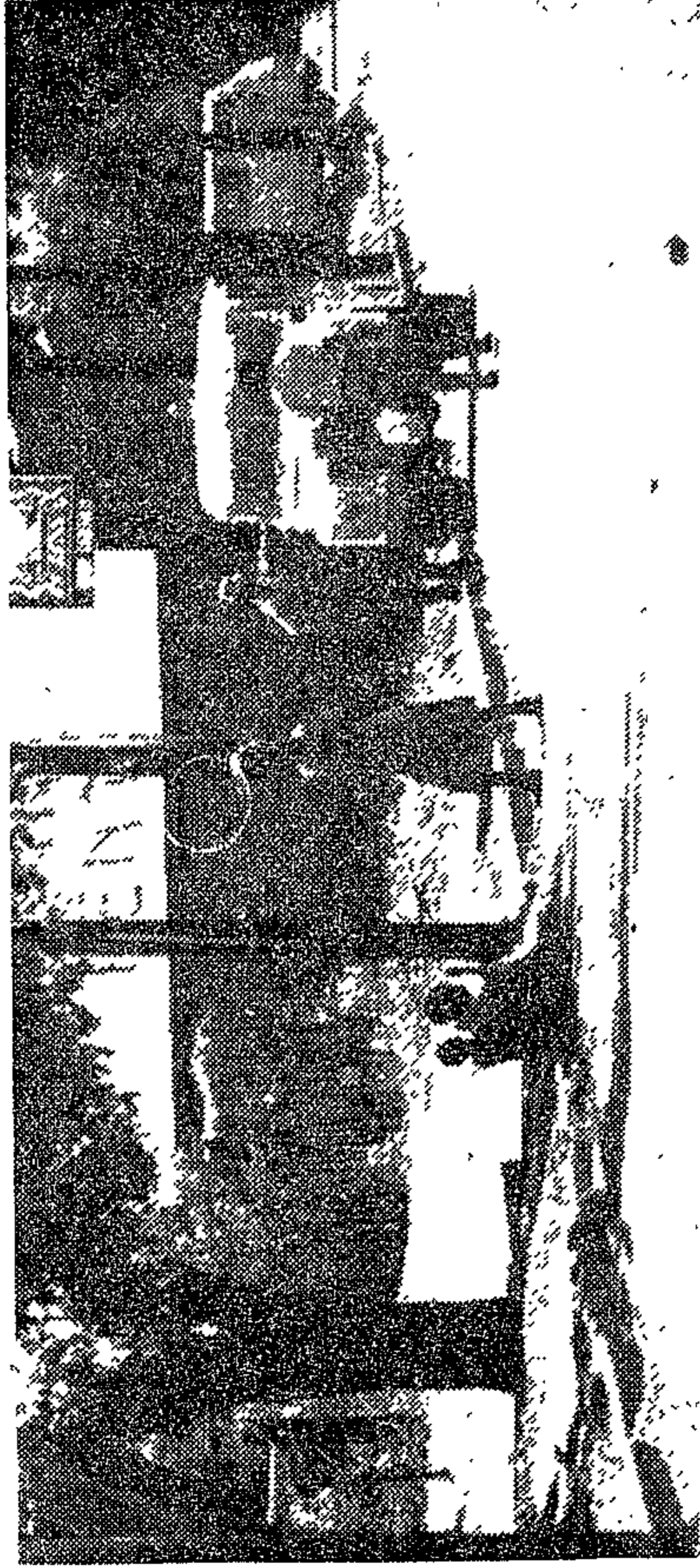
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Sobantu community leader slams administration board

# Blame DAB for unrest

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Police keep a visible presence at Sobantu, scene of unrest this week

By Barney Mthombi

THE Drakensberg Administration Board should shoulder the blame for this week's riots at Sobantu, Pietermaritzburg, which culminated in the fatal shooting of a 17-year-old youth, according to a community spokesman.

Two boys are recovering from bullet wounds at the Edendale Hospital in Pietermaritzburg.

Metcalf Khumalo, acting chairman of the Sobantu Community Council, bitterly criticised the DAB in an interview this week, saying the board has consistently by-passed his council and taken vital decisions which affected the community of Sobantu without their knowledge. The rent increases, which came into effect this week and sparked the riots, had been the last straw, he said.

He was now living in fear for his life and that of his family.

"I don't know what to say or do. I can't talk to the people. The situation is so bad I can't call a meeting," a shaken Mr Khumalo said.

He called a meeting of the council on Wednesday but only two members turned up. "The community hall where we meet was under police guard. Maybe that's why they didn't come. I can't say they were

not interested.

"But what annoys us is that the board has been making decisions for the community of Sobantu. We want to know who is in charge? Is it the board or the council? The board makes decisions and they tell us what they have already decided, but when they go to the people they say the board in conjunction with the council has decided on such and such an issue. We're never consulted. We're simply told."

But DAB's chief director Roy de Wet told the Sunday Tribune he was "sick and tired of the story" that the community responsible for the unrest.

"My board didn't start the riots. The children started them," Mr De Wet said. He dismissed Mr Khumalo's allegation that the community council had been by-passed, saying they were consulted five



Metcalf Khumalo,  
... threatened

times before the increases came into effect.

"The children are the ones who started the riots, but they're not rent payers. If my water rates go up do you expect my children to riot?" Mr Khumalo said a group of youths came to his house on Monday, the day the unrest started, and told him to plead with the board to stop "this thing" or something would happen to him by Thursday.

"They told me something bad will happen to me. They came back again on Tuesday night and at their insistence, I phoned Mr De Wet at his home to arrange an appointment with him the following day."

Mr Khumalo said Mr De Wet told him he should not reveal to the youth that he met him. "I told him I would tell them. Mr De Wet then said he would not be bullied by children."

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"I blame the board because they by-passed us, but then went to the people and said we decided on this together. The same thing happened with the R1,20 rent increase in March this year."

Mr Khumalo said the board distributed a circular on the increases two weeks ago, against the advice of his council. But Mr de De Wet said the people had to be informed as the increases had already been gazetted.

The circular informed residents

that rent would go up by R3,90 from October 1 and that a further increase of the same amount would come into effect in March next year.

His sole hope to resolve the situation lay with a meeting with Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development. A memorandum to be forwarded to Dr Koornhof was submitted to the chief commissioner Roy Blumrick in August this year.

"He said he had sent the memorandum

to Dr Koornhof, but I don't know. Mr Blumrick is also running away from us now I've been trying to get hold of him the whole week. He's always not available."

Mr de Wet said his board had to subsidise the township by R842 000, an increase of about R290 000 over the 1979/80 budget.

"Where are we expected to get the money from?" he asked.

"Where does all the money go to? Where is the maintenance they're always talking

about?" Mr Khumalo retorted.

He produced minutes of a meeting his council held with Mr Blumrick in which he said most of the expenditure charges to Sobantu was in fact spent elsewhere.

People paid R13,27 a month until last month. Mr De Wet said the increases would go ahead as they had already been gazetted.

"The minister approved the increases and I can't overrule him," he said.

Three youths were shot on Tuesday evening when a mob attacked the home of Detective Constable S. M. Mthembu. Graham Radebe, 17, later died in hospital from a

bullet wound in the head.

Two others, Mhlengi Duma, 15, and Jabulam Nkosi, also 15, are still in hospital.

Meanwhile, 19 people will appear before a Pietermaritzburg magistrate tomorrow in connection with the unrest. The 19, who include youths under 18, were arrested on Friday during a sudden spate of renewed unrest.

Rudolph Raath, Director-General of Co-operation and Development has promised Mike Tarr, PFP MP for Pietermaritzburg South, that he will arrange a meeting between a delegation from the community council and Dr Koornhof.

## Police detain nineteen

NINETEEN people were arrested during renewed unrest in Sobantu yesterday morning, and are expected to appear in the Pietermaritzburg Magistrate's Court today to face charges under the Internal Security Act.

Riot police moved into the township as a large group of residents — mainly youths — gathered opposite the township superintendent's office, where rents are paid.

Police used teargas to disperse the crowds, while other police stood by with sjamboks.

Sources inside the townships claim that police used sjamboks on the demonstrators, but police deny this.

The 10 men and nine women who were detained will be charged with alleged intimidation, according to the police spokesman. — Sapa.



# Restrictions on Sobantu funeral

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## Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE Chief Magistrate here has clamped down on plans for the funeral of S'busiso Graham Radebe in Sobantu village today.

The 17-year-old youth died after being shot outside the home of a Sobantu policeman during unrest in the village on September 28, two days before rent increases of R3,90 a household were due.

Community leaders had already announced a lengthy funeral programme, scheduled to start at 11 a m at the Sobantu village stadium, when the order was issued restricting the nature and venue of the ceremony, as well as the route mourners may follow.

The original programme listed speeches by clergymen as well as ecumenical workers and political, women's, and students' organisations.

However, in terms of the order granted by Mr R J Liebenberg, the service must be held in the Sobantu village community

hall and the burial at Mountain Rise Cemetery.

Neither ceremony may take the form of a political gathering, nor may any placards or pamphlets be carried or distributed.

The conveyance of both mourners and the coffin, as well as the route they are to follow, are tightly

prescribed.

The measures were imposed because he had 'reason to apprehend that the public peace would be seriously endangered,' Mr Liebenberg said.

A police spokesman said the police intended to keep a low profile, but would be in the vicinity.

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# Teargas used as crowds defy police

THIRTY NINE people — 13 women and 26 men — were arrested yesterday during incidents at the funeral of Graham Radebe, 17, of Sobantu, Maritzburg.

The young man was killed by a police bullet at a demonstration against rent increases last week.

Restrictions imposed on the funeral proceedings by Maritzburg's chief magistrate were openly defied by several thousand people who attended the funeral at the Maritzburg township of Sobantu.

There were tense moments outside the Sobantu Community Hall where riot policemen, accompanied by members of the dog squad, waited for mourners to leave the service.

One of the restrictions imposed by the chief magistrate, Mr R J Liebenberg, was that members of the funeral procession had to travel from the service to the burial by "motorised transport".

## Defied

The mourners had planned to carry Graham's coffin to the Mountain Rise cemetery — several kilometres away.

The mourners defied the court order and set off on foot to the burial and disobeyed police orders to stop. Police then sprayed them with tear-gas from a "sneeze machine".

Further restrictions were the banning of any form of political protest, "whether by song or speech for, or against, any state, principal or policy, or any government or political party", the stipulation of the route the procession was to follow, and the carrying and distribution of any banners or pamphlets.

Sunday Times Reporter

Members of the Press were not allowed to enter the township.

But at the cemetery, despite a police warning, the mourners decided to ignore the restrictions, and the police were again forced to use teargas.

African Nationalist Congress colours, and the Council of South African Students banners were prominent among black power salutes.

Union and community leaders spoke at length during the service. Pamphlets outlining the reasons for the unrest during the previous week were also handed out.

Major N C Steyn said that several people were arrested for failing to comply with the magistrate's order. They were charged under the Criminal Procedures Act.

"They marched back to Sobantu and began to congregate at the hall. They also stoned police vehicles in the vicinity."

Meanwhile, the Sobantu Community Council delegation which flew to Pretoria to discuss the rent increases with Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of the Department of Co-operation and Development, were told that a decision on the increases would be taken by the Minister next week.

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## burial crowd

TRIBUNE REPORTER

**POLICE** teargassed a crowd of almost three thousand mourners at the funeral of Graham Radebe, the 17-year-old Sobantu, Pietermaritzburg youth who died last Wednesday from a bullet wound during a rent rise protest.

The crowd of mainly young men and women, who had been giving black power salutes and chanting freedom songs, scattered as the teargas blanketed the area surrounding the Sobantu community hall where the funeral service was held.

Police arrested 39 people. They are expected to appear in the Pietermaritzburg Magistrate's Court early this week.

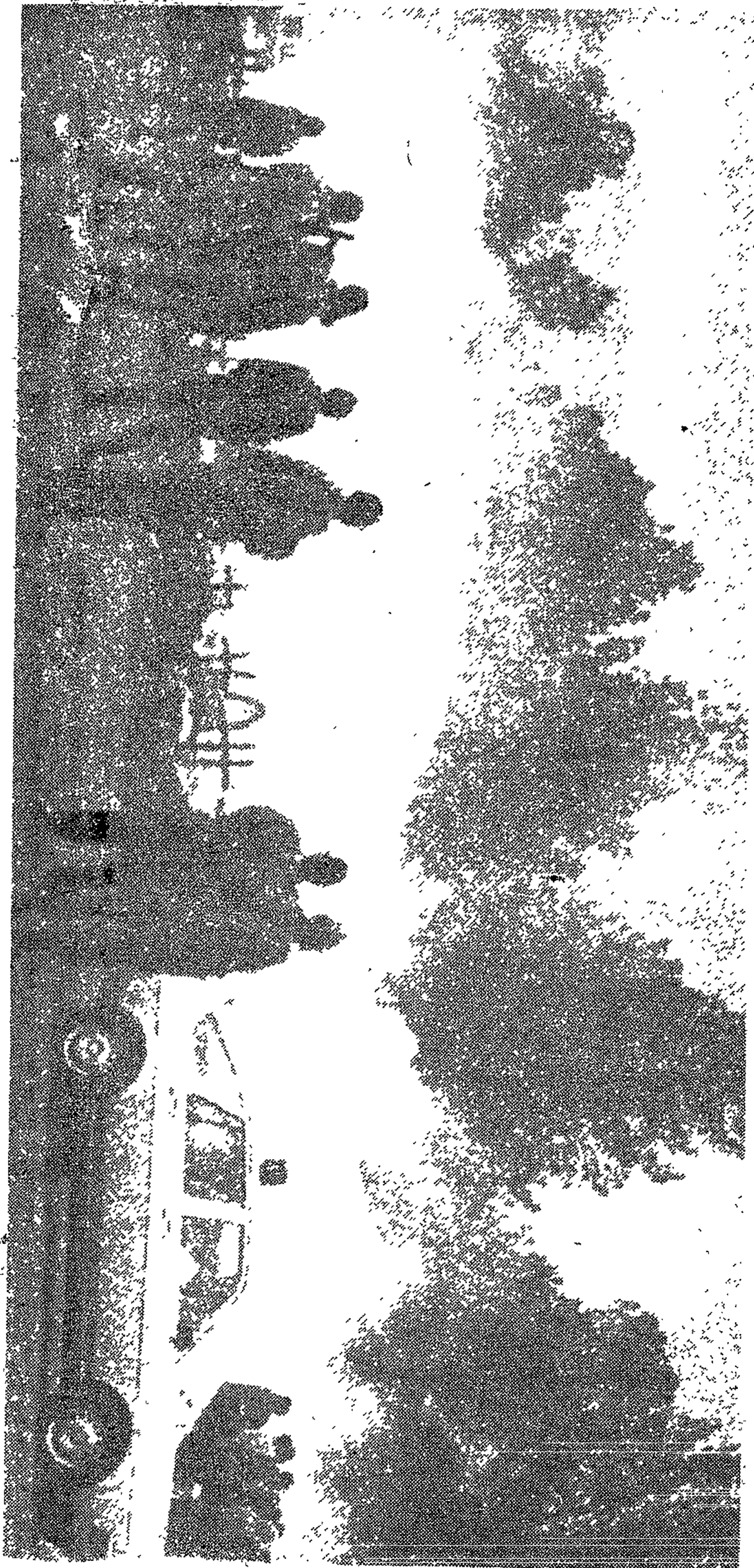
The teargas incident was a sequel to a tense three-and-a-half hour funeral service which was watched closely by a strong police contingent.

Major Martinus Steyn, Press liaison officer of the SAP (Natal division) confirmed the arrests yesterday, and said five police vehicles were stoned.

He said the 26 men and 13 women arrested would be charged under the Internal Security Act.

□ Tear smoke hangs over the graves in Pietermaritzburg's Mountain Rise Cemetery as Graham Radebe is buried by three thousand mourners.

Picture: MORRIS REDDY



# Shot fired to control enraged mob

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Hammarsdale the driver of one of their micro buses lost his way and only six of the Celtic players eventually arrived at Glebe.

There were angry scenes as disappointed soccer fans demanded their money back and sections of the mob tried to break down the gates leading to the offices inside the ground.

The police were called in to control the crowd but the first vehicle to arrive was stoned and reinforcements had to be summoned.

The crowd eventually dispersed after a shot was fired into the air.

Later the teams played a short six-a-side 'demonstration' game in an effort to appease the crowd.

A police spokesman confirmed last night that a shot had been fired after stones had been thrown at the police and spectators.

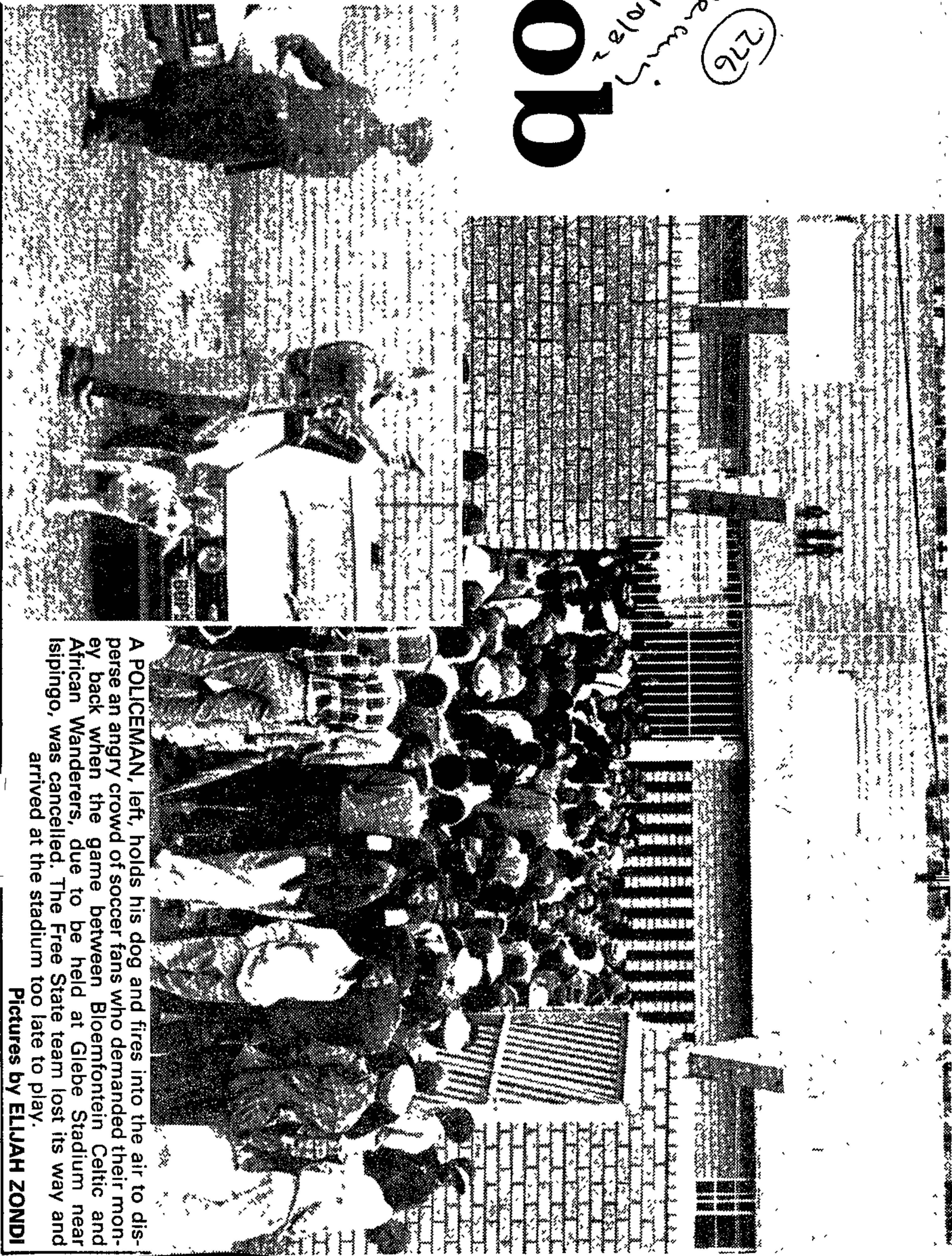
**Mercury Reporter**  
**A POLICEMAN** fired into the air in an attempt to control an angry mob of soccer fans at Glebe Stadium near Isipingo yesterday.

The crowds were demanding their money back after Free State soccer team Bloemfontein Celtic, due to play African Wanderers in an NPSL game, had lost their way to the stadium.

Bloemfontein Celtic arrived at the stadium at 5.15 p.m. after getting lost and going to the Mpumalanga Stadium in Hammarsdale by mistake.

## Disappointed

According to a spokesman for the team, on the way back from



A POLICEMAN, left, holds his dog and fires into the air to disperse an angry crowd of soccer fans who demanded their money back when the game between Bloemfontein Celtic and African Wanderers, due to be held at Glebe Stadium near Isipingo, was cancelled. The Free State team lost its way and arrived at the stadium too late to play.

Pictures by ELIJAH ZONDI



PART of the crowd who attended the funeral of 17-year-old Grahame Radebe, shot dead during a demonstration against rent increases.

# 39 held after funeral march

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

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However, after the coffin had been carried from the hall, hundreds accompanied it on foot, in contravention of the

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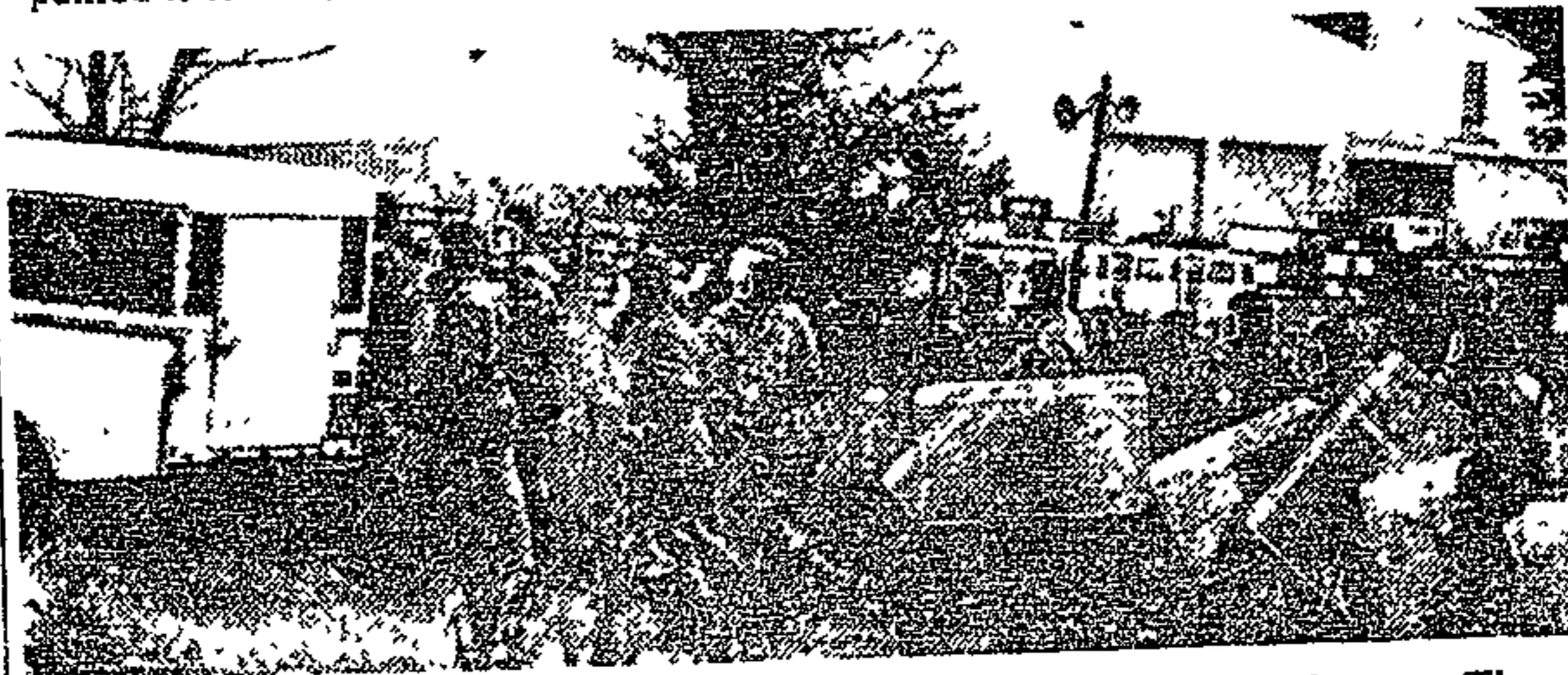
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Five police vehicles had been stoned during the funeral.

The Mercury was refused permission by the Drakensberg Administration Board to send a reporter into the village for the funeral.

After applying at the board's office in the city on Friday morning a reporter was told when he arrived at Sobantu that permission had not been granted and he would have to leave.

No reasons were given.



POLICE wearing tear-gas masks and anti-riot uniform. They dispelled a crowd of about 3 000 people at the Sobantu Community Hall, near Pietermaritzburg on Saturday, and arrested 39 people.

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# Police use teargas, arrest 39 at funeral

*CAPL Tink's 11/10/82*

Own Correspondent

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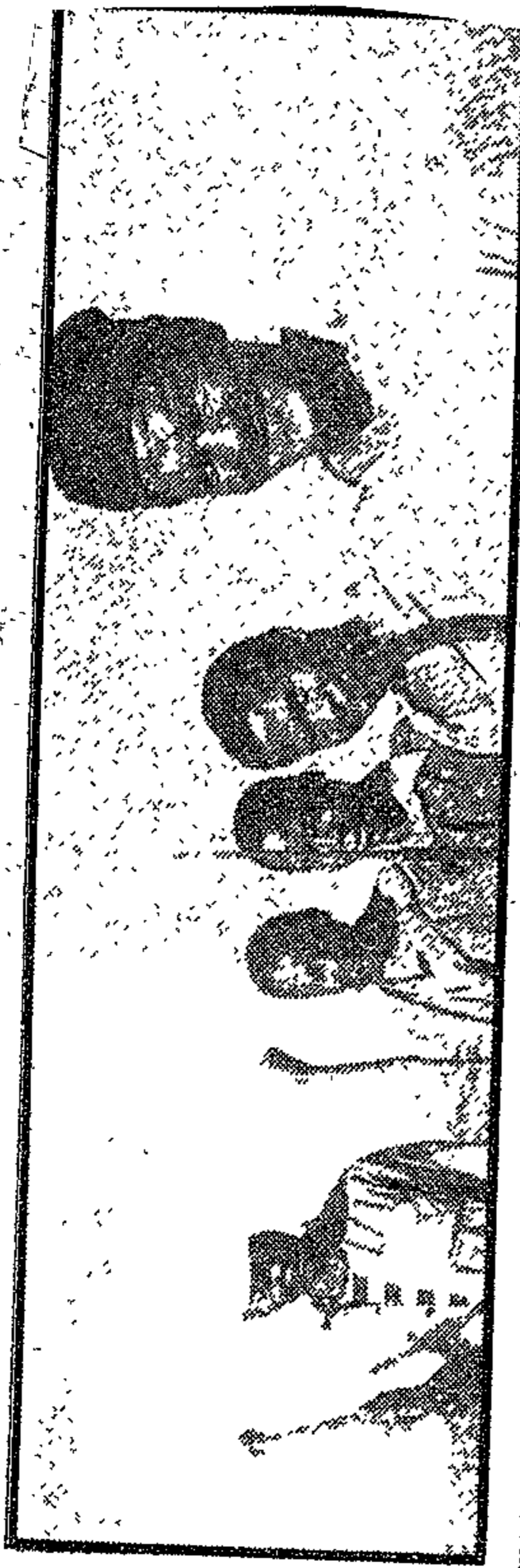
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# The Madness on



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# Mashunika

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□ THESE pictures of faction fights are not from the feud the story describes, but are typical. FAR LEFT: Mkhhele Nzama was severely beaten for accosting a woman visitor to his area. CENTRE: Men of Um-bumbulu show their home-made weapons to protect them in faction fights. RIGHT: Chief Zwane fords the Sundays River to a secret meeting with a reporter...he is an easy target.

# Mountain

**OLD MEN HIDE IN THE HILLS  
AS ZULU IMPIS WAGE A WAR  
NOBODY WANTS ... AND  
FEW REMEMBER HOW IT BEGAN**

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□ Only a few hours' drive from Durban's bright lights rises the Mashunka Mountain. That is a different world — a world of families without men (the men are away at work in eGoli — Johannesburg), an arid and poor world, a world in which there is too little land for too many people. Sometimes it is a violent world too. When the violence breaks it makes a few lines in the newspapers and many South Africans shrug it off as another faction fight. But those are nasty little wars and people — mainly weary and desperate people — are involved. So what goes on in those little wars?

Neil and Creina Alcock live on Mdukutshani, a farm near the Mashunka Mountain. In this remarkable document, they tell the story of just one little war.

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Chief Zwane peers anxiously into the bushes ... men with guns could be hiding there



**D**LAMINI stands in the half light of a dawn echoing with gunfire. He is scratching his arm-pit. "I'm dying," he says. "For God's sake, help me." The itch has shifted and he begins to scratch his thigh.

"My body is aflame with scratch," he says. "I get no sleep from the burning. The bites are everywhere. It is better to be a white man, then you can find the nomsekheza on your skin." Nomsekheza are pinhead-sized black ticks which suck the blood.

For three weeks Dlamini has been on the hills, hiding with the impi, sleeping at night among the rocks, his belly sagging on the hard ground, twitching at the gluttony of the ticks. "Sheep dip," he says. "I beg of you sheep dip."

He is a fat, middle-aged, reluctant warrior without a gun, without a blanket — "a blanket trips you when you have to run" — unhappy and unwashed. "What fool goes to wash when everyone can see the river?" he says. Fear has prodded him into this war — only the itch could have prodded him out. Now he smears Jeyes Fluid on his bites, fills a bottle with undiluted disinfectant and is ready to return to his hiding place.

"Where are my colleagues?" he asks. "Sweliswa? Sitole? How are they? I sit on a hill and wonder where they are."

Only a month ago the men shared their lunch-time beer under an mviti tree. Now they are claimed by different armies on different slopes of the mountain. And while Dlamini is creeping back to cover on Little Mashunka, Sweliswa and Sitole are on Big Mashunka, wheezing, shuffling, limping away from the gunfire into a police ambush.

"Because we are of an age and all worn out we decide to stay together," says Sweliswa. "There are six of us and we hide from both sides."

"But he was fighting," says Neil. "What's he doing fighting at his age?"

"Him!" The women are contemptuous. "He can't fight. He's just an old rag."

No lawyer can spring the old rag out of clink, however. Sweliswa and company are in 90 days detention in terms of Proclamation 103 of 1973 — suspected of withholding information in connection with an act of violence.

Why is there fighting anyway? Even now, when it's all over, women shrug, men shake their heads. "That is the thing that is most painful," says Sweliswa. "The fighting is nothing to do with you. But old and sick — you all wander round the mountain because somebody somewhere is fighting someone else."

Sorting out the somebodies and the somewhere is Chief Induna Majozi Mxongo, secretary of state for the Mtembu tribe. If anyone can unravel the threads of this conflict, it is Mxongo. Yet even he says: "Ai, ai, I don't know."

The trouble starts at the Shezi party on December 29 when the young men are home for the holidays and raring to settle an argument about dancing. The Skaleni boys from Big Mashunka claim they are the champions of a Johannesburg hostel dance. The Koornliver boys, from Small Mashunka maintain they are the winners. There is talk of a stick fight at the gap. Instead 15 home-ward-bound Koornliver revellers are ambushed in the late afternoon. Mbango Zwane dies. He is an older man.

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## Police arrive

Before sunset the first messenger comes running to ask us to call the police. All night women sit on the mountain guarding Zwane's body, waiting for the police. The sun rises, the body begins to stiffen and swell. "Please," new messengers beg in turn. "Where are the police? The body is bloated and beginning to smell. It is out in the open where the hot sun is killing us."

Eventually a complaint to police headquarters, Greytown, brings a van out 21 hours after Zwane has died.

"We don't want war," says Notshokoda Mbatha, the tall serious leader from Koornliver. He is wearing a brown uniform — 1945 battledress bought from Army Stores. He is asking if Zwane can be buried on our farm. "We have been digging in several places but there is no soil left on the stones. The rock prevents a grave," he says.

"We don't want war," he repeats. "Mashunka will go hungry if the men run home from Goli now."

"We don't want war," echoes Xondoqwake Dladla, a leader from the Skaleni side. He is telephoning from Baragwanath Hospital where he is a cook. "Are the guns civing today? Here in Goli I have asked boys from both sides to meet to discuss how to stop killing at the hostels."

"We don't want yet another war," says Chief Ngoza Mvelase when he summonses the men from Koornliver and Skaleni. The chief is a huge man who towers over his tribe. His authority is one force which tugs the men from their hiding places — the cramped longing of their hearts is another. "What is behind the trouble?" the chief asks. At first the Skaleni men deny they killed Zwane. "But we saw you behind the guns," cry those from Koornliver. "It was light. Even running away, we saw you there." At last

## Half-wit

Sweliswa is a chronic asthmatic. The two Mbathas are frail. Mbekeni Sikhakhane is a half-wit "and when he mixes dagga and beer he ends up without any brain at all."

Then there is Hezekiah, another Mbatha. "He says he's sick, we say he's mad. Maybe it's the same thing," says Sweliswa.

As for Sitole, he has escaped from a TB ward and although the hospital says it is urgent he comes back, here is Sitole, on a battlefield, feebly gasping as he trails behind his friends.

"I am lying under this stone, see," says Sweliswa, "and I hear somebody coughing in front. I think perhaps it is Sikhakhane. Then through the leaves I see a police cap. I pick up a stone and try to throw it down to Sitole to warn him but the stone skids low. And there is poor Sitole, climbing slowly because he can't breathe properly, and then the police see him and begin to move down."

## Old rag

Sweliswa is lying flat with his eyes shut when a policeman tramps on his head. "Hau," the officer says. "Here is one." Then he sees Hezekiah, also flattened on the ground. "Where is the impi?" the police ask as they arrest three of the six decrepit deserters. "We don't know," the men reply. "We know nothing of armies. We are hiding."

Sweliswa's two wives are soon at our door.

"Can you pay lawyers to get him out?"

the Skaleni admit to the killing. The chief fines all the Skaleni men one beast and the three ring-leaders three cattle each. "The fighting is to stop and you are to return to work," the chief orders.

The mountain stays noisy with the crackle and thud of guns — automatic rifles, shotguns, revolvers. Just firing keeps your distance signals for the matter seems settled.

### Killing again

Then a month after Zwane's murder three men climb off the bus at the crossroads. They are a few steps along the path to Mashunka Mountain when they see they are stepping towards guns. They begin to run. Majukjela Mvelase dies with three bullets in his back. Mbeni Mbatha escapes. The third man is captured. He is a stranger and is formally escorted from the area.

Mbeni Mbatha is called to the chief. "Did you see who chased you?" the chief asks. He gets six names. The six are ordered to report to the chief at once. Messages come back: "These boys are not at home — they are in Goli, working." If it is true — and there are doubts about the alibis — the six do not remain in Goli for long. First Doda Dladla is gunned down in a crowded street on his way to work at a sweet factory. Then Schengu Mvelase is killed when a gang breaks into his hostel room. Then Mgabhi Mvelase dies. Some say he was murdered. Others say he had a revolver in his breast pocket and accidentally killed himself.

Taxis bring the dead men home to Mashunka Mountain. And taxis bring the living men, too. There is no safety in a city street. There is some shelter at home.

Mashunka's only tele-

phone is in our living room. The calls start at 5am. "Are my children safe? Can you still hear the guns?"

"Can you tell my brother to phone between four and five when the missus goes out?"

"Numzaan, you remember me. How's the fighting? Can you call my wife to the telephone before six tomorrow morning? Not later. I have to ring before the boss comes in."

Every day 10, 20, 30 women queue for calls. Poor Mbatha and his wife speak for an hour at a time. She murmurs dreamily, oblivious to the staring, impatient queue.

"That husband of yours must love you," Neil says after another marathon call. She sighs "Yes, we are compatible. We hear each other."

The cook at Baragwanath rings for a daily bulletin. He is still acting as diplomatic agent among those who have not run home. "Some of the men have spoken together," he reports "but others are afraid to come."

When the people of Mashunka are not on the line, their bosses are. "Is it true there is a fight at your place? When will it end? One of my boys, Mathanda, left a month ago because he said there was trouble. He's a good boy and I'd like to keep his job open, but I need to know what's going on."

### Chief's envoy

The mountain is jittery with gunfire. The nights are quieter but it is the quietness that chases Hlome Mbatha away. "It's my cough," he explains. He can't stop his cough and everytime he coughs the ump turn on him.

Early in March the chief's car draws up on the road near Mashunka Mountain. The chief has

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### Majozi lives

Majozi has a great belief in Mxongo's ability and commonsense, so he is not too surprised to round a bend and find the Chief Induna on the road, alive and well and furious. Rage has put a spring in his step, a bounce in his fine moustaches. "We saw your transport escaping," says Majozi as he opens the door to give the chief Induna a lift.

"Escaping!" Mxongo is still in a temper when he's dropped at Tugela Ferry.

It is 10 weeks since the war began — and while the mens' bodies have grown accustomed to lying on hard places, their spirits are bent by the useless days hiding and hiding and hiding. They want peace — they promise peace — but who will be the first to walk openly on the footpaths to show peace is real?

One morning the Koornliver warriors wake to see a strange car parked just off the road. Women are sent to investigate. They circle the car, crawl back and whisper: "It's a TJ. It's empty." Empty? What's an empty car doing

sent his chauffeur, secretary and chief induna to do some negotiating.

Chief Induna Mxongo leaves his companions sitting in the car and sets out alone, making himself as conspicuous as possible. He is a slight man with large soft eyes, his sparse hair arranged in ever-changing patterns all knotted around an off-centre pigtail. He is gentle, almost delicate in his manner but nobody takes advantage of him. He has been chief induna so long that everyone knows the whiplash behind his words. He is one of the most powerful men at Msinga.

Today it is early but already the dust is hot, underfoot. Mxongo's fine moustaches are wilting when Notshokoda Mbatha, the Koornliver leader, comes to meet him.

"No more trouble," Mxongo passes on the chief's orders.

"We don't want trouble," Mbatha says. "It's not us. We don't want war."

Eventually Mxongo walks on to find the Skaleni impi. He picks his way across bare fields, through slabs of white sandstone, knowing the mountain is watching, making sure he is recognised. At last he reaches a homestead deserted except for small children. "Fetch your father," he instructs a small boy.

"The impi is hidden in the forest," says Mxongo. "but three men are sent to talk to me. I tell them there is to be no more fighting."

"As far as we are concerned everything is over," says the Skaleni man. "But Koornliver keeps shooting at us."

Mxongo begins the long walk back to the road. The temperature soars and he is bareheaded, beginning to tire after four hours on foot. He is weary when he reaches the road — and finds his car gone.

It has left for Tugela Ferry — in fear and at speed. Petrus Majozi, our chairman, is travelling in a farm vehicle when he sees the chief's driver vigorously waving him down.

"That fool Mxongo has been killed," reports the secretary. "We heard the shot. We were afraid that when the impis had finished him off they would come for us so we have run away."

"What will you tell the chief?" asks Majozi.

"We'll tell him his in-



Neil and Creina Alcock: They, more than most, know why the fighting erupts



there? Who came in the car?

The men move off the hill for a closer look. Suddenly there is a scream: "Belaka, baleka. Run! Run!" A girl has caught sight of policemen in hiding.

Shaken but unhurt the men come to the farm to ask that we lodge a protest. "If it goes on like this, there will be more dead men for nothing," says Notshokoda. "Will you talk to our impi?" "Peace needs a little push," says the cook from Baragwanath. "You're in the middle of the middle. You're a white man so you are nothing in our quarrels. Can you talk to our impi?"

In the middle of the middle is that a good place to be? The white man is not sure. Suppose a helicopter lands while he is talking to one of the impis. How will that look in the eyes of the police? How will that look in the eyes of the impi?

A conversation is arranged with a police brigadier. He is sympathetic. For a week, he promises, the police will stay out of the area.

The Koornliver impi assemble for their meeting in a grove of saffron wood on Mdukutshani. They come unarmed — a tired, shabby group, strained and quiet. Jackson Ndumande sits in front, tugging at his eyelids. Cataracts have made him almost blind. Yet he is a nighwatch in eGoli. A nighwatch! When he cannot see anything even in bright sunlight! It is a neighbourhood joke. Here he is squatting, peering with alternate

"But I thought the men were fighting?"

"The men sent us to give you a message. You must come to Mbatha's house. He wants to see you."

"I don't know the way."

"We will show you," and the three small guides trot ahead, elaborately lifting stones from the path because the stranger's white beard makes him very old. Gradually they slow down, stop.

"Are you lost? What's the matter?"

"He said he would meet you here."

Moments later a figure in a white vest leaps down the hillside, running. "Up to the forest, we are waiting," he pants. Just then there is a volley. "They are shooting, they are shooting" — and the man in the vest keeps running.

Neil watches the gun battle — a confused melee of running, crouching, firing men. At the river our sons hear the shooting.

"Were you worried?" Neil asks.

"A bit," they concede.

A week later the Alcocks are again fishing the rapid. This time Neil's guide is a woman who points out a big tumboti tree on a spur. As soon as he reaches the tree men begin to appear in twos and threes — also tired and shabby, strained and quiet. Again there are many familiar faces. On the mountainside below a ring of women take up their positions, backs to the men, on guard.

The men gaze down on the river as the talking unravels...the shining, brown lovely river. "Ah," says a warrior with longing. "If there were no fighting, I would be down on those rocks now, scrubbing." A longing for a wash can be as strong as a longing for peace.

Peace needs just a little push. The chief has pushed, the chief induna has pushed, the leaders of Koornliver have pushed as well as the leaders from Skaleni, the police have pushed. Suddenly all the little pushes are enough. The chief makes preparations for a formal ceasefire attended by both impis but it is unnecessary. The guns sputter out. At Mdukutshani men from both sides reappear at work. Tays are summoned to ferry breadwinners back to eGoli...

duna was a fool. He committed suicide. We are not prepared to sacrifice our lives in the same way." Highly excited the pair travel on.

leaves.

Neil goes downriver in the boat to meet the Skaleni impi, his purpose disguised with fishing rods and the company of our two sons. "Keep fishing," he tells them when they reach the big rapid. "I have a meeting with the impi. I couldn't tell you before because it had to be secret. Anything can happen, but don't be worried. Just fish until I get back."

eyes — a soldier in an army full of familiar faces. Fighters? This dilapidated crowd? They talk with pain, softly, while the wind rattles the

## The reasons

There it is then, a short account of a short war. Five men died, 18 were arrested, 14 were released without charge.

An account is not always an explanation, however. Knowing what happened does not explain the whys. Why was Doda Dladla picked out on a busy street? Did he die because he was from Koornliver — or did his murderer settle a private grudge under cover of war? Was Majikijela Mvelase a selected target? Why? Come to that, why were the boys divided into Koornliver and Skaleni dancing teams when they are of the same clan living on the same mountain?

Until 1969 the people of Mashunka were one people. Then dozens of farm labourers were forced off white farms onto the slopes of the mountain. Suddenly the original settlers found their grazing lands and fields taken over by new huts. Most of the original settlers lived at Skaleni, below Big Mashunka Mountain — while most of the new lived at Koornliver, below Small Mashunka.

It is not a dancing competition that starts this war. The beginning lies further back in a fight over space.

## Small boys

He climbs slowly to the big waterfall, sits down and waits. After a while he is joined by three small boys who sit apart and watch him carefully.

"Hello," says Neil, "do you herd cattle here?"

"Yes."

"I don't see any cattle."

"They are up on the mountain."

"Why are you not with them?"

"Because we have been sent."

"Who's looking after the cattle while you are here?"

"The men."

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# Residents riot over rent

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CROWDS went on the rampage in Sobantu Village near Pietermaritzburg last week and caused thousands of rands' damage to beer halls, community council offices and the community hall, the SABC reports.

The disturbances fol-

lowed an announcement by Drakensberg Administration Board officials that the R3,90 a month rent increases would be going through, despite protests from residents of the black suburb.

Four shots were fired

but no one was injured.

Eight men and two women, aged from 15 to 50, were arrested on charges of possessing stolen property, mainly liquor, from the beer halls. Another man was charged with house-breaking and theft.

# Petrol bombs in township

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Pietermaritzburg Bureau  
TWO petrol bombs were thrown at offices and the beerhall in Sobantu township early yesterday.

The Drakensberg Administration Board offices and beer hall were set alight but the Pietermaritzburg Fire Department quickly put out the fire before it spread.

Curtains, carpets and a counter were burned and the damage was estimated at several hundred rands.

The buildings were badly damaged last week when an angry mob went on the rampage after a meeting about the rent increases in the township which came into effect this month.

# Exodus after fatal faction fight

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African Affairs Reporter

HUNDREDS of residents of Malugkazi Township, a shantytown near Isipingo, evacuated their homes yesterday after a faction fight involving Zulus and Pondos which left seven dead and many injured at the weekend.

Police were still patrolling the area yesterday.

The Mercury learned that the Pondos, who suffered most casualties in the fight, were regrouping and had called their people from Mbkotwini to support them.

Early on Sunday about 500 Zulus protested to the local chairman of Inkatha, Mr T B Hlophe, that they were being taxed by Pondos in several ways.

Mr Hlophe said he had advised them that the matter should be referred to Ulundi.

But the angry Zulus attacked the Pondos and a fierce fight broke out. The fight spread to various sections of the shantytown.

## Searched

Mr Hlophe said he had received reports from the residents that the Pondos had formed their own 'police reservist' force which was active at the weekend.

Residents claimed that the reservists had searched innocent people and had taken away money and other valuables.

Mr Hlophe claimed he had reported the matter to the police station commander at Isipingo, the township manager in Umhlangeni and the magistrate in Umbumbulu, but no action had been taken.

The weekend fight erupted when the Pondos demanded R2 from each householder to pay for a bus which they had hired to Ulundi to protest that they were being discriminated against, although they were members of Inkatha.

Mr W Sabelo, a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, visited the area yesterday but could not be contacted for comment.

# Riots as fares rise in Durban

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Argus Correspondent  
DURBAN. — An almost 100 percent black bus boycott in some areas, accompanied by intimidation and stone-throwing, greeted the Durban Transport Management Board's 12 percent fare increase today.

Police used teargas to disperse the mob as passengers were threatened.

The service into Clermont, near Pinetown, which usually carries more than 35 000 passengers daily, was halted at the boundary after several drivers were injured by flying glass.

More stone-throwing was reported from Lamontville, near Clairwood.

The deputy-general manager of the board, Mr Alan Bray, called out after 20 to 30 buses were

damaged, said there were incidents at all four of the board's outlying depots.

The round-the-clock service had run as usual until 5am, when the first reports of intimidation and stone-throwing were received.

Intimidators were at many bus-stops, but he received no reports of violence to the few passengers who used the buses.

## PAMPHLETS

"We publicised the increases and distributed thousands of pamphlets," said Mr Bray.

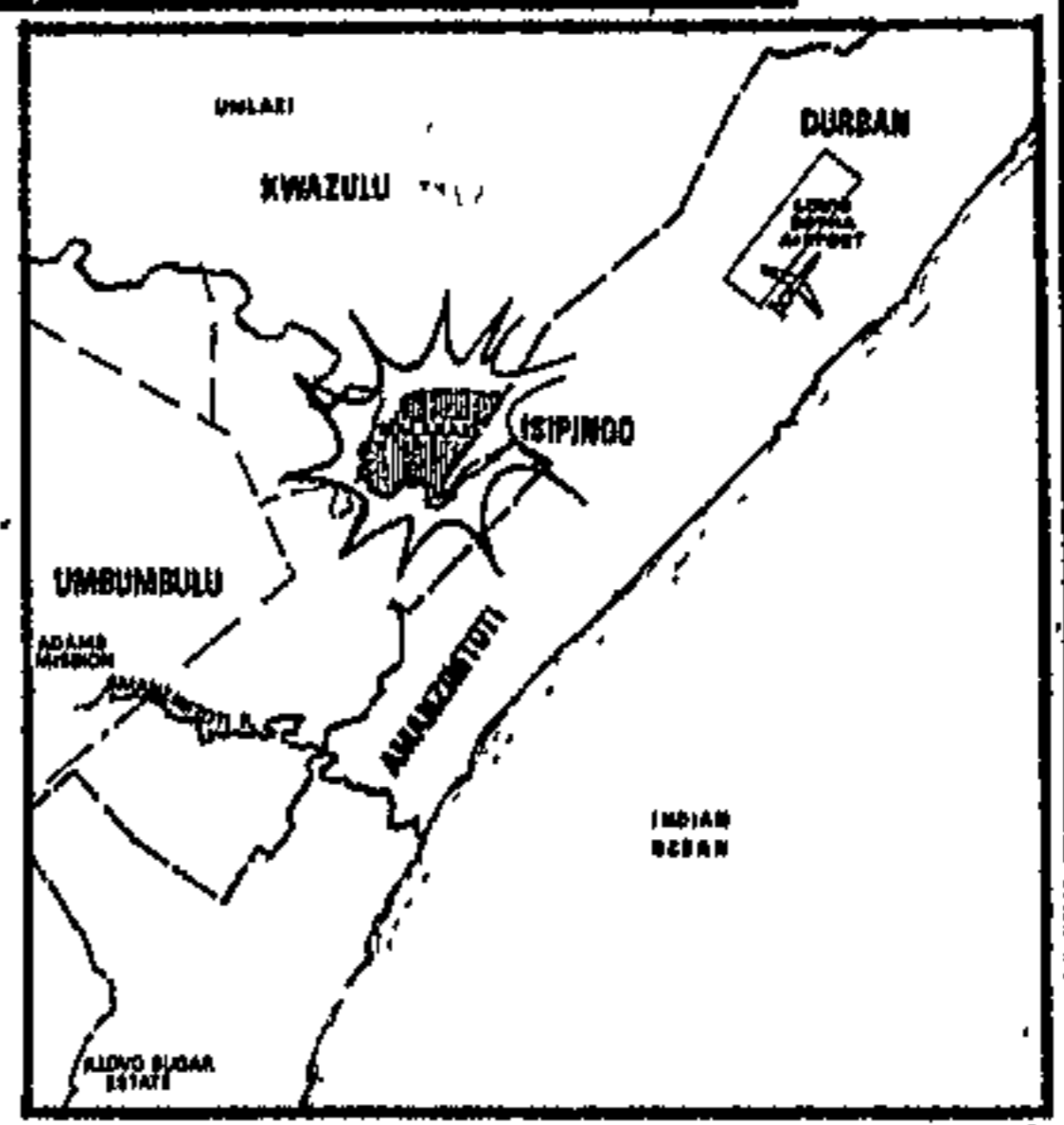
"We held discussions with community councils, who obviously could not accept the increase. There was nothing more we could do.

"We had heard rumours that there was to be a boycott."

# Violence in shanty town

# 11 feared dead in faction fights

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**African Affairs Reporter**

**AT LEAST 11** people were killed in a faction fight which erupted in the Malakazi shanty town, near Isipingo, at the weekend, and a strong police contingent, led by Col T Botha, took control of the area yesterday.

According to residents, four bodies were found yesterday and one other man had been reported missing.

The fight started on Sun-

day when about 500 Zulus protested to the local chairman of Inkatha, Mr T B Hlope, that they were being taxed by Pondos in a number of ways.

Mr Hlope said he had advised them that the matter should be referred to Ulundi but the angry Zulus had attacked the Pondos.

The fight peaked on Monday night when Zulus patrolled the streets supported by women yelling Zulu war cries.

Pondos struck back, but were confronted by a strong Zulu impi.

During the fight several people were killed. Police

forced some fighters out of bushes using tear-gas. A loud-hailer was also used to call them from their hiding places.

Yesterday many women and children could be seen packing their belongings and leaving the area. Taxi drivers reported a huge upswing in business among people who wanted to leave.

Reports were still pouring in yesterday that Pondos were out recruiting tribesmen from Umhlabeni, the men's hostel in Umlazi and Glebeland.

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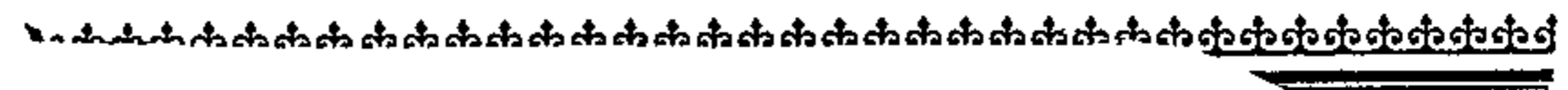
had been evacuated and people could be seen standing on hilltops pondering their future.

Members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, including the KwaZulu Urban representative, Mr J T Zulu, visited the area yesterday in an attempt to find a solution.

Col Botha said investigations would continue and would not say when his men would be withdrawn.

His platoon had confiscated many weapons.

Technicians installing telephone cables in the area yesterday carried guns for protection.





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# Four more die in new Natal faction fighting

AT LEAST four more people were killed this week in a renewed outbreak of faction fighting between Pondos and Zulus at Malungazi township near Isipingo on the Natal south coast.

This brings to 11 the number of people killed since the fighting began on Sunday.

A police spokesman said the position was being closely watched.

Hundreds of shanty-town dwellers, mainly women, children and the aged, are reported to have fled their homes in fear. Port Natal Po-

lice Liaison Officer, Captain Piet Meiring, yesterday declined to release the names of those killed.

Several people are being held in the strife-torn township, he said.

Captain Meiring said mainly assegais, pangas and knob-keries were being used in the fighting. Few guns had been found, he said.

"Unlike in the old times, very few guns have been found in the area," he said. Police have not yet established the motive behind the violence but it is be-

lieved fighting had started after Zulus have complained that they were unfairly taxed by the Pondos, who dominate the township.

Zulus are said to have complained that Pondo vigilantes discriminated against them during weekend operations.

Valuables such as watches and money are seized by the "police" if they are found on Zulus but not Pondos.

Captain Meiring said most of the fighting occurred during the night. By day everything looks fine and people walk in the streets.

# Many buses stoned in in Pinetown

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**Argus Correspondent**  
DURBAN. — Black bus boycott violence spilled over today from an adjacent township into the industrial area of Pinetown, near Durban, where police dispersed a crowd of more than 1 000 after buses were stoned.

Another crowd of about 400 stone throwers was broken up at a bus rank.

Police said the aggression was directed firmly against the Urban Transport Management Board's buses whose 12 percent fare increase yesterday started the passenger boycott.

## 70 DAMAGED

In the past 24 hours more than 70 buses have been damaged by stone throwers and four drivers have been injured.

Several police vehicles have also been stoned.

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## HALTED

At Clermont the boycott is 100 percent and the service there has been halted at the New Germany border because of stone throwers, who were temporarily dis-

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## TARGETS

"There is no point in having them running empty as nice big targets for stone throwers."

The district commandant of police for Durban West, Colonel L Laas, said one woman was arrested outside the Bata shoe factory today during the unrest and was being questioned. Two youths were detained yesterday at Clermont.

He said the situation had been aggravated by hundreds of black schoolchildren on the streets after their schools broke up for the Christmas holidays yesterday.

Many people wanted to use the buses but were being intimidated although no arrests in this connection had been made.

"Once the police appear on the scene they stop."

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# Teargas used to disperse rioting bus boycotters

Mall Correspondent

DURBAN. — At least 40 buses and five police vehicles were damaged in stone throwing incidents during a boycott in black townships after the Durban Transport Management Board's 12% increase in bus tariffs yesterday.

Three bus drivers were taken to hospital where they were treated for cuts and bruises.

Damage of more than R10 000 was caused and over 120 windows were broken when youths stoned buses and intimidated passengers.

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5am yesterday morning in Kwa Mashu when two buses were stoned. One of the drivers was injured.

In Lamontville people also boycotted buses and incidents of stone throwing had been reported, according to police.

Mr Alan Bray, deputy general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, said yesterday that regular passengers had said they were afraid to use buses after being intimidated by instigators.

Major employers in the Pinetown area said yesterday that only a few workers had arrived late for work because of the bus boycott.

The national organiser of the National Federation of Workers, Mr Magwaza Maphalala, said the fare increases, food increases and rent increases had just mounted up until people felt they could no longer afford them.

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Cape Times 2/12/82

# Angry scenes in bus boycott

DURBAN.— An almost 100 percent black bus boycott in some areas, accompanied by intimidation and stone-throwing, greeted the Durban Transport Management Board's 12 percent fare increase yesterday. The stone-throwing and threats to passengers continued and the service into Clermont, near Pinetown, which normally carries more than 35 000 passengers daily, was halted after several drivers were injured by flying glass.

Further stone-throwing incidents were reported from Lamontville, near Clairwood, Durban. Columns of workers streamed through New Germany into Pinetown from early in the morning and buses outside a shoe factory were stoned. The municipal traffic department diverted the buses from the area.

The Divisional Commissioner of Police for Port Natal, Brigadier Theo Scherman, said people refused to disperse and the police were forced to throw teargas canisters.

The deputy general manager of the board, Mr Alan Bray, who was called to Clermont after 20 to 30 buses had been damaged, said there had been incidents at all four of the board's outlying depots — Clermont, Lamontville, Klaarwater and Ntuzuma.

Varying degrees of boycotts were being experienced, but the one at Clermont was the most comprehensive.

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### The regulars

Later youths stoned and damaged buses in Clermont, injuring two more drivers.

In Lamontville people also boycotted buses and incidents of stone-throwing were reported to police.

Mr Alan Bray, deputy general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, said yesterday that regular passengers said they had been afraid to use buses after being intimidated.

'Three of my drivers were injured and taken to hospital. I would not be surprised if some passengers had been hurt,' he said.

### Few late

At bus stops the roads were littered with stones and broken glass.

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Management Board but had to be seen in the light of the cumulative effect of all the increases which had whittled away workers' wages.

Our African Affairs reporter writes that representatives of the Department of Community Development and the Durban Transport Management Board were warned last month by black community leaders that township residents would oppose the increased bus fares.

At a meeting convened

by the Chief Commissioner for Natal, Mr R N Blumrick, community leaders asked him to convey the opposition of the residents to Dr Piet Koenhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development.

It is understood that a reply has not yet been received from the minister.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Clermont Advisory Board and the councils of Kwa Mashu, Umlazi, Ningizimu and Ntuzuma.

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Peace returns to Natal township

# Faction fights leave 11 dead

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

PEACE has returned to strife-torn Malungazi township, Natal, after three days of heavy fighting which claimed eleven lives and inflicted injuries upon an "unspecified" number of people, a police spokesperson claimed yesterday.

Speaking through his secretary, Captain Piet Meiring of Port Natal Police, said peace had been restored and no more deaths had been reported.

Police were sent to patrol the area after four people were discovered dead on Monday morn-

ing, bringing the total of deaths to 11.

The Pondos, who had apparently suffered heavy losses, had organised a strong impi to attack Zulus but they met with a strong opposition. A morning newspaper reported that Zulu warriors supported by chanting women marched to victory after beating the Pondos on Sunday night. Four bodies were picked up the next morning.

Captain Meiring said police were watching hospitals for people injured during the fighting. So far, he said, only

two people have shown up at the local hospital but he believes there are many more who are avoiding hospitals because they fear arrest.

Hundreds of knobkieries and assegais were seized during the patrols.

Trouble had allegedly started after Zulus had complained of discrimination and ill-treatment from the predominantly Pondo community at the shanty township. They complained of over-taxing by the local headman and discrimination by Pondo vigilantes during patrols.



AN ARMED policeman escorts the Pondo contingent to the peace meeting.

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 make peace

By ALEX MAPHALALA  
African Affairs Reporter

AT LEAST 14 people have died in the faction fight which has raged sporadically between Pondos and Zulus in the Malakazi shantytown near Isipingo since Sunday.

Early yesterday two men were killed, one of them an Indian, identified only as a Mr Pillay, who was apparently visiting friends. A third man was killed while a meeting to restore the peace was in progress.

The meeting — between the two factions — was attended by Col L P Avenant, District Commandant for Durban South, Chief J D Moshoeshe, Consul-General for Transkei, Mr J T Zulu, KwaZulu's urban representative, and members of the KwaZulu Legislative

Assembly for Umlazi. A strong Zulu impi was asked by Mr W Sabelo, a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, to surrender their arms before the meeting could take place. The Pondos did likewise.

Chief Moshoeshe appealed to both factions to lay down their arms, pointing out that they were all blacks. He reminded them that the authorities had wanted to remove Malakazi but the KwaZulu Government had intervened.

Mr Zulu said it was not the policy of the KwaZulu Government to discriminate against other races.

The two factions eventually agreed to stop fighting.

# Sobantu mayor's house stoned

Pietermaritzburg Bureau  
THE home of the Mayor of Sobantu, Mr David Mngadi, was stoned as violence erupted once again in the township here on Wednesday night. (27)

A Corporation bus was also stoned and a makeshift barricade erected in a street when an unknown number of youths went on the rampage at 9 45 pm.

A police spokesman said yesterday that no one had been injured in the incident, and that one man had been arrested on a charge of malicious injury to property.

Speaking from his home yesterday, Mr Mngadi said he had no idea what the motive was for the stoning, which had caused more than R300 damage to his home.

## Opposed

He said a meeting held about a month ago to gauge the feelings of his community had been broken up by vandals before any resolutions were taken or he had expressed his own opinions.

Nevertheless he had consistently opposed the rent increases which are believed to have triggered the unrest which has flared sporadically since then.

Questioned about a statement given to the Press and signed by him to the effect that the rent increases of October 1 would remain because they had already been promulgated, Mr Mngadi said he had no part in this decision — which was taken by the Drakensberg Administration Board.





He went splashing about in the surf at temperatures of around 22 deg C.

Picture Alvin Andrews

## Munnik to journalist

Own Correspondent

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# Buses stoned in fares boycott

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were again called out yesterday to divert DTMB buses away from problem areas.

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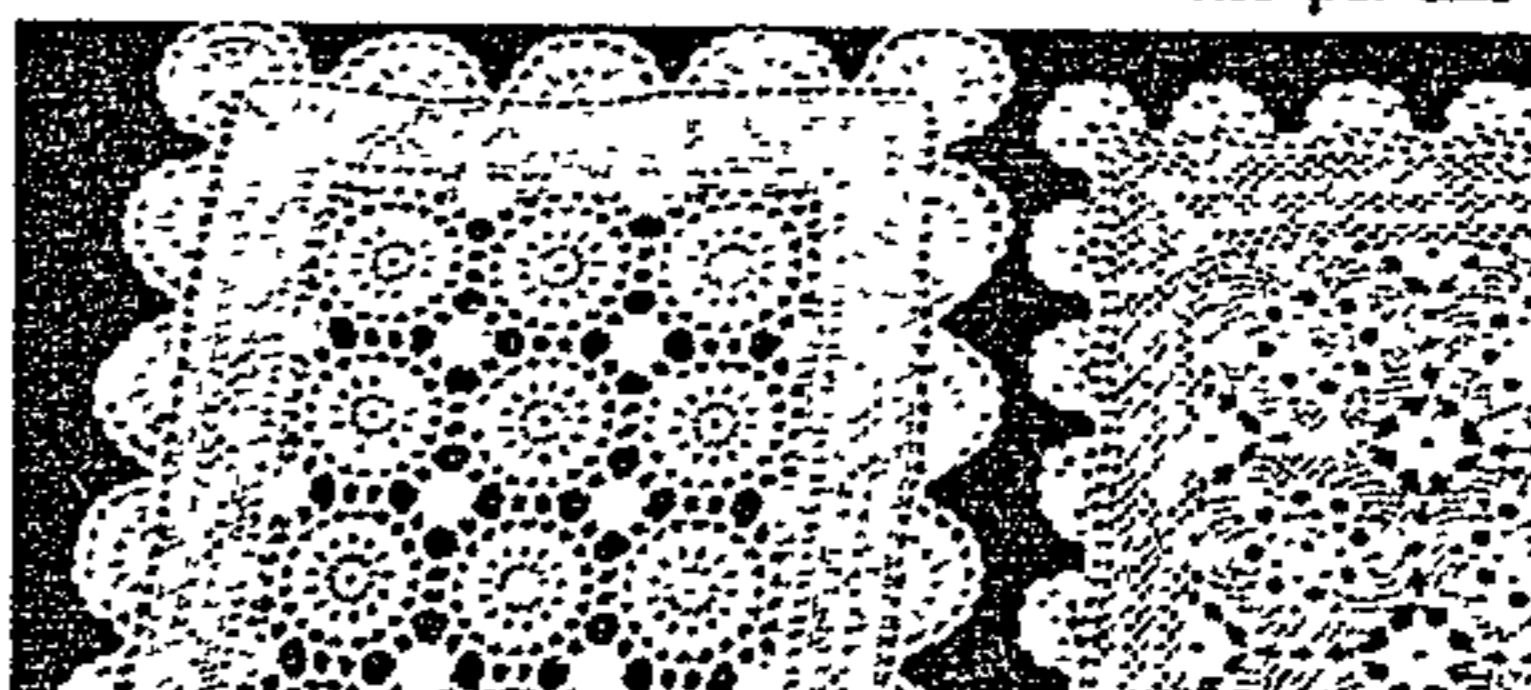
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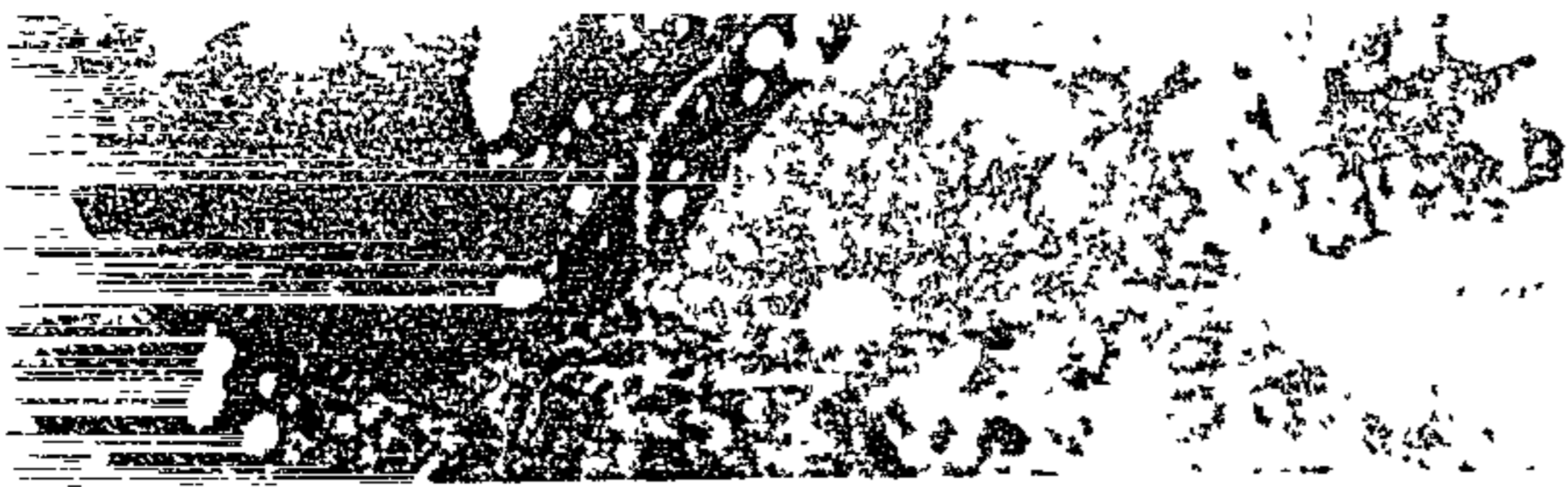
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## SA pilot dies in freak crash

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A top South African stunt pilot died in a freak crash yesterday when his bi-plane "disintegrated" in midair.

Witnesses at Welkom airfield in the Free State saw Springbok stunt flier Mr Johan "Chopper" Botes, 35, plummet to his death after a wing of his stunt aircraft had "snapped" at a height of about 150 metres.

The Pitts Special bi-plane ploughed into a mealie field at an angle of 45 degrees about 1km from the airfield at 5 45pm.

Onlookers raced in their cars to the wreck, but found Mr Botes dead.

An airfield official, Mr Stan Atkinson, said "He was just pulling out of a manoeuvre when I saw a bottom wing snap. Almost immediately the rest of the plane's structure disintegrated.

"The plane did not tumble down but screamed nose first towards the ground. There was nothing Mr Botes could do"

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I was asleep within seconds and the next thing I knew I was being woken by my wife between 5.30am and 5.35am," said Dr Arnot.

"She told me: 'Richard, wake up, something horrible has happened, I think Helen has fallen off the balcony,'" he said.

Dr Arnot, now practising in Australia and divorced from his former wife Penelope, said he leapt from his bed and ran to the balcony of his sixth floor flat.

Clutching the low railings, he looked down and saw Helen's body "in her party dress in a

perfectly natural position, as though she was lying asleep".

Her Dutch boyfriend Johannes Otten was impaled on railings and his underpants were around his mid-thighs, "and I would say he was in some state of sexual excitement". Otten's pants were missing.

When he inspected the bodies he found they had been dead for about two hours.

The only mark on Helen's body was an indentation on her forehead, he said.

As the 2-metre tall doctor gave evidence, Mr Smith sat within a

few feet of the witness box, apparently making notes.

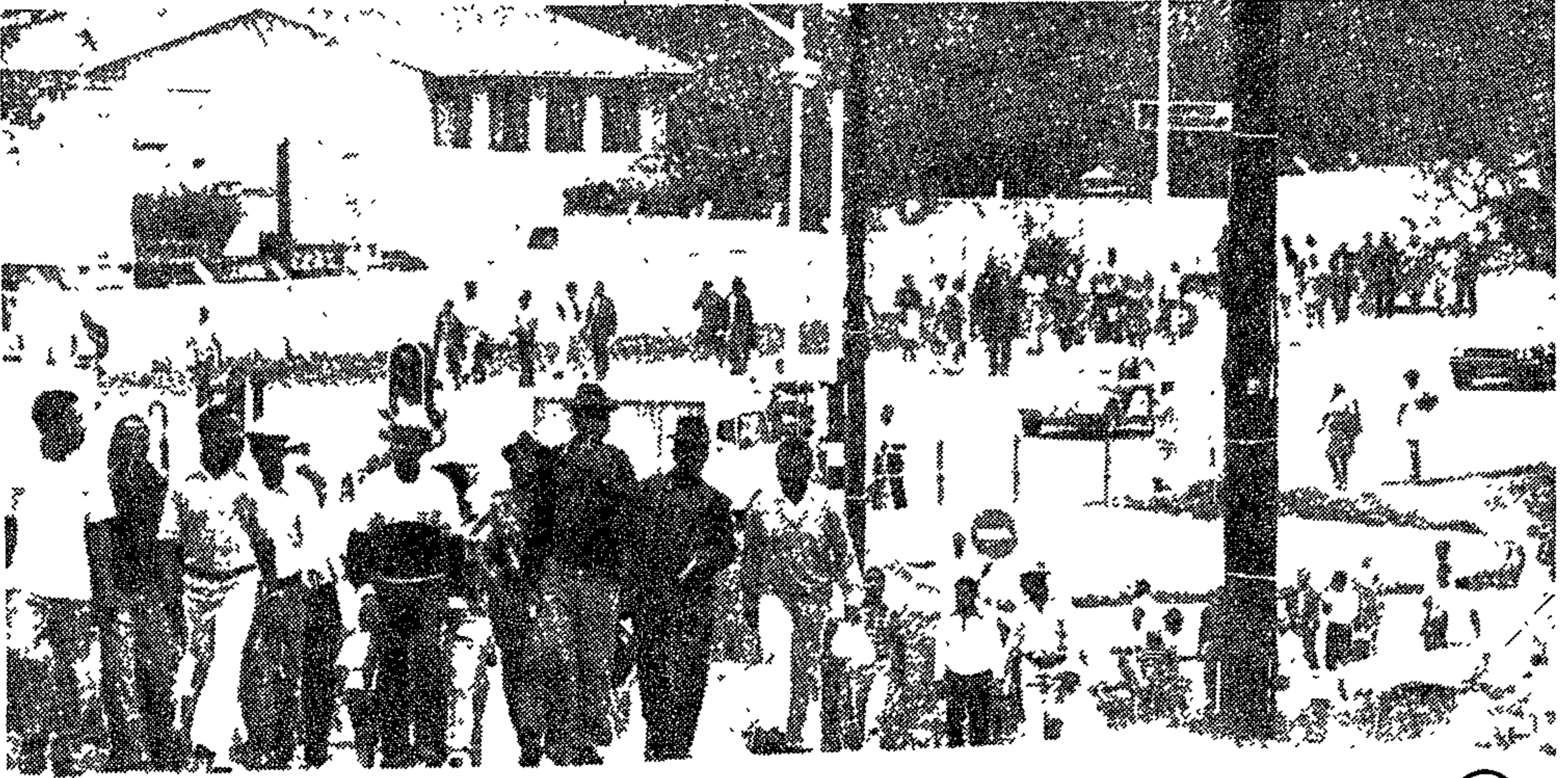
Dr Arnot said his flat was "open house" to Europeans living in Jeddah. Hospital staff would meet there and Helen Smith often baby-sat with their two children.

Dr Arnot said he saw no signs of drunkenness at the party, although everyone present had drunk alcohol.

The last two guests to leave the party were Mr Timothy Hayter, a New Zealand diver, and Mr Jacques Texier, a French marine biologist,



## Hit-and-run attacks by youths



COMMUTERS walking home last night.

# Police patrol while bus boycott continues

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Mercury Reporter

THE bus boycott after the 12 percent fare increase continued yesterday and several more buses were stoned near the Clermont area.

This brings the total amount of buses stoned to more than 70. Six bus drivers and six passengers were injured and brought to hospital. Nine youths have been arrested.

Police had to disperse a large crowd of people near the Bata factory yesterday morning. A crowd gathered at a bus terminal and were asked over a loudhailer to leave. They did so soon afterwards.

Stone-throwing continued throughout the day in isolated incidents. Youths making use of hit-and-run methods caused the biggest damage.

Buses did not venture into Clermont and dropped passengers at the edge of Clermont.

The majority of the buses were empty yesterday, but taxis did a roaring trade, said residents.

Mr Alan Bray, deputy general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, said they were monitoring the situation very closely.

'All the buses are fairly empty and we are going to adjust the timetable temporarily until the situation normalises. At the moment we are in contact with the Clermont Advisory Board,' he said.

Police patrolled the areas last night and kept the situation under close scrutiny.

'Everything seemed quiet, though, a police spokesman said.

# Malukazi tense but 'peaceful'

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## African Affairs Reporter

TENSION still gripped Malukazi shantytown near Isipingo yesterday where 14 people have died since last Sunday in faction fights involving Zulus and Pondos.

Streets were deserted yesterday and many homes were abandoned as police interrogated people about those who were killed.

Last night residents reported that things were 'peaceful' and hoped that it would continue to be so throughout the weekend.

Many were packing their belongings and leaving Malukazi which now has the appearance of being a ghost town.

So many have left in fact that Umlazi township residents yesterday expressed concern over the number of Malukazi 'refugees' who had sought safety in their township.

The Mercury spoke to some Transkeians who said they had no alternative but to return home. Some of them had been retrenched from work and felt they had no chance of finding work until after Christmas.

The uneasy peace in the shantytown is attributed to a meeting between representatives from the KwaZulu Government and the Transkei consulategeneral, Chief J D Moshoeshe.



TAXI drivers in Clermont yesterday ... they're supporting the bus boycott.

**Mercury Reporter**

THE Clermont bus boycott is being supported by black taxi drivers, who have lowered their fares by 20 percent for trips between the township and Durban.

The decision to lower the fares was taken by the Taxi Drivers' Association on Sunday, and has been praised by the chairman of the Clermont Advisory Board, Mr Aubrey Nyembezi, as a sign of solidarity and support among the community in the face of the Durban Transport Management Board's recent 12 percent fare increase.

In a related incident yesterday, a DTMB bus driver was assaulted by a mob while driving a bus through Pinetown's indus-

## Taxis lower fares in solidarity with bus boycotters

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trial area.

Mr Alan Bray, deputy managing director of the DTMB, said the mob who attacked the bus driver were chased off when other bus drivers intervened. The man was not seriously injured. Three men had been arrested and taken to the Pinetown Police Station, he said.

This was the only report of violence as the bus boycott entered its sixth day.

Buses were still not entering Clermont, but according to Mr Bray more passengers were catching DTMB buses on the border of the township than last week.

'As far as we can see people are being intimidated,' he said. 'Only about half of the normal service is in operation in Clermont. We used to provide 1 600 trips to the township daily. Now we

provide only 800.'

However, Mr Aubrey Nyembezi denied that any intimidation was taking place.

'There is no intimidation whatsoever — people are free to board the buses if they wish to, and some of them do, but the majority are not prepared to pay the increased fare and are arranging alternative forms of transport.'

Mr Nyembezi said he had appealed to the people of Clermont, at a community meeting held on Sunday, to refrain from violence.

Besides using taxis or Indian buses for transport, some boycotters are also having transport arranged for them by their employers.

# 'Peace' call to Sobantu residents

## Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE intervention of irresponsible and militant elements who destroyed property and intimidated people had made it difficult to deal with problems disturbing residents in the black township of Sobantu in Pietermaritzburg.

This was the message spelt out by the chairman of the Drakensberg Administration Board, Dr Philip Nel, in an open letter to the community council and residents of trouble-torn Sobantu.

Dr Nel urged residents to support the efforts made by the city council, the board and the community council in their 'five point' plan for peace and progress in Sobantu.

Dr Nel said residents were earnestly requested to bring their rents up to date to avoid any inconvenience to themselves and to their families, but added that those who could not afford the increased tariffs should apply to the board's department of welfare for assistance.

The acting chief director of the board, Mr E A Goedeke, said that more than 60 percent of the residents had come forward to pay the higher rents by late yesterday.

### Minimum

Because the total cost of a house to the board amounted to R92,78 a month and the average income from rent was only R13,27, the board had no alternative but to increase the service charge (site rental) by R3,90 a month from October 1 this year, Dr Nel explained.

He asked residents to accept this as the 'unavoidable minimum' and that they should pay promptly.

Board member Mr R E Hudson-Reed told an open board meeting yesterday that superhuman efforts had been made to defuse the situation at Sobantu and to alleviate the hardships there. He said some people seem to have been deluded that the rent was simply a donation to the water charge.

Commenting on the extraordinarily high water consumption figures, Mr Hubert von Klemperer said each house was using 69 000 l a month, and suggested that this was physically impossible unless taps were being left open or there were leaks in the pipes.

The board's director of engineering services, Mr P J Kriel, said that with any underground reticulation a 10 to 12 percent water loss was possible. No serious leaks had been found.

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Mercury Reporter

THREE buses were stoned in Clermont yesterday morning as the Durban Transport Management Board reimple- mented its full bus service to the township.

According to Mr Alan Bray, deputy managing director of the DTMB, nobody was injured in the incidents and damage to the buses was not serious. He added, however, that according to his staff, the stones had been thrown from the direction of the main taxi rank in Clermont.

'Our full service of 1 600 trips to Clermont began operating again yesterday morning, and for the first time in several days we had buses driving into Clermont and not stopping at the boundary.

'We felt we should offer the full service following the anti-boycott pamphlets we issued yesterday. I can't say at this stage whether more people are using the bus service, but we should know in a few days.'

### No profit

Mr Bray said that a meeting had been held yesterday between the DTMB and members of the Clermont Advisory Board.

'We expressed our sympathy with the people's economic problems, and I believe they accepted our bona fides that we are a break-even organisation which makes no profit from the service we provide — they agree that some settlement must be reached.'

However, Mr Aubrey Nyembezi, chairman of the Clermont board, said after the meeting that he felt the DTMB should compromise on their increase to gain the people's confidence.

'If the DTMB cut the increase by half and carried the loss for a while we might settle this issue. I suggested this to them, but they said they could not do it, so I'm afraid we have reached a stalemate situation.'

Mr Nyembezi said he feared the people of Clermont might be forced to use the buses because of economic pressure, but if they did it would be like a 'festering sore' which could be sparked into violence by the smallest incident.

## 'More people taking buses'

*Mercury Reporter*

THE Durban Transport Management Board says there was an increase in the number of commuters using the Corporation bus service yesterday and attributed it to the anti-boycott pamphlets dropped over townships from an aircraft on Thursday.

'People are slowly filtering back to the bus service,' said Mr Alan Bray, the DTMB's deputy managing director. *11/12/82*

In reply to criticism that the DTMB was wasting money on the anti-boycott campaign which could have been used to off-set the recent 12 percent fare increase, Mr Bray said the cost of the light aircraft and the printing of all the pamphlets distributed so far amounted to just more than R600. *Mercury*

'The price of Thursday's air drop is less than 20 percent of the profit which taxi drivers in the area are reported to be making per day,' he said

However, Mr Aubrey Nyembezi, chairman of the Clermont Advisory Board, said the air drop had been 'met with indifference' by the residents of Clermont and the boycott was still receiving the community's full support.



# 90 buses stoned after fares rise — boy, 8, held

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Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — An eight-year-old boy was one of three people held by police in Inanda, near here, today in connection with stone-throwing in which 90 buses were damaged and two people injured

Police used tear smoke three times to disperse crowds

The violence was sparked by a 13 percent increase in Putco bus fares which came into effect today

Commuters told of intimidators at bus stops urging people not to use the buses and spraying a substance on people who did

Police said the main problem areas were the Shembe Village and African areas of Inanda, where trouble started at 5 30 am

## TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

However, a reporter who visited the scene several hours later said it was "a quiet".

The unrest came only two weeks after similar stone-throwing, intimidation and a continuing boycott which greeted the 12 percent increase in the Durban Transport Management Board bus fares

The Natal area executive for Putco, Mr Colin Bailey, said the services to certain parts of Inanda had been temporarily suspended.

## Mercury Reporter

**COMMUTERS** turned on buses at Inanda yesterday, stoned 42, smashed 300 windows and left Putco with a repair bill in the region of R16 000 in protest at a 13 percent fares increase.

A police spokesman said two people had been injured and two police vehicles damaged.

Trouble flared about 5.30 a.m. when youths hurled stones at buses and police had to use tear-gas to disperse crowds.

Buses stopped at the entrance to the township where passengers boarded.

An eight-year-old boy was among three arrested.

At Malakazi two buses were damaged and a woman was injured in stoning incidents.

According to Mr Colin Bailey, Natal area executive for Putco, buses eventually withdrew from Inanda, but the service was resumed on all routes last night.

### Taxis

'I believe that if buses operate the normal way, it would limit the boycott. We received no complaints from people about the fare increase.

'We are hampered by youths who cause damage to the buses.

'I hope the situation will return to normal quite soon,' he said.

At least 90 percent of residents in Kwa Makhutha township, near Amanzimtoti, boycotted Putco buses and taxis did 'roaring' business transporting thousands to Isipingo Rail.

Mr J Mshengu, the township's mayor, thanked commuters for remaining calm, but reports from Malukazi near Isipingo said some passengers had been assaulted for attempting to use buses and some vehicles had been stoned.

In Umlazi police waited at Putco's main depot where residents did not join the boycott. Nor did Umbumbulu residents, and even in Kwa Makhutha the service was maintained.

A police spokesman reported there were sporadic outbursts of violence at Lamontville as people stoned buses late last night. No serious damage was caused and he described the situation at Inanda as 'tense but quiet'.

Mr Bailey said last night the company would have the full service back in operation by this morning.

The 13 percent increase was considerably less than that imposed in all other areas covered by Putco, Mr Bailey pointed out earlier yesterday.

He said the cost of buying a new bus had risen 16 percent in the past year and drivers' wages had gone up nearly 14 percent.

The bus licence fee had risen 65 percent and there had been a 23 percent increase in the cost of an engine.



**LUCKY ...** that's how Mr Agrippa Ntombela, a Putco bus driver, felt after these two bricks were hurled through his bus windows yesterday, missing him.

### Increases

Mr Alan Bray, deputy general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, said the board was faced this year with an increase of R2 600 000 in operating costs.

He said all items had gone up in price.

A new bus, for example, cost nearly R80 000 as against R55 000 last year while the board would be spending nearly R1 000 000 on tyres alone during the current financial year.

Mr Bray said salaries had gone up by R500 000 this year and there had been an increase of R400 000 in the fuel bill.

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**R16 000 buses damaged  
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# Rampage after bar on meeting

*Cape Times 14/12/82*

**Own Correspondent**  
DURBAN — A crowd went on the rampage in Lamontville last night, smashing windows, overturning cars, stoning police vehicles and buses and breaking into a bottle store and beer-hall after police had prevented a meeting from being held in the local community hall.

The meeting had been called to discuss the new 13 percent bus fare increase introduced by Putco yesterday.

According to a witness, Mr Dennis Mtshali, a large contingent of police used teargas to disperse the crowd shortly before the meeting was scheduled to take place.

The crowd then surged through the township to the superintendent's offices where they overturned two corporation cars and damaged several others. Windows were smashed and a bottle store and beer-hall were broken into, Mr Mtshali said.

According to Mr Mtshali, a crowd of close to a thousand people arrived at the Lamontville community hall to find the doors of the building locked and police in riot gear outside.

"They ordered the crowd to disperse and when they did not, they

used teargas and fired flares overhead."

Mr Mtshali said the crowd then headed for the administration offices in an angry mood.

Late last night the township was quiet, although Mr Mtshali said there were still hundreds of people in the streets.

A senior police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed last night that a crowd had stoned vehicles in Lamontville. He said three police vehicles had been "slightly damaged" as well as an unknown number of Putco buses.

## R16 000 damage

He was still waiting to receive confirmation about the bottle store and beer-hall being looted.

Earlier yesterday, damage totalling more than R16 000 was caused to Putco buses in stone-throwing incidents in and around the black township of Inanda.

According to Mr Colin Bailey, Natal area executive for Putco, 42 buses were damaged and 300 windows shattered.

Police said the trouble started about 5.30am when youths hurled stones at buses in Inanda. Police used teargas to disperse crowds of commuters and stone-throwing youths. Three people had been arrested.

## The Cape Times 82 years ago

WHAT did the Cape Times look like 82 years ago? A special advertising supplement by Murdock's jewellers gives you the chance to compare today's edition with one of January 22, 1900. The supplement appears with today's Cape Times.

## UWC RESULTS

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## Big finance probe could involve R100m

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He said Mr Gregory Lehmann, of the Special Guards Unit which safeguards the Prime Minister's home in Newlands, had been driving towards the fleeing muggers at the time of the robbery.

"He managed to apprehend all three of them and we laid charges and I got my wallet back."

In return for Mr Lehmann's "heroic act" Mr Hussey is standing the young President's Guardsman and his girlfriend to a "special dinner" and free tickets to the play.

## R320 000 in seafood seized

**Own Correspondent**  
DURBAN — Perlemoen, crayfish and shark fillets worth more than R320 000 were seized at Durban harbour at the weekend.

The 10-tons of seafood was bound for the Far East, according to Brigadier Dries Dreyer, head of the Railways Police in Natal.

Members of the Railways Police, Bureau of Standards and nature conservation officials swooped on a cooler container on the quayside after it had been kept under observation.

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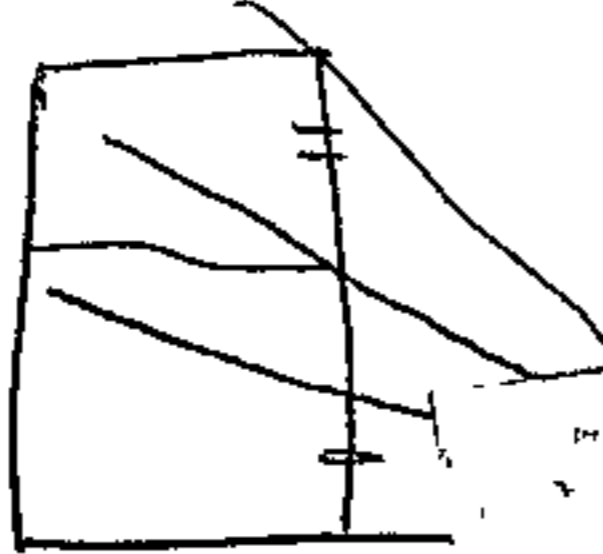
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150 buses stoned

Own Correspondent

DURBAN.— Stone-throwing incidents in the wake of Putco's fare increase continued yesterday for the second consecutive day, bringing the total number of buses damaged to 150.

Early yesterday police used tear-smoke in Inanda to disperse stone-throwing youths.

Mr. Colin Bailey, Natal area executive for Putco, said damage to Putco buses now stood at about R20 000.

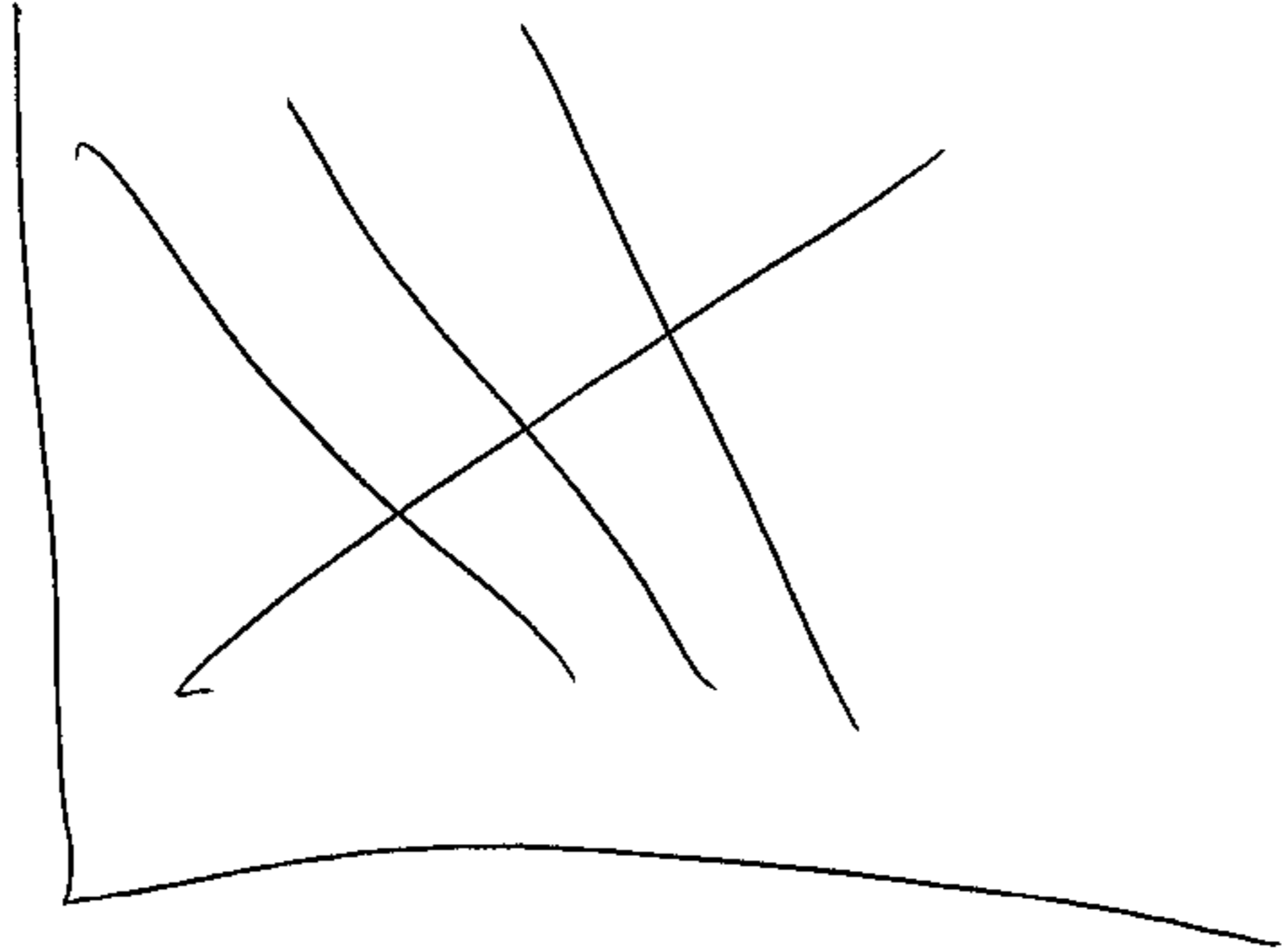
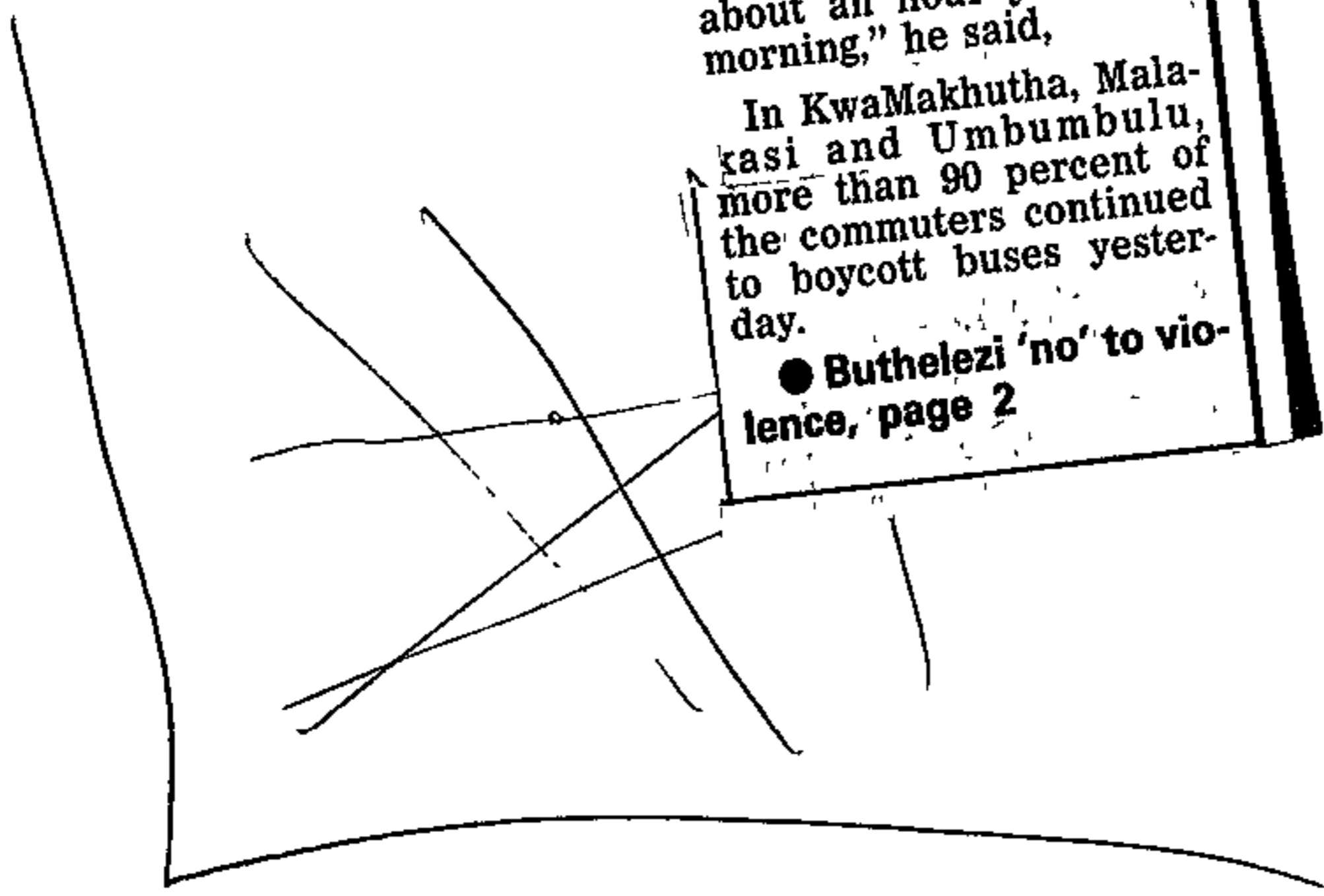
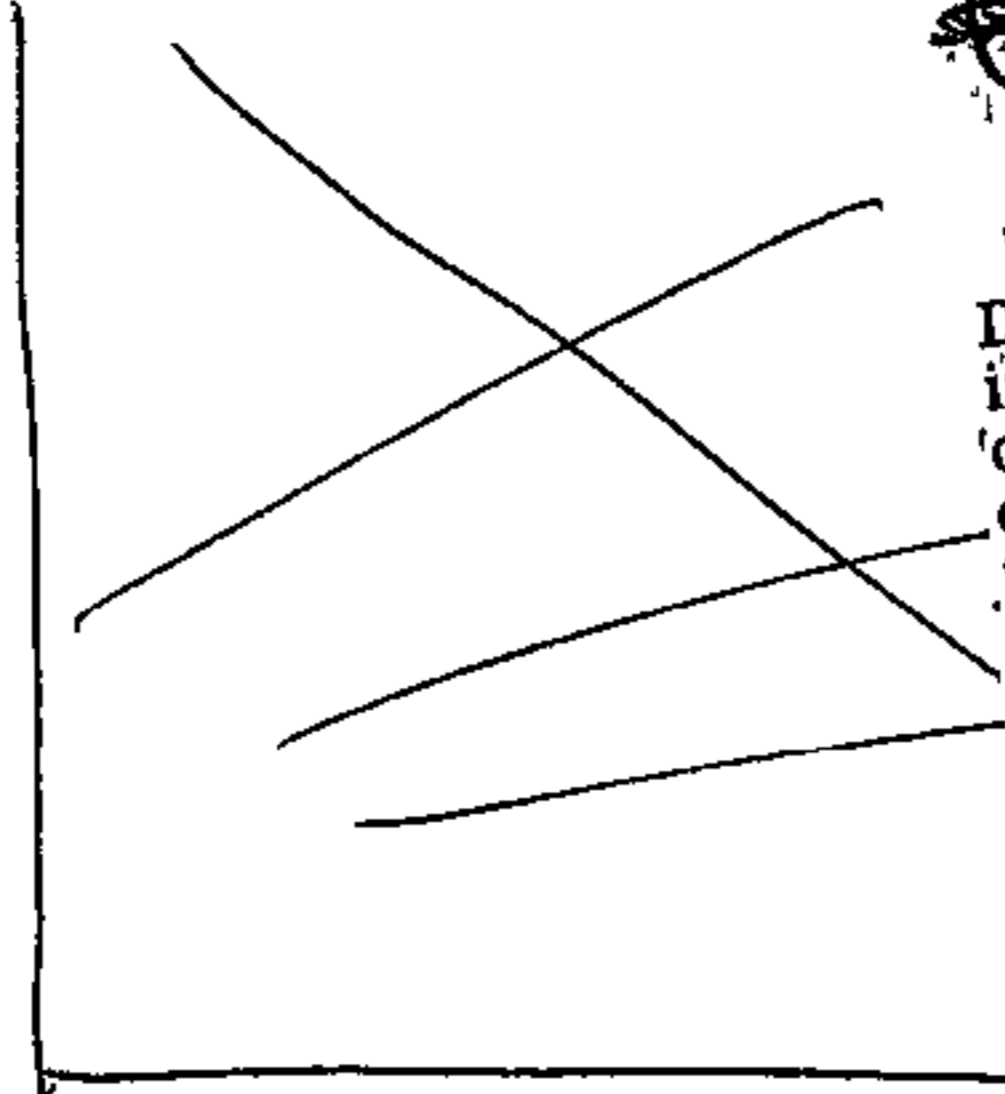
"We withdrew the service from Inanda for about an hour yesterday morning," he said,

In KwaMakhutha, Malakasi and Umbumbulu, more than 90 percent of the commuters continued to boycott buses yesterday.

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# BOYCOTT

# VIOLENCE

## ~~276~~ 276 Sowetan Fare hikes spark

## off riot in Durban 15/12/82

TWO DRIVERS were injured, and about 153 buses stoned in several African residential areas this week when commuters boycotted buses following fare increases.

And in Lamontville near Durban crowds went on the rampage, destroying Port Natal Administration Board property which included the superintendents' offices and six cars, one of which was overturned. A bottle-store was broken into and looted.

The boycott of Putco buses at Inanda, Ntuzuma, Mbumbulu and Kwamakhutha follows a

similar action by commuters in several other townships in Durban where municipal buses operate. A Putco spokesman said the two injured drivers were attacked at Inanda where the boycott is strongest.

### Arrests

Violence broke out in Lamontville after police had stopped a meeting.

It had called in the community hall to discuss fare increases that have resulted in the boycott of municipal buses. Some arrests were made during the disturbances.

Besides the board's vehicles, four municipal buses were damaged, according to Mr Marshall Cuthbert, chairman of the Durban Transport Management Board.

# Stones thrown as bus service restored

Mercury Reporter

STONE-THROWING incidents following the Putco bus fare increase continued yesterday for the second consecutive day, bringing the total number of buses damaged to 150.

Early yesterday police had to use tear-smoke in Inanda to disperse troublemakers and stone-throwing youths.

Mr Colin Bailey, Natal area executive for Putco, said that in spite of a few stone-throwing incidents the service had not been interrupted yesterday.

He said damage to Putco buses was now about R20 000.

'We withdrew the service from Inanda for about an hour yesterday morning and when the situation became quiet it was

resumed,' he said, adding that there was still a problem of youths and instigators damaging buses.

Mr Bailey said all damaged buses had been insured and they would claim for a large percentage of the R20 000.

In Kwa Makhutha, near Amanzimtoti, Malakasi and Umbumbulu more than 90 percent of the commuters continued

their boycott of buses yesterday.

Although the situation had quietened down later yesterday police continued to watch the troubled areas.

Meanwhile police reported that there were no further incidents of violence at Lamontville following Monday night's rampage.

Damage, believed to be several thousands rands, was caused when windows of several buildings were shattered by stone-throwing youths, cars overturned, police vehicles and buses stoned and a bottlestore and beer hall broken into and damaged.

## Expensive mopping up at Sanlam Centre

Mercury Reporter

WATER left running all night from a fire hose caused thousands of rands damage on Monday night at the new Sanlam Centre on the Bluff.

According to the centre manager, Mr Hannes du Preez, workmen had been repairing an air-conditioning unit. The water main had also been switched off during the afternoon.

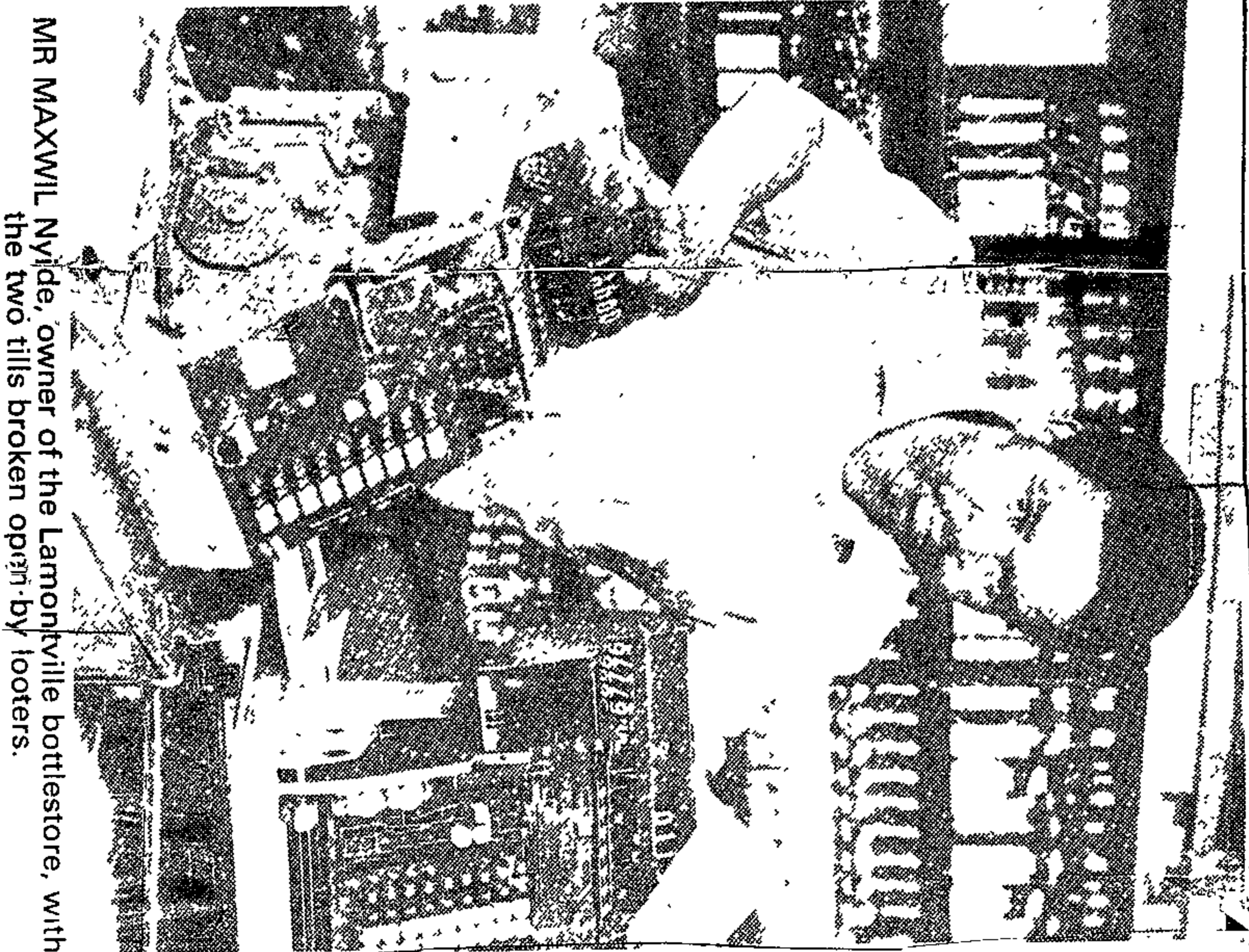
'Either the water came on again during the night or a pressure build up in the pipes caused it to start flowing again. Either way, the fire hose had been left on. But we are not sure who is responsible.

'There was water more than 10 cm deep in places. And what with furniture, high-fidelity equipment and television sets in various shops, damage was extensive,' said Mr du Preez.

A dismayed Mr Maxwell Nyide, owner of the bottlestore, said yesterday that damage to the store and theft of liquor had not yet been established.

'The whole place was in a mess and more than R1 000 worth of liquor could have disappeared during the rampage.

'The looters broke open two tills, but luckily I had locked Monday's takings in safe at the back of the store which was not seen,' he said.



MMR MMAXWIL NNYIDE, owner of the Lamontville bottlestore, with the two tills broken open by looters.

## Zulu chief

### appeals for

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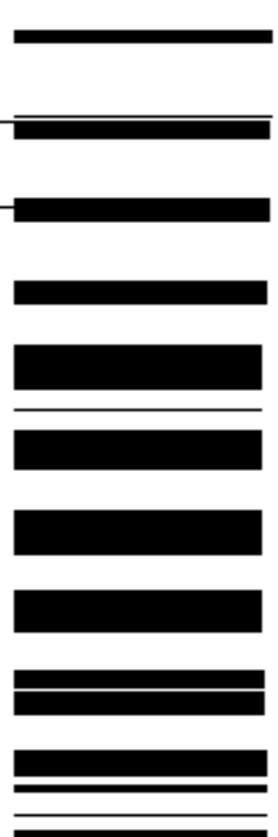
African Affairs Correspondent

THE Chief Minister of Kwazulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, has appealed for calm following the stoning of 150 Putco buses in the Durban area this week as a result of a 13 percent increase in bus fares.

Chief Buthelezi said yesterday that, while the boycott method might be the only strategy open to blacks at the present time, violence was counter-productive and did damage to the black cause.

Chief Buthelezi said high unemployment was causing social problems and blacks were tempted to give physical expression to their frustration.

He emphasised, however, that violence in the present circumstances, was not good for anyone.



# 'Quiet and under control'

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## Bus service 'back to normal' in Lamontville

Mercury Reporter

LAMONTVILLE was reported 'quiet and under control' yesterday following the violence on Monday and Wednesday nights

Police kept the situation under close scrutiny and constantly patrolled the area.

Violence erupted again on Wednesday night

when a crowd of stone-throwing youths surged through the streets and had to be dispersed.

Firemen were called to stop a fire from spreading to the Lamontville bottlestore. The blaze caused thousands of rands of damage.

Several stones were hurled at the beerhall and the post office and several windows were broken.

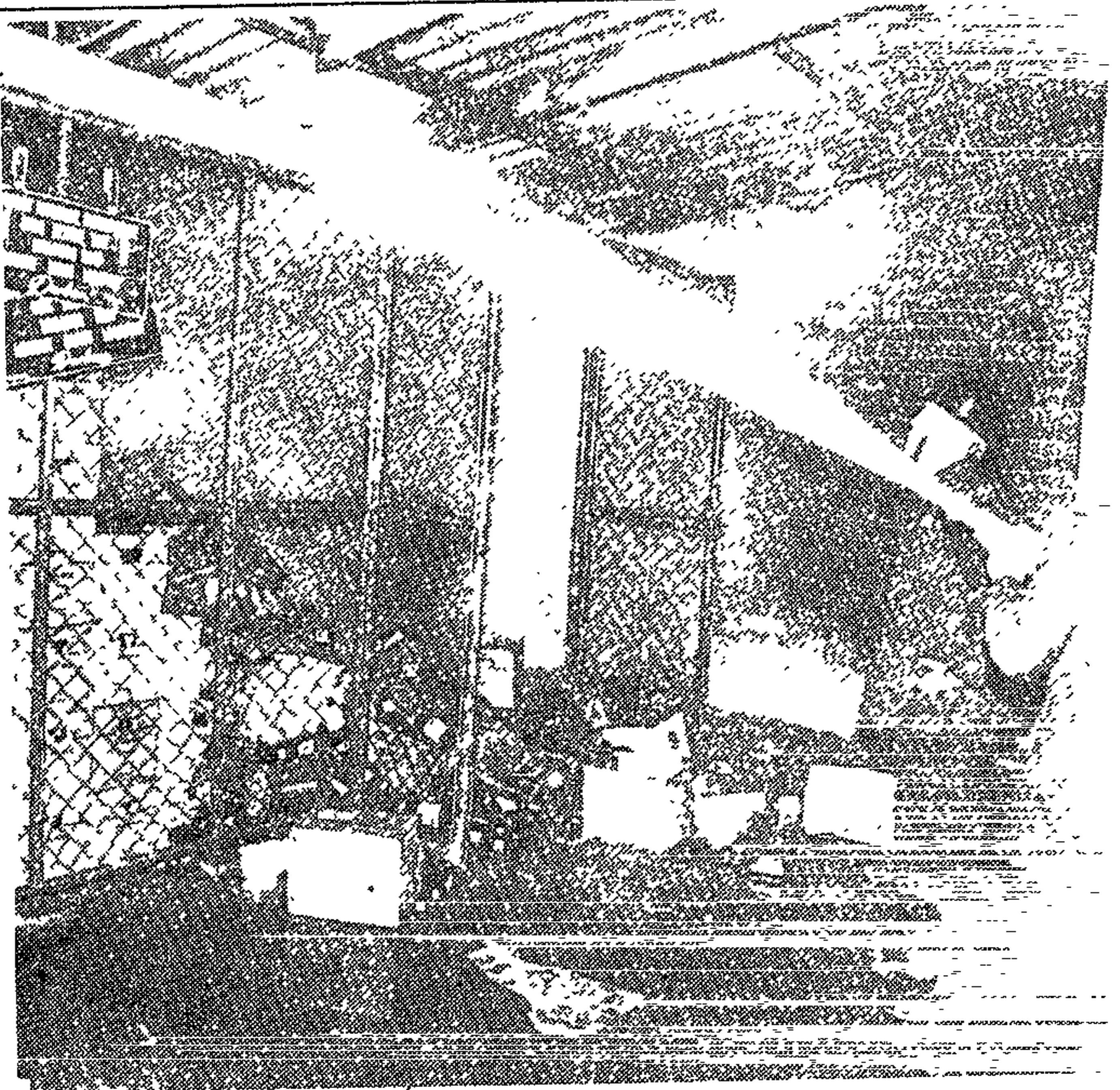
This followed the violence on Monday night when the bottlestore was broken into and looted.

Meanwhile, Mr Pat derley, liaison officer for the community service of the Port Natal Administration Board, said the Ningizimu Community Council had a meeting on Tuesday after the unrest in Lamontville.

### Reason

'The resolution of the council was that they deplored the havoc caused by irresponsible members of the public in Lamontville on Monday evening, when buses and vehicles were damaged,' he said.

Mr Moonlight Gasa, chairman of the council, said the disturbances could not lead to progress and people 'have to learn to reason'.



FIREMEN containing the blaze at the Lamontville bottlestore

Forty-seven buses on Wednesday — and one yesterday morning — were damaged by stone-throwing incidents since the bus boycott started on Monday.

Mr Colin Bailey, Natal area executive for Putco, said yesterday that buses were again running according to schedule.

All areas, including Inanda, were quiet yesterday and no police action had been called for, a police spokesman said

# Tearspray is used to 'calm' shoppers

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Mail Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police used 'tearspray' and water hoses to calm a 3 000-strong crowd when shoppers smashed a plate-glass door at the opening of a new shop in West Street yesterday.

A woman shopper was slightly injured but was treated on the premises and continued with her shopping. The store's manager, Mr Charles van Tonder, was cut on the chest when he tried to keep the door closed against the pushing crowd.

Mr Frank Weetman, director of Pep Stores, said at one stage there were 40 policemen in attendance.

"We had to turn on the fire hose as well because the people would not listen to the policemen. When it became too chaotic, tearspray had to be used," said Mr Weetman.

The shop in West Street opened at 6.30am with two queues, one stretching into Grey Street and around the

corner.

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"In 25 years of business I have never experienced anything like it," Mr Weetman said.

"We can't even take out stock to refill the racks. We get bowled over or carried off by the people eager to get their hands on something."

Several policemen remained at the store to control numbers of people entering the premises.

A police spokesman said tearspray, and not teargas, had been used because it is much weaker than teargas and only affects those at whom it is directed.

"Tearspray is in a small aerosol can and wears off within minutes. It has no side-effects. Tearspray is only used to calm one person or a small crowd whereas teargas is used to control rioting people."

Mr Weetman said by the end of the day more than 10 000 people had passed through the store.



## DTMB chief slams political elements

# Anti-bus fare hike pamphlets 'are tosh'

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MEN who said they were bus drivers talk to a commuter yesterday.

### Mercury Reporter

THE general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, Mr Marshall Cuthbert, yesterday slammed township pamphlets, criticising the bus fare increase, as 'absolute tosh'

He claimed that the people in Lamontville and Claremont did not want to boycott the buses but they were being threatened by 'political' elements

The pamphlets issued by the Lamontville Commuters' Committee and the Transport Research Group hit out at the DTMB for the 'unjustified' fare increase

### Covered

They claim that last year the black bus service made more money than was needed for its running costs — 'while at the same time the white service ran at a loss of R1 700 000'

'There seems little doubt that this loss was covered by the surplus from the black service,' the pamphlets said

At a Press conference yesterday called to discuss the pamphlets, Mr Cuthbert said the DTMB ran two distinct services and there was 'no way' there could be cross-subsidisation

Discussing the DTMB's financial statement, Mr Cuthbert said the black bus service had 'broken even' last year, but this year the deficit could be about R2 000 000

'There is no way there is going to be a surplus, in fact quite the reverse,' he said.

### Nothing

Mr Cuthbert said the increase in fuel and GST increases had cost the DTMB an additional R377 500

'There was absolutely nothing we could do about that, so at some stage we had to do something about our fares to meet the costs,' he said

'On the pamphlets' criticism of the DTMB for overcrowding us in a very few buses like sardines', the deputy general manager, Mr Alan Bray, said they were aware of the problem of overcrowding

'But no matter how many buses we put on, it doesn't make any difference — people still want to catch the first one. It's human nature,' he said

'However, we are trying to cater for our passengers as best we can because we don't believe in packing people into buses,' he added

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Shot dead

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

A 21-YEAR-OLD man was shot dead and his brother wounded by a policeman in Izakheni township near Ladysmith at the weekend.

According to the police, W/O V G Ngobo was driving in the township when a mob began throwing stones at his car. When he stopped he was hit by several stones. He drew his revolver and fired a shot.

Mr Desmond Chingila, 20, collapsed with a bullet wound in the stomach. His brother, Patrick, 21, attacked the policeman and was shot dead. Desmond was admitted to Ladysmith Hospital.

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Inanda

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flare-up

**Mercury Reporter**

EIGHTEEN buses were damaged after crowds started to stone Putco buses in the black township of Inanda last night.

The trouble flared up shortly after 6 p m and police moved into the area. According to a police spokesman, they did not take any action.

The Natal area executive for Putco, Mr Colin Bailey, decribed the incidents as a 'bit of an upset'.

'We can't understand what caused the trouble. Everything was back to normal after the recent boycotts. I am still not able to elaborate on the extent of the damage and so far do not know of any injuries,' he said late last night.

He confirmed that 18 buses had been damaged.

Police kept the situation under close observation last night.

# Bus stoned, five arrested

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Pietermaritzburg Bureau

A MUNICIPAL bus was stoned in Imbali and five blacks have been arrested for allegedly intimidating passengers at Plessislaer, just outside the city.

A senior police spokesman said the five men had not yet been charged and no further particulars were available. About R80 damage was caused to the bus when stones were thrown through windows.

Further, police are investigating a charge of malicious damage to property, but so far no arrests have been made.

The spokesman said police had patrolled the main black bus routes yesterday, the first day of increased cash fares on the black service.

The city's director of transport, Mr Doug Schumann, said he and members of the transport

department inspectorate had been out since 3 a.m. yesterday but had not noticed any drop in passenger figures. However, he would be able to confirm this today after seeing the final figures for yesterday.

Mr Schumann said a number of youths had tried to stop passengers travelling by bus early yesterday morning but were soon dispersed by bus inspectors.

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# Angry mob forces police to make a tactical retreat

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Crime Reporter

WEARING industrial hardhats and wielding knobkieries, a mob of angry black men and some women routed a party of police who made a dawn raid on Escom's Sonti compound near Dududu yesterday.

The six policemen, who did not resort to the use of their firearms, were forced to make a tactical retreat after two of them were felled.

But they did manage to arrest a black woman before their attackers also beat a hasty retreat.

At 5 a m W/O T Breytenbach and five black policeman went to the compound at the request of Escom authorities to investigate complaints of trespassing.

Resentful of the fact that the women were ordered to leave or be charged with trespass, the men donned their hardhats,

armed themselves with knobkieries and launched a counter-action against the police.

In the skirmish that followed, W/O Breytenbach was coshed on the head and was taken unconscious to the Scottburgh Hospital, as was Sgt S Sosibo.

A doctor used 15 stitches to close a gash in W/O Breytenbach's scalp. Both men were later discharged.

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**Township**

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**Office**

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**is closed**

(27b) African Affairs  
Correspondent

ULUNDI—The superintendent's office in the crime-ridden Mondlo township near Vryheid has been closed following the fatal shooting of the township manager, Mr Oswald Ngobese, last week

An announcement to this effect was made in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly yesterday by the Minister of the Interior, Dr Frank Mdlalose

Dr Mdlalose said members of the staff of the township manager had told him they were not prepared to return to work

The men had been given 10 days' leave, he said, after which they would be allocated to various other township offices

Clinic services and schools would not be affected and the supply of water would be maintained, the Minister said

# Pupils stone headmaster

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Pietermaritzburg Bureau

A NATAL headmaster was seriously injured when stoned by his own pupils, it was learned yesterday.

A police spokesman said about 200 pupils at Emzanweni School had refused to attend classes on Monday and had gathered outside.

The headmaster, Mr Jo-

hannes Mavundla, tried to reason with them but they began stoning him.

One stone struck him on the head and he had to be taken to Edendale Hospital, where he was said to be in a serious condition.

When police arrived the mob already had left the school grounds

The incident follows un-

rest at Georgetown School in Edendale where police used tear-gas and sjamboks to disperse pupils.

Our African Affairs Correspondent reports that Dr Oscar Dhloomo, KwaZulu Minister of Education and Culture, told the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly yesterday his department had met parents of pupils at both schools.



# Mondlo hit by office closure

**African Affairs  
Reporter**

THE closure of the superintendent's office in Mondlo township in Northern Natal after the fatal shooting of Mr Oswald Ngobese, who administered the office, was creating problems for the community, residents said.

Mr Ngobese was shot two weeks ago by an unknown assailant while visiting a friend and died on the way to the local clinic.

A former superintendent, Mr A Ncikazi, left the township after a petrol bomb was thrown into his house.

Mr J Nhlapho, the mayor, was also shot by an unknown person but survived. Staff members received death threats.

The Mondlo office staff

refused to return to work after the shooting of Mr Ngobese and the KwaZulu Government, which runs the township, was compelled to close the office.

Arrangements were being made to transfer the staff to other areas.

## Protest

Residents protest that the closure of the office has made things difficult for them.

Work-seekers have suffered most because their reference books have to be endorsed by the office before they can go and look for work.

Funerals have also been affected because they cannot be conducted without the approval of the office.

People who have bought plots cannot start building houses until the office

approves their plans.

The residents' resistance to paying rent is believed to be the cause of the shootings and threats.

The KwaZulu Government also administers schools, clinics, water supply, road maintenance and other facilities.

Dr Frank Mdlalose, KwaZulu Minister for the Interior, says the office will remain closed until his department is satisfied that the staff are safe in the township.

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# Lamontville bus stoned

African Affairs Reporter

RESIDENTS of Lamontville, apparently angered by the killing of community leader Councillor Harrison Dube, ran amok last night, stoned a DTMB bus and attempted to set it alight.

Mr Dube was shot dead outside his home in the township late on Monday night.

Windows of the bus were smashed and the fire, which had been kindled under the diesel tank, was put out before

damage was done.

A fire engine from Mobeni, Durban, was turned away by angry residents.

According to witnesses, the residents forced the bus off the main road in the township into a lane. The driver managed to get away.

Traffic inspectors carrying guns were guarding the bus last night and members of the South African Police were standing by.

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**Police  
use  
tear-gas  
to stop  
mob on  
rampage**

276 Crime Reporter *Mercury*  
29/11/83

TEAR-GAS was used by the police to disperse the mob which went on the rampage in Lamontville on Tuesday night, leaving one man dead and more than R126 000 damage to property in the township.

A postmortem to establish the cause of death of the unknown victim would be held today, police said.

It was not clear whether the man had been shot or stoned to death in the attack on the home of the Mayor of Lamontville, Mr Moonlight Gasa, who shot at the mob with his 9 mm pistol after his house had been set alight with a petrol bomb.

The police, who had found the body of an unidentified black man near Mr Gasa's house, had not fired any bullets.

The Reaction Unit patrolled the township for the rest of the night and throughout the day yesterday. There were no further incidents.

**Shooting**

Our African Affairs Reporter writes that damage to three beerhalls owned by the Port Natal Administration Board amounted to R68 000 and stock losses to R12 000. A gutted DTMB bus was valued at R45 000.

The mob apparently attacked the beerhalls after learning about the fatal shooting of Councillor Harrison Dube who played a leading role in opposing the rent hikes already imposed by the board.

Earlier the mob stoned and burned a bus and attacked the home of Mr Gasa, which also was set on fire and extensively damaged.

Three vehicles behind his house were smashed by the mob.

Apart from burning the beerhall buildings, the mob quenched its thirst and removed much stock — some of which was found hidden in the bushes.

The mayor himself sustained head injuries and was taken to hospital where the wounds were



Mrs C Gasa surveys the damage to her house.



One of the rooms was completely destroyed by fire but it was extinguished before it spread to others, but a lot of property — including valuable books — was reduced to ashes.

Mr Moonlight Gasa, who was injured when the mob attacked his house.

# Pupils burn bus in Lamontville

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Disturbances in Lamontville township spread yesterday when high school pupils burnt a Durban Corporation bus after stoning it.

The pupils had marched along the road carrying placards protesting the death of a community councillor, Mr Harrison Dube, who was shot by unknown assailants.

A police spokesman said they ran amok and confronted the bus driver, who was forced to stop, got on to the bus and set it alight with newspapers.

The police dispersed the pupils and, according to reports, baton-charged them.

'I said a prayer, then emptied my gun into the screaming mob,' says mayor

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# NIGHT OF TERROR

## Man killed

A night earlier a 3 000-strong mob, enraged by the killing of community councillor Harrison Dube, stormed Mr Gasa's house.

One man was killed when the terrified mayor grabbed his gun and started shooting.

Describing his night of terror to City Press,

Mr Gasa said:

"They came over the hill in a horde. They were yelling 'kill, kill, kill'.

"Stones were flying. I was hit on the head by a brick and almost lost consciousness.

"I realised my life, and those of my family, were in terrible danger.

"So I said a prayer for our safety and then emptied my gun into the mob."

Police arrived to disperse the mob who had earlier set fire to a Durban Corporation bus. Mr Gasa was taken to hospital.

CP Correspondent

**DURBAN** — Two buildings owned by the Port Natal Administration Board were set alight on Wednesday night in Lamontville and tear-gas was used to disperse stone-throwing mobs.

Reporters were unable to get to the scene because of road blocks in the streets set up by youths.

The house of Mr Moonlight Gasa, the mayor of Lamontville, was under police guard. Several police vehicles and a riot van were parked near the house.

Also under police protection was the main office of the administration board.

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# Man with tape killed at funeral

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## Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A high-school teacher was killed yesterday after he was chased from the funeral of Mr Harrison "Sheriff" Dube, the Lamontville community leader who was ambushed by unknown assailants last week.

Mr Mpikwanana Khanyile, a teacher at Lamontville High School, was suspected of being a member of the security police because he was carrying a tape recorder at the funeral.

## Stoned

He was chased along a lane and finally cornered and stoned while mourners listened to speeches and sermons. His body was covered with newspapers until it was removed by police.

Another man was killed the previous night, apparently because he was suspected of offering refuge to Mr Moonlight Gasa, Mayor of Lamontville, whom residents believe had approved of the high rentals imposed by the administration board.

Family members said Mr D Siwela had heard a noise outside and discovered that his car was burning. He had gone to tell a neighbour and when he came back had collapsed and died. His family said there was blood on his face.

Mr Gasa is believed to

be under police protection.

Mr Dube's funeral was predominantly an ANC affair and the coffin was wrapped in its colours. He was a former Robben Island prisoner.

Earlier, youths in ANC uniforms searched the roof of the Lamontville Community Hall, looking for tape recorders which they suspected had been installed by security police.

Hundreds of them stood on the roof watching for police who were observing the proceedings through binoculars from nearby hills.

Placards were displayed and many mourners wore t-shirts bearing Mr Dube's photograph. Also displayed was a huge picture of Mr Griffiths Mxenge, the late Durban political lawyer, whose killers have yet to be identified.

The funeral was attended by people from as far away as Soweto. The Umlazi Taxis' Association carried mourners free of charge.

The bus service was withdrawn after two buses were burned earlier last week.

Speakers attacked the government for "poor" administration and spending "thousands to import overseas sportsmen" and "taxing Africans to make up for the loss".

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**Butchered man may have had a tape recorder.**

# Youths hack man to death at funeral

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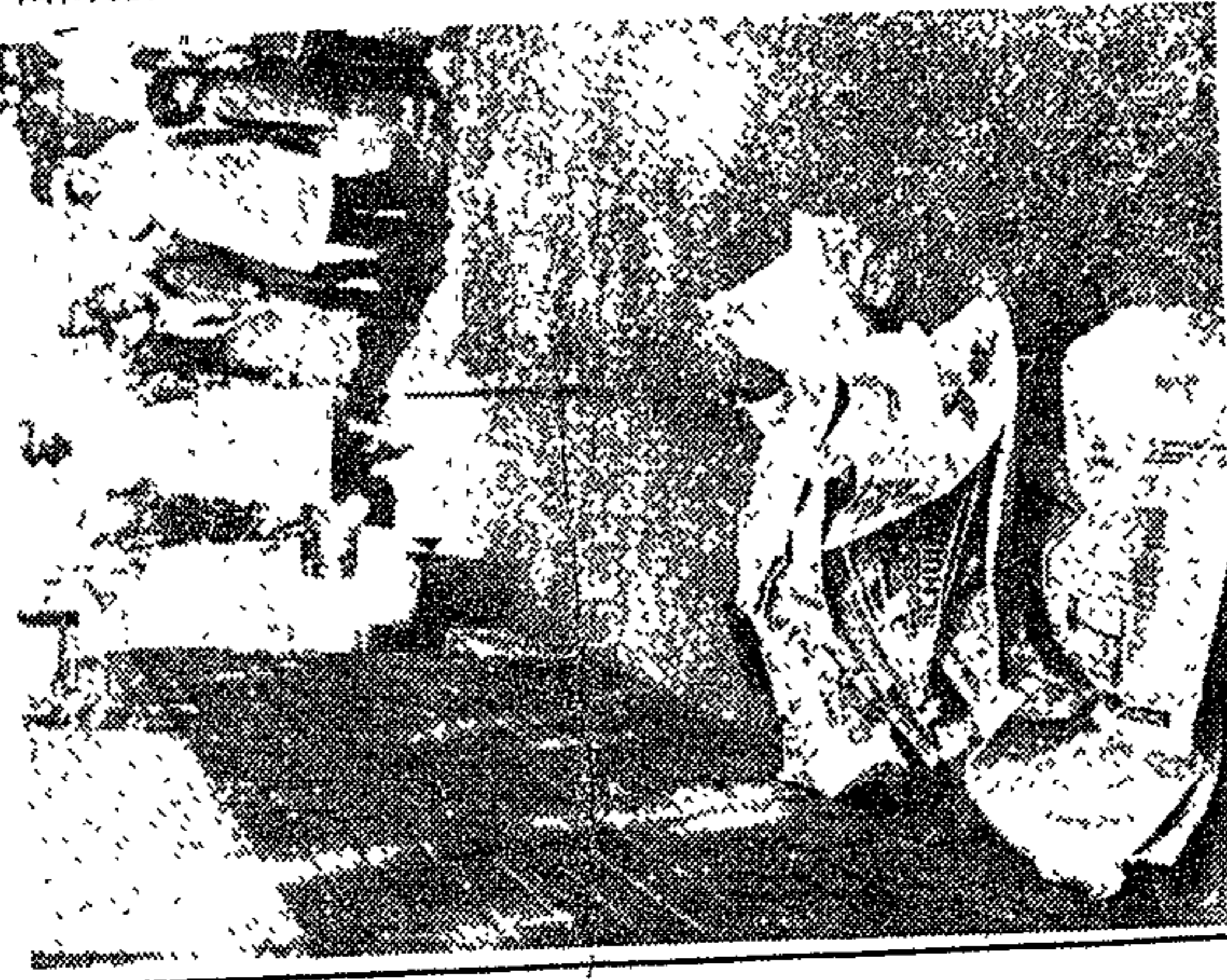
Mr Dube's coffin, draped in ANC colours, is carried to his grave.



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**BY ALEX MAPHALALA**  
**African Affairs Reporter**

**A HIGH school teacher was hacked and stoned to death while mourners were listening to the speeches and sermons delivered at the funeral of Mr Harrison 'Sheriff' Dube, a community leader in Lamontville, who was shot dead by unknown assailants last week.**



**After the killing ... the body of Mr Mpikwana Khanyile covered with newspapers.**

Mr Mpikwana Khanyile, a teacher at Lamontville High School, was apparently suspected by the crowd of being a Security Branch policeman because he was seen carrying a tape recorder during the funeral proceedings.

The teacher was chased by youths along a lane and finally cornered and hacked and stoned to death.

People covered his body with newspapers until it was removed by police.

Another man was killed on Saturday night. It is believed he was suspected of offering refuge to Mr Moonlight Gasa, the mayor, whom residents say approved of recent rent increases imposed by the Administration Board.

**Burning**

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Mr Gasa's house was vacated. He is believed to be under police protection.

**T shirts**

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Also displayed was a huge picture of Mr Griffiths Mxenge, a Durban lawyer, who was killed by unknown people.

The funeral was attended by people from as far away as Soweto. The Umlazi Taxi's Association carried the mourners free of charge. DTMB buses were withdrawn after two buses had been reduced to ashes earlier in the week.



# 'No peace in Lamontville until rent increases waived'

*News* African Affairs Correspondent 2/5/83  
 THE chairman of the Joint Rent Action Committee, Mr Richard Gumede, says there will be no peace in Lamontville until the rent increases are waived.

## Teacher's death 'great loss to school'

**African Affairs Correspondent**  
 THE acting principal of the Lamontville High School, Mr G J Sithole, said the school had suffered a great loss with the death of one of its teachers, Mr Mpikwana Khanyile.  
 Mr Khanyile was hacked and stoned to death in the township on Sunday during the funeral of Mr Harrison Dube, a prominent member of the Ningizumu Community Council. Mr Dube was killed by unknown assailants a week ago.  
 Mr Sithole said Mr Khanyile had been one of the school's senior teachers and had been in charge of Afrikaans in Standards 9 and 10.  
 He said Mr Khanyile had attended an in-service training course in Pretoria last week and had been expected back at school this week.  
 Mr Sithole said Mr Khanyile had been extremely useful in matters of discipline and had taken part in all the activities of the school.

Mr Gumede said yesterday the committee was sending a telegram to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, the Port Natal Administration Board and Opposition MPs calling for a moratorium on the hikes.  
 There was a need for the ministers, in particular, to get together with the township leaders.  
 He said the announcement at the weekend that the 63-percent increases would be phased in over three months would not solve the problem.

## Tension

Mr Gumede said the residents of the townships concerned were unable to pay the new charges.  
 The tension in Lamontville, especially, would not be reduced while the situation remained, as it was, he said.  
 Tension has been high in the township since the killing by two masked gunmen a week ago of Mr Harrison Dube, a prominent member of the Ningizumu Community Council.  
 A man was killed at his funeral.

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zabeth police to pay special attention to the accidents, involving eight young people

The Eastern Cape had a fair share of this type of right-wing terrorism," he said during a visit to Port Elizabeth last weekend. He had been asked to interview the eight people

They had told him of a campaign of intimidation waged against them in May last year

It had consisted of telephone calls, pamphlets describing individuals among them as communists and suppliers of varied services, removal of petrol caps from vehicles and the hotaging of vehicles

# may minister

ts on Mr Chiavelli's by a Sunday newspaper.

De Klerk said that "rehabilitation" order had been issued by the higher courts and that one of the convictions had been of a "technical" nature and would not have constituted criminal offences in South Africa

"In coming to this decision, I took into consideration the nature and time of the convictions recorded against him, the only serious one of which was more than 30 years ago when he was about 20 years old, and in respect of which satisfactory proof was produced that a rehabilitation order was made in 1955 by the higher courts," Mr De Klerk said

There is also satisfactory proof that the other convictions would probably not have constituted criminal offences in South Africa had they been, in any case, less serious and of a more technical kind. The decision in this case is in line with the approach normally adopted in comparable cases

# the facts

correct material errors of fact write to the Editor, Cape Times, PO Box 11, Cape Town. Enclose the complaint brief-

# 3 AWB men in court

PRETORIA. — Three members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) appeared in a Regional Court here yesterday on charges relating to the storage and possession of explosives and arms and ammunition

The men are: AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre-Blanche, 38, of Ventersdorp, Mr Jan Groenewald, 37, of Wonderboom South and Mr Dawid Frederik Botes, 44, of Geduld, Springs

A fourth man, Mr Jacob Daniel Viljoen, 40, of Klerksdorp, who was due to appear in court yesterday, was not able to attend the proceedings because of illness, according to his attorney, Mr P Barnard

A warrant of arrest was issued for Mr Viljoen but it was held over to May 9 to enable him to produce a doctor's certificate

At a previous hearing the men pleaded not guilty to five charges relating to the storage and possession of explosives, arms and ammunition

The hearing was adjourned to July 11 and bail of R1 000 each was extended — Sapa

# Editor in court

JOHANNESBURG. — The editor of Die Vaderland, Mr Harald Paken-dorf, yesterday pleaded not guilty before a Johannesburg magistrate to a charge of contravening the Police Act by publishing pictures of Commodore Dieter Gerhardt and his wife Ruth, who were held in January for questioning about spying for Russia

The investigating officer in the Gerhardts' case, Colonel Daniel Stadler, said the pictures were published on January 27, two days after he had arrested the Gerhardts. He added that at the time they had not appeared in court

Warrant-Officer Hendrik Potgieter said he had contacted Mr Paken-dorf immediately after seeing the pictures in the paper. Mr Paken-dorf told him he had obtained them from the Defence Force

# Police stoned as mobs rule Lamontville

Own Correspondent DURBAN — Mobs of youths went on the rampage again in Lamontville, Durban, last night, attacking the home of the mayor, Mr Moonlight Gasa, for the second time in a week

The drama began just after 6pm when police used teargas to disperse the youths, spraying the gas from a hose erected on top of a moving Land Rover

According to police, Mr Gasa was at home when the incident occurred but was unharmed. Because of damage already caused to the house it was difficult to tell what further damage had been caused

For their own safety, the Gasa family was escorted by police from the house

Three police vehicles were damaged by stone throwers and youths set up impromptu road blocks on some roads in the area. All passing vehicles were stoned and street lamps were "blown out"

At one stage the mobs seemed to have blocked off the township until police, using their vehicles, rammed a number of the road blocks in an attempt to clear the roads

Hundreds of residents returning from work by car were eventually turned away by police

and no cars were allowed further than the Port Natal Administration Board office, at the entrance to Lamontville

Some hesitantly walked into the township while those trying to leave were faced with a teargas gauntlet

Earlier in the day the mob attacked the board's main office, stoning the building but causing no serious damage

A number of Lamontville residents last night complained about the teargas police used during the violence

Most who live near the home of Mr Gasa, in the area of Hull, Mhlongo and Kaula roads and Mthiyane Avenue, claimed that because of wind, the gas was blown into the homes of innocent residents

# Children suffered

Children, they claimed, were worst hit but all suffered stinging eyes, blocked chests and general discomfort

They also said that most of the troublemakers were youths who hid among the buildings, and once the street lamps were extinguished conducted stone throwing "forays" against the police

Police said late last night the mobs had been dispersed and that "all was quiet"

# PFP bid to keep parks open

Own Correspondent PRETORIA — The Progressive Federal Party in Waterkloof and the General Workers' Union (GWU) are considering taking court action over the intended ban of blacks from 17 Pretoria parks by the Pretoria City Council

Yesterday a council spokesman said there would be no reversal of the council's decision, adding that the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act of 1953 gave the council sole discretion to decide whether to ban "certain people" from parks

Supreme Court interdict to prevent the city council from enforcing the ban

A government-supporting Afrikaans newspaper, Die Vaderland, yesterday strongly criticized the Nationalist-controlled council's decision to close the parks to blacks

On Saturday, the ban was attacked by another staunchly Nationalist newspaper, Beeld

Die Vaderland said in an editorial that the council's decision came on the same day that the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information, Mr P. Botha, had told

# Last night's

TV1 MICKEY and Donald, getting on as they are for their half century, show no sign of age and are as fresh and enjoyable now as they were when they first came out

I wonder how many mums and dads recognized themselves in the cartoon character Mr Walker/Mr Wheeler, the pedestrian turned driver!

Knight Rider was enjoyable escapism. In this episode the damsel in distress was his fiancée from his previous life — if viewers care to remember that far back

He was almost in tears as they parted in the end

Parsifal, Wagner's last opera, was excellent. The scenery and costuming were superb but, at nearly three hours, the production was too long for the television

Back Track, sorry Double Track, should backtrack into the distance and disappear with its gyrating motions

The programme could probably be improved if they dropped the studio "dancers"

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# Rioters set fire to Lamontville

## Mayor's house

ALEX MAPHALALA

African Affairs Reporter

THE home of Mr Moonlight Gasa, Mayor of Lamontville, was set alight yesterday soon after his furniture and belongings had been removed and loaded on Port Natal Administration Board trucks following recent attacks on his house and threats on his life.

Recent trouble had flared in the township over rent increases and the killing of a leading resident, Mr Harrison Dube.

Two other houses, thought to be the homes of Mr Gasa's ward chairman, Mr Elliot Radebe, and the ward secretary, Mr Walter Dladla, were also set alight

by rioters.

Police confirmed the burnings of Mr Gasa's home and two others.

A Mercury photographer and I were unable to reach the scene because of roadblocks set up by mobs.

Police stood by while hundreds of people watched the loading of Mr Gasa's furniture on to two trucks. Several youths in the crowd gesticulated and swore at the men loading the trucks.

On Monday night the family had been escorted by police from their home for their own safety after

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# Rioters burn

## Mayor's house

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violence had erupted in the township.

Mr Gasa's whereabouts are unknown. Police said yesterday neither he nor his family were in police protective custody.

It was believed that some residents of Lamontville suspected that Mr Gasa and the Ningizimu Com-

munity Council had approved of the increased rents imposed by the board.

Violence escalated after the fatal shooting of Mr Dube by two hooded men.

Mr Dube had been opposed to the increased rents and had tremendous support among residents. At his funeral last Sunday

a man was hacked and stoned to death.

The chairman of a joint rent action committee, Mr Richard Gumede, pointed out that it had become vital for the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to act promptly on the Lamontville issue.

He had written to Mr Peter Gastrow, PFP MP for Durban Central, asking him to raise the matter in Parliament.

Mr Gumede said the committee had requested an interview with the chief director of the Port Natal Administration Board, Mr Hennie du Plessis, but so far there had been no response.

Dr Koornhof had had adequate forewarning that the issue of increased rents would lead to an explosive situation.

**En bloc walk-out called for**

# Councillors

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# resign after

# Natal violence

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**THREE** members of the Ningizimu Community Council in Durban this week announced that they had resigned as councillors following the outbreak of violence in Lamontville township which was sparked off by the assassination of Councillor Msizi Harrison Dube by two masked gunmen on Monday last week.

Those who have decided to quit as members of the Ningizimu Community Council are Councillor Gertie Ngu-bane, Councillor Ella Nxasana, both of Lamontville and Councillor G J Sithole of Chesterville. They all said they felt they should resign because of

the dangerous situation prevailing in Lamontville at the moment.

Commenting on her resignation, Mrs Ngu-bane said: "I became a member of the Ningizimu Community Council because I wanted to serve my people, but I cannot do this anymore under the present situation."

Her views were echoed by Mrs Nxasana who said: "I am also resigning. This is not the way we can live."

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Mr Sithole said he had decided to resign after considering the matter seriously. He added that he had advised his fellow colleagues in the council to resign en bloc

after it had become clear to him that there was no cooperation between the board officials and the Ningizimu councillors.

The director of the Port Natal Administration Board, Mr Hennie du Plessis, said he was surprised that the three councillors had decided to resign. He had not been officially notified, he said.

• Mrs Thembi Khanyile (44), whose husband was hacked to death by an angry mob during Councillor Dube's funeral service in Lamontville, Durban, on Sunday, has strongly refuted allegations that her husband was carrying a tape recorder at the funeral

service in order to record all speeches for the purpose of transmitting them to the Security Police. — Own Correspondent.

Cape Times 9/5/83

# No rent rise for township

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The proposed 63-percent rent increases in trouble-torn Lamontville township have been suspended and R250 000 will be spent on maintenance and renovation of houses in the area.

This was announced by Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister for Co-Operation and Development after lengthy discussions with local community leaders and the Joint Rent Action Committee here last night.

The move comes after more than two weeks of violence, during which four people were killed.

The rent increases have been suspended until August 1 and no household will be expected to pay more than 25-percent of its income in rent and tariffs.

Beyond the initial R250 000, a further loan of R1 250 000 from the Department of Co-Operation and Development would be sought for the Port Natal Administration Board, Dr Koornhof said.

**37 appear in court**

Court Reporter *Mercury*

THIRTY-SIX black men and a black woman appeared before Mr BJ Brummer in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon in connection with allegations of public violence following the recent disturbances and rioting at Lamontville.

Allegations against 18 of them including the woman were withdrawn. The remaining 19, many of them juveniles, will appear in court again tomorrow.

She was articulate and was ap

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# Rent riots 'could have been avoided'

*Mercury*  
African Affairs  
Correspondent

ALL the unrest in Lamontville could have been avoided had Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, acted earlier in postponing the rent increases in the six townships under the control of the Port Natal Administration Board.

This is the view of Mr Ian Mkhize, a prominent member of the Hambanathi community and a member of the Joint Rent Action Committee.

Mr Mkhize said yesterday it appeared the Government had not learned a lesson from the Soweto riots of 1976.

He said the rent increases announced by the Port Natal Board had been rejected by the Ningizumu Community Council, the Hambanathi Community Council, the Shakaville Advisory Board and the Klaarwater Advisory Board.

## Appeals

Mr Mkhize said appeals to Dr Koornhof to call off the increases had been sent off by community leaders on February 4, March 25 and April 18.

He said he was not blaming the board for the unrest because the body was in financial trouble.

But, having received several appeals from black leaders, Dr Koornhof should have considered the feelings of black people.

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Mr Mkhize said that, towards the end of March, the black community became desperate and community action groups were established.

Letters were sent to Dr Koornhof and to Dr George Morrison, deputy Minister of Co-operation, as well as to the Port Natal Board and Durban PFP members of Parliament.

These appeals were twice rejected by Dr Morrison.

He said Mr Harrison Dube, a prominent community leader at Lamontville, had then been murdered and riots had followed.

Mr Mkhize said he had sent yet another telex to the minister.

'But he did not respond to my telex until the Mayor of Durban, Mrs Sybil Hotz, came on to the scene.'

# Youths attack ~~at~~ Inkatha man <sup>Mercury</sup> at Durban funeral <sup>16/5/83</sup> <sup>276</sup>

By Alex Maphalala

MR Winnington Sabelo, a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly for Umlazi and the Inkatha Central Committee, was attacked by youths at the funeral of Mr Nhlanhla Bhengu in Chesterville at the weekend.

He was taken to hospital with four wounds.

Mr Bhengu, who was shot during an outbreak of violence a week ago, was given a hero's burial by the crowd of more than 7 000 chanting mourners.

Mr Bhengu died of bullet wounds when the Chesterville community joined Lamontville residents in opposing the 63 percent rent increase imposed by the Natal Administration Board.

Police have denied involvement in Mr Bhengu's death.

Mr Sabelo, recounting his ordeal at the funeral, said about 60 youths carrying weapons surrounded him.

They accused him of having interfered with and being a stumbling block to the liberation struggle.

I had my gun handy but

I stuck to Inkatha's policy of non-violence', he said.

'I ran into a house which was burglar-proofed but the family locked me out. I managed to get a piece of iron and fought back, but the youths could not be stopped. In that skirmish I was stabbed.

'At this stage I was bleeding profusely and a girl applied first aid until I was taken to hospital.'

He said he refused to be admitted to the hospital because he feared that his assailants would follow him.

The trouble started when Mr J T Zulu, KwaZulu's urban representative, tried to address the mourners. Other Inkatha members, including Mr A M Mkhwnazi, a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, managed to escape.

After the funeral, the mob moved to the grave of Mr Pikwana Khanyile who was killed by mourners at the funeral of Mr Harrison Dube, the Lamontville community councillor who was shot by two masked men. The mob danced over Mr Khanyile's grave.



# 'Killers

posed as

police

says

witness

## Mercury Reporter

A GROUP of men, posing as policemen, burst into a Chatsworth home and hacked a man to death, it was alleged in the Durban Regional Court yesterday

Miss Devinaigie Govender, sister of the dead man, Mr Danaseelan (Bushy) Govender, was giving evidence at the trial of 14 Chatsworth men charged with public violence.

A charge of murder had been amended by the Attorney-General.

Before Mr H A Steyn were Mr Veerasamy Govender, Mr Ellapen Nairansamy, Mr Yagambaram Govender, Mr Krishna Venugopal, Mr Morgan Moodley, Mr Kesval Naidoo, Mr Gonasaglen Ramsamy, Mr Thomandrun Naidu, Mr Kannie Govender, Mr Shunmugam Nairansamy, Mr Bobby Moodley, Mr Angamathu Govender, Mr Peeralan Nairansamy and Mr Rajavaloo Gounden. All denied the charge

Miss Govender told the Court that shortly after 9.30 pm on March 5 last year she heard knocking on the window and on the front door of her home.

When she inquired who was knocking, a number of voices said they were police and asked her to open the door.

She opened it only to discover it was not police, but a group of men armed with a 'slasher', sticks and knives.

'They said they were looking for my brother'

The men burst into the upstairs bedroom of her brother, ignoring her pleas to leave him alone. She ran to a neighbour's house and telephoned the police

But by the time they arrived her brother was dead

She pointed out six of the accused who, she said, had been among the group

The hearing continues

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### Mercury Reporter

RIOT police yesterday fired tear-gas canisters to disperse more than 1 000 demonstrators, mostly pupils, who had gathered outside the Port Natal Administration Board's buildings in Lamontville and stoned a kombi belonging to the board and a section of the police. The police, who had kept a low profile, ordered the pupils to disperse quietly and used tear-gas when they refused.

Policemen wearing gas masks and equipped with riot equipment and stamboks arrived in the township minutes after pupils had started to stone the board's workshop and garage. It is not known if there were any casualties.

A PNAB worker said the crowd had gathered outside the workshop and started about 12 p.m. and started to stone the building.

Workers ran out because they feared being injured by the stone-throwing youths, he said.

### Riot vehicles

Yesterday's unrest follows disturbances and demonstrations in the township by youths against a board rent hike. The administration building was kept under police guard yesterday.

Several police and riot vehicles were parked nearby.

The entrance into the township was closed off by the police and no vehicles, except those of the police or private cars escorted by the police, were allowed to enter.

Residents who wanted to drive their vehicles had police permission from the PNAB building at the 1 km from the entrance.

A woman with five children and her sick father had to leave their car outside the township and walk home because of the ban on vehicles entering the township.

A police spokesman said yesterday that the situation in the township was under control. He said vehicles had been restricted from entering the township as a precaution.

## Scenes of anger greet news of hangings

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NOT long after the shock of the hanging of the three ANC men had sunk home in the minds of the people, the country exploded in scenes of anger, some violence and deep mourning.

A police vehicle was set alight when about 700 students of the University of Zululand took to the streets in protest against the hangings.

Twenty-three people were arrested and police used batons to disperse about 400 students and workers who marched through the streets of Durban waving banners of the outlawed ANC yesterday.

At Fort Hare University near Alice, about 400 students overturned a vehicle and stoned others. The angry mob also broke a few windows on the campus before they were dispersed by police called by university authorities.

By SAM MABE

Meanwhile the Supreme Court judges who refused the three ANC men a stay of execution on Wednesday night, Mr Justice D J Curlewis, and the acting Judge President Mr Justice J P O de Villiers, are reported to have been placed under police protection yesterday.

During the executions which took place at 7am, Pretoria's Central Prison was heavily guarded by dozens of policemen in camouflage uniforms and Pretoria's Church Square, opposite which the Palace of Justice is situated, was cordoned off by police.

All the demonstrations followed night vigils which were held in various parts of the country from Wednesday evening. At about 5am yesterday, church bells tolled throughout Soweto and a number of youths stood in silence while holding their clenched fists in the air in a salute to the hanged

trio.

This was after an emotional and anxiety-filled vigil held at the Dube YWCA where mourners chanted songs and delivered speeches praising the heroism of the three men and condemning the Government's decision to execute them.

The black, green and gold national flag used by the outlawed ANC was displayed in the hall and speeches were punctuated with shouts of "Amandla" and "iAfrika izwelethu".

The mourners also danced inside the hall while chanting freedom songs praising the leadership of the ANC's acting president, Mr Oliver Tambo.

The hanging of the three men was the talk of Soweto and other black townships throughout the country. The ANC's Lusaka headquarters yesterday strongly condemned the hanging of its members and also conveyed condolences to the families of the

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# ANC men executed

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three men.

A Prisons Department spokesman declined to say whether the three ANC men had gone defiantly or quietly to the gallows, but their attorney said they were in good spirits.

He believed that the men had resigned themselves to the fact that they were going to die.

Also in London on Wednesday, a 24-hour

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vigil was held outside the South African Embassy and a letter signed by more than 100 people urged the United Kingdom's Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher to request the South African Government to call off the hangings.

During the vigil nine people, including Amandla and Stephen Kitson, whose father is in jail in South Africa for sabotage, were arrested by London police.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement called on the British Government to withdraw the British ambassador to South Africa and urged the British Government to undertake a review of British policy towards South Africa.

Demonstrations are also believed to have been held at Glasgow,

Manchester and Newcastle.

Meanwhile, various newspapers reported incorrectly yesterday that the Executive Council decided finally on Wednesday that the execution of the three condemned ANC men should go ahead as scheduled, according to the secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister.

In a Press statement yesterday, Dr J P Roux, secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister, said the Executive Council had not taken a final decision on the fate of the three men on Wednesday. A statement said that "a final decision has been taken" referred to a decision already taken by the council on a previous occasion.

# Stonings, burnings in unrest

JOHANNESBURG. — A man was killed and mobs hurled petrol bombs at policemen, stoned vehicles and buildings and set vehicles alight on the anniversary of the 1976 Soweto riots.

In the Cape Peninsula, sporadic stone-throwing occurred in the rush hour yesterday afternoon on the national road to Somerset West near D F Malan airport, and in Lansdowne Road.

Ten vehicles, including an Administration Board van and six City Tramways buses were damaged.

The man killed was an off-duty bus driver who was battered to death in Inanda, Natal, last night.

## Looting

Also in Natal, a Lamontville man was shot and wounded, shops were looted, and petrol bombs were hurled as unrest spread through townships in the Durban area. Police used teargas and rubber bullets, and a police dog was stabbed and seriously injured.

In Soweto, 60 Putco buses were damaged in stone-throwing which spread to other areas after clashes between police and people who attended a commemorative service at the Regina Mundi Roman Catholic Church.

Colonel Leon Mellett, the Chief Press Officer of the Minister of Police, said 25 SAP vehicles were damaged and six private vehicles were burnt. A member of the police was slightly injured and 41 people were arrested for various offences, including stone-throwing.

Six blacks were injured.

## Emotional

Police moved in on the Regina Mundi Church with a helicopter and riot control vehicles after an emotion-charged service in which speakers from a wide range of black organisations called for opposition groups to unite against apartheid.

As the 5 000-strong crowd left the church, plainclothes policemen took pictures. A small part of the crowd began to chant: "We are not afraid of them. We want them", and surged towards the police.

The police continued to take pictures, and stone-throwing began.

# Cars and buildings damaged in townships

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Mercury Reporter

YOUTHS hurled petrol bombs at police at Inanda and Lamontville last night.

Several cars and buildings were damaged in the townships and at Inanda a bus was set alight. Police used tear-gas several times to disperse mobs of youths.

An attempt was also made by youths to loot a shop owned by a community leader in Lamontville, and to destroy his house, but his sons drove them away.

Earlier looters stole watches from one shop and meat from a nearby butchery.

Last night police manned a road block and every car entering the township was searched before being allowed through, and youths erected their own road blocks as police patrolled the area.

Few people heeded warnings to stay at home on the day the 1976 riots in Soweto were remembered, and many workers left for work when it was light.

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were several alternative  
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A spokesman for the  
Assegai Residents' Asso-  
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## Thief called in expert

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Twenty  
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Court Reporter

ALLEGATIONS of public  
violence against 10 black  
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A further 20 youths  
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Their appearance fol-  
lows the recent rioting in  
Chesterville

Eight of the youths  
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## July fancy could be her nightmare ...



The mystery woman whose prophetic dream won her R250 000 on the July Handi-  
ap last year could find this year's dream a nightmare. Stella Maris, the Cape colt  
which attracted two huge bets last week, one from the mystery dreamer, goes on  
rial today in the Oceanair Derby at Clairwood. If he performs badly he may not be  
invited to run in the July. His trainer, Mr Dolf Maeder, said last night that the colt  
had had a cough a few days ago and had always had joint problems, but was in  
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# Meetings banned after unrest

Mercury Reporter

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LAMONTVILLE Post Office was fired by youths yesterday in the third day of unrest around Durban, and one leader appealed to youths and police for calm.

Rioters pulled people from cars and assaulted them, and police confirmed a number of charges had been laid by civilians, although the situation in Inanda, Klaarwater and Chesterville was said to have cooled.

Meanwhile, police disclosed last night that all memorial services relating to the 1976 Soweto unrest or to the execution of ANC members or any other convicted terrorists had been banned until 6 a m on Monday in

the magisterial districts of Durban, Pinetown and Umhlanga, Inanda and Verulam.

A memorial service for trade unionists, Pat Msomi and Jabu Mthlangane, and a mass meeting in the Gandhi Hall, Lorne Street, were also prohibited.

The areas affected included Lamontville, Clermont, Chesterville and Klaarwater

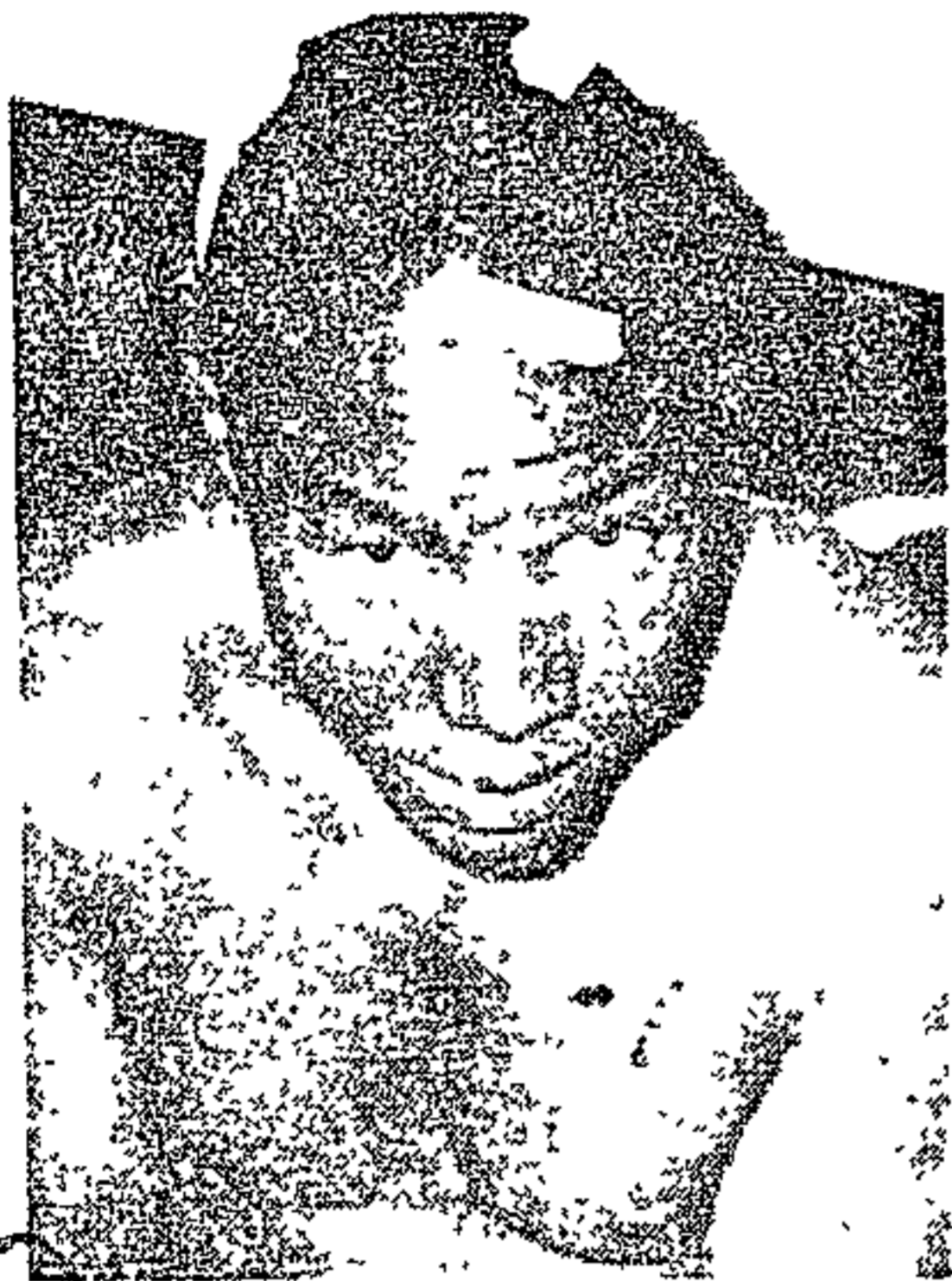
In Lamontville, on Thursday night, a man was shot and wounded by police after he had allegedly stabbed a police dog and then attacked the handler

A man had been arrested.

The Rev Mcebisi Xundu last night appealed for peace and calm.



# FUMES



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27b CHARGE: Wilber Zwane, Sowetan 20/6/83

**TWO INFANTS** died of teargas fumes and several people were seriously injured in two days of disturbances in Lamontville, Durban, to mark the seventh anniversary of the unrests.

And in Soweto several Rockville families have laid charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and malicious injury to property against the police after the services at Regina Mundi.

The infants, seven-month-old Khanyile Sibeko and two-months-old Siphindile Radebe

By **MONO BADELA**

were gassed when canisters were allegedly fired into their homes on Thursday, a SOWETAN correspondent reports.

They died within two hours of each other early on Friday.

The previous day in Durban a Putco bus driver, Mr Amos Majola was dragged from his bus and beaten to death by a crowd. At least five people were admitted to King Edward Hospital with gunshot wounds on Thursday evening. One was in a serious condition.

In Soweto the Rev Buti Thlaga, the priest in charge at Regina Mundi, said yesterday that he would be seeing a legal adviser

today after which he intends lodging a complaint with the Commissioner of Police about damages caused to the church building.

The families of Mr Wilber Zwane and that of Mr Tom Ngwenya have laid the charges at the Moroka Police Station. A spokesman at the police station confirmed that charges had been laid.

The mothers of the two infants who died, told our correspondent that their children's lives could have been saved had there been a doctor or transport to take them to hospital.

Police visited the two houses on Friday afternoon to take statements and measurements. The two mothers were taken to Wentworth Police Station.

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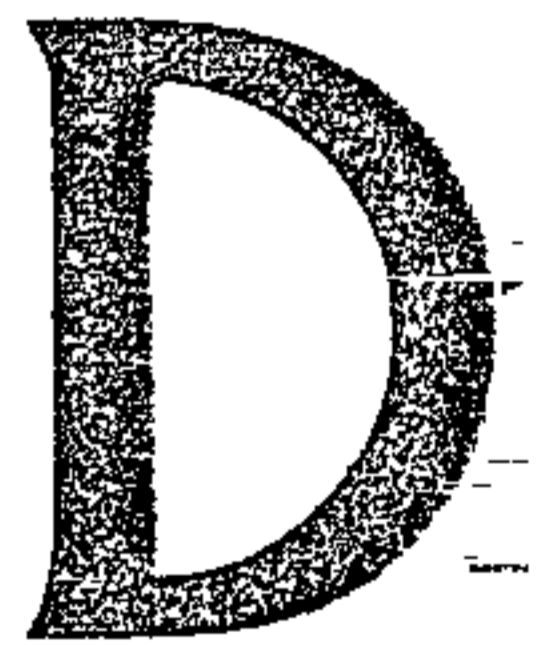
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# Townships quiet as Mercury police launch probe

**Mercury Reporter**  
LAMONTVILLE was quiet yesterday and police reported that the situation in other black townships around Durban, was back to normal

Police still patrolled Lamontville last night as investigations into the deaths there last Thursday of two babies were launched

In a statement issued in Pretoria last night, the Commissioner of Police, Gen Johan Coetzee, said he had ordered a thorough investigation into

the death of the two infants

The probe followed allegations that two black children had died of the effects of tear-smoke used by police against rioters

A senior officer attached to the criminal bureau of the South African Police in Pretoria, Maj-Gen Jan Grobbelaar, is in charge of the investigation.

The head of the police's forensic laboratories, Maj-Gen Lothar Neethling, was made

available to the pathologists, who will carry out a post mortem examination

'This officer has knowledge of the toxicological effect of the chemical substances used by the police and other substances which might be present because of the burning of strange objects in the area during the riot situation,' the statement said.

The two children who died were identified as seven-month-old Khayelihle Sibeko and two-month-old Siphindile Radebe.



## POST-MORTEM

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POST-mortem examinations of the two infants who died during the disturbances in Lamontville last week were being conducted yesterday.

Meanwhile one of Natal's top doctors said that it was possible for infants to be asphyxiated by teargas as has been

alleged in the case of the Lamontville children.

Professor Allie Moosa, head of the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Natal, said yesterday that if teargas were fired into a confined space, it could cause people to be asphyxiated.

# Crowd sets township offices ablaze

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Mercury Reporter

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LAMONTVILLE Administration Office, run by the Port Natal Administration Board, was set alight by a gang of youths last night.

A fire tender from Mobeni Fire Station rushed to the scene and brought the fire under control.

By 9 30 p m no Durban hospitals had admitted any injured people from the troubled spot.

A crowd of about 1 000 had marched to the offices and within minutes the building was blazing.

Nearby residents said there had been screams and they believed some people in the office might have been injured.

# Council chamber gutted as mob attacks

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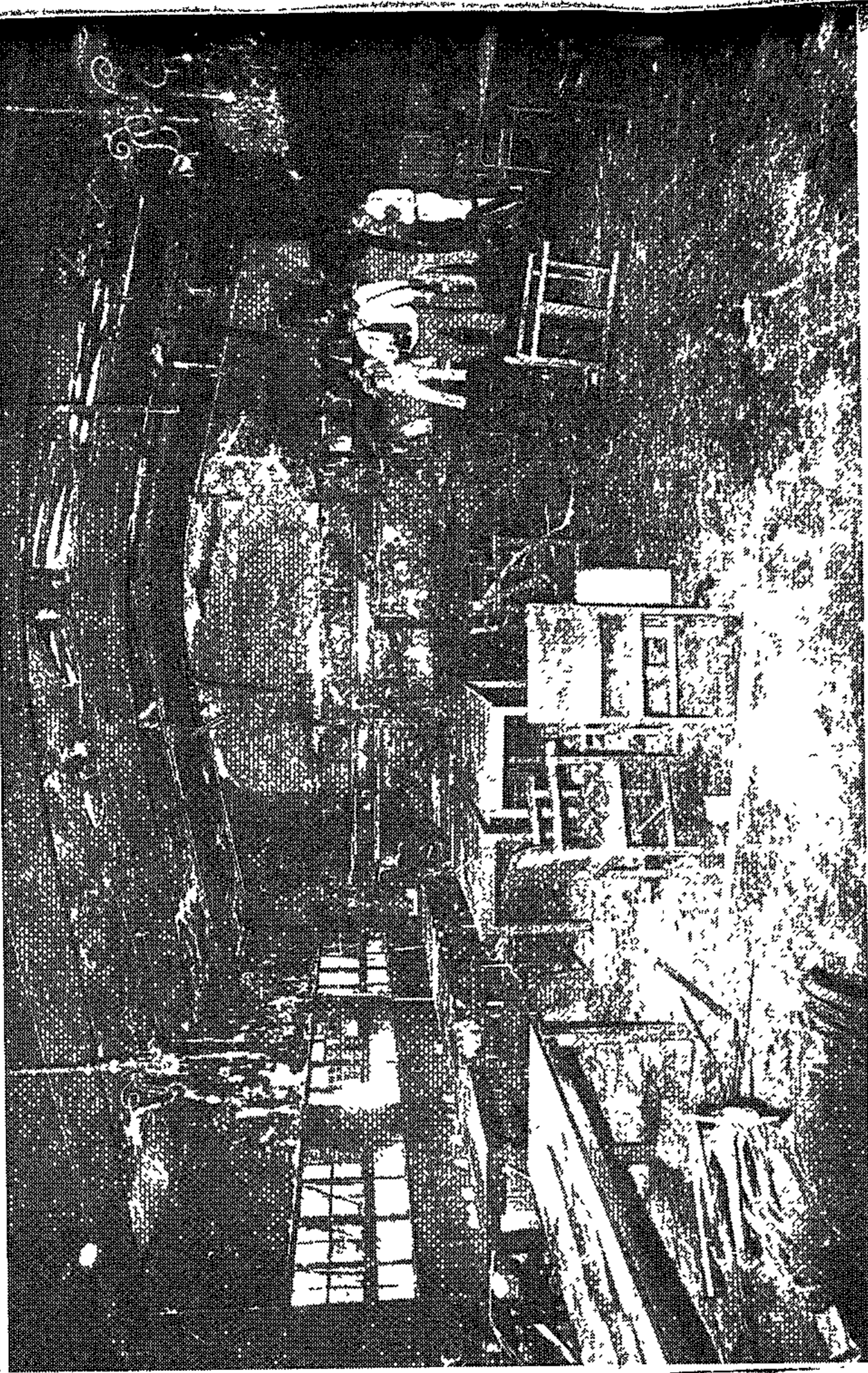
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# of fire

Mercury Reporter

DAMAGE to the Port Natal Administration Board offices at Lamontville, set ablaze by a mob of black youths from the township on Wednesday night, has been estimated at R200 000.

A senior board official told the Mercury that the mob had forced open a wire gate at the rear of the complex, ripping one of the doors off its hinges as they stormed through.



The gutted Ningizuma Community Council chamber.

The Ningizuma Community Council chamber, recently renovated, was gutted. Even the charred remains of the councillors' gowns were strewn around the chamber. Documents and records in a store room opposite the chamber were destroyed, and nearly every pane of glass in the complex was broken. A vehicle in the grounds was also burned out. Firemen from the Mobeini fire station extinguished the blaze. The board spokesman said he did not believe the attack had been motivated entirely by the rent-increase issue. Evidence suggests that theft had a lot to do with it, he said. He did not detail what had been stolen. Damage to the southern wing of the building, which houses most of the PNB offices, was minimal. Clerks were working as usual yesterday.

# Lamontville eruptions linked to rents anger

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THE eruptions in the past three months in Lamontville have become a small-scale local facsimile of the Soweto disturbances of 1976. The issues are linked to black frustration and black anger but have been triggered off by separate chains of events.

The riots in Soweto in 1976 were initiated basically by the Government's insistence on Afrikaans being taught in the schools. In Lamontville, with a population of 30 000, there has perhaps been a more complicated scenario.

The announcement earlier this year that the Port Natal Administration Board was about to implement a 63 percent increase in rents sparked off protests in all six townships under the control of the board including the two inherited from the Durban Corporation in 1964 — Lamontville and Chesterville.

Lamontville has always been a stronghold of underground support for the banned African National Congress, and the Inkatha movement of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi does not command the solid allegiance which it has in the neighbouring KwaZulu township of Umlazi.

Furthermore, Lamontville is not an exclusively Zulu enclave — it encompasses a number of Xhosas and Pondos. The killing in April of the unofficial "mayor" of Lamontville, Mr Harrison Dube, added further fuel to the slowly simmering fire of discontent.

Mr Dube joined the Youth League of the then unbanned African National Congress and took part in the ANC's de-

finance campaign in 1952. In 1963 he was jailed for three years because of his ANC activities. Thereafter he rapidly became known as the "Moses of Lamontville" but he was ousted as chairman of the Ningsizuma Community Council by Mr "Moonlight" Gasa.

Mr Dube then devoted himself to grassroots issues such as the bus-fare increases and the board's rent increases. Because of the Government's clamp-down on lift clubs and illegal taxis, the bus boycott in Lamontville petered out.

But he became a leading member of the Joint Rent Action Committee, established to fight the board's rent increases, and he had just returned from a meeting of the committee when he was gunned down outside his home by two masked men.

A number of people have died during funerals as a result of deaths which have occurred during crowd demonstrations — actions directed both at offices of the board, seen in black eyes as symbols of white oppression, and at the home and family of Mr Gasa.

The funeral of Mr Dube, too, was a highly emotive affair. There is a feeling among certain residents of Lamontville that the area ought to be incorporated into nearby KwaZulu.

One of the results of the upheavals has been the creation of an attitude that the community council system is irrelevant. On the other hand, the Port Natal Administration Board has taken positive steps in recent months to build library and sporting facilities for the residents.

## Injuries

The official said only the normal security corps, a handful of unarmed men, had been on duty at the time of the attack.

One man, Mr Jacob Mofokeng, 28, was admitted to King Edward VIII Hospital with facial injuries. A hospital spokesman said his condition was satisfactory.

A Durban corporation security officer, Mr Len Hutton, who had been part of a security contingent which escorted the Mobeni fire tender into the township, was struck on the head by a brick. His injuries were slight.

The board's director of community affairs, Mr Martin van Zyl, has blamed vandals for R500 000 damage in the Lamontville and Chesterville townships since unrest began in April.

## Discontent

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## African Affairs Correspondent

By Patrick Leeman

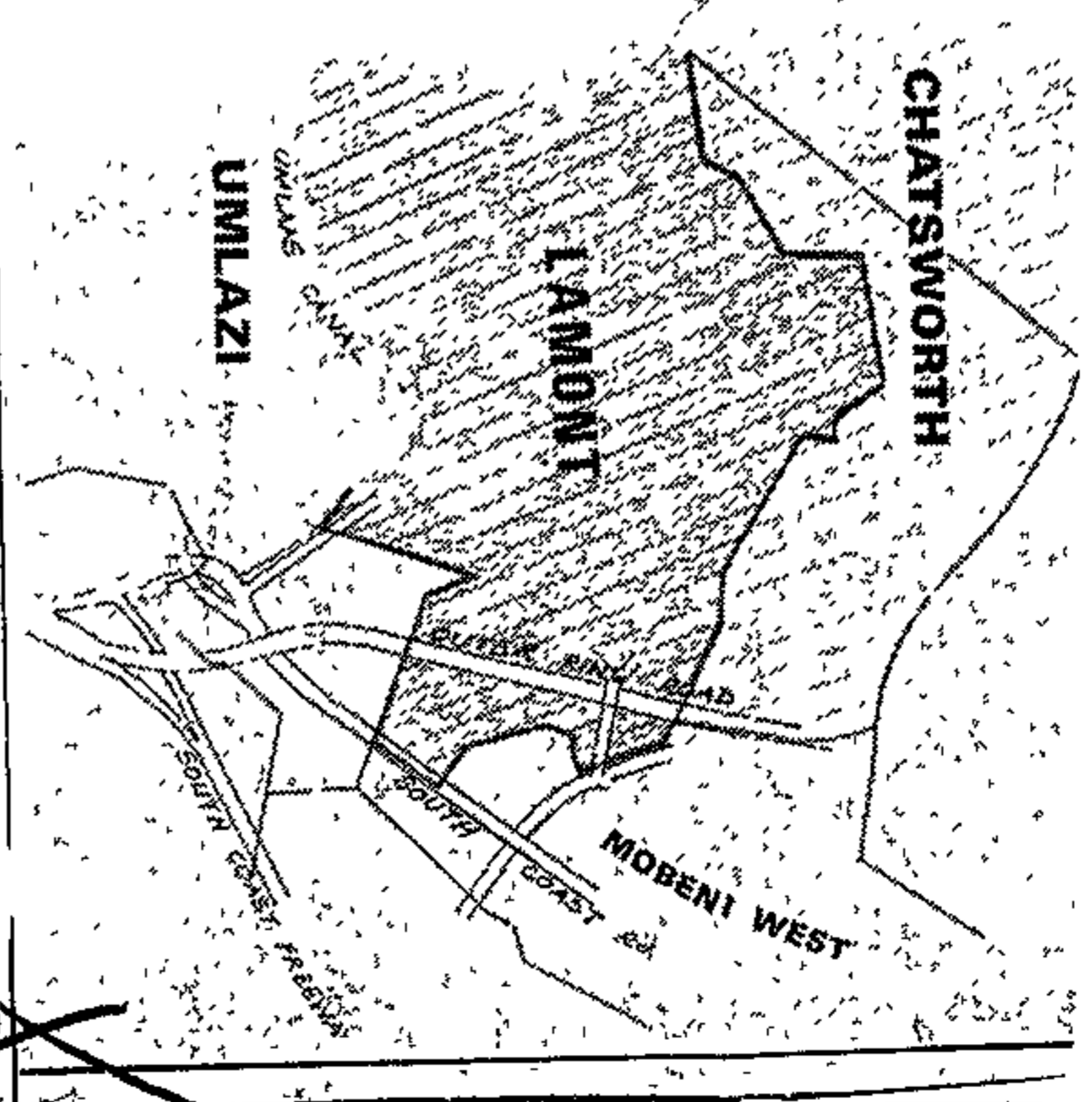
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**Baby to be buried**  
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**Mercury Reporter**

KHAYELIHLE Sibeko, 7 months, one of the babies who died during the riots in Lamontville last week, will be buried at Esithebeni cemetery in the township at the weekend.

The findings of post mortems on Khayelihle and on Siphindile Hadebe, two months, who died on the same day, have not yet been announced.

An investigation into the deaths has been ordered.

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# Vandals

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**R500 000**

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**By Patrick Leeman**

**African Affairs Correspondent**

VANDALS have caused R500 000 damage in the Lamontville and Chester-ville townships, according to a spokesman for the Port Natal Administration Board — the body which controls both areas.

Mr Martin van Zyl, director of community services of the board, said last night this damage had been caused since unrest began in the townships in April.

Mainly property and vehicles belonging to the board had been damaged by fire and stoning. Several houses in Lamontville had been razed to the ground by gangs of youths.

The youths were also preventing workmen from completing a R60 000 sports complex in Lamontville.

Mr van Zyl said it had been hoped to have the sports complex, for black pupils, ready for the present school holidays.

He said the contractors — Barretts Tennis Courts — had been unable to complete the job on time.

The proposed complex would include tennis courts, volleyball courts, netball and basketball facilities. It would be a unique facility for black townships in Natal and plans of the 'kombi-court' had been sent to other administration boards in the country.

Mr van Zyl said youths were intimidating the workmen as they entered

the site each day. Stones had been thrown and the fencing had been cut.

He estimated the damage to the sports complex so far at R6 000.

Mr van Zyl said the money used on recreational complexes could not be used for any other purpose but recreation.

'The sources of revenue are quite different,' he maintained.

'The board is permitted a quarter of a cent of each litre of sorghum beer sold through its liquor outlets. This money is set aside for recreational purposes.'

He said that the financial year of the board ended on June 30. If the money set aside for the complex had not been spent by then, the board would be precluded from spending that money.

### Cause

The complex, only 60 percent complete, had received the approval of the Ningizumu Community Council a year ago and it also had the approval of multi-racial sports bodies such as the Durban and District Netball Association and the Lamontville Basketball Club.

Mr van Zyl did not know why the damage was being done, but suggested it could be the result of 'unruly elements' using the rent increases, uncertainty and problems in the townships for disruptive behaviour.

He said the number of youths involved was high.



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# Mob sets buildings alight in unrest

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Own Correspondent *Star* 23/6/87

DURBAN — A Durban Corporation security officer was hit in the face by a brick thrown during disturbances last night in Lamontville which left several Port Natal administration buildings and a pickup seriously damaged by fire.

Security officer Mr Len Hutton was hit by the brick while escorting a Durban Municipality fire tender sent to the township to help fight the blaze at the administration offices. He was not seriously hurt.

A police spokesman said today offices, the Ningizuma Community Council Chamber, a storeroom and a light van were set alight. A mob of about 500 was dispersed without serious incidents.

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# Dube killing: '2 men hired'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Mr Moonlight Gaza, 54, chairman of the Ningizuma Council, and three others pleaded guilty in a Durban Regional Court yesterday to murdering Lamontville community leader Mr Harrison Dube in April this year.

Mr Gaza told the court of "trouble" Mr Dube had caused in the council.

Mr Dube allegedly began spreading slanted reports among the community that Mr Gaza was an informer for the special branch police and was being paid by the Port Natal Administration Board.

He said Mr Dube had told residents it was Mr Gaza who was responsible for the Lamontville rent rises and increased bus fares.

Mr Gaza said he had suffered as a result. His house was often stoned and he was assaulted by residents.

Two men who owned taxi services in the township, a Mr Mahlaba and Mr Ebenezer Mngadi, approached him with complaints about Mr Dube.

They said he had organised taxi operators from Umlazi to run services in Lamontville.

The Lamontville operators had complained to Mr Dube of losses to themselves because of the influx of new taxis. Their appeals were ignored.

Mr Gaza, Mahlaba and Mr Mngadi had agreed to "get rid" of Mr Dube, the court was told.

Mr Gaza said that although this decision was made, the method, time and place for the killing was not discussed.

A few days later he was told of Mr Dube's death.

The second accused, Mr Mngadi, 59, of Lamontville, told the court that he had sent a Mr "Mpondo" Mbawula to Bizana to find killers.

The third and fourth accused, Mr Vakuteghwa Yalo, 37, and Mr Julius Juja Ndodana, 70, both of Bizana, were brought to Durban.

### 'Unwanted person'

Mr Yalo told the court he had not known why he was taken to Durban. He said he was unhappy when he learnt of the plan to kill this "unwanted person".

Mr Yalo said he was assured not to worry as the police knew of the plan and white municipal authorities would pay them for the killing.

Mr Mngadi told the court he was awakened one morning and told Mr Dube was dead.

The unrest which followed had forced them to return to Bizana.

Mr Ndodana returned later for the money. "Mpondo" had been given R500 each by Mr Mahlaba and Mr Mngadi, but R500 was outstanding from Mr Gaza.

The hearing continues today before Mr B J C Willemse.

Mr "Mpondo" Mbawula is to appear in court on July 8.

# Family repels masked mob in night of terror

GEHRI STRAUSS  
Crime Reporter

FOR nearly two hours a Chesterville man and his wife and their three children fought off a brick and fire attack on their small township house by a mob of 20 rampaging, masked youths

The courageous stand taken by the family in defending themselves and their home in the face of such vicious opposition from a mob bent on the murder and destruction was told to me yesterday when I visited the township

Standing next to his burned-out car parked alongside his house where hardly a window pane was unshattered, the father asked that his name and address should not be published for, like everyone else in the strife-torn townships, he lives in fear of reprisals.

I shall call the head of this brave family Mr X. Here in his own words is his story of a night of terror.

'My wife, my son who is 24, and my two daughters aged 25 and 18, were watching television when there was a knock on the door at about 10 o'clock. There were about 20 youths outside, most of them wearing balaclavas. They said they wanted petrol from my VW parked next to the house

## Telephone

'I told them the tank was empty. They checked it and left. Later they came back with a can of petrol and said they were going to take my car and told me to unlock the big gate. I refused.

'The youths smashed the windows of the car and poured petrol inside it. They set it alight. Then they cut the telephone wire outside and put some sort of a fire bomb in the box where the telephone wires are connected to the house. It burst into flames. I ran back into the house and locked the front and back doors.

'Outside the mob was yelling "Kill them! Kill them!" and they started hurling bricks through the windows. We all said

'As the bricks came smashing into the rooms we picked them up and threw them back at the youths. It was all we could do. They threw petrol through the broken windows and set the lounge curtains alight. We connected a hosepipe to the kitchen tap and put out the fire. Then they did the same thing in the bedroom and set the curtains and bed alight. We used the hosepipe there too before the fire got too bad.

'Then I heard them say they would break down the back door. My wife and son stayed in the front rooms to fight there and my two daughters and I ran to the kitchen. The youths tore the back door right off the hinges and threw it away. Then the bricks came but we picked them up and threw them back. I stood in the front and my daughters behind me and we jumped in and out of the toilet to escape the bricks.

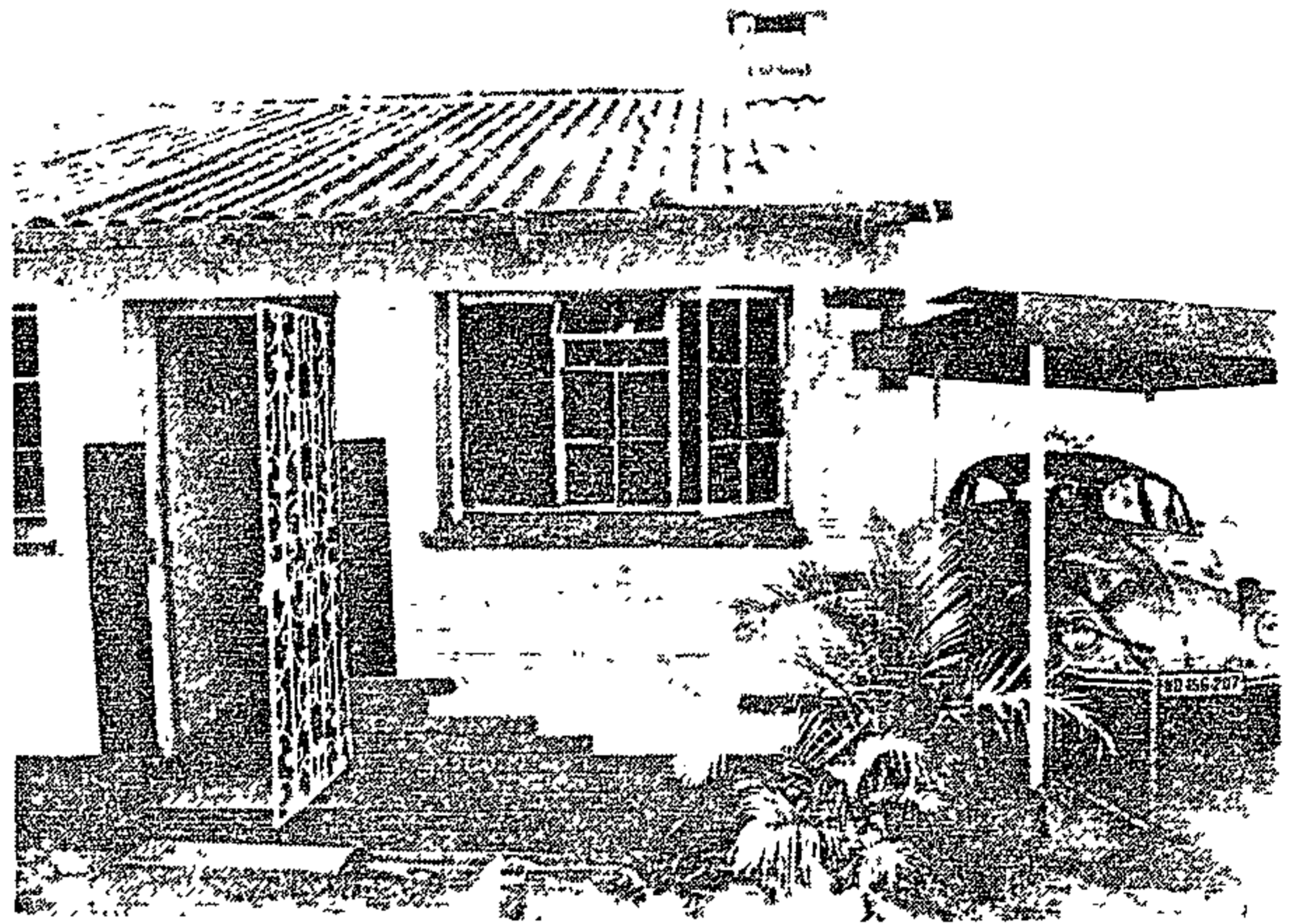
## Uniforms

'Meanwhile, my son had picked up the telephone and found it was working and telephoned for help. They had cut the wrong wire and the fire bomb had not put the phone out of order.

'Very soon after that the police in the special uniforms (camouflaged uniformed police of the SAP Reaction Squad) came and saved us and the mob ran away among the houses.'

Mr X said yesterday that his neighbours had apologised for not coming to his assistance during the attack. People in the township were frightened to get involved with the mobs of teenage youths who were conducting a reign of terror against law-abiding people, he said.

Another resident said that adults were powerless to fight the mobs who were organised and experts in hit-and-run tactics. They wore balaclavas, used code numbers instead of names and carried cutters to sever tele-



Almost every windowpane of their small house was shattered by the brick throwers.

## Eyes on Lamontville

African Affairs  
Correspondent

ULUNDI—Lamontville should be placed under the KwaZulu government because it fitted in with Umlazi as one complex.

This was said here last night by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, Chief Minister of KwaZulu and president of Inkatha. He was addressing the 9th session of the National Council of Inkatha.

Chief Buthelezi regretted the use of violence in the township and he said he did not believe black people would ever resolve their problems by attacking each other.

The Inkatha president said he believed he was a more important target of the external mission of the banned African National Congress than even the Prime Minister, Mr P

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Chief Buthelezi said arms caches had been found buried near Ulundi during the past year.

These caches had been pointed out by one of the insurgents of the external mission of the ANC who was recently convicted in the Supreme Court.

He said Mr Alfred Nzo, the acting secretary-general of the external mission of the ANC in Lusaka, had subsequently denied that either Chief Buthelezi or Inkatha were their targets.

But his statement had also carried slurs obviously directed at the movement. The Inkatha president said the actions of the external mission of the ANC guaranteed 'bloody confrontation between black and black in South Africa.'

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## Court Reporter

IN THE second and final day of the preliminary hearing of the alleged murder of Lamontville community leader Harrison Dube, three of the four accused had their pleas changed from guilty to not guilty.

Mr Moonlight Gasa, chairman of the Ningizimu Community Council, Mr Vakuphethwa Yalo and Mr Julius Ndodana are to plead not guilty to the murder charge

Mr Ebenezer Mngadi retained a plea of guilty in the hearing yesterday, before Mr B J C

Willemse in the Durban Regional Court, the fourth accused, 70-year-old Mr Ndodana, told the Court of the killing

## Greeted

He said he and Mr Yalo were on three occasions instructed on the use of a handgun and often shown the home of Mr Dube

On the evening of the killing they approached Mr Dube's house and saw him sitting drinking with two others on the verandah

After the two visitors had left Mr Dube walked on to the lawn and stood there

They approached him and Mr Yalo greeted him

As Mr Dube returned the greeting Mr Yalo drew the gun

Mr Dube began screaming and a shot was fired

He fell to the ground and another shot was fired, Mr Ndodana told the Court.

He said they returned on foot to Mr Mngadi's home and told him the job had been done

The two went back to Transkei, he said

Sometime later Mr Ndodana returned to Durban and collected R700, which was part of their payment from Mr Mngadi

Mr Ndodana said he and Mr Yalo were promised R1 600 to kill Mr Dube.

He said he had not known who the 'unwanted person' was and only learned of his identity in Court.

He said he did not approve of the killing but was afraid if he did not follow instructions he would be killed by the man who recruited both him and Mr Yalo.

The recruiter was 'Mpondo', Mr Bangumhlaba Mdawula, he told the Court

## Arrested

Mr Ndodana said after he had received the R700 he returned to Transkei and shared it with Mr Yalo

Later he went back to Durban and found Mr Mngadi had been arrested

He and Mr Yalo were also arrested

The case is to go before the Attorney-General

It was postponed until July 8.

# Tear gas did not cause death of kids

TEARGAS was apparently not the cause of death of the two babies who died in Lamontville near Durban amid disturbances there last week.

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It is reliably understood that post-mortem examinations conducted on the babies, two-month-old Siphindile Radebe and seven-month-old Khayelihle Sibeko, show that one died of kidney failure and the other of dehydration through gastro enteritis.

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However, police have not been prepared to comment on this or officially confirm it. Police investigations were launched into the deaths of the infants after it was alleged they died from tear smoke thrown by the police.

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Police will probably officially release the findings of the post-mortem examinations only after the final results of other medical and scientific tests are known.

(3) whether any action has been taken as a result; if not, why not, if so, what action;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) Yes, an investigation was instituted into an allegation that two black babies died as a result of teargas which the police were compelled to use to control rioters in Lamontville. Apart from these two cases I am not aware of a number of deaths as averred by the hon. member

(b) That no teargas was used in the immediate vicinity where the babies were.

(2) Yes. By two pathologists.

(a) On 20 June 1983.

(b) That both babies died of natural causes—one of a virus infection and the other one of acute gastro enteritis. No sign of teargas was found.

(3) No

(4) No, except to say that the teargas used by the South African Police only causes temporary discomfort and has no lasting detrimental effect

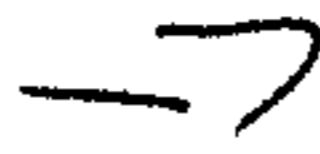
Mr. R. A. F. SWART: Mr. Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon. the Minister, is he aware of the deteriorating situation in Lamontville and will he please make a statement on that matter?

The MINISTER. Mr. Speaker, I am well informed of the situation in the Lamontville area, but I am not prepared to make a statement this afternoon on the situation there

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\*12. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether an investigation has been held into allegations that the use of teargas by the South African Police recently caused a number of deaths; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many deaths were allegedly so caused and (b) what were the findings;

(2) whether any *post mortems* have been held in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what were the findings.



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# Mercury man

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## Crime Reporter

A MERCURY photographer Mr Elijah Zondi was turned back at a police roadblock at Lamontville while on his way to his home in the township on Monday night because he had his cameras in his car.

He was told that he was not permitted into the township with cameras to take photographs. He explained that he was not going in to take photographs but was going home after a day's work and that he carried his cameras with him at all times.

The police were adamant and he was forced to return to the Mercury offices in central Durban where he left his cameras overnight. When he went back later he was allowed through the roadblock after his car had been searched.

## Riot

Brig Theo Scherman, Divisional Commissioner of Police for Port Natal, said in Durban yesterday that the police at roadblocks had orders not to allow reporters or photographers into the strife-torn townships of Lamontville or Chesterville.

He said the police had a difficult and delicate task to maintain law and order in what was tantamount to a riot situation and that he did not wish any incidents to be fanned into a situations, staged by the mobs for the benefit of the media, where police might have to use force.

Brick and fire attacks on people and property appeared to have stopped and there were indications that conditions in both townships were returning to normal but roadblocks and vehicle searches were being maintained for the present.

'We ask the Press to bear with us for just a little bit longer,' he said.

Meanwhile, it is understood that police were also maintaining patrols in the townships and were using Casspir armoured personnel carriers in potentially dangerous situations where the police Reaction Unit was exposed to brick and firebomb attacks by mobs of hit-and-run youths whose faces were hidden behind balaclavas.

The mobs appeared to be organised.

# House row over police 'brutality'

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From MICHAEL ACOTT  
Political Correspondent

THE government is in the middle of another row about attempting to suppress publication of parliamentary speeches

At least two members of the media — the Natal Mercury in Durban and the South African Press Association — were indirectly warned last night that publication of a speech by Mr Harry Pitman (PFP Pinetown) could contravene the Police Act.

A senior police spokesman drew their attention to Section 27(b) of the Police Act, which prohibits publication of untrue allegations about police activities.

This followed a speech by Mr Pitman in which he asked the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to explain the situation in the two Durban townships, Lamontville and Chesterville.

## 'Martial law'

Mr Pitman said the townships were in a state of "undeclared martial law" after unrest over rent and service charge increases.

The areas were sealed off, the press could not report properly on what was happening and horrifying allegations of police brutality were being made.

He cited some of the allegations made to him and called for an investigation to establish the truth.



Mr Harry Pitman

Allegations he cited included the indiscriminate use of violence and teargas and the torturing of youths.

Mr Pitman said last night that parliamentary freedom of speech, and the freedom of the press to report what was said in Parliament, were ensured by the Powers and Privilege of Parliament Act.

Mr Pitman, who in Parliament had spoken of "rising tension in the two townships" said, "Is the minister trying to eliminate the rights we have under the Powers and Privileges of Parliament Act to say what we like as MPs?"

"If the government does that it is destroying an absolutely fundamental right.

"In any event, I raised allegations made to me which is my duty as a parliamentarian. It is for the minister to reply to the allegations not to

try to gag MPs by threatening the press.

"I am not the only MP who has been told these things. I have gone to considerable trouble to sift the information I cannot vouch that it is true but I repeat the point in my speech — where the press has been gagged it is particularly important that the minister should clear up these things. That is what I regard as the purpose of Parliament."

Mr Pitman referred to the row earlier this year when the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, Mr Pietie du Plessis, suggested that statements concerning the Salem affair could contravene the Petroleum Products Act provisions on confidentiality of oil supplies.

When opposition members interpreted this as a threat to their freedom of speech, Mr Speaker ruled that members had the right to say what they liked in Parliament.

Mr Pitman said the police action last night once more threw into doubt the issue of free speech in Parliament.

Mr Pitman said if the possibility of court action against newspapers was pursued he would go to court for a declaratory order.

Mr Le Grange is expected to make a statement on the matter today.

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Post Correspondent

DURBAN — Police activity is continuing in the two black townships of Lamontville and Chesterville near Durban.

Cars were being stopped and searched going in and out of the townships today.

Since early this week police patrols have been stepped up in the two townships, scenes of unrest for more than three months because of proposed rent increases.

Residents living in Lamontville claim police have conducted several searches in their homes.

Work on the R60 000 sports complex at Lamontville has stopped. A spokesman for the Port Natal Administration Board said construction workers were being intimidated by young vandals and it had been decided to halt work until the situation improved.

# Warning no 'threat' — Le Grange

Political Staff

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said today that warnings to the Press following a speech in Parliament about allegations of "horrifying" police brutality in black townships in Durban were not an attempt to infringe parliamentary privilege.

In an interview, Mr le Grange said the warnings, which were issued by his ministry last night to various newspapers, should also not be seen as a threat.

"There were very wild allegations being made inside and outside Parliament.

"These allegations are also being made in the Durban area."

Mr le Grange said he had instructed his Press liaison officer merely to bring the provisions of Section 27(b) of the Police Act to the attention of the Press because of the many allegations being made.

"There is no question of the privilege of Parliament being discussed. I know what the privilege of Parliament is. There is no intention to interfere with this."

Mr le Grange said although he was fully informed about the situation in the townships, he did not have any knowledge about the particular allegations made by Mr Pitman and he was awaiting replies from his officers in Durban.

Earlier, the Progressive Federal Party threatened to obtain a court order against the Government after a spokesman for the Department of Law and Order said the Minister wanted to point out to newspapers provision of Section 27(b) of the Police Act which "makes it an offence to publish untruths about police activities".

He said that "in this regard" the Minister referred to "a host of far-

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## Pitman prepared to go to court on 'privilege', he says

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fetches allegations made in Parliament by Mr Pitman".

Mr Harry Pitman, the Progressive Federal Party spokesman on Law and Order, told Parliament there were "horrifying" claims being made of police brutality in Lamontville and Chester-ville townships in Durban.

The allegations included the use of teargas by the police, the indiscrimi-

nate use of police dogs and sjamboks against innocent people and an allegation about youths being strapped to police vehicles as protection against stoning.

After the warning to the Press by the spokesman for the Minister, Mr Pitman said that "if by their threat they intend to hamstring MPs, I will have no hesitation in going to court to get a declaratory order.

"The same applies if they attempt to prohibit

the Press from reporting what I said.

"I never said the allegations were true I cannot check and nor can the Press because Lamontville and Chester-ville are sealed off by the police

"I also sifted the numerous allegations I have received. There are others far worse."

In an interview after Mr Pitman's speech in Parliament, Mr le Grange accused Mr Pit-

man of choosing a late stage of the day and of the third reading of the Budget debate to make the speech.

"I am not prepared to reply at such short notice I will give my reply in my own good time"

● Allegations that two babies had died as a result of teargas police used in the strife-torn Durban township of Lamontville were denied in Parliament yesterday by Mr le Grange. Mr le Grange was replying in

question time to queries raised by Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP, Houghton)

An investigation had found that no teargas had been used in the immediate vicinity of the babies, Mr le Grange said

Two pathologists carried out post mortems on June 20 and it was found the babies had died of natural causes, one of a viral infection and the other of acute gastro-enteritis

"No sign of teargas was found"

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# Claims of SAP brutality in Durban

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Allegations of police brutality in two of Durban's black townships — Lamontville and Chesterville — which have been sealed off, were raised in Parliament yesterday by Mr Harry Pitman (PFP Pinetown)

Amid angry interjections from government Members to prove the allegations Mr Pitman said the two townships were in a state of "undeclared martial law".

Rising tension in the two townships was raised on Tuesday as well by Mr Peter Gastrow (PFP Durban Central), who said the mere presence of the police was adding to the atmosphere of confrontation and that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, should visit the two areas as soon as possible.

Earlier yesterday in reply to questions, Mr Le Grange said he was "well informed" of the situation in the townships but was not prepared to make a statement.

Later Mr Pitman said: "Angry individuals are coming out with horrifying versions of what is going on in these towns. Affidavits in large numbers are being made about police actions in these towns."

## Unable to report

They had been virtually sealed off from the outside world by the police and the press was unable to report properly on what was happening.

Mr Pitman said repeatedly that he was bringing "allegations" to the attention of Parliament and called on Mr Le Grange to say exactly what was happening in the townships.

Among the allegations were that two children had died as a result of tear gas canisters exploding



Mr Harry Pitman



Mr Louis le Grange

near them and that one man had lost a leg after being shotgunned by the police.

Included in information he had received so far was: "Buses were being stopped and local inhabitants were being 'brusquely' searched. In many cases food and liquor were being confiscated and there were reports that some police were getting drunk on the liquor."

"There was indiscriminate use of tear gas day and night. Police were breaking into houses 'for no reason' and people were being 'violently assaulted for no reason'."

"At least two children had died from teargas and no private doctors had been present at their post mortems."

## 'Torture'

"One man had lost a leg after a shotgun blast and was now in King Edward Hospital"

"Police dogs had been set on innocent people and taxi-drivers and passengers."

"Young black men had been tortured with electricity and rubber tubes. Youths had been tied to the windscreens of police vehicles to prevent people throwing stones at them."

Mr Pitman said Mr Le Grange should make a statement on why the police were in the two townships or he should at least visit the areas himself as soon as possible to investigate the situation there.

He recalled that the former Progressive Reform Party had warned the government of the rising tension in Soweto shortly before the 1976 riots but that these warnings had been ignored.

"It is not sufficient for the minister to sit there shaking his head as he did yesterday as if we are talking nonsense," said Mr Pitman.

There had been many warnings in other situations to the government which had been ignored. He appealed to the government not to ignore the warning signals flashing in Lamontville and Chesterville.

# Police action has townships simmering,

says the PFP

**Political Staff**  
**CAPE TOWN** — The PFP spokesman on Law and Order, Mr Harry Pitman, has told Parliament of allegations about events in the two Durban townships of Lamontville and Chesterville.

Mr Pitman said the two townships which bordered on his Pinetown constituencies had been sealed off by the police. An ugly situation was developing and there were many "horrifying versions" of what was going on.

He said the precise truth was difficult to establish. The fact was, however, that numbers of allegations were being made in the form of affidavits by individuals and community workers. Other claims had been made by the Joint Rent Action Committee.

Today the Minister of Law and Order said many wild allegations were being made inside and outside Parliament. He did not have any knowledge of the particular allegations made by Mr Pitman and he was awaiting replies from his officers in Durban.

- Mr Pitman's allegations made to Parliament included:
- People were being brusquely searched at road blocks for liquor and food which was taken from them.
  - Teargas was being used day and night.
  - Houses were being entered by police without reasons being given. Householders had also claimed they had been assaulted.
  - Mr Magnus Durna and his wife, Agnes, of Mbele Street, Lamontville, said at about 9.30

on Saturday night while they were watching TV, two teargas canisters smashed their windows and their power supply was cut off.

- Claims that on Monday at 4 pm police spanboked a 12-year-old girl.
- Another claim that Thulam Radebe (13) and his brother, Innocent Radebe (15), of Kaula Road in Lamontville were assaulted by police.
- It was being alleged that police dogs were being set upon some taxi drivers and their passengers.

Other detailed complaints were being made about the alleged actions of police land-rover drivers. It was being said that youths were being made to run behind vehicles, handcuffed and blindfolded. It was also being said that the same youths

were placed on a vehicle's roof and in front of the windscreen to protect it from stoning by mobs

Mr Pitman said: "It is not sufficient for the Minister to sit there, as he did yesterday, shaking his head as if we are talking nonsense.

"I remember exactly the same attitude from the relevant Cabinet Ministers a few days before June 16 in 1976. "We, in the PFP, in this House were urged in telegrams from race relations workers, to impress upon the Minister that Soweto was angry and ready to erupt.

"What was the Deputy Minister's reaction? He said the matter was not serious.

"In Lamontville the same thing happened this year I and two of my colleagues went to

see the relevant Deputy Minister when rent and service increases of more than 60 per cent were being introduced there. We warned him that things were ready to erupt and we begged him to withhold or at least make the increases gradually.

"He assured us that we were wrong and everything was under control. We said violence would erupt over the increases and the authorities would once again have to back down.

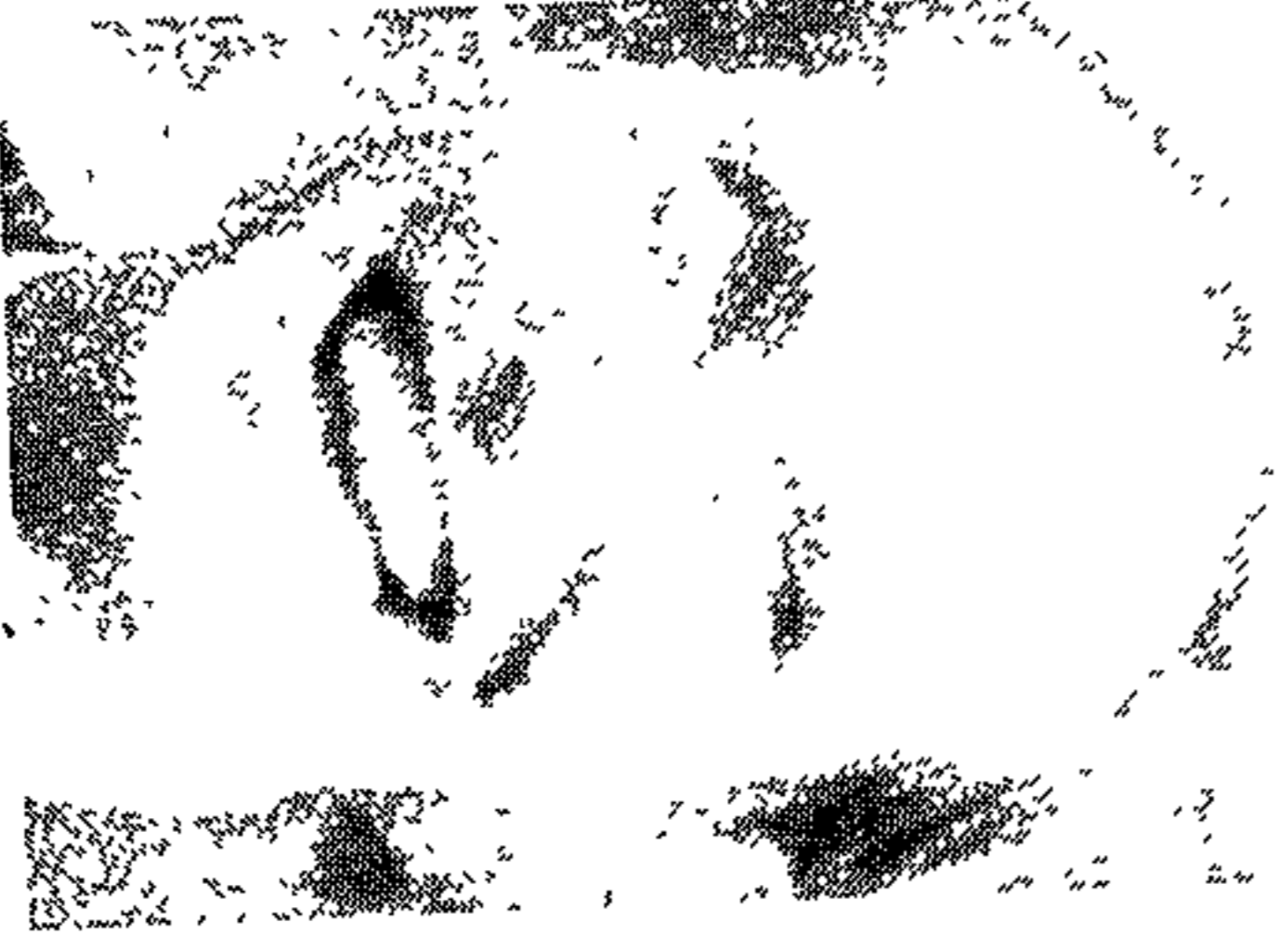
"The Minister rejected this. But that of course is exactly what happened. The flames went up in Lamontville and a community council member was murdered.

"The Administration backed down after the violence."

There have been allegations that police action is increasing tension in the Durban townships of Lamontville and Chesterville. The matter was raised in Parliament yesterday by the PFP spokesman on law and order, Mr Harry Pitman. The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, said many wild allegations were being made both in and outside Parliament. He was awaiting information from police officers in Durban.

Mr Pitman said: "With stupefying ineptitude and incomprehensible obstinacy the Government pursues its apartheid way apparently oblivious of, or unconcerned about, the dangers it is building up here. "We, in Natal, want to know exactly what it is all about and what precisely is going on. We want to know what the cause was for the armed occupation of Chesterville, and whether houses are being forcibly entered by police and if so, why and how many? We want to know if people are being detained and if so, how many and why?"

"This kind of occupation of towns by the police is not an every day occurrence in South Africa and for that reason it needs to be fully explained", he said.



Mr Pitman ... the Minister can't sit there shaking his head, like he did yesterday, as if we were talking nonsense.

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# Rent body aims to calm townships

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A Durban attorney says she has taken affidavits and statements from more than 50 people in Lamontville and Chesterville on police action during the unrest that has gripped the two townships.

With the allegations having been raised in Parliament by Mr Harry Pitman this week, Mrs Nonyamezelo Mxenge said her office had taken statements from 37 Lamontville and 10 Chesterville residents.

Statements had also been made by the parents of four Chesterville boys who were detained by police on Monday and have not yet appeared in court, Mrs Mxenge said.

Meanwhile, two leading members of the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac), which opposes rent increases, have started attempts to bring peace to the troubled townships.

They had talks lasting an hour with Brigadier Theo Sherman, the SAP divisional commissioner for Port Natal, in his office yesterday and raised the allegations made against the police.

Brigadier Sherman made it clear that as long as there was unrest in Lamontville and Chesterville the police would maintain a presence there.

However, the Rev Mcebisi Xundu said Brigadier Sherman had said the police would keep a low profile.

Jorac is hoping this will give it some leeway to bring peace to the areas.

Jorac has organised a meeting in the Lamontville community hall today at which Rev Xundu will appeal to the people to keep calm and stop the unrest. He will also appeal to children to return to school peacefully on Monday.

The body hopes to hold a similar meeting in Chesterville next Saturday.

A delay in rent increases for six townships around Durban was announced at a meeting on May 8 by Dr Piet Koornhof.

# No mercy for thugs, warns Le Grange

Petrol bombs were being used in certain residential areas to prevent police from patrolling the streets, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said today

At a passing-out parade of police recruits at the Police College in Pretoria Mr le Grange said this type of thuggery would not be tolerated.

"I repeat my earlier warning that anyone who throws a petrol bomb at police will receive no mercy.

"I am not prepared to tolerate murderous attacks on policemen," the Minister said

Mr le Grange said that critics of the police conveniently overlooked the fact that the police had a dangerous task.

"Many questions are asked about police activities and behaviour but very few about their casualties and the dangerous circumstances in which they perform their duties.

"There are dangerous and violent elements which have no respect for law and order," he said.

Last year 183 143 crimes involving violence were reported to the police. In the same period 13 policemen were killed and 128 injured on duty.

# Pitman calls for full answer to allegations

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Mr Harry Pitman, the Progressive Federal Party spokesman on law and order, today demanded a full investigation and proper explanation from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, of police activity in the Durban townships of Lamontville and Chesterville.

Mr Pitman's demand followed denials by Mr le Grange that the police had been involved in any brutality in policing the two strife-torn townships.

Mr Pitman raised the issue earlier this week in Parliament when he listed several allegations of police misconduct in the townships.

In a strongly worded speech, Mr le Grange condemned Mr Pitman for raising the issue in Parliament without first speaking to either himself or any police officers.

Mr Pitman said today: "It is all very well to use extreme adjectives but he still has not told us what is going on.

"He has not explained why it is necessary to virtually seal off Lamontville and Chesterville. He has not replied to the individual allegations against the police."

He said the public should be informed why it was necessary for such overwhelming police force to have been used.

Mr Pitman rejected claims made by Mr le Grange that his speech was based on allegations which a Durban editor had not been prepared to publish, and had sent to him in order to get protection under the privilege of Parliament.

"This is total nonsense. I had long conversations with people involved in Lamontville and had written and issued copies of my speech before I even knew that newspapers had similar reports.

"Mr le Grange would do well to investigate the allegations that I relayed to Parliament before condemning me."

Mr Pitman said he had not claimed that any of the allegations were true and had merely brought them to the attention of Parliament.

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# Lamontville yesterday

# All quiet . . . and not a policeman in sight

## Le Grange hits back

Parliamentary Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, denied yesterday that he had attempted to gag the Press or Members of Parliament over allegations of police brutality in two of Durban's black townships.

However, he accused Mr Harry Pitman (PFP Pine-town) of abusing parliamentary privilege by raising claims about police action in Lamontville and Chesterville which included 'scandalous allegations'.

Mr le Grange was replying during the third reading debate on the budget to reports that his department had warned newspapers about to publish Mr Pitman's parliamentary speech that they could infringe the Police Act. The Act forbids publica-

## 'I did not try to gag Press, MPs'

tion of untrue statements about police activities.

The issue was raised earlier by the Leader of the Opposition, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, who said MPs had a duty to raise matters of concern in Parliament. This would be of no consequence if parliamentary speeches could not be reported.

If this were what the Government intended, it could forget about peaceful change in South Africa, Dr Slabbert said. Mr le Grange said he was fully aware of the protection afforded MPs by

parliamentary privilege and would say or do nothing which affected that privilege.

It was his duty, however, to see that everyone acted responsibly when he knew what was going on and that 'illiberal talk' was rife, particularly in and around Durban.

'This is the spirit and the circumstances in which we acted,' he said. Mr le Grange said Mr Pitman, who had said in a statement he had sifted his information carefully, had actually been given information by a Durban newspaper

which was not prepared to print the allegations because they probably contained untrue statements in contravention of the Police Act.

Mr Pitman then enthusiastically made these allegations under the privilege of Parliament. Dr Slabbert interjected to say Mr Pitman had not made the allegations himself, but had raised them and called for an investigation.

Mr le Grange said PFP MPs, particularly those from the Durban area who had not even visited Lamontville and Chesterville to see conditions for themselves, should assist the people there to support their allegations with sworn statements.

Mr Peter Gastrow (PFP Durban Central), who also raised the question of the situation in the townships, said in a later statement that he would take up Mr le Grange's challenge to substantiate the allegations he had made.

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Mercury Reporter

PEACE and quiet had returned to trouble-torn Lamontville yesterday . . . but community leaders and local residents said they feared violence could break out at any time

Mr Paddy Kearney, chairman of Diakonika, said the situation was like a volcano which could erupt at any time unless the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, scrapped the scheduled August rent hike

Residents walked freely in Lamontville yesterday with not a policeman in sight — not even at the entrance where pressmen and visitors from outside areas had been turned back

However, residents said while the situation appeared to be normal during the day there was still a lot of tension.

### Fences

He said the problem was aggravated at night by patrolling riot police.

During the full yesterday Port Natal Administration Board workers put up barbed-wire fences around the damaged Lamontville administration building.

Several trees were cut down to allow board officials and police inside the building to have clear

tee met the Durban Transport Management Board in connection with communication. The DTMB agreed to recognise the Joint Committee as the official body representing commuters in the township.

On Wednesday PNAV held a meeting with community councillors, Advisory Board members and the Joint Rent Action Committee to report on the progress made in the cyclic maintenance programme in the townships, cost of repairs and also to report on public meetings so far held in the townships to discuss increased tariffs and rent remissions

outside. Mr Ian Mkhize, an executive member of the Joint Rent Action Committee, said tension would continue in the townships as long as the problem of the rent hikes hung in the balance.

He said the committee yesterday met Brig Theo Scherman, Divisional Commissioner of Police, Port Natal, and other senior police officers, in connection with the violence in the township and also alleged aggressive police behaviour.

At another meeting the Joint Commuters' Commit-

'Many affidavits and statements by residents of the townships exist already.'

'Unfortunately his attitude of "prove it" will in no way assist in defusing the situation in the townships. I again urge the minister to visit Durban and speak to the parties.'

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By EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN and SHAUN HARRIS

THE grim toll in the "Siege of Lamontville" was being counted late this week as an uneasy peace settled on the black township of 13 000 people on the outskirts of Durban.

However, residents of Lamontville and neighbouring Chesterville said they were not certain that the violence would stop.

"We are stunned. We don't know what's going to happen next.

"All we know is that at least we seem to have achieved some sort of peace," said one.

### Peace shattered

Seven people — including two young children — are reported to have died and many more to have been injured in the various outbreaks of violence between police and residents in the township during the past eight weeks.

Violence first erupted in the townships during protests against a proposed 63 percent rent hike at the end of May.

Postponement of the implementation of the increases had an initial calming effect

But the peace was shattered when mobs of youths went on the rampage,

# A grim toll and an uneasy peace after the 'Siege of Lamontville'

stoning buses and setting fire to community buildings.

Then the police stepped in.

According to Durban attorney Mrs Victoria Mxenge, people in the townships believed that Lamontville's unofficial mayor, Mr Harrison Dube — killed at the height of the campaign against rent increase by masked assassins — had been murdered because of his community work.

Four men, including the present "mayor" of Lamontville, Mr Moon-

light Gaza, pleaded guilty on June 23 in the Durban Regional Court to the murder of Mr Harrison Dube.

One of the accused, Mr Vakuth-eghwe Yalo, claimed in court he had been told not to worry about the plan to kill Mr Dube because police knew of it and white municipal authorities would pay the men for the killing.

The case was remanded until July 8.

Mrs Mxenge said she had about 47 affidavits from Lamontville and

Chesterville residents claiming they had been assaulted by police or had their property damaged.

Mrs Mxenge said she had forwarded the affidavits to police at Montclair Police Station in Durban.

Police were reported this week to have drawn a cordon around Lamontville and Chesterville and would not allow reporters access to the townships.

The Divisional Commissioner for Port Natal, Brigadier Theo Scherman, told the Sunday Times this week that reporters were free to go into the township.

However, Mr Hennie du Plessis, Chief Director of the Port Natal Administration Board — who has the authority to issue permits for whites to enter black townships in the Port Natal area — said: "I will not be party to your getting into Lamontville."

"I will not let anyone on my staff sign a paper which will get you into Lamontville. Anybody with a white skin will not be safe there."

"I won't have it on my conscience — you might be found afterwards lying in the street with a hole in your head."

This week reports began filtering through of violence in the township.

Mrs Thandi Shabalala, whose husband, Patrick, was shot and injured last week, said he would be taking legal action against the Minister of Police.

Another Lamontville resident, Mr Stanley Qulu, told the Sunday Times that both his two-year-old grandson and his 18-year-old student son had been shot and injured while he watched from inside his house.

Another Lamontville man, Mr Putela Dumisali, claimed he was shot at by police as he walked past a vehicle.

A leading black businessman who did not want his name published confirmed on Friday that the township had become quieter.

"There have been fewer police in the township at night and I believe that this has made things quieter."

Colonel Jaap Venter of the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said that as police were investigating the allegations of violence in Lamontville, he could not comment.

### Collecting

Meanwhile BRIAN POTTINGER reports that the Official Opposition is collecting affidavits to support the allegations of police brutality raised in Parliament by Mr Harry Pitman, the Progressive Federal Party's law and order spokesman.

The response follows a challenge by Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, for the PFP to substantiate claims of brutality.

After Mr Pitman's speech, police drew the attention of the Press to Section 27 of the Second Police Amendment Act — which makes it an offence to publish anything untrue about the police.

This action was slammed by Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, Leader of the Official Opposition.

Dr Slabbert warned that if the Government intended tampering with the privilege of members to raise what they consider to be in the public interest in Parliament then everything he or any other opposition members had ever said counted for nothing.

In an angry response, Mr le Grange denied he had attempted to meddle with parliamentary privilege and claimed he had merely brought the provision to the attention of the Press "in case there are those who want to behave irresponsibly".

He described the allegations raised by Mr Pitman as "scandalous".

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# Lamontville

## What about those 'horrifying' stories of police action in township? — Pitman



□ **LE GRANGE:** 'One died of a virus infection...the other of acute gastro enteritis'

□ **PITMAN:** 'No private doctors were present'

SERIOUS allegations about a "state of undeclared martial law" in Lamontville and Chester-ville and "horrifying versions" of police action in the townships were made in Parliament this week.

The allegations were dismissed as "infamous lies" by Minister of Law and Order Louis le Grange, who also denied in Parliament that his department had threatened newspapers not to publish the allegations made by the PFP MP for Pinetown, Harry Pitman.

Mr Pitman's allegations against the police for their action in the two townships are among the most serious ever made in Parliament. They follow persistent reports, backed by affidavits, that Lamontville and Chester-ville are in a virtual state of siege.

Mr Pitman said in Parliament this week that the "exact truth" was difficult to establish, "but certain facts have been mentioned with a regularity which bears the ring of truth."

Among the facts Mr Pitman mentioned were:

- Mr David Mvuyane was in ward SIB at King Edward VIII hospital. He was shot in the leg in his mother's home with a police shot gun and has lost his leg;

- Young blacks are being taken to the Mayville police station and the Ridge Road radio station where they are tor-

By Peter Mann, Political Correspondent

### Deaths of two infants in township

ON June 19 the Sunday Tribune published reports under the headings "Teargas killed babies — Canisters were fired into homes" and "Riot gas killed two babies" in its early and later editions.

Both articles stated that: "Two infants died of teargas fumes."

It is understood that the two infants did not in fact die of teargas fumes.

The facts available to this newspaper at the time were that the children were allegedly in good health and were adversely affected by the fumes and died some hours later. The reports also stated that "canisters

were fired into their homes."

This statement and the headline "Teargas killed babies - Canisters were fired into homes" are factually incorrect and the Sunday Tribune retracts them.

We apologise for any embarrassment which we may have caused as a result of the reports.

tured "with electricity and rubber tubes over their heads among other things";

- Youths had been tied across the bonnets of Land Rovers and driven through the streets of Lamontville and Chester-ville to prevent people throwing stones at police vehicles;

- On Monday at 4 pm police broke into a house at 4363 Nthuli Street. They found a 12-year-old girl there, alone, and six white policemen sjambokked her until she bled;

- That police at road-blocks, under command of a Brigadier Sherman, brusquely searched people for liquor and food which in many cases was taken away from them and consumed by the police who become intoxicated,

- That there is an in-

discriminate use of tear-gas;

- That houses are indiscriminately broken into and people violently assaulted;

- That police dogs were set upon innocent people. "Angry individuals from those towns are coming out with horrifying versions of what is going on there and I am informed that large numbers of affidavits are being made in regard to police actions in those two towns.

"The Press is unable to report properly on what is happening and I am given to understand that an ugly situation is developing.

"A considerable portion of the information comes from very responsible people. It comes

from dedicated community workers in those areas," Mr Pitman said.

"We held discussions with him and we warned him things were ready to erupt in Lamontville. We asked him please to withhold the increases or to introduce them in stages.

"He assured us we were quite wrong and that everything was under control."

Dr Morrison was forced to withdraw an interjection that Mr Pitman had told "a deliberate lie".

Mr Pitman: "In fact, we even said to him that we were concerned that what would happen once again was that the increases would be made, violence would erupt and only then would authorities back down after the violence."

## PFP is putting together a dossier

By PETER MANN

THE PFP is gathering a dossier of affidavits on alleged police brutality in Lamontville and Chester-ville.

And Pinetown MP Harry Pitman who, with PFP colleague Peter Gastrow, MP for Durban Central, spoke out about allegations of police brutality and a virtual state of siege in the townships, has refused to meet the police officer commanding the police operation.

"I will not do so until the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, gives proper answers to questions I raised in Parliament," Mr Pitman said.

He added that the PFP was collecting affidavits detailing claims of brutality in the township. "We are getting lots of affidavits," Mr Pitman said.

He and Mr Gastrow have been challenged by Mr le Grange to produce affidavits supporting the allegations.

## Don't blame me for 'houtkop', says Koornhof...it was Nak van der Merwe

By Peter Mann, Political Correspondent

THE Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, has objected to a statement in last week's Sunday Tribune that it was he who had first introduced the term "houtkop" into the Parliamentary debate.

Interviewed this week, Dr Koornhof pointed out that "houtkop" had first been used in Parliament by Dr Nak van der

Merwe, Free State leader of the National Party, the day before Dr Koornhof used the term.

Dr Koornhof acknowledged that the word had a racist connotation but denied that he had used it in that sense: "I am not a racist. I used the word to mean blockhead," he said.



□ Koornhof



□ Van der Merwe



# 'Babies were not killed by teargas'

## Minister denies police were responsible for deaths

Tribune Reporter

THE Government has denied that two black babies who died during recent unrest in Lamontville were killed by teargas.

In Parliament this week the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, replied to questions put by Mrs Helen Suzman and disclosed that a post mortem examination on the babies showed they had both died of natural causes.

"One died of a virus infection and the other of acute gastro enteritis. No sign of teargas was found," Mr le Grange said.

He added that an investigation was ordered into an allegation that two black babies died as a result of teargas "which the police were compelled to use" to control rioters in Lamontville.

The investigation found that "no teargas was used in the immediate vicinity where the babies were".

Mr le Grange said the

post mortems had been carried out by two pathologists on June 20.

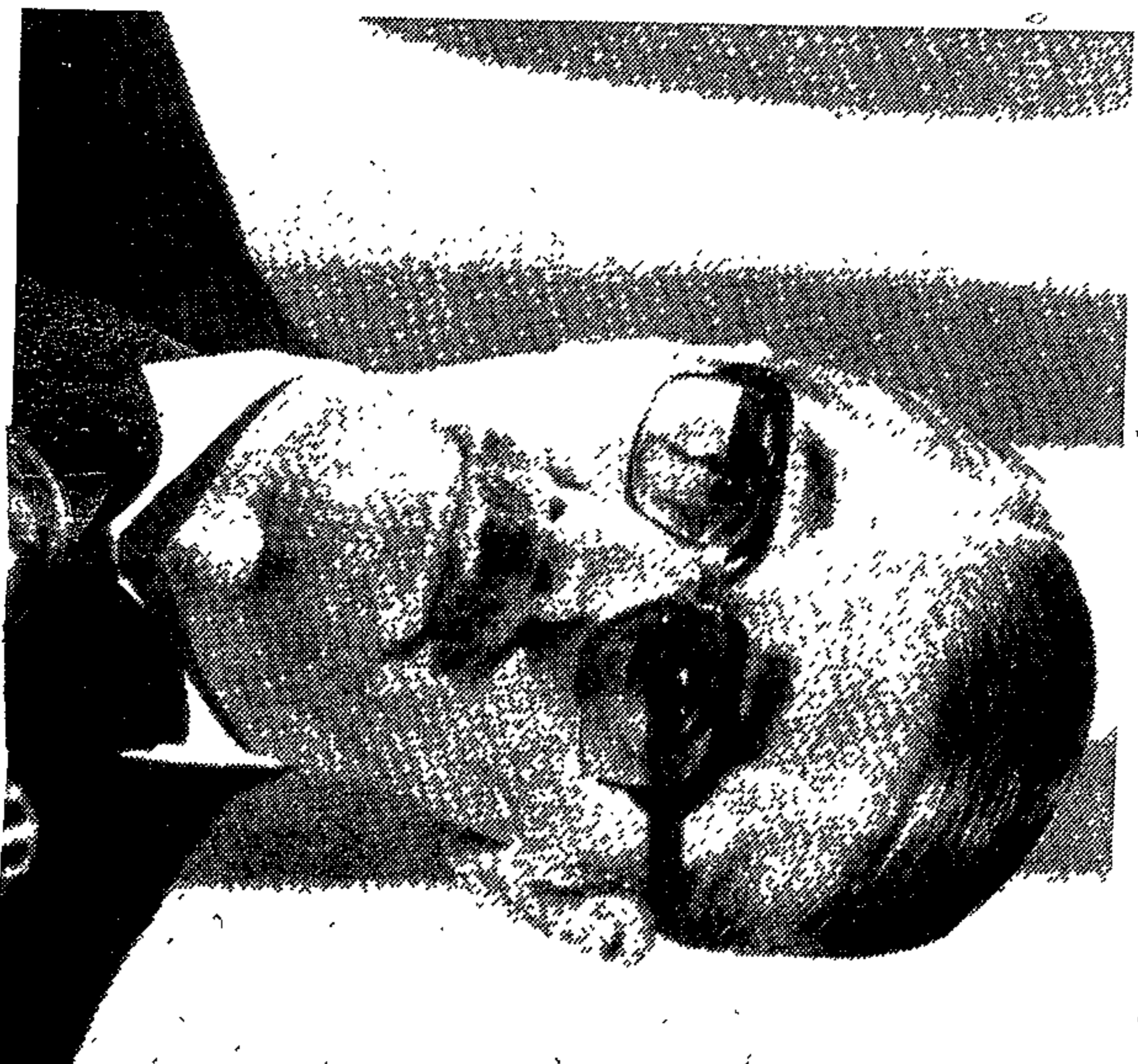
He added: "The teargas used by the South African Police only causes temporary discomfort and has no lasting detrimental effect".

Speaking in Parliament after Mr le Grange had replied to the questions, Mr Harry Pitman, PFP MP for Pinetown, said: "At least two children have died..."

Mr le Grange interjected: "What did they die of?"

Mr Pitman: "My information is that the children died as a result of teargas canisters dropping near them. The Honourable Minister of Law and Order has given an answer to a question in this regard this afternoon."

"At this stage I cannot dispute what he has said, but I just want to say that at the post mortem on those children no private doctors were in attendance."



# Townships still

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## PFP protests

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By MIKE CADMAN

THE townships of Lamontville and Chester-ville were still tense this week as a major row brewed in Parliament over alleged police brutality in the area.

In the past few months, residents of Lamontville, 20km from the centre of Durban, have objected fiercely to rent increases and price rises.

At times resentment has erupted into violence with vehicles and buildings being stoned and burned.

This week, PFP MP Mr Harry Pitman demanded a full explanation from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, about the state of "undeclared martial law" in the area.

Among the allegations he relayed to Parliament were that youths had been tied to windcreens of police vehicles to prevent their being broken by stones and that the police had shot a man who subsequently lost a leg.

Mr Pitman said he had received information that young black men had been tortured with electricity and rubber tyres and that police dogs had been set on taxi drivers and passengers.

He also repeated allegations that police had confiscated food and alcohol during searches in the township

and that several policemen had become drunk while manning roadblocks.

Mr le Grange accused Mr Pitman of abusing parliamentary privilege by raising claims about police action in Lamontville and Chester-ville which included "scandalous allegations"

He said "libellous talk" was rife.

He said Mr Pitman had been given his information by a Durban newspaper which was not prepared to print the allegations because they probably contained untrue statements in contravention of the Police Act.

"Mr Pitman then enthusiastically made these allegations under the privilege of Parliament."

He said PFP MPs should assist people in the townships to support their allegations with sworn statements.

There was no sign of po-

lice in the townships on Friday.

The atmosphere in Lamontville is still tense and bands of youths acted aggressively towards strangers driving through the township's narrow streets this week

Price rises have been blamed for some of the tension

"In August last year bus fares were pushed up," said Father Paddy Kearney, head chairman of Diakonia, the ecumenical organisation involved in community projects.

"This was about the same time the bread price and GST went up, which caused a lot of dissatisfaction amongst the people."

Violence flared earlier this year when the unofficial 'mayor' of Lamontville, Mr Harrison Dube, was assassinated.

"About 10 000 people attended his funeral and the atmosphere was electric," Mr Kearney said.

"The residents were under a lot of pressure from the price increases and the assassination of Mr Dube added to this."

Mr Dube had helped organise various groups who opposed the price increases.

Tension increased when the Port Natal Administration Board, which runs the township, announced their intention to increase rents by 68% as of the first of August.

On June 16 violence flared yet again and two babies died during the unrest. A post mortem was performed on the infants following allegations that they died from the tear-smoke used by police, but a recent police statement said the results could take some time.

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# Lamontville wants to be run by corporation

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Reporter

RESIDENTS in the strife-torn township of Lamontville have rejected the Port Natal Administration Board administration of the township and have called on the Durban Corporation to run it.

This was resolved at a weekend meeting of about 700 people at Lamontville Community Hall.

A resolution taken at the meeting said they would prefer the township to be administered by the Durban Corporation.

It was felt that should KwaZulu be given control, the township would be subject to influx control.

Miss E Sokudela, the secretary for Ward 3 committee which was previously headed by slain community leader, Mr Harrison Dube, told the

Mercury after the meeting why residents of Lamontville had passed a resolution to refuse the Kwa Zulu administration

They felt that they would be subjected to influx control regulations, such as work-seeker permits, as it existed in neighbouring townships such as Umlazi and Ntuzuma.

Rev M Xundu of the Rent Action Committee rejected statements that the ANC elements were behind the violence in Lamontville.

He said a group of gangsters were responsible for the reign of terror in the township, pretending to be involved in the struggle against the rent hikes in Lamontville and Chesterville.

Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, was called on to recognise and negotiate with the Joint Rent Action Committee.

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A police spokesman today referred to a statement in Parliament concerning alleged police brutality and harassment during recent unrest in Lamontville, Durban

Lieutenant Colonel Leon Mellet, speaking for the Minister of Police, Mr Lous le Grange, said none had been found at this stage to be true

Colonel Mellet today told a Press conference, however, that every allegation made in Parliament by Mr Harry Pitman was still being investigated

"We will leave no stone unturned in our investigations to get to the bottom of the whole thing

"All allegations of policemen overstepping the mark, using indiscriminate action or unnecessary violence, are regarded in a very serious light by the police," said Colonel Mellet.

He said police had been confronted in Lamontville and Chester-ville with incidents of stone-throwing, arson and people being killed

One person had been killed after being mistaken for a policeman

With all the violence it was the duty of the police to move in to restore order, he said

Colonel Mellet said attempts were made to prevent police doing their duty

They had been lured to spots by false calls and found themselves trapped between roadblocks of which some had been set alight.

While trapped they had been stoned, shot at with catapults firing ball bearings, and had petrol bombs thrown at them.

Because of this the police had taken action to control the unrest "We have found that the use of teargas is the most effective.

"It has been proved that tearsmoke has no lasting effects on people affected by it.

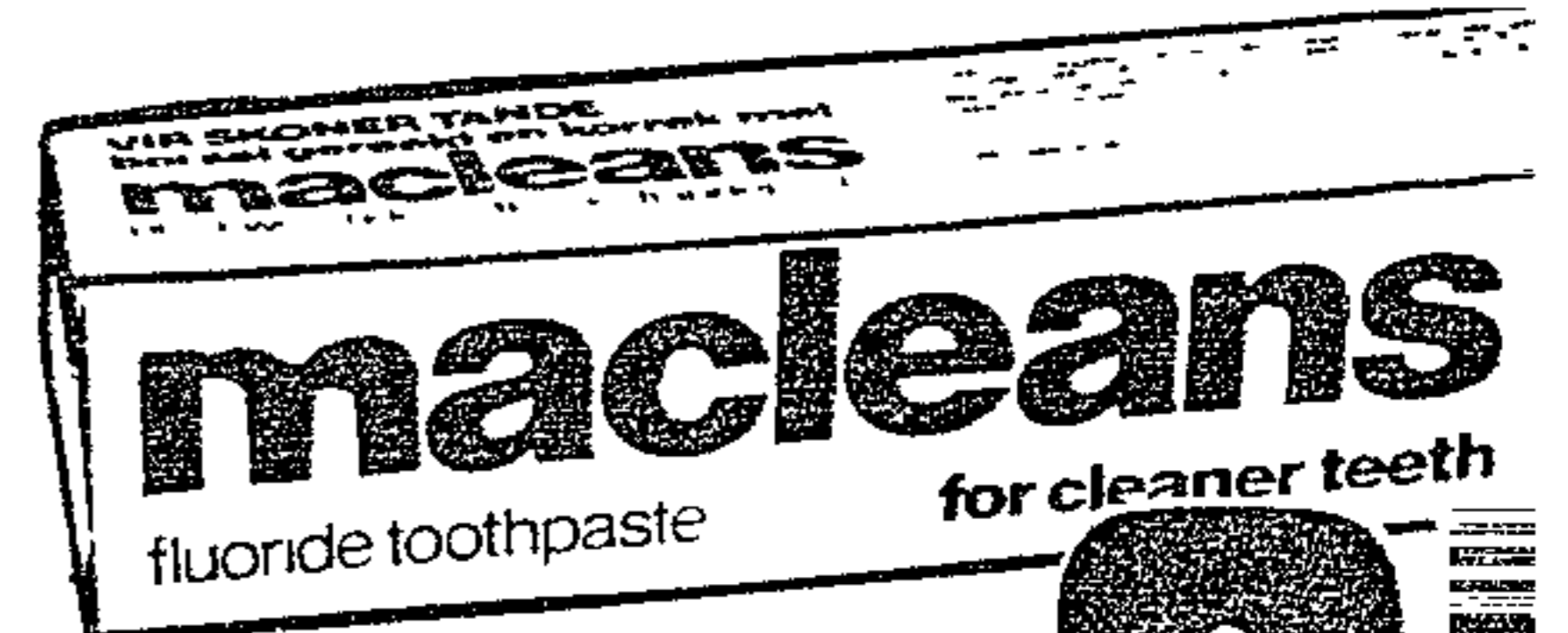
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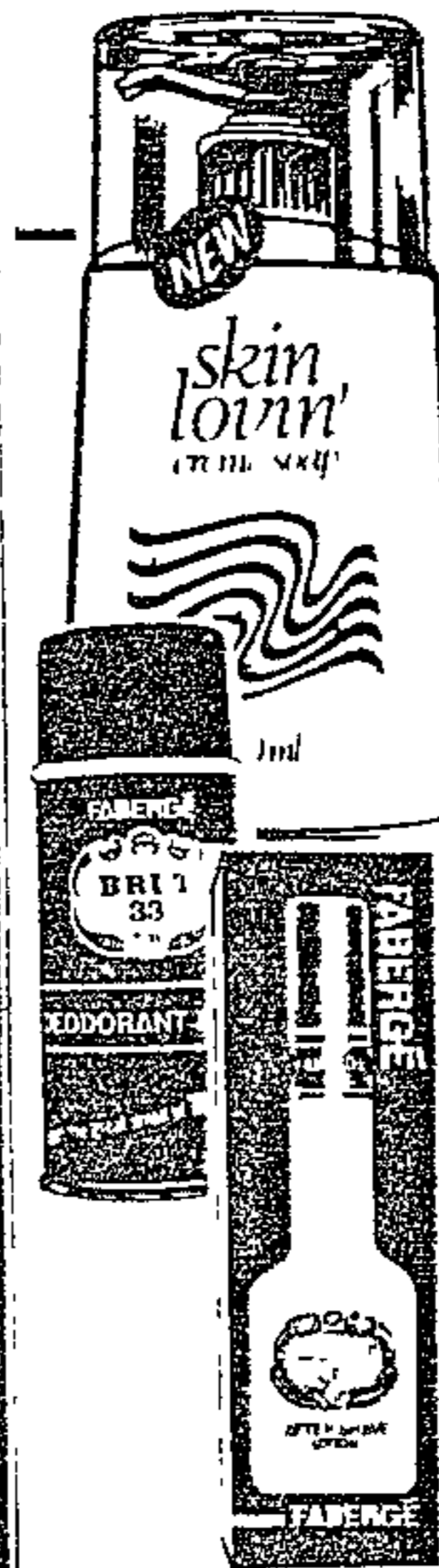
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# Meeting aimed at restoring township peace

Municipal Reporter

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PEOPLE in Lamontville and Chesterville have been urged to attend a meeting on Saturday aimed at restoring peace in the areas and solving the rent crisis.

The Rev M Xundu, executive member of the Joint Rent Action Committee, said a peace programme had been launched to pave the way for Port Natal Administration Board officials to ex-

plain the rent hikes.

In turn, residents could air their grievances.

The meeting would be held in the Chesterville Community Hall at 2 p.m. Col W S Dreyer, Port Natal Administration Board chairman, confirmed that his officials had been threatened and would not enter Chesterville or Lamontville unless the community leaders could assure their safety.

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PNAB officials had attended meetings in other centres without problems and their explanations had been very well received.

The Rev Xundu said 2 000 Lamontville residents had reaffirmed their confidence in the action committee.

They had also resolved to oppose incorporation into KwaZulu because they had contributed to and wanted to benefit from Durban's wealth.

# Screams of terror as MP tours township

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**Mail Correspondent**

**DURBAN** — A child screamed in terror when two Members of Parliament visited his house in Lamontville yesterday.

The incident took place during a tour of the troubled black township by Mr Harry Pitman and Mr Peter Gastrow, the Progressive Federal Party MPs for Pinetown and Durban Central.

Three-year-old Thulasizwe Qulu was screaming because he thought Mr Pitman, Opposition spokesman for Law and Order and Mr Gastrow, were the men who had shot at him last week.

"Those are the men who shot me, those are the men who shot me," Thulasizwe screamed.

According to a member of the touring party the child associated the white skins of the MPs with the men who had fired at him.

Mr Pitman and Mr Gastrow yesterday visited the homes of many Lamontville people who said they had been injured in recent riots.

During the closing weeks of the Parliamentary session last month Mr Pitman raised allegations about police brutality in Lamontville and triggered a controversy involving himself and the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange.

The Police have however, categorically refuted all Mr Pitman's allegations.

Brigadier Theo Scherman, Divisional Commissioner of Police for Port Natal, said at a Press conference in Durban yesterday: "I was disturbed and distressed to read of the

allegations made in Parliament against the police.

"Every one of those allegations has been investigated and I am satisfied that that they are all false and unfounded. I, as Divisional Commissioner, would never tolerate or condone such behaviour from policemen in our efforts to maintain law and order."

Brigadier Scherman said that since the unrest started in Lamontville in April only five complaints had been lodged against the police and they were receiving top priority.

One was from a woman who complained that the windows of her house had been broken. Another was from a resident who laid a charge of assault on the grounds that teargas was thrown at him and three people complained that their houses had been damaged by teargas bombs.

"In addition 38 people arrested will come to trial on August 15 on charges of public violence in Lamontville which includes the burning of houses, beerhalls and administrative offices as well as damage to buses.

"Tomorrow we are putting 30 people in court on charges of public violence following complaints from Lamontville and Chesterville residents of rioter's brick and fire attacks on their homes, on their vehicles and other charges of arson and assault," he said.

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MPs claim  
to have  
more 'hard'  
evidence

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Two Progressive Federal Party Members of Parliament said yesterday they had gathered more strong support for the allegations of police brutality during the Lamontville disturbances.

The two MPs, Mr Harry Pitman and Mr Peter Gastrow, toured the area yesterday and later held a Press conference at which they made their claims.

In a strongly-worded joint statement, the two MPs slammed yesterday's claim by Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Mellet that none of the allegations of police brutality made by Mr Pitman in Parliament last week had yet been found to be true.

The MPs said that on the contrary, "everything we saw today tended to support the allegations made in Parliament".

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Speaking from his Durban home last night, Mr Gastrow said that he had acquired more "hard" evidence of alleged police brutality yesterday morning than he could possibly have imagined when he had last spoken in Parliament.

He pledged that he would substantiate every allegation made in Parliament.

"There is no doubt that the case is stronger than I anticipated." He was in possession of numerous affidavits submitted by certain people.

The Divisional Commissioner of Police for Port Natal, Brigadier Theo Scherman, said that people who had charges against the police should report them.

He confirmed that seven charges had been laid and are being investigated.

He accepted that the police had a difficult job when whole townships felt resentment against the authorities, but said a high standard of behaviour was required by the police.

# Allegations of brutality: SAP reaction

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Allegations of police brutality and harassment during the recent unrest in Lamontville, Durban, have so far been found to be untrue but investigations into the matter are continuing.

Lieutenant Colonel Leon Mellet told a Press conference yesterday that every allegation made in Parliament by Mr Harry Pitman would be investigated.

"All allegations of policemen using indiscriminate action or unnecessary violence are regarded very seriously," Colonel Mellet said.

At Lamontville and Chesterville police were confronted with incidents of stone-throwing, arson and people being killed. One person was killed after being mistaken for a policeman, Colonel Mellet said.

It was the duty of the police to move in to restore order but attempts were made to prevent them from doing so.

They were lured away by false calls and found themselves trapped between roadblocks, some of which had been set alight.

While trapped they were stoned, shot at with catapults firing ball bearings, and had petrol bombs thrown at them.

Because of this the police took action to control the unrest. They used teargas and, when their lives were in danger, buckshot, Colonel Mellet said.

Brigadier Theo Scherman, the Divisional Commissioner of Police for Port Natal, said the unrest, in which those taking part had been mostly youths, had been well organised with the apparent active support of the banned African National Congress although there was no positive proof of this.

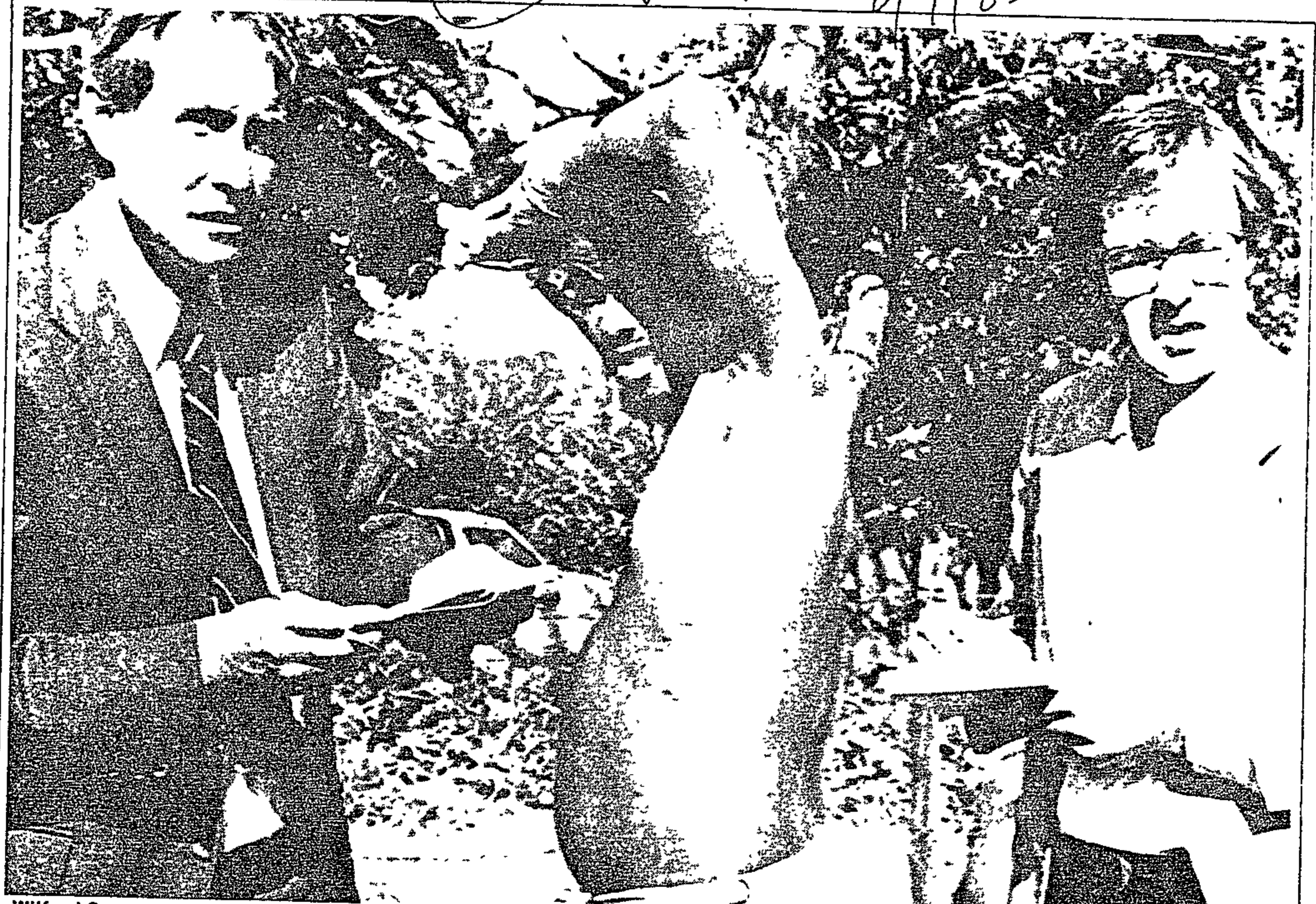
Stones, bricks and other objects were thrown at police in the darkness from behind houses and other buildings.

Police were then forced to fire teargas in the direction of their unseen attackers. In some cases the tear gas canisters had hit houses but this was unintentional.

"The police certainly do not have any quarrel with the residents in the townships," said the brigadier.

Youths who attacked the police often wore balaclavas and used code names when addressing each other.

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Wilfred Gumede was feeding his small dog in his garden in Lamontville when, he says, policemen walked into his garden and started shooting. He shows marks he says were made by pellets to Mr Harry Pitman, Opposition speaker on Law and Order. Mr Pitman, who recently made allegations in Parliament about police action in the township outside Durban, met Mr Gumede there yesterday.

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Strikers blocked me worker  
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**Mall Reporter**  
A JOHANNESBURG magistrate heard yesterday how members of the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union of South Africa (CCAWUSA) had allegedly intimidated a worker in an attempt to stop him from returning to work at a Johannesburg factory.  
Mr Jacob Rafapa, Mr Jack Mangwane, Mr Josiah Podile, Mrs Joyce Mokola and Mr Victor Damoied appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of assault and inciting people to strike.  
The hearing follows a strike at the Teltron factory in Faraday Street, Johannesburg, on November 16 last year.  
Yesterday Mr Christopher Hlongwane told the court Mr Mangwane, Mr Podile, Mrs Mokola, and other union members approached him at Faraday station on November 18 when he wanted to return to work.  
He said they told him not

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400 Premier workers to lose jobs as plant closes  
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**By ANTON HARBER**  
PREMIER BISCUITS has told 400 workers that they are to be retrenched because the company's East Rand plant is closing today.  
And in a statement yesterday, the Food and Beverage Workers' Union, to which most of the workers belong, accused the company of breaking one of the oldest agreements signed with a black union.  
The union said it would take legal action if the company did not agree to form a joint committee to investigate the need for the closure and the retrenchments.  
"The lofty ideals of Premier chairman Mr Tony Bloom appear not to be translated into reality by divisional executives in so far as members of this union are concerned," the statement said.

The union said its officials were told at a meeting last Wednesday that the plant was to close. Fifteen minutes later the workers were assembled for the announcement that production would cease today.  
The union immediately demanded a meeting with the Biscuit Division of the Premier Group. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday but was cancelled by management and rescheduled for Wednesday as a director could not be found for the meeting.  
The company offered retrenchment pay of one week's wages for every year of service.  
"It became apparent at the meeting that the board of directors saw the decision as an economic one and appeared not to have taken into

account the effect that the decision will have on 400 workers," the statement said.  
At Wednesday's meeting workers demanded that they be kept on and said they would not accept their severance pay until their continued employment within the Premier Group had been guaranteed.  
They asked that management give "a categorical guarantee" by yesterday to establish a joint committee to investigate the need for the closure and retrenchments.  
The union would lodge an urgent application to the courts to protect their rights if there was no such guarantee, the statement said.  
A spokesman for Premier Milling referred questions to Premier Biscuits, whose spokesman could not be contacted last night.

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Checkers now on strike  
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**By HARRY MASHABELA**  
WORKERS at eight more branches of Checkers in Johannesburg and on the East Rand yesterday joined a strike which started at the Killarney branch last Friday.  
This brings the number of workers striking to 600, affecting 17 branches, said a spokesman for the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union (CCAWUSA), yesterday.  
The strike started when 70 workers struck after a colleague had been fired. They demanded his re-employment but management refused, informing strikers they would not be paid for the days away from work.  
On Tuesday, eight other branches joined the Killarney branch and said they were striking in sympathy with their colleagues at Killarney and for better pay and working conditions.  
The CCAWUSA spokesman

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**By ANTON HARBER** at the industrial council to



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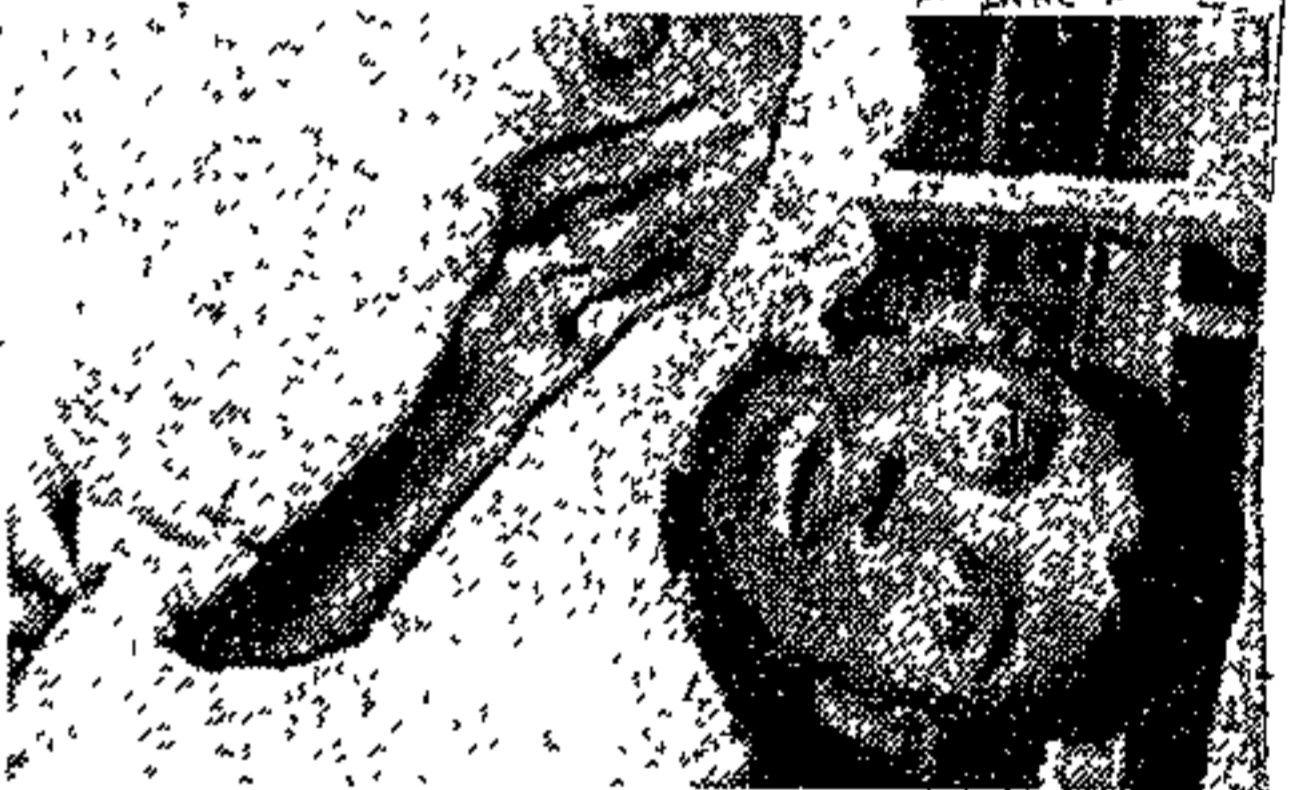
# Police brutality

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Own Correspondent

**DURBAN.**— Mr Harry Pitman, Progressive Federal Party MP for Pinetown, said after a visit to Lamontville yesterday that what he had seen and heard tended to support allegations of police brutality in the township raised in Parliament last week.



Mr Bheki Shangase, 17, who lost part of his leg after being shot, in his hospital bed yesterday.

However, police have rejected these allegations as "false and unfounded".

Brigadier Theo Scherman, Divisional Commissioner of Police for Port Natal, said at a press conference yesterday: "I was disturbed and distressed to read of the allegations made in Parliament against the police.

"Every one of those allegations has been investigated and I am satisfied that they are all false and unfounded. I, as divisional commissioner, would never tolerate or condone such behaviour from policemen in our efforts to maintain law and order."

### Substantiation

Mr Pitman, after his visit to the township yesterday, said: "Police say that not one allegation made in Parliament has been substantiated. I say that the very presence of police in Lamontville was a factor promoting trouble there.

"Brigadier Scherman has made it clear that from the moment police moved out on June 2 all has been quiet except for minor events. If that does not substantiate our allegation then I don't know what does," Mr Pitman said.

Mr Pitman visited homes in the township yesterday with Mr Peter Gastrow, PFP MP for Durban Central, in a party led by Mr Ian Mkhize, a member of the Joint Reaction Committee. The party was also taken to visit two men in King Edward VIII hospital.

Lying with part of his right leg amputated was Mr Bheki Shangase, 17,

of Mhlongo Road. Tears poured down his face while he related his experience.

"At 2am on June 25 the police knocked at the door. I went to see who was there and they got hold of me and hit me in the face," he said. "Then they dragged me to the road and shot me once with a shotgun. They said I was causing trouble in the street."

Mr Patrick Mashinuko, 39, of Chesterville, claimed he was lucky not to have had his leg

### Claims of brutality rejected, picture, page 2

blown off.

"I was on my way home from work on June 28 after 9.30pm. The street was quiet and as I was knocking on my door to be let in, I felt somebody grab my shoulder.

### 'Kaffir'

"Two policemen told me to stand against the tree in the garden and then I heard a shot.

"I fell down and they dragged me to the road. I tried shouting to attract attention but kept being kicked in the body. When my mother and children came outside they were ordered to go back into the house.

"On the road I was told by the policemen to repeat after him: 'I am a kaffir, my father is a kaffir and my children are kaffirs.' I had to do this for about 30 minutes," he said. "Then I was put on

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Relating his experience from his hospital bed is Mr Bheki Shangase, 17, who lost part of his leg after being shot.

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tions about police brutality in Lamontville and triggered a controversy involving Mr Pitman and the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange.

Thulasizwe's uncle, Mr Michael Qulu, said the child was playing in the doorway of his home in Gwala Street when shots were fired from the road. Mr Qulu said six pellets were still in the boy's body. Although he was not in any pain Thulasizwe could be affected by them in years to come, he said.

Mr Qulu also pointed out pellets lodged in the wooden door frame.

The party, led by Mr Ian Mkhize, a member of the Joint Reaction Committee, was also taken to visit two men in King Edward VIII hospital.

Living with part of his

**Shot**

'At 2 a.m. on June 25 the police knocked at the door. I went to see who was there and they got hold of me and hit me in the face,' said Bheki.

'Then they dragged me to the road and shot me once with a shotgun. They said I was causing trouble in the street.'

Bheki is a pupil in form one and it is not yet known when he will be discharged from hospital and able to return to his studies.

Mr Patrick Masibuko, 39, from Chesterville, claimed he was lucky not to have had his leg blown off. He, too, is lying in traction in King Edward

VIII Hospital, his broken leg peppered with pellets.

**Shouted**

'Two policemen told me to stand against the tree in the garden and then I heard a shot.'

'I fell down and they dragged me to the road. I tried shouting to attract attention but kept being kicked in the body. When my mother and children came outside they were ordered to go back into the house.'

'On the road I was told by the policemen to repeat after him: 'I am a kafir, my father is a kafir and my children

are kafirs.' I had to do this for about 30 minutes,' he said.

**Dropped**

Mr Masibuko showed X-rays taken of his leg. They showed dozens of small pellets lodged in the shin area and in some places it was difficult to see the bone where so many were clustered.

In another home in Lamontville Mr Pitman was shown where children

dropped out of windows to escape tear-gas after a canister was fired through the window of the room in which they were sleeping.

**Bang**

Mr Phillip Koza, 23, said he was crossing the street when he heard a bang behind him and saw policemen standing

in the street. They passed it on to Mr Pitman yesterday.

# Claims 'all false and unfounded'

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by tear-gas canisters.

The police, on the other hand, were investigating criminal charges against individuals, including three of alleged murder.

Five people had been arrested in connection with the killing of Mr Harrison Dube, but so far no arrests had been made in connection with the killing of Mr Cecil Sikubusa in April and a Mr Mtaba in May.

In addition 38 people arrested will come to trial on August 15 on charges of public violence in Lamontville which include the burning of houses, beerhalls and administrative offices as well as damage to buses.

'Tomorrow we are putting 30 people in court on charges of public violence following complaints from Lamontville and Chesterville residents of brick-and-fire attacks on their homes and vehicles, and other charges of apprehended.

arson and assault,' he said.

On June 16 and 17 the 'organised violence' had flared up anew and police had been lured by false reports of burning houses into ambushes in which they were pelted with half-bricks and petrol bombs by mobs of youths from behind houses.

In the dark police had had no alternative but to fire tear-gas canisters in the direction of the attacks. Inevitably some canisters might have penetrated windows and smoked out innocent people.

But, said the brigadier, on occasions when the police had come under fierce attack and were totally surrounded they had, in order to protect themselves from serious injury, also used shotguns and non-fatal ammunition, like birdshot, and had aimed only at legs.

As far as they could establish only six youths had been slightly wounded; others might have been struck but were not apprehended.

In answer to a question he said police had no record of a man's leg having been shot off and it was very unlikely that it could have happened with birdshot.

There had been an incident in which a police dog had been stabbed and subsequently died. His handler had been attacked by the same knife-wielding man and he had shot and wounded his attacker in the leg.

Only one policeman had been seriously injured when struck in the face with a brick.

The incidents had occurred when police had been confronted with street barricades made of wrecked cars, abandoned fridges, tree stumps and drums topped with old tyres and set alight with a mixture of paraffin and tar.

'Police have to leave the safety of their vehicles to clear away the barricades.

It is then that they come under attack and take action to disperse the attackers. It has happened 17 times and attacks have come from as many as 400 youths at a time.

A girl reporter from a local afternoon newspaper asked when the police were going to 'withdraw all those tanks from Lamontville'.

Brig Scherman replied police were using Land-Rovers and the only two Casspir armoured personnel carriers they had in the Port Natal Division.

He said he believed — but had no proof — that the mob violence was organised by the African National Congress. The youths involved chanted ANC slogans, referred to each other by numbers and not names and concealed their identities behind balaclavas. Many also wore Council of South African Students T-shirts.

It also became clear the

violence was organised because police believed that after Mr Gasas and others had appeared in court in connection with the killing of Mr Dube, conditions in Lamontville would revert to normal.

'But that very night the council chamber, known as "Gasa's hall", was gutted but there were no mobs about in the streets. We had a repeat performance in Chesterville when 200 youths attacked the administration offices there with bricks and firebombs and wrecked a man's house as well as burning his car because he had no petrol to give them.'

The brigadier said it had been necessary to have police roadblock checkpoints at the townships on occasions because busloads of people were being ferried in from elsewhere to take part in outbreaks of violence and to help erect street barriers.

It was police policy to exclude the media from any area when there was a riot in progress. A reason for this was concern for the safety of the media representatives.

'Experience has proved that people who are being photographed in these situations can react most violently, as in the case of Mr Kanyile who was murdered by a Lamontville mob when they saw him carrying a tape recorder and thought he was either a policeman or a police informer.'

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Terrified three-year-old Thulasizwe Qulu with Mr Harry Pitma looking at the pellet wounds in his body.

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Mr. Pitman

### Conference

'We were called in as a result of the riots and this is what we are getting in return.'

Mr Pitman said the tour had not been arranged to coincide with a police Press conference being held in Durban.

'It was the first available day that Mr Gastrow and I could go,' said Mr Pitman last night.

Mr Pitman said that all the things he had seen and heard in Lamontville tended to support the allegations raised by him in Parliament.

'Police say that not one allegation made in Parliament has been substantiated. I say that the very presence of police in Lamontville was a factor promoting trouble there.'

Brig Scherman has made it clear that from the moment police moved out on June 2 all has been quiet except for minor events. If that does not substantiate our allegation then I don't know what does,' said Mr Pitman.

Mr Pitman said Brig Scherman had not had one complaint and did not know what to do.

In one morning Mr Gastrow and I were overwhelmed with complaints and the hard evidence shown to us. There are two men in hospital, sent there by the police, and they have never been visited by a policeman.

'When people went to Montclair police station to make a statement they said they were chased away.'

### Wounds

There was a burn mark was on the speaker, on the cupboard and a hole directly above the speaker.

During the visit a number of people showed the touring party wounds which they said had been caused by shotgun pellets.

The allegations made by the people of Lamontville yesterday were put to the Divisional Commissioner of Police for Port Natal, Brig Theo Scherman, who said he could not comment 'on these things' because he did not know whether 'these things have been happening'.

'If this has been happening why have they not come to the police to make statements. We are there to protect the people and maintain law and order,' he said.

in his garden holding shotguns.

He said they fired and he felt pellets striking his left leg.

'Without saying a word they ran away,' said Mr Phillip.

Mr Sipho Khambule said a teargas canister was shot from a Casspir — an armoured personnel carrier — on to the roof of his house.

'It broke through the roof and bounced off the hi-fi speaker in the lounge and rolled into another room where it burnt the cupboard,' said Mr Khambule.

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# Lamontville killing: Court packed

Court Reporter

STRICT security measures were taken in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday when men and women packed a court and thronged in the hall outside for the appearance of four well-known members of the Lamontville community in connection with an allegation of murder.

Before Mr B J Willemse were Mr Moonlight Gasa, 54, chairman of the Ningizimu Community Council, Mr Ebenezer Mngadi, 59, Mr Vakuphethwa Yalo, 30, and Mr Julius Ndodana, 70.

Their appearance follows the death of Mr Harrison Dube, a Lamontville community leader, in April this year.

Pleas of not guilty have been entered for Mr Gasa, Mr Yalo and Mr Ndodana.

Mr Mngadi has retained his plea of guilty.

An application for bail was heard for Mr Mngadi. The application was refused when Mr Willemse said he was facing a very serious case which could carry the death penalty. He also said that the accused was likely to have his life endangered if he were granted bail.

It was in his own interests if he were not granted bail.

From early in the morning crowds gathered outside the court buildings.

When the courts were opened they surged in and immediately occupied all the space in E Court on the fourth floor. Others gathered outside the court in the adjoining foyer.

When the case was

called, Mr Willemse had to repeatedly call for silence outside the court.

Court orderlies were sent to keep them quiet.

Eventually the Court adjourned to a larger courtroom which was again packed.

Several policemen patrolled the corridors. Eventually an interpreter, speaking through a loud-hailer urged the crowds waiting outside the courtroom to disperse.

They left quietly escorted by policemen.

The hearing was adjourned until July 27

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# MPs prepare dossier on Lamontville action

By CHRIS FREIMOND  
Political Correspondent

TWO Opposition MPs are preparing a dossier on alleged police brutality in Durban's Lamontville township and plan to present it to the police for investigation.

One of the men, Mr Harry Pitman, MP for Pinetown, said yesterday: "We are not going to let the matter rest."

He called on the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to order a new probe into police activities in the area because the official investigation so far had been "singularly unfruitful".

On Thursday Mr Pitman and Mr Peter Gastrow, MP for Durban Central, visited Lamontville — scene of weeks of sporadic violence —

to investigate allegations they raised in Parliament last month.

"We saw, and held in our arms, children who had been shot with shotguns. We couldn't even talk to all the people with shotgun wounds who wanted to see us," he said.

Mr Pitman said if the "whole investigative might" of the police force could not uncover the evidence that he and Mr Gastrow had found in just one morning in Lamontville, then he was "most unimpressed".

At a Press conference in Durban on Thursday the Divisional Commissioner of Police for Port Natal, Brigadier Theo Scherman, dismissed the allegations made by the MP in Parliament.

"Every one of those allegations has been investigated

and I am satisfied that they are all false and unfounded," he said.

Mr Pitman said next week he and Mr Gastrow planned to visit Chesterville, a township near Lamontville which has also been racked by weeks of violence.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Mellet, said yesterday anyone with evidence to back up allegations against the police should come forward.

If, as was alleged, people who went to the Monclair police station to complain were chased away, then they should contact the divisional commissioner if necessary, he said.

The police had nothing to hide and would investigate any complaints brought to their notice, Col Mellet said.

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# MP and police clash over township strife

A MEMBER of Parliament clashed with police this week over police action in a the strife-torn black township of Lamontville.

The Progressive Federal Party spokesman on law and order, Mr Harry Pitman, vowed in Durban to "get an explanation".

He said he had been shocked after his visit to Lamontville — the scene of recent clashes between police and black residents — and was "flabbergasted" to hear that the divisional commissioner of police for Port Natal, Brigadier Theo Scherman, had received only one complaint of police assault.

"Mr Peter Gastrow (PFP, Central Durban) and I in one morning were overwhelmed with complaints backed by

By SHAUN HARRIS

hard evidence from people in Lamontville about police action against them.

"I spoke to at least 12 people who had been wounded by shotgun pellets and was unable to see more because I ran out of time.

"Don't try to tell me that the investigative might of the South African Police is unequal to the task of unearthing these and similar complaints," he said.

## Denial

At a Press conference this week police denied as "false and unfounded" all the allegations made in Parliament by Mr Pitman regarding claims of over-zealous police action in Lamontville.

Brig Scherman said police were unable to comment on the allegations at the time as they were still being investigated.

He said that police had moved into Lamontville after reports of trouble there and had been stoned by youths throwing half bricks

at them, been ambushed and had been forced to use bird-shot and teargas against mobs of rioters.

Only five people had lodged complaints with police of which one related to alleged assault.

Among the people who Mr Pitman said he and Mr Gastrow saw in Lamontville were:

- A three-year-old child, Thulasizwe Qulu, who was hit by shotgun pellets.

- A 17-year-old schoolboy, Bheki Shangase, who had part of his right leg amputated after being wounded by a shotgun.

- A man from Chesterville, also in hospital with a broken leg peppered with shotgun pellets, who claimed police had dragged him into the road and assaulted him.

"Mr Gastrow and I are compiling a dossier on the situation in the townships. We will be visiting Chesterville this week," he said.

At the Press conference Brig Scherman said he was certain that the African National Congress was behind the Lamontville unrest and that a lot of the violence had been organised.

He said he would never tolerate or condone "overzealous" behaviour from police in their efforts to maintain law and order.

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# Residents want rule by Durban Corporation

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## Mercury Reporter

A DECISION taken by residents of Lamontville last week, that they would rather have the township administered by the Durban Corporation instead of the Port Natal Administration Board, is gaining momentum.

At a meeting of more than 2 000 Chesterville residents at the weekend the same resolution was adopted, a move apparently aimed at ousting the board from administering the townships.

Mrs Priscilla Simelane, a member of the Joint Rent Action Committee in Chesterville, told the Mercury that residents felt that the Durban Corporation should take over because it was directly subsidised by the central Government.

It was also decided that the township should not be administered by the KwaZulu Government because it had no money.

The meeting had been convened for the purpose of restoring peace in the township and solving the rent crisis.

The Rev M Xundu, executive member of the committee, announcing the Chesterville meeting, said a peace programme had been launched to pave the way for the board officials to explain the rent hikes.

Earlier Col W S Dreyer, chairman of the board, said his officials had been threatened and would not enter Chesterville or Lamontville unless community leaders could assure their safety.

The Chesterville meeting resolved that the board's officials were welcome to address the residents.

Mrs Simelane said the residents had numerous questions to ask on the rent hikes. Buildings were old and had not been maintained properly, she added.



# Sybil looks to townships' future

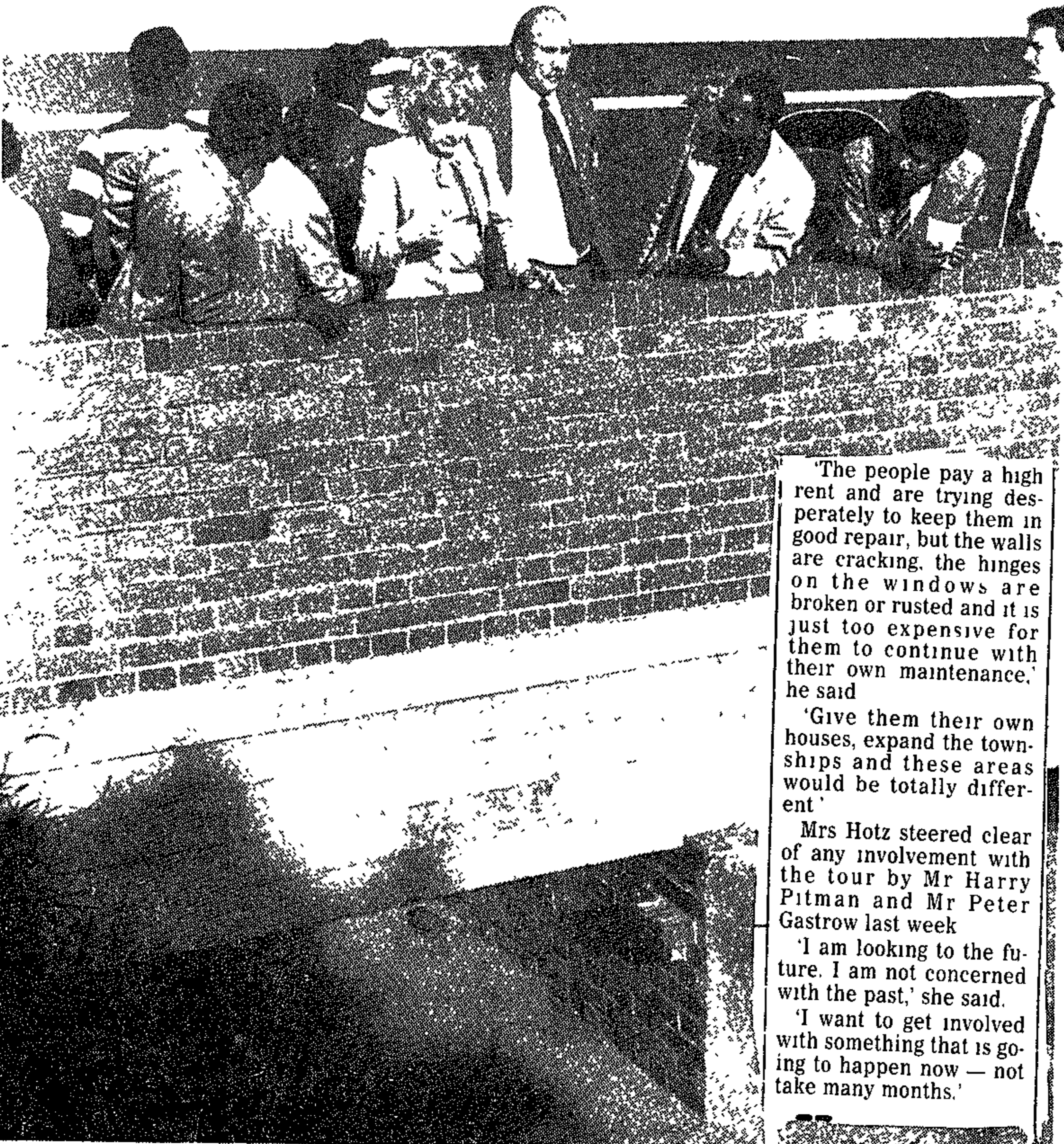
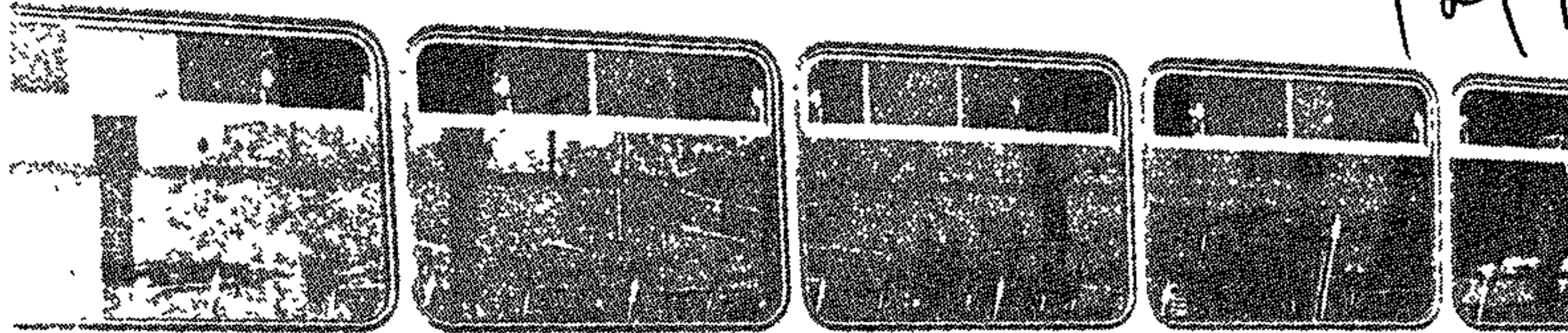
# 'We must talk to these people'

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Mercury Reporter



ON A tour of the troubled townships Chesterville and Lamontville yesterday, Durban's Mayor, Mrs Sybil Hotz, made it clear that talks with the people and community leaders were essential.

'All of us must work together because we are, directly or indirectly, involved and it is very important to work on the priorities of the people instead of those priorities which seem to be worked out for them,' she said

Mrs Hotz took note of the lack of facilities in the townships — not enough entertainment facilities where children could play after school, refuse lying in heaps because sometimes it was not collected and, most important of all, overcrowding

'I am more concerned with having sidewalks built, having more than one sports ground available, and with improving the living conditions of these people,' she said.

There are more than 10 000 people living in Chesterville but there are only slightly more than 1 000 houses to accommodate them.

The houses, built in 1942, are two bedroomed, a dining room and lounge combined and a minute kitchen which was a passage to the bathroom

### Rebuilt

Mr Richard Gumede, chairman of the Joint Rent Action Committee, said the people should be allowed to buy or build their own houses and the situation would change completely overnight.

'These houses should be torn down and new ones built

'The people pay a high rent and are trying desperately to keep them in good repair, but the walls are cracking, the hinges on the windows are broken or rusted and it is just too expensive for them to continue with their own maintenance,' he said

'Give them their own houses, expand the townships and these areas would be totally different'

Mrs Hotz steered clear of any involvement with the tour by Mr Harry Pitman and Mr Peter Gastrow last week

'I am looking to the future. I am not concerned with the past,' she said.

'I want to get involved with something that is going to happen now — not take many months.'

Durban's Mayor, Mrs Sybil Hotz, and some members of the touring party look at a dried-up stream that has become a rubbish dump.

# Police quell pupil unrest in Chesterville

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DURBAN — Riot police were sent to the Durban township of Chesterville yesterday after groups of schoolchildren stoned a building, cars and pedestrians.

The violence started soon after the Progressive Federal Party's Mr Harry Pitman, MP for Pinetown, and Mr Peter Gastrow, MP for Durban Central, had completed a "fact-finding" tour of the township and of Lamontville.

Police confirmed today that groups of children had stoned the Port Natal Administration Board building. Two people, including a board employee, were slightly injured.

After their tour of the two townships Mr Pitman and Mr Gastrow urged the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, to appoint a commission of inquiry into the unrest.

Mr Gastrow said he and Mr Pitman would gather about 40 affidavits alleging police brutality and present them to the Minister of Police.

In a joint statement, the MPs said they had seen and spoken to people who said they had been assaulted, shot and had dogs set on them by police during the last three months.

# MPs take statements on alleged police brutality

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## Mercury Reporter

TWO Members of Parliament who were at first denied entry to Chesterville by officials of the Port Natal Administration Board later toured the township, took statements from residents who made allegations of police brutality, and called for an investigation.

Mr Harry Pitman, MP for Pinetown, and Mr Peter Gastrow, MP for

Durban Central, were earlier stopped at the entrance to Chesterville and asked for permits

After several telephone calls to Mr Hennie du Plessis, chief director of PNAB, Mr Pitman, Mr Gastrow and their party were allowed entry — but only after obtaining a permit from the PNAB offices in Chesterville

Mr du Plessis was unavailable for comment

yesterday afternoon

One of the people visited by the MPs was 17-year-old Nkosinathi Shabalala who alleged that during the disturbances he was sjambokked, tied to a Land-Rover and given electric shocks

Another young schoolboy, Wiseman Nala, is on crutches after he said he broke his leg running away from a police dog which had attacked him.

Themba Mtshali, 20, showed Mr Pitman and Mr Gastrow the welts on his back which he said were received after being sjambokked by policemen

Mr Pitman and Mr Gastrow released a joint statement after their visit.

'We have now also seen and spoken to people in Chesterville who said they had been assaulted, shot and had dogs put on to them. Also to others whose houses were broken into and property damaged,' they said.

## Affidavits

'We are now putting together the dozens of affidavits already made, together with others still in the pipeline.

'We saw and spoke to one of the young men whom I mentioned in Parliament as having alleged that he was given electric shocks and who complained of a wet tube-like substance pulled over and tightened behind his head and who was tied over the bonnet of a Land-Rover before it drove through the township to the Mayville police station,' said Mr Pitman.

'We have seen the injured, seen the damage and believe there is sufficient reason for an investigation.

'Not only could an investigation restore confidence, it could also assist in keeping the area free of violence in the future,' Mr Gastrow said.

Mr Pitman added: 'The Minister demanded of us in Parliament that we provide affidavits to substantiate the allegations were made. I trust that when we have provided him with these affidavits he will do what justice obliges him to do, namely, to institute a proper inquiry forthwith,' they said.

Brig Theo Scherman, divisional commissioner of police for Port Natal, said last night he was 'not interested' in the Mercury's story.

'I am not interested and I have no comment, thank you,' he said.

# Headmaster *Mercury* 'knew of *14/7/83* trouble plan

African Affairs  
Reporter

DR THULANI Mkhize headmaster of the Inhlankani High School in Kwa Mashu who was rescued last week by police after pupils had attacked his office, told the Mercury yesterday that he had warned the circuit inspector that he had heard of a plan to 'overthrow' him

He gave his view of the events at the school which resulted in last week's riot when pupils stormed his office, breaking the windows

Soon after the trouble, Dr Mkhize was served with a letter from the circuit inspector advising him to stay away from the school until further notice

Dr L A Msomi, the circuit inspector, told the Mercury he had received a delegation of pupils and teachers protesting about Dr Mkhize. He said the teachers had demanded to be transferred from the school, claiming the headmaster treated them like 'slaves'

He said Dr Mkhize had not been fired but had been instructed to keep away from school for his

safety. He and some inspectors had restored order in the school and one of the staff members was appointed acting principal

Dr Mkhize said he had on several occasions warned the inspector that there would be trouble at the school but the inspector had ignored the warning. 'Instead he brought a panel of inspectors to my school without warning me and I ordered them to leave, and they did'

A group of teachers who resigned were offered teaching posts in the same circuit without his knowledge. He claimed that those teachers who left had told pupils that they were being ill-treated by the principal

Dr Mkhize protested that the inspector had allowed the teachers to make charges against him in his absence

On Thursday last week he warned the inspector that a strike had been organised for pupils to turn against him and that had materialised the following day when pupils rioted while he was addressing them during the morning assembly

## LAMONTVILLE:

# We're not going in, says Board

*City Press*  
*17/7/83*

PORT Natal Administration Board officials have been frightened off entering Lamontville and Chesterville.

Colonel W S Dreyer, chairman of the PNAB, said this week his officials had been threatened and would not enter the townships unless community leaders could assure their safety.

### Urgent

Residents decided at a meeting last week that they would rather have the townships administered by the Durban Corporation than the PNAB.

Meanwhile, the Joint Rent Action Committee, in conjunction with the mayor of Durban, Mrs Sybil Hotz, is to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, on the fate of the townships.

According to a statement issued by Jorac and Mrs Hotz, Dr Koornhof will be urged to introduce a home ownership scheme as soon as possible.

The mayor also undertook to find out why there were roadblocks at all entrances to Lamontville and Chesterville, the statement said.

# Cops called in as schoolyard violence erupts

## Angry students City Pers 17/7/83 276 attack principal

POLICE had to rescue a school principal from rioting students in KwaMashu this week.

Dr Thulani Mkhize had to run for cover amidst flying missiles and with furious students in hot pursuit after he told the morning assembly that seven of the 36 teachers had resigned.

He made it to his office, which the students then stoned, shattering the windows, before the police arrived.

Dr Mkhize, principal of Inhlakanipho High, was taken to the local circuit inspector's offices, where he was told to stay away from the school until further notice.

The teachers allege that Dr Mkhize belittled them in front of the students by openly telling them they were under-qualified.

Dr Mkhize holds a Phd from Pittsburg University.



● DR T MKHIZE  
Ran for cover.

While... **1 000 battle**  
*City Press*  
**over 'tough**  
**guy's' return**

IS MR R T Venter the right man to be headmaster of Ibhongo Secondary School in Soweto?

This is the burning question that parents will have to decide at a meeting this week when they sit down to assess the chaos and confusion that has resulted in the school being shut down.

Cops were called in to quell a near riot at the school this week and used tear-gas to disperse almost 1 000 students who clashed over the return of Mr Venter.

His sudden reappearance at the school has split the pupils down the middle - those who are "over age" in

terms of the Government's ruling and those who are "under age".

The older students fear Mr Venter will throw them out.

The younger students, however, are thrilled with the controversial headmaster's return.

A spokesman for the pupils told City Press: "As far as we are concerned, he's the right man for us. He's a good disciplinarian and we want to learn."

He claimed that discipline had virtually collapsed since Mr Venter's departure.

the day set for the introduction of the new rent structure, could become a repeat performance of May 1.

Acts of arson and stone throwing accompanied the passing of the PNAB's original May 1 deadline for the increases — which average around 63% (from R25 to R40 a month in some cases). The trouble stopped only after Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koornhof stepped in to postpone the increases until August. There is still tension in Lamontville, Hambanati, Chesterville, Shakaville and Klaarwater.

In spite of a visible police presence and strict security measures, there have been sporadic outbreaks of violence. The methods employed in curbing the unrest have led to charges of police brutality (strongly denied by the SAP) being raised in Parliament.

The PNAB's chief director, Hennie du Plessis, tells the FM that the issue has moved away from being a rent problem to the broader area of political discontent. Under the circumstances, he says, he cannot recommend to the Minister that the rent increases be postponed again for fear that capitulation will be perceived by the community as "a major victory for violence."

Du Plessis is well aware of the ramifications of his stand. He even admits that there are elements who are likely to react violently to his decision and says he is counting on the police to maintain law and order. He's quick to point out, however, that there "wouldn't necessarily be peace" if the increases were waived.

The chairman of the Joint Rent Action Committee, Richard Gumede, says the board is using political agitation as an excuse to press ahead. The main grievance is, and always has been, an economic one. "People feel the burden of what these increases will mean to their reduced household incomes in these times of high inflation and unemployment," he says.

Gumede also predicts trouble if the rent hike goes ahead. As the PNAB has turned a deaf ear to all their appeals to have the increases scrapped, he says "the only way left open to the community is to react with violence."

Some were hoping that the recent appointment of former Postmaster-General Louis Rive, an acknowledged expert on black housing, to look into the whole question of black housing in Natal, would help to defuse the rents controversy. But according to Du Plessis, the board's pending rent increases do not strictly form part of Rive's brief. His main function is to examine ways of meeting the demand for black housing in the light of government's changed housing policies.

In broader terms, Du Plessis lays the blame for the current situation squarely at the door of previous administrations who, he says, left township rents at uneconomic levels for too long in the hope that income would be subsidised through sorghum beer sales. Now, he says, the board is left with the unenviable task of jacking up rentals to more realistic rates. "The fact that the PNAB is budgeting for a R7m deficit this year compared with a R10m deficit for much larger Soweto shows that there is something seriously wrong with our accounts."

Direct subsidies from central government, says Du Plessis, are not the answer. In any event, he says, government does not have the money. Besides, sociologically subsidies are very wrong. At the end of the day somebody has to pay.

## NATAL RENTS

### Threat of violence

The Port Natal Administration Board (PNAB) seems determined to raise rents in the black townships under its control. Community leaders have warned that the increases will be resisted — and that the resistance could lead to violence August 1.

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# MOONLIGHT TRIAL PACKS CROWDS IN

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A HUGE crowd spilled out of the Durban Magistrate's Court and blocked corridors at the murder trial of the 'mayor' of Lamontville, Mr Moonlight Gasa.

Mr Gasa, 54, and four others are charged with murdering community councillor Mr Harrison Dube.

Scores of spectators jostled for van-

tage positions in the corridors. 31/7/83

Spectators who couldn't get in sang songs on Mr Gasa and shouted ANC slogans in Umgeni Road on their way home.

The fifth accused, Mr Bangunhlaba Mbawula, 45, a well-known driver in Lamontville, appeared in court for the first time - and the packed court exploded with shouts when he appeared.

Mr Mbawula's and Mr Gasa's applications for bail were dismissed on the grounds that the court feared for their lives.

All five were remanded in custody until August 26.

The three others charged are Mr Ebenezer Mngadi, 59, Mr Vakuthethwa Yalo, 30, and Mr Julius Ndodana, 70.

Mr Dube was shot dead at his Lamontville home on April 25.



● Moonlight Gasa.



● Harrison Dube.

## Workers harassed

Mercury Reporter

A STONE-THROWING mob harassed a Port Natal Administration Board maintenance team and prevented them from repairing a burst water pipe in Chesterville yesterday.

Youths also hijacked one of the board's vehicles and used it in their getaway. It was later recovered with a broken windshield.

No one was injured.

According to Mr H A du Plessis, chief director of PNAB, this was the only incident in the townships on the first day the new rents came into effect.

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# Worker injured in stone throwing

## Mercury Reporter

A PORT Natal Administration worker was injured when he was struck on the head by a stone thrown by youths in Chesterville this week

Mr Lance Sharrock, work supervisor stationed in the black township, said his team was repairing a burst water main when a group of youths started throwing stones at them.

'I chased them away but they began stoning the

front of my truck. A stone was thrown through the open side window and struck me on the head,' he said

He added that he was not badly injured and reported for work yesterday.

The maximum rent increase which took effect this week in six townships under the jurisdiction of the Port Natal Administration Board was R8,26 for a house in Lamontville

A spokesman for the board said rent increases ranged between R4,26 and R8,26 a month.

He said rents at Chesterville would be increased by R6,14.

Rents at Klaarwater Township near Pinetown would be increased by between R4 and R5,74 a month.

At Shaymoya the rents would rise by R2,85 and R3,90.

**Shots** (276)

**scatter**

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**of youths**

**Crime Reporter**

SHOTS were fired in Lamontville yesterday to disperse youths who stoned members of the Port Natal Administration Board and a breakdown service when they went to retrieve a burning truck.

Police said a member of Port Natal Administration Board had earlier been driving a six-ton truck in the township when a mob of youths stopped him.

They started stoning the truck, pulled out the driver, assaulted him and chased him away before setting the truck alight.

The breakdown truck was confronted by a huge mob of youths who hurled stones at them, but later scattered under gun fire.

# Mob hurls stones, 8/8/13 sewage

Own Correspondent

PINETOWN — A shouting 200-strong stone-throwing mob, allegedly protesting about rent increases, has left the Port Natal Administration Board offices at Klaarwater — including the health and baby clinic — awash with bucketfuls of sewage.

The superintendent, Mr Johan Vermaak, said staff would have to sit and work in their cars today while the offices were disinfected by the health department.

"The mob came in a hit-and-run attack at about 6.15 last night. They smashed about 200 window panes and hurled the contents of their buckets into the offices.

"We are still on the bucket system at Klaarwater and they brought them from home. In my 13 years here I've never seen anything like it."

Mr Vermaak said two guards had to run from the stone throwers who had gone by the time the police arrived. Witnesses said the crowd, mostly people in their late teens and early twenties, were protesting about rents.

They concentrated mainly on the health and baby clinic, where they smashed down the door, the cashiers office, Mr Vermaak's office, a large veranda on one side of the main building and a caravan used to store paint from the facelift operation being carried out in the township.

# Some affidavits concerning the Durban riots

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Our Political Correspondent gives some extracts from the affidavits

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● Ephraim Mfomfo Nala "I know Wiseman Khekhe Nala. He is my ward He is my illegitimate sister's son On May 30, 1983, I was on nightshift At about 2pm I was still at home sleeping.

"I was awoken by the smell of teargas My five-year-old daughter was choking I ran out with her to the outside. The smoke was so thick I asked everybody to get out of the house.

"There were about seven children in the house and as they ran out of the house police started assaulting them with sjamboks and open hands but did not suffer any serious injuries

"As Wiseman ran out of the house they went for him He ran and they set their dogs on him The dog caught up with him and bit him Police came and started assaulting him with batons and sjamboks There were two white police who actually assaulted Wiseman

"I tried to intervene and asked why they were assaulting my child I told them that Wiseman was not even outside, he was inside the house and only

left the house because they had thrown in tear gas.

"The police said they don't care about that because we are responsible for the happenings as we have failed to control our children and that I must go and collect him from where he was.

"Actually the police were very rude to me. My child had suffered a bad fracture of both tibia and fibula and the right leg We phoned Cato Manor police asking for a van to take Wiseman to hospital The police refused We took him by private car to hospital

"The following day ... I went to lay a complaint at the Cato Manor police station. I talked to a certain black sergeant who referred me to an Indian police sergeant who was very rude to me He said our children were responsible for the killings, burnings of school and destruction of vehicle.

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ELEVEN young blacks pleaded not guilty in the Regional Court yesterday to charges of public violence related to alleged attacks on three houses in Lamontville on May 3.

The accused, aged between 14 and 22, pleaded not guilty to setting fire to, stoning or otherwise damaging the homes of Mr Moonlight Gasa, chairman of the Ningizimu Community Council, Mr Walter Diadla and Mr Elliot Hadebe, prominent members of the Lamontville community. The trial is being held in camera.

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# PFP memo on police 'abuse' in townships

Political Staff

ALLEGATIONS of serious abuses by the police in the black townships of Lamontville and Chesterville near Durban during May and June have been made in a comprehensive memorandum — including 22 sworn affidavits — presented to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, by the Progressive Federal Party MP for Durban Central, Mr Peter Gastrow.

The memorandum was given to Mr Le Grange on August 10 and released to the press yesterday by Mr Gastrow.

The document followed a speech by Mr Le Grange in Parliament on June 30 in which he challenged Mr Gastrow and Mr Harry Pitman (PFP Pinetown) to substantiate allegations they had made about police activity in the two townships.

In a statement accompanying the memorandum Mr Gastrow said: "The report contains some hair-raising allegations which require full investigation. It shows that the minister's bald denial of the allegations and his personal attack on us was without foundation."

Lamontville and Ches-

terville were the scene of weeks of unrest earlier this year over service charge increases.

The 38 affidavits, signed personal statements and summaries of interviews were "by no means" all the incidents which took place and could be supplemented with a "substantial number" of others if more time and manpower were available.

Mr Gastrow said in the letter that he was aware that the police had to contend with lawless elements and were on occasion exposed to danger and intense provocation.

## 'Over-reacted'

"The feeling amongst the overwhelming majority of the residents is however that the police over-reacted and that teargas, birdshot and sjamboks were used indiscriminately and at random," he said.

A spokesman for Mr Le Grange said yesterday that the minister had no comment at this stage on the memorandum because it was still being studied.

An officer at the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria also declined to comment because the document was in the hands of the minister.



# Le Grange is not doing his job, says Gastrow

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## Political Staff

THE Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, was today accused of not doing his job properly.

He was also accused of hiding behind Section 27 of the Police Act to prevent disclosure of the full facts concerning recent unrest in two Durban townships.

The accusation was made by Mr Peter Gastrow (PFP Durban Central), following Mr le Grange's refusal to appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate complaints about police action in the townships during the unrest.

## Failed

In a statement last night, Mr le Grange accused Mr Gastrow and Mr Harry Pitman, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on law and order, of failing to substantiate allegations about police brutality in quelling the unrest which they made in speeches in Parliament earlier this year.

Both men today rejected the claim, saying that many of the original allegations were backed in the 22 affidavits and three signed statements handed to Mr le Grange last week.

Mr Gastrow asked today why Mr le Grange continually refused to investigate the allegations

## Scandalous

Mr Gastrow said he and Mr Pitman had been forced to investigate the complaints themselves after Mr le Grange rejected the original allegations as "scandalous" without any proper effort to investigate them.

"Mr le Grange should have investigated the allegations. It should not have been necessary for us to collect affidavits about the allegations," he said.

"Mr le Grange has shown no desire to familiarise himself with what happened in Lamontville and Chesterville. He has not visited the area and the Port Natal Divisional Commissioner has not



Mr Peter Gastrow

been prepared to discuss the matter with me.

"Mr le Grange is relying on police information only."

Mr Gastrow said Mr le Grange was also "hiding behind Section 27 of the Police Act" under which there was a constant threat to the Press that action could be taken if they published the details of the affidavits dealing with the police action in the townships.

He pointed out that Mr le Grange had used the threat of the Act in an attempt to prevent publication of the original speeches in Parliament about the allegations.

## 'Torture'

In the original allegations the police were accused among other things of torturing youths with electricity while keeping their heads covered with rubber tubes, shooting and using teargas indiscriminately, sjambokking people, breaking into homes and assaulting occupants and of tying youths to the front of a police vehicle to prevent it being stoned.

In his statement Mr le Grange queried why, in spite of numerous published appeals, no one had laid a complaint with the police.

Mr Gastrow said the affidavits handed to Mr le Grange contained statements that attempts had been made to lay complaints.

## Statistics

Mr Gastrow also asked why "only now does Mr le Grange give us the statistics of what happened in the townships? Why did he not tell us of injuries to policemen and damage to police and other property earlier?"

"I don't think he has done his job properly. The only way to find out what really happened in the townships during the unrest is to have an independent inquiry."

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# TODAY the Tribune investigates both sides of the violence in a strife-torn township

## Are the allegations against police true . . . or lies?

THE violence in Lamontville has become so endemic it has remained on the front pages of newspapers for four months. In past weeks residents, with increasing frequency, have blamed police for allegedly using illegal methods to crush the violence.

Harry Pitman, PFP spokesman on law and order, caused an uproar in Parliament last week when he related detailed cases of alleged police brutality and said there was a "state of undeclared martial law" in the townships of Lamontville and Chesterville.

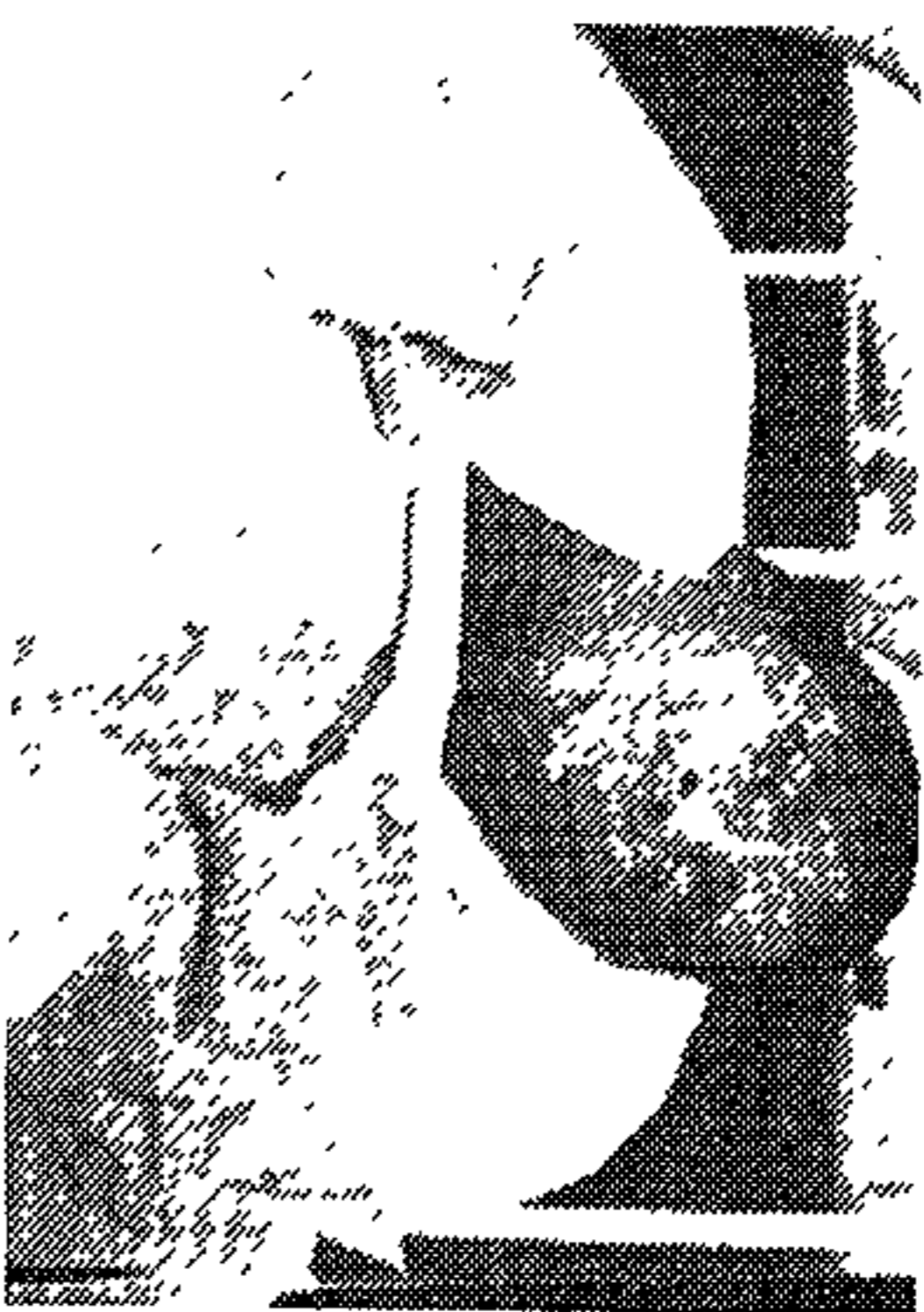
Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, dismissed Mr Pitman's allegations

as "infamous lies" and challenged him to provide evidence.

The police called a Press conference this week where Brigadier Theo Scherman, head of police in Port Natal, rejected all Mr Pitman's allegations as false and unfounded.

Mr Pitman and Peter Gastrow, MP Durban Central, made a two-hour tour of Lamontville and collected evidence which, they felt, supported their allegations in Parliament.

The SUNDAY TRIBUNE prepared its own dossier and today presents both sides of the story . . .



□ Bheki Shangase, 17, of Mhlongo Road, Lamontville, in his hospital bed this week. His right leg has been amputated below the knee after, he says, he was shot



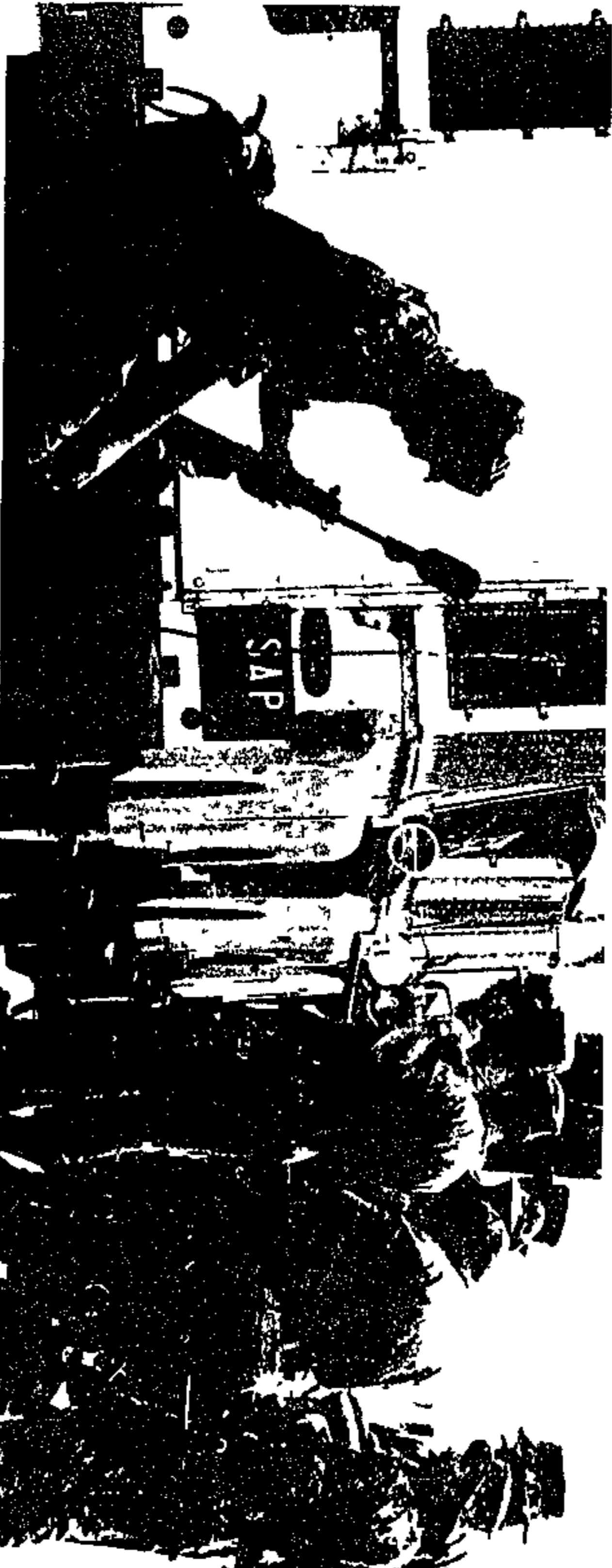
□ Mr Patrick Shabalala, was admitted to hospital with gunshot wounds on June 16. Mr Shabalala has since been discharged



□ Crippled Mr Malgas Malgas, with the two teargas canisters which were fired into his living room

# Insiders

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By BARNEY MTHOMBOTHI



A NUMBER of Lamontville residents claim they were either assaulted by police, witnessed assaults by police, or had teargas canisters fired into their yards or houses.

## Police sore about claims of brutality in townships

By RON GOLDEN  
THE police are "sore" about claims that brutality was used to suppress outbreaks of violence in two of Durban's black townships, saying they resented "being strung up on a hit

And as the police brass were explaining their actions on June 16 and 17 to newsmen at the CR Swart Square headquarters in Durban on Friday, Mr Pitman was making a tour of Lamontville gathering

quite sore about them." In spite of this relatively mild answer, there is little doubt the police are upset. But it is their policy, where possible, to avoid political issues. Brigadier Scherman

the police faced. "Do you know what we have found? Barricades are put up, set alight. A message is passed to the offices at the Port Natal Administration Board saying a house in a given street . . . on fire."

up a short distance away. On two occasions they were forced to make use of their shotguns to get out. "So they are being set up. There is no doubt about that." The only concession to possible "tact behaviour

elements who, they said, used numbers instead of names when speaking to each other. Brigadier Scherman said police roadblocks were set up when it was established that busloads of outsiders were being

close range, the pellets usually just penetrated the skin. Asked why the police had not acted immediately after the allegations were levelled against them and that they had not taken action to show they were



# MPS send memo on police to minister

Own Correspondent

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my yard and hit my neighbour's child with a baton."

● In Cape Town last night the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, rejected calls for a commission of inquiry into the allegations of police brutality in Lamontville and Cheshireville.

Mr Le Grange said in a statement serious allegations had been levelled at the police but none of them had been substantiated in a document sent to him by Mr Gastrow.

Mr Le Grange said none of the people mentioned by Mr Gastrow had laid any complaints against the police in spite of numerous appeals for people to report ill-treatment.

Senior police officers had been withdrawn from normal duties specially to investigate any claims which might have been made.

It was a pity, he said, that Mr Gastrow and Mr Pitman had not investigated the plight of the many law-abiding citizens who had been burdened for months "with rampant gangsterism."

"Their lives were made virtually unbearable by the burning and looting of homes and shops, the killing and injuring of innocent citizens, the destruction of community services and the hampering of police and Administration Board officials in trying to restore order," said Mr Le Grange.

"As a result of the rioting, which started in April, four people were murdered, many more were injured, 167 buses were destroyed or damaged. Some 24 police vehicles and 13 administration board vehicles were destroyed or damaged."

Many buildings had been destroyed or damaged in most cases by petrol bombs.

"Several policemen and administration officials were injured and one police dog was stabbed and then stoned to death," said Mr Le Grange.

"An estimate of the damage to property alone amounts to more than R500 000."

Mr Le Grange said the police had been forced to establish operational centres in the two townships on June 23 to curb the rioting and their presence had resulted in the situation returning to normal in two days.

They had been instructed to use the "utmost restraint" in dealing with the rioters, most of whom had been youths.

"Yet, on several occasions the police were lured to certain areas by false calls of uproar only to face burning barricades through which they could not proceed," said Mr Le Grange.

They had been attacked with petrol bombs, stones and catapults loaded with lead washers and ball-bearings.

The police had replied with tear smoke and bird-shot.

"As a result of the rioting 38 people have been charged with public violence, some of whom have already been convicted," he said.

"Three people have been charged with murder, two with arson, three with malicious injury to property and one with assault. More arrests could follow.

"I see no need for a commission of inquiry into police actions in these two townships. In the light of all the above circumstances and the right of an aggrieved person to have his complaint investigated, I am not prepared to accede to Mr Gastrow's request."

# Residents: We were ignored

Own Correspondent

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**'Told to go away'**

"At Montclair, the other people and I were told by the white station commander to go away," she said

William Joseph Ndlovu, a matric pupil at Lamontville High School, claimed he was kicked by police at his home.

"I went to King Edward VIII Hospital for treatment and was told to make a statement at the Montclair police station," he said.

"I went there but they refused to take a statement, so my parents handed the matter to Mrs V N Mxenge, a Durban attorney"

Mrs Mxenge took a statement from him and referred the matter to the Montclair police

The police then visited him at his home

and took their own statement from him

Mrs Mxenge said 37 people had come to her after they had been chased away from several police stations near the townships where they had gone to lay charges.

She said she took sworn statements from them, and would be acting on their behalf.

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'The minister has read these and I'm therefore baffled by his attitude

'Many did not bother to go and lay complaints because they believed that it was useless to complain to the police about police actions. It shows a lack of confidence in the police, which is disturbing.'

A police spokesman said police had to use their discretion before allowing people to lay charges or to make a statement.

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ONE of the people who says she was sent away by police at Montclair Police Station ... Miss Sylvia Qulu, with her three-year-old son, Thulasizwe.

clair because they did not deal with Lamontville at Wentworth.

'At Montclair, the other people and I were told by the white station commander to go away,' she said.

William Joseph Ndlovu, a matric pupil at Lamontville High School, claimed he was kicked by police at his home.

'I went to King Edward VIII Hospital for treatment and was told to make a statement at the Montclair Police Station,' he said.

'I went there but they refused to take a statement, so my parents handed the matter to Mrs V N Mgxenge, a Durban attorney.'

Mrs Mgxenge took a statement from him and referred the matter to the Montclair police.

The police then visited him at his home and took their own statement from him. Since then he had not heard anything.

Mrs Mgxenge said 37 people had come to her after they had been chased away from several police stations near the townships where they had gone to lay charges.

She said she took sworn statements from them, and would be acting on their behalf.

Mercury Reporter 18/8/83  
 'We tried to complain against police' two claim

# 'I killed for Dube'

MR AMOS Ndwalane told a stunned Durban Magistrates' Court he had shot down a taxi operator in revenge for the killing of community leader Mr Harrison Dube.

Mr Dube was killed in April this year and Lamontville's "mayor", Mr Moonlight Gasa, is one of those standing trial for the killing.

Mr Ndwalane, 34, of Kwashube Place in Lamontville, admitted killing Mr Aubrey Mahlaba but denied he was

guilty of murder. He told the hushed court he had been extremely upset over the death of Mr Dube. He heard Mr Mahlaba's name being mentioned in connection with the killing and decided to get a revolver.

He went to the Lamontville bus terminus, walked up to the car, and shot Mr Mahlaba in the head, he said.

The case was adjourned to August 26.

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# Lamontville: Fr

## Gastrow: I am not trying to protect criminals

MR GASTROW, who is an advocate, says he is not trying to protect criminals.

"To the best of my knowledge none of the people from whom I have received affidavits or signed statements or whom I have interviewed have been charged with any offence.

They were not people who were involved in rioting, or throwing stones at the police. These were people who were going about their normal everyday occupations.

If I had an investigation team at my disposal, such as the Minister of Law and Order has, I could go back and obtain more affidavits from more people whose names and addresses are known to me. I could try to persuade them to lay official charges against the police.

The fact is that there are many people in Lamontville and Chesterville who see no point in going to complain to the police about offences they allege are being committed by the police.

And others who have been to the police to complain have been chased away.

The danger is that there is tremendous frustration building up. The people feel nobody is taking any notice of them. Because newspapers are prevented by Section 27

of the Police Act from reporting what is going on, the residents feel they are being ignored and discarded. There is a feeling that horse races or a monkey being kicked to death at Natal Command are more important than what happens to them.

There is also a danger that the lack of publicity is creating a false sense of security and complacency among the public in Durban.

Because they are not

shot, teargas and sjamboks were used in a random fashion.

There are many who would have supported the police dealing stiffly with offenders, rioters and stone throwers, but their belief that the police behaviour was excessive had made the entire population antagonistic.

Mr Le Grange is not doing his job properly. He has shown no desire to familiarise himself with what happened in Lamontville and Chester-

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The people of Lamontville and Chesterville believe police used excessive force and that buck-

ville. He has not visited the area.

He compromised himself in Parliament by immediately rejecting what we had said as scandalous, false and out of the garbage can. Politically he now finds it difficult to back down. He would lose face.

It must be a great disappointment to the bulk of policemen who don't condone this sort of action."

MINISTER of Law and Order Louis le Grange this week commission of inquiry into allegations of police brutality in terville

He refused in spite of being handed a memorandum of three signed statements and 13 summaries of interviews they were victims of police brutality, by Peter Gastrow, M

Mr Gastrow had sent the memorandum to Mr Le Grange to substantiate with signed statements allegations MP for Pinetown, had made in Parliament

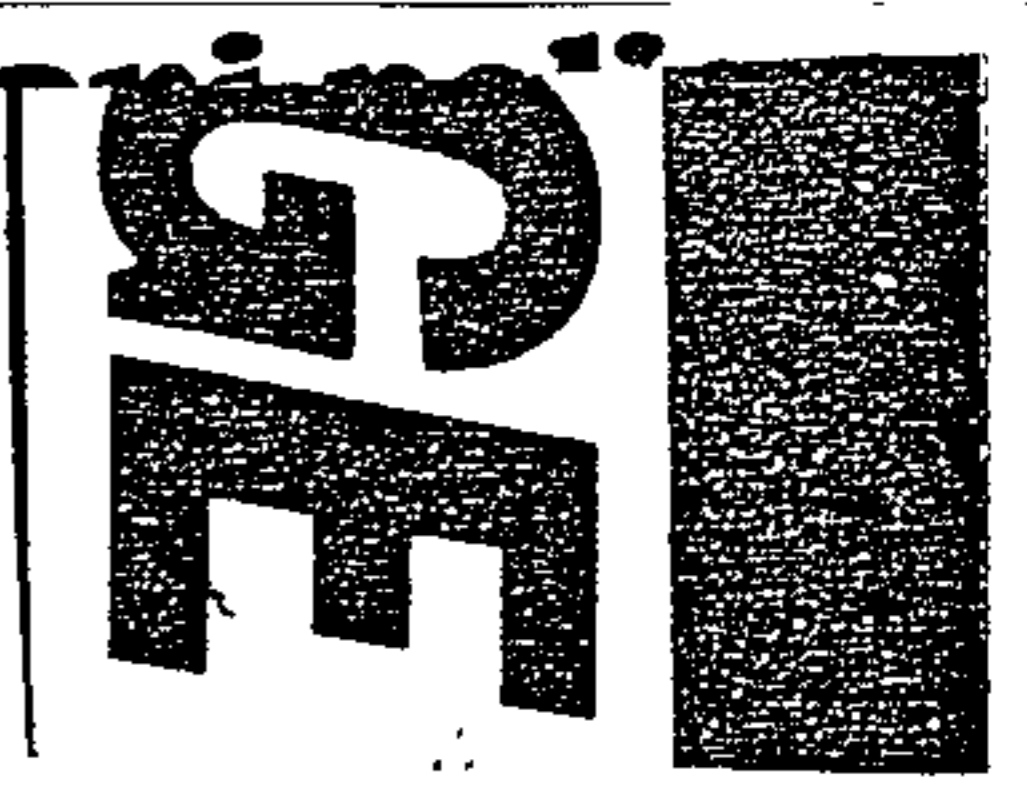
Mr Le Grange had claimed in Parliament that allegations police were "infamous lies." He said Mr Gastrow and Mr privilege of the House to "discuss matters that come The **Tribune** today publishes statements from Mr Gastrow that you can judge both sides of the story. Political **MANN** reports.



□ Peter Gastrow



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# act or fiction?

## Le Grange: Police have to deal with rampant gangsterism

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Gastrow, MP for Durban Central  
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Political Correspondent **PETER**



Louis le Grange

LOUIS le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, said police had to deal with rampant gangsterism in the townships

Serious allegations had been levelled at the police but none had been substantiated by Mr Gastrow and none of the people mentioned by him had laid complaints against the police in spite of numerous appeals.

Mr Gastrow and Mr Pitman should have investigated the plight of law-abiding citizens.

"Their lives were made virtually unbearable by the burning and looting of homes and shops, the killing and injuring of innocent citizens, the destruction of community services and the hampering of police and Administration Board officials in trying to restore order.

"As a result of the rioting which started in April, four people were murdered, many more were injured, 167 buses

were destroyed or damaged. Some 24 police vehicles and 13 Administration Board vehicles were destroyed or damaged.

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"On several occasions police were lured to cer-

tain areas by false calls of uproar only to face burning barricades through which they could not proceed."

Mr Le Grange said the police had been attacked with petrol bombs, stones and catapults loaded with lead washers and

ball-bearings. The police had responded with "tearsmoke" and bird-shot.

Police had been forced to establish operational centres in the townships on June 23 to curb the

rioting and their presence had resulted in the situation returning to normal within two days.

They had been instructed to use the "utmost restraint" in dealing with the rioters, most of whom had been youths.

"As a result of the rioting 38 people have been charged with public violence, some of whom have already been convicted.

"Three people have been charged with murder, two with arson, three with malicious injury to property and one with assault. More arrests may follow.

"I see no need for a commission of inquiry into police actions in these two townships. In the light of all the above circumstances and the right of an aggrieved person to have his complaint investigated, I am not prepared to accede to Mr Gastrow's request," Mr Le Grange said.

**Two shot**  
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**in cafe** 276  
**incidents**

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Crime Reporter

A MOB from Dalton Location kicked in the windows of the Three Star Cafe in Williams Road after a customer had been shot and wounded by the proprietor.

Police said yesterday that on Friday night an argument broke out between Mr Sayed Taylor and a customer. During a fight which ensued Mr Taylor fired a shot and the man was wounded in his neck.

Soon after he had been taken to King Edward VIII Hospital a mob of men came to the cafe and kicked in the windows. They fled when the police arrived.

In an incident in Stanger on Saturday night the proprietor of Welcome Fruiterers, Mr Krishnasamy Naidoo, shot, wounded and arrested a man in a hold-up attempt, police said.

# Beerhall burnt in Mbekweni

## Staff Reporters

A BEERHALL in the Mbekweni township outside Paarl was set alight last night in the second night of violence in the township.

A police spokesman, Colonel Willem Volgraaf, said the situation was calm, but residents reported hearing a loud bang and said they had rushed out from a church service at 5pm to see the beerhall blazing.

## Smashed glass

A Cape Times reporter last night saw two large areas of smashed glass and debris strewn around at the blazing beerhall, as well as the burnt-out chassis of a car. Three riot police

vehicles stood inside the beerhall grounds.

On Saturday night a beerhall — it could not be confirmed if it was the same one — was set alight, causing damage estimated at R200 000. Unrest broke out in the township on Saturday after residents had attempted to break a beerhall boycott called for at a meeting on Thursday night.

According to Mbekweni residents, about 3 000 people decided to boycott the Administration Board-controlled beerhalls after 171 residents of the township had been arrested on Thursday.

The arrests took place as they were marching to the board's offices to

protest against a 25 per cent increase in service charges announced last week.

Yesterday Paarl police said they had opened an arson docket following the fire.

Colonel Volgraaf said Saturday's blaze broke out a short while after the building had been stoned repeatedly by a group of youths. Police had reason to believe the fire had been started by arsonists but no arrests had yet been made, he said.

The youths, who gathered and started stoning the hall about 6pm, had also forcibly taken beer from "older people" leaving the building, Colonel Volgraaf said.

## 'Sporadic incidents'

"Sporadic incidents of stone-throwing continued and two officials of the Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) went to close the beerhall about an hour later," he said.

Shortly before 8pm, it was reported to police that the building was on fire. Firemen arrived at the scene and fought the blaze but the beerhall was "completely destroyed".

Colonel Volgraaf said WCAB officials had "cleaned up the debris" yesterday and that Mbekweni had been "quiet".

Colonel Volgraaf said there had been no trouble at the township apart from a few incidents of stone-throwing at the beerhall yesterday. He was not aware of the beer hall being set alight last night.

## 300 arrested

● More than 300 schoolchildren were arrested at the Paarl Magistrate's court on Friday and later released in Mbekweni without being charged.

The children had gathered at the court as eight of their teachers were among the group of 171 arrested on Thursday, and were due to appear on Friday.

All 171 have been kept at Pollsmoor prison since their arrest. They are due to appear in court on Thursday on charges under the Internal Security Act.

● The Cape Action League, through its affiliate, the Paarl Branch of the Western Cape Civic Association, yesterday expressed its "total solidarity" with the actions of the residents of Mbekweni.

# Govt warned on rent, price rises

7/9/83 Labour Reporter C. Times

THE CAPE Areas' Housing Action Committee (Cahac) yesterday warned the government that if they continued to force rent and other price increases on to starving people the "bitter experiences" of Lamontville, Mdantsane and Mbekweni would "sweep across the country".

In a statement issued by their general secretary, Mr Trevor Manual, Cahac said the current unrest in Mbekweni township outside Paarl was no different from that seen at Lamontville and was "epitomized by the current unrest in Mdantsane".

The statement said the situation arose from the inability of the government to control the economy, with mass unemployment and starvation wages resulting.

"Coupled with this, there is the definite insensitivity by the government and its arms. To increase rents, bus fares or the bread price when people are unemployed and starving is open provocation."

● A Paarl community councillor, Mr Mathew Scott, has called on Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, to freeze the 25 percent service charge increases at Mbekweni.

He warned that if this were not done "I foresee trouble and violence — even loss of life".

Unrest erupted at the township last weekend following the distribution by the Western Cape Administration Board of pamphlets announcing the increases and the arrest of 167 people.

● The Western Cape Region of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) has "rejected and strongly condemned" the arrests during the demonstrations against rent increases at Mbekweni last week.

# Ciskei issues shotguns

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — Scores of shotguns will soon be controlled by tribal authorities in Ciskei, which has recently been troubled by serious civil unrest.

The guns will be used by chiefs and their trusted followers to deal with trouble spots and to guard Government buildings.

Chiefs and followers have flocked to Zwelitsha this week to be trained in the use of the guns.

Today the police Press

liaison officer for Ciskei. Major G Ngaki will address the learner shottists on licensing laws and regulations.

After the talk the learners will go for shooting practice at the farm of Ciskei's President Lennox Sebe, at Izeli, near King William's Town.

They will get basic instruction on the use of the guns from Ciskeian army officers.

Major Ngaki said each of Ciskei's 41 tribal authori-

ties was expected to buy shotguns out of its own coffers.

He said the authority would have "two or three" shotguns in stock to issue to trusted men in times of trouble.

These men would carry shotguns when the chief deemed it necessary.

They would act as a "reserve force" till the police arrived.

Each tribal authority would have to keep a register to record when a gun was issued.

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# Tsotsis involved in attacks say police

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KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — Extensive Ciskei police investigations had revealed that a "tsotsi element" was involved in attacks against residents of Mdantsane, the Ciskei police public relations officer, Major G. A. Ngaki, said in a statement yesterday.

The investigations followed several press reports about alleged assaults and brutalities by mainly vigilantes and to a much lesser extent, police.

Major Ngaki said the "tsotsi element" knowing that their actions

would be attached to vigilantes and at times the police, had carried out these acts.

He appealed to anyone falling victim of attacks in Mdantsane to report to the police immediately so that a follow-up could be arranged and the culprits located within the vicinity of the occurrence.

"It is now clear that a tsotsi element has come forward to take the stage", Major Ngaki said.

Proof of this was that shabbily dressed children had visited some schools and ordered

pupils to leave classes.

He said there had been some arrests and that some of those arrested were not even school pupils although there were some students among them.

Major Ngaki said that people who went to report attacks to the police should consult the station commander if they were dissatisfied with treatment they received from others.

He assured the Mdantsane public that investigations were being carried out on all instances reported. — DDR

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Staff Reporter

TWO Mbekweni township residents and a Paarl East man who allegedly set fire to the Mbekweni municipal beerhall on Sunday night, appeared briefly before a Paarl magistrate yesterday.

Bail of R50 was set for Mr Eric Barnes, 25, of Springbok Residence, Paarl East, and Mr Mathews Moko, 35, and Mr David Moni, 19, both of Mbekweni.

They were not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

Mr A J F Louw adjourned the case till Monday.

Mr G J Badenhorst appeared for the State. Mr N M Arendse appeared for the men.

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Mother dies after  
school unrest shooting

Own Correspondent  
EAST LONDON — A  
mother of three died  
after shots were fired by  
police during the  
second day of schools  
unrest in Duncan Vil-  
lage near here yester-  
day, police confirmed  
last night.

Mrs Guzana Zukiswa  
Mfazwe, 24, of Momoti  
Street, died in the Frere  
Hospital

The Divisional Com-  
missioner of Police in  
the Border, Brigadier J  
R P Bekker said police  
had fired three warning  
shots from a shotgun  
after a crowd of school-  
children, joined by  
adults, had stoned  
motor vehicles.

"As always in an un-  
fortunate incident like  
this, one woman was in-

jured" Brigadier  
Bekker said

He said it was not  
known yet what had  
caused Mrs Mfazwe's  
death. A post-mortem  
would be held to deter-  
mine the cause of death  
and the police would  
conduct a full investiga-  
tion into the incident.  
Brigadier Bekker said



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# Flashpoint of Violence

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Argus Correspondent CRYSTELLE SMUTS sets the background to a fatal ambush

THE way Neil Alcock died — shot down in an ambush on his way back from a "peace meeting" between warring tribal chiefs — was the culmination of everything Msinga stands for.

Msinga is the most over-populated, overgrazed and poorest part of Kwazulu, if not South Africa, and the scene of increasing violence.

This unhappy area, which is a turbulent meeting ground between Western culture and

Third World conditions, has seen a complete breakdown of the law. It has long been subject to mounting tension between black and black and black and white, a conflict which is currently being investigated by a Government-appointed commission.

At the heart of the troubles lie the Government's resettlement programmes and an extreme shortage of land.

In the past the Msinga area was used as tenant farms from

which farmers drew labour for their other farms.

But when the white farmers moved in about 20 years ago, blacks where resettled across the Tugela River, in the hills of the Msinga area.

Tribes have clashed in the area as long ago as the 1880s, but as more and more people were crowded into the area, already ravaged by ever-present droughts and overgrazing by cattle, Msinga became the flashpoint of violence in Kwazulu.

It is known as the centre of the gun trade in South Africa, with more than half of all stolen weapons finding their way there. This year alone more than 60 people have died in faction fights, according to police statistics.

Contributing to the lawlessness of the area is the breakdown of the traditional tribal system. Men have to work on the Rand, leaving their families behind to battle for survival, often at the mercy of young

unemployed people who have found that "crime does pay"

It is difficult to see how people can scratch out a living on the scraggy, thorn-bush covered hill sides, but the answer lies in a thriving "underground economy".

This include theft and poaching (the bane of white farmers) and the cultivation of dagga.

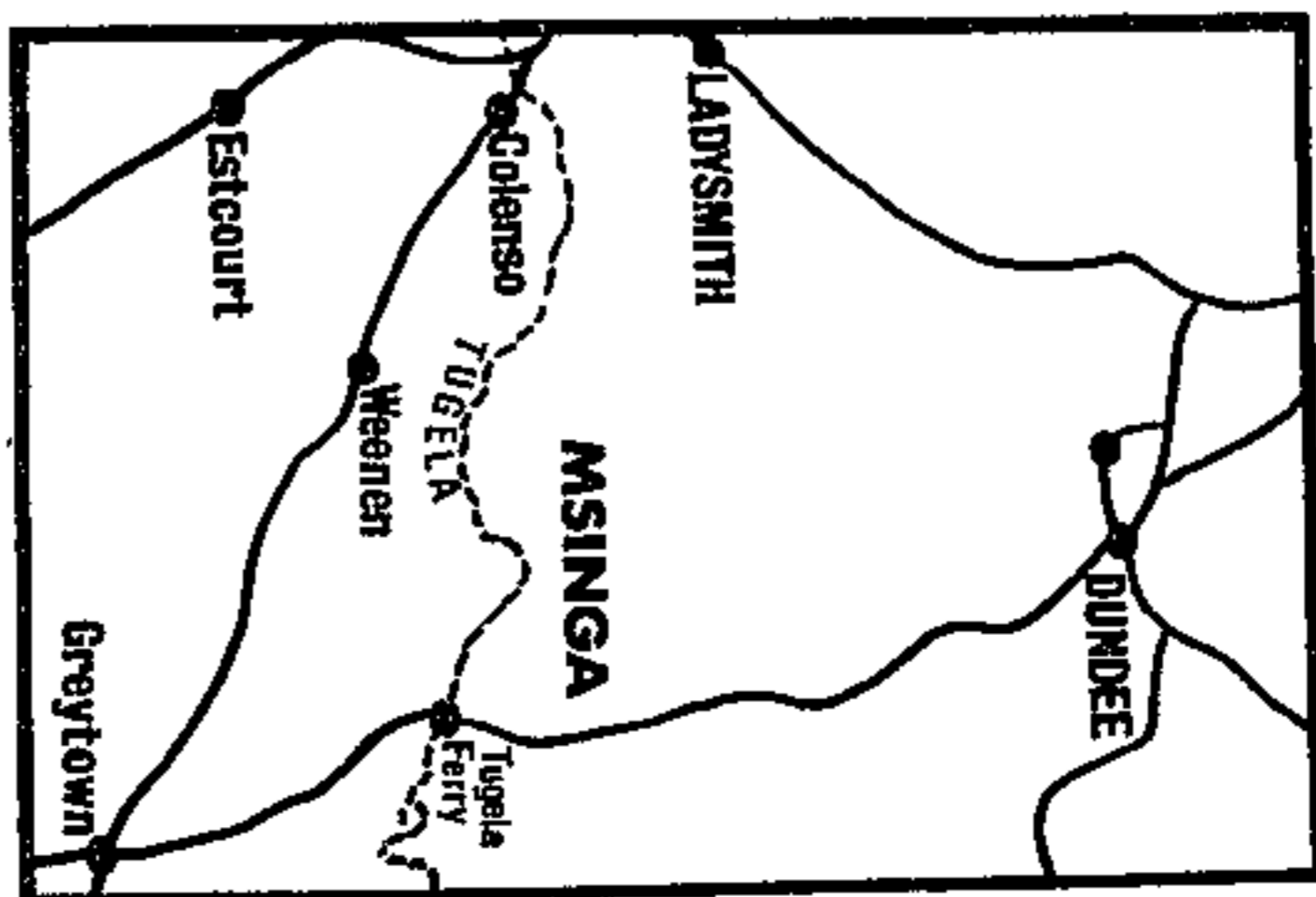
According to a newletter by Church Agricultural Projects (of which Neil Alcock was the managing director) dagga is the most important crop in Kwazulu. It is a multimillion-rand industry which is regularly raided by the South African Police.

Small growers barter their dagga for bread, sugar, tea beans and soap.

It was in this troubled area that "Magogogo" or Neil Alcock and his wife Creina choose to set up a farm, Ndutshani, for Church Agricultural Projects.

Because of initial hostility to the project by black people uprooted from the area and moved across the Tugela, Alcock had to change from cattle farming and instead he set up a number of self-help schemes.

This includes a bone-collecting scheme in which people were paid out weight for weight in mealie meal for bones which they had collected in the veld. Some people trekked for days across kilometres of rugged countryside



to swap their bones for the mealie meal, often the only source of food for the families of breadwinners who are blind or crippled and been dumped in the area.

(Tomorrow is time again for the monthly boneswopping, and a grief-stricken Creina Alcock has said she is determined to carry on with the project.)

Neil Alcock had acted as ombudsman for the warring factions in the area as well as between black and white.

During his time on the farm he had made many enemies because of his fearlessness in speaking out against what he saw as injustices, the most recent of these were allegations of corruption in the various drought-relief schemes in the area.

# School closed after pupils riot.

African Affairs

Reporter

SCHOOL inspectors and teachers at Nomathiya High School in Mtubatuba left the school unceremoniously as pupils ran amok last week and the school was officially closed by the KwaZulu Department of

Education and Culture

Teachers said matric pupils had revolted and refused to listen to any teacher. The school telephone had been cut off as they stoned buildings.

A local school inspector was called in but was given marching orders by

the pupils. The circuit inspector, Mr CJ Nkabinde, arrived and gave the pupils an ultimatum to return to classes within five minutes.

His warning was ignored and the pupils started throwing stones at him. He was eventually rescued by police and announced that the school was closed.

He is reported to have asked the teachers to report at the school today. Six pupils who did not participate in the 'riot' were told by the inspector to return to school today.

But teachers in Mtubatuba said they were concerned for their safety at the school. Some said the police would probably be in the school to maintain order.

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Inkatha death

AN Inkatha member was killed and two were wounded when a fight broke out at an Inkatha meeting at Wembezi township, Estcourt, last week police said. A group of men allegedly attacked people at the meeting in Wembezi Community Hall. The dead man was Julumba Mazibuko, 40, of Bergville. Three men have subsequently appeared in court.

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# Violence flares in Lamontville

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Violence flared and cars burned in Lamontville early yesterday afternoon as youths ran amok and disrupted a meeting called by the Ningizimu Community Council.

Later in the afternoon, about 5pm, about 800 men from the S J Smith Hostel crossed the freeway and came storming into the township.

Police said at least 11 people had been injured, mainly by rocks. One unidentified man was stabbed and was in a serious condition.

Earlier in the day, 30 people were trapped in the hall by the rampaging mob, but the police arrived and flushed the crowd out with teargas.

## Six cars burnt

The mob, wielding knobkerries and other weapons, then burnt down the house of Mr Layton Makatini, who

was to have chaired the meeting. He was not at home.

Included in the casualties reported were Rev M Ngcobo, Mr Sipho Ngubane, Mr Mpumelo Mnguni, Mr H Qwele and a Mr Xaba.

Two cars belonging to Mr J T Zulu, a Kwazulu Urban representative in Durban, were burnt, and Mrs Ella Nxasana, deputy chairman of the Council, lost three cars in the blaze.

Mrs Kate Manjanja, a leading Inkatha member, also had her car burnt during the riot.

## Cordoned off

Mrs Nxasana said Mr Qwele and Mr Xaba had been standing at the door of the hall where the meeting was to be held when they were hit on the head by flying rocks.

She said people in the crowd had threatened to burn her house.

Later a group of

youths had stoned her house and smashed several windows before moving off.

Youths had attacked her house on the Saturday, but had been dispersed by police. She was provided with a police escort to get home.

Late yesterday, police cordoned off the township. No cars were allowed in but residents were permitted to walk in the streets.

## 'Rebuked'

The meeting had been convened by the local Council to discuss the rent issue and the incorporation of the township into Kwazulu. A recent meeting attended mainly by youths decided against the incorporation.

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, president of Inkatha, rebuked the community of Lamontville for failing to stand up to agitators. He warned that he, his cabinet and the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly might reconsider allowing Lamontville residents to use facilities provided by his government.

A similar meeting in Chesterville yesterday went on peacefully. Residents demanded that houses should be built in Cato Manor to relieve the housing shortage in the township.

# Lamontville violence claims its first victim

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The fresh wave of violence in strife-torn Lamontville claimed its first victim today when a man was killed in the S J Smith hostel.

Yesterday a young woman was shot in the head; a house was razed, eight cars were burnt and the Lamontville community hall was battered by stones after a meeting on the township being incorporated into kwaZulu was disrupted.

A resident, who asked not to be named, said: "The township has been split into factions. On the one hand are the traditionalists, who are mostly hostel-dwellers, who support the Community Councillors and Inkatha.

"On the other side are the radicals who are in the township and who oppose incorporation of Lamontville into kwaZulu."

Following the disruption of yesterday's Inkatha meeting, a mob of about 800 hostel-dwellers marched across the bridge between the hostel and the township, but their revenge-mission was foiled by police.

Today, schoolchildren from Lamont high school and the Ekukhe Ni higher Primary School were sent home and police were on standby.

Township residents fled from the community hall after the meeting dissolved in a confrontation between local youths and Inkatha members.

The youths were beaten with sticks and a young woman, Miss Happy Mngadi (20), was shot in the head. She was taken to King Edward VIII Hospital.

The cars, many belonging to community councillors were set alight.

# Lamontville death toll is now up to 2

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Another death in Lamontville, Durban, has brought the toll to two since violence broke out in the township on Sunday.

The clash continued last night between hostel-dwellers, who support community councillors in favour of incorporation of the township into kwaZulu and other residents of the township.

A police spokesman said that a mob of about 50 boarders armed with sticks and stones tried to march across the access bridge into Lamontville last night but were foiled by police.

Later a man was found dead on the bridge. A police spokesman said residents said they had heard shots, but it was still not clear how the man had been killed.

The Lamontville man killed yesterday morning has still not been identified.

A police spokesman said it was all quiet in the township today and police were maintaining a low profile.

# Impi turned back at

# gates of Lamontville

Mercury  
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A MOB estimated at 1 000-strong and armed with sticks was turned back at the gates of Lamontville last night.

The 'impi' from the S J Smith Hostel, which borders on the township, gathered during the day but was broken up by the police towards evening.

The hostel dwellers told the Mercury last night that they wanted to put Lamontville youths in their place because they had assaulted their councillor, Mr Gideon Sibiyi at the weekend.

They were also annoyed because the Lamontville residents had no respect for Chief Gatsha Buthelezi and the KwaZulu Government.

It was feared last night that the SAR Hostel dwellers and Glebelands residents were planning to invade the township.

Schools were closed in Lamontville yesterday because pupils feared that they would be attacked by the hostel dwellers.

There were no injuries reported last night.

A Mercury reporter writes that weekend violence in the township left one dead, many injured and eight cars gutted.

A black man was battered and stabbed to death in the S J Smith Hostel during the outbreak of violence on Sunday. A black woman was critically injured by a bullet in her head.

The man, as yet unidentified, was found in the hostel early yesterday. He had been stabbed several times and battered with sticks, according to police.

## Flare up

Miss Happy Mngadi, 20, one of the 12 injured in the flare-up of Sunday's violence, underwent emergency surgery at Wentworth Hospital after being shot in the head. Her condition is critical.



Mr Layton Makhatini and his son Nkosinathi outside their gutted Lamontville home yesterday.

The police reaction unit, which was called in to disperse rioters on Sunday, was still in the township yesterday. A police spokesman said they did not believe the trouble was over. It could flare up again, he said, and a close watch was being kept on the hostel-dwellers.

The rioting which erupted in Lamontville at the weekend was centred on the issue of the proposed inclusion of the township into KwaZulu.

The residents are clearly divided on the issue. Inkatha and the Ngingizimu Community Council are in favour of the incorporation but militant youthful elements and certain others are violently opposed to it.

Mrs Ella Nxasana, the council's deputy chairman and lifetime president of Inkatha, told the Women's Brigade at Ulundi recently that the resolution taken by the youth to reject the incorporation was not valid because parents had not taken the decision.

## Bottles

## hurled at

## freeway

## motorist

Mercury Reporter

A SHOCKED motorist claimed yesterday that groups of black children hurled stones, bottles and nails at vehicles on Durban's N2 outer ring road, near the troubled Lamontville township.

A Chatsworth businessman, Mr Dhanpal Naidoo, told the Mercury he was driving his wife and grandson on the way to Louis Botha Airport to fetch his son from Britain when a piece of wood with a nail in it punctured a tyre.

'I was about to stop the car to change the wheel, but stones and bottles came flying at us. I was forced to drive on some distance and then change the wheel,' he said.

Mr Naidoo said he was lucky to escape without injury or damage to his car. 'I saw two vehicles behind being hit by flying objects, but the drivers just sped away apparently out of fear,' he said.

He said he was reporting the incident to the police.

# Lamontville's forecast of blood

**POLICE** were warned that an Inkatha meeting in Lamontville could erupt into violence — and it did.

Insurance broker Cyril Dunford Ndwalane, who has lived in the township for 30 years, said he had arranged a special meeting with the cops, urging them to outlaw last weekend's meeting because of anger at an Inkatha member's remarks about Lamontville's community leaders.

"They seemed concerned, but did nothing," he said this week — and, when his fateful prediction came true and the township's youth expressed their anger, it erupted into violence which left two people dead, at least ten injured, and cars and a house in flames.

Angered by statements made by Inkatha member and councillor Ella Nxasana, the youths tried to attend a party meeting held to discuss rent hikes and the township's incorporation into KwaZulu.

They were ordered out — and, when they refused to go, were chased through the streets of Lamontville by armed men wearing Inkatha uniforms.

Shots were fired and at least three people



● Insurance broker Layton Makathini felt the anger of Lamontville's youth when they were turfed out of an Inkatha meeting he was supposed to have chaired — they set his house alight, causing R30 000 damage.

By  
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were injured — two of them fatally.

Eight cars were set alight — including Mrs Nxasana's — and the angry youths burned down a house belonging to another insurance broker, Layton "Mreyi" Makathini, who was supposed to have chaired the Inkatha meeting. They

then raided Mrs Nxasana's home, breaking windows with stones.

Mr Ndwelane said residents blamed Mrs Nxasana for the outburst, as they had been incensed by remarks she made at an Inkatha women's rally

She is reported to have likened the people of Lamontville to "potatoes", saying there are "two rotten potatoes on top".

At last weekend's meeting Mrs Nxasana was challenged to take

back her remarks, but didn't respond. And, when she ordered the angry youths out of the meeting, all hell broke loose.

Mr Ndwelane was supported by Joint Rent Action Committee chairman Richard Gumede, who said Mrs Nxasana was "clearly to blame for the unrest"

He said Jorac had made repeated efforts to discuss Lamontville's incorporation.

And, in a separate development, KwaZulu



● ELLA NXASANA ... blamed for the violence.

Chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi said he had informed Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koornhof that he would not have under his control people who did not want to be part of the homeland.

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**Violence struck Lamontville again this week. ANTHONY SWIFT and CYRIL MADLALA report**

A councillor representing 4 000 hostel dwellers says his people are demanding a written apology for an attack on him at a meeting in Durban's Lamontville township or "there could be trouble".

Mr Gideon Sibya is councillor for the S J Smith hostel dwellers on the Ningizimu Community Council, under which Lamontville falls. He says officially that there are 4 000 men in his hostel but in fact there are more like 10 000 and the leaders of another big hostel nearby have also pledged him their support.

He told me that if an apology did not come from some leader in the town within two weeks he did not know what could happen but "there could be trouble".

Earlier in the week he told a large impi of migrants to lay down their arms, which included some guns and assegars. They had tried to march on the town. He was one of three pro-Kwazulu councillors and a Kwazulu representative who were stoned at a meeting called last Sunday to discuss incorporation of the township into the homeland.

A young woman, Happy Mngadi, is in the intensive care unit at Wentworth Hospital with extensive brain damage after she was shot in the head at Sunday's meeting.

Interviews this week suggest that the involvement of the hostel dwellers adds a dangerous dimension to an already bitter division between factions for and against incorporation of the township into Kwazulu.

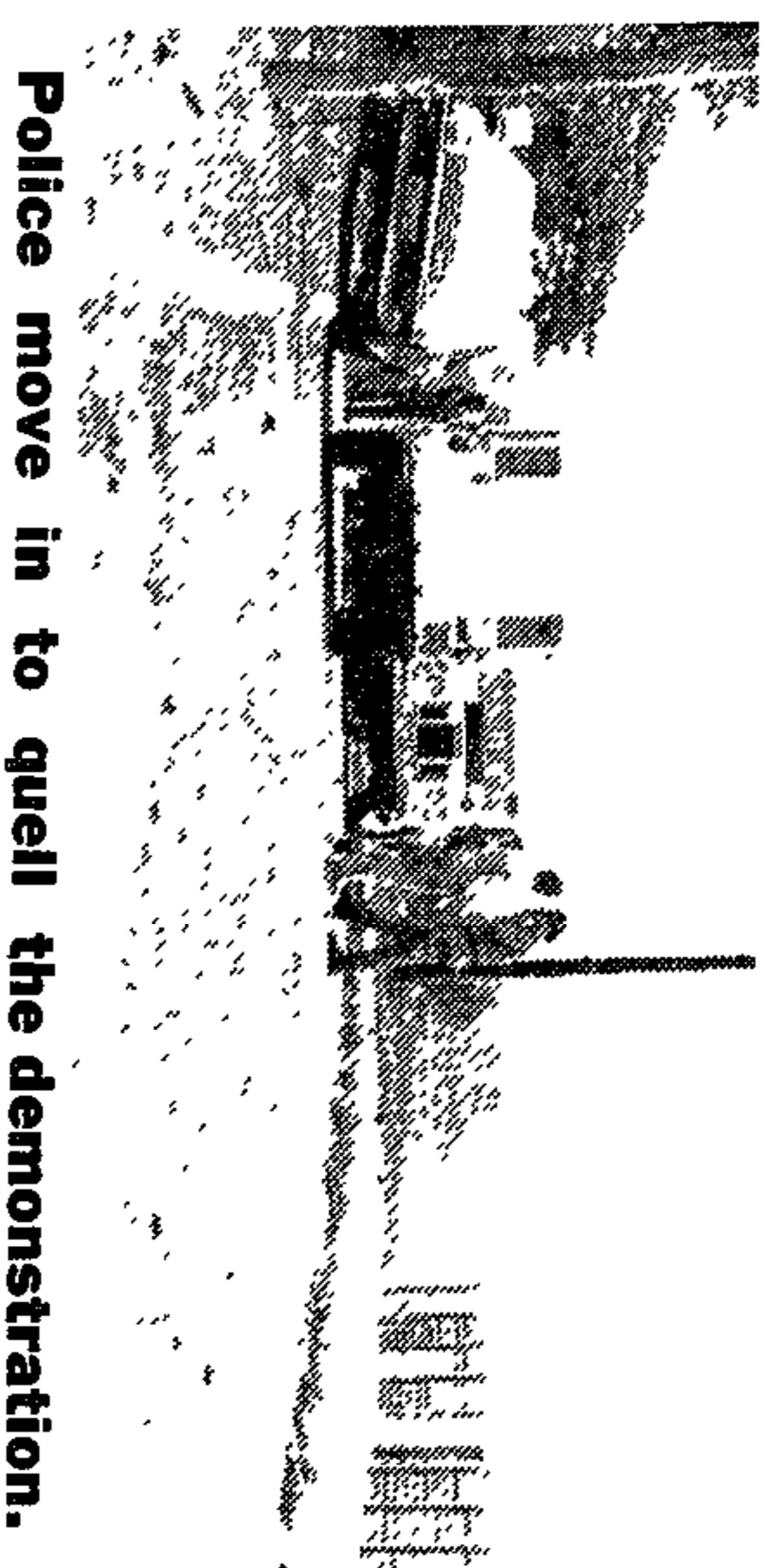
**Rift**

Leaders in the town deny that the rift is one of loyalties to ANC sympathisers and Inkatha. But bus shelters are daubed with pro-ANC, anti-Inkatha graffiti and the hecklers at Sunday's meeting are said to have sung freedom songs and shouted pro-ANC slogans.

Both Inkatha and the organiser of the meeting deny it was an Inkatha meeting but it was clearly seen to be by some of those present. "I was not afraid," she told me, "so I went to the meeting, I did not really expect such a reaction. I thought things had quietened down." Three cars which she was responsible for were present.



**ABOVE: The aftermath of violence — cars burn and stones litter the courtyard of the hall where a pro-Kwazulu meeting was held. RIGHT: The house and car of Layton Makhathini, set on fire by the demonstrators.**



**Police move in to quell the demonstration.**

# Uproar over Kwazulu move

we were never able to speak and were finally stoned by a crowd of about 1 000 "young people" — and he feared he might be killed.

He said Lamontville was split between supporters of the community council and supporters of the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac) which has spearheaded action against rent and bus-fare hikes as well as incorporation.

It was the first public meeting a councillor has attempted to hold in the troubled township since the campaign against bus fare hikes last year. It was called by Ella Nxasana, the only remaining councillor in the township.



**Ella Nxasana... her house was stoned**



**Gideon Sibya... wants a letter of apology**

**The Rev Xungu... people want to be consulted**

Mrs Nxasana, who is a life president of Inkatha women, said that some young people had planned a strategy for disrupting her meeting. She had called the meeting as a councillor and not on Inkatha's behalf, which was why other Ningizimu councillors were present.

He said Jorac was not anti-Inkatha or anti-Kwazulu but it was opposed to incorporation because people were scared of losing their urban rights and they were scared of being under a homeland government.

The deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development had simply announced that Lamontville and Hamba-nati would be incorporated and Kwazulu had indicated its readiness to accept the decision without consultation.

**Solutions**

- There were two short-term solutions:
- By the Port Natal Administration Board accepting the standing of Jorac.
- Alternatively an arrangement for the township to be administered by the Durban City Council.

He regretted the involvement of the hostel dwellers in the recent violence. "I am sure no action was directed against the people of S J Smith. They are workers and this township is also a working community, both fighting for just wages just rents, justice in everything."

**Danger**

"But I am minister as much to the hostel as the town, and there must be a way this thing can be resolved sympathetically."

The involvement of the hostel-dwellers could be dangerous. "But no amount of threats, by whatever power will prevent us saying what is in our hearts."

Both Mr Sibya and Ella Nxasana say they heard there was an organised plot to kill her and disrupt the meeting but said they could not understand why.

have attended meetings at my hostel and have never been hurt. They play here, they drink in my shebeens and their children go past the hostel to school — they are not assaulted.

have them killed at a given signal. Now my people want a written apology from some leader in the town. I am to report back to them in two weeks.

He had gone along to the meeting as a VIP and did not know its full purpose as speakers were broken and some of my block chairmen were assaulted. The people from the town

At the S J Smith Hostel, just outside the township, Mr Sibya told me: "My spectacles were broken and some of my block chairmen were assaulted. The people from the town

Bus stop slogans expressing opposition to Kwazulu and local authorities



dent Inkatha official, said she was told on her arrival that Inkatha was welcome.

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# Pupils stone police, cars

DURBAN. — Police dispersed crowds of stone-throwing schoolchildren with teargas in Umlazi, yesterday morning.

Pupils from the Makumbuzo Secondary School stoned police and their vehicles, school buildings, the headmaster's home, reporters, a milk lorry and an articulated vehicle carrying soft drinks.

The children — apparently dissatisfied with the way in which money had been used for catering at the school's speech day on Saturday — were dismissed from classes yesterday morn-

ing.

They gathered in a large group outside the school buildings and police were summoned at about 7.30am.

The children began throwing stones, and police dispersed them with teargas after some of the school buildings were slightly damaged.

By noon, all was quiet, but police remained in the area.

A meeting of the school's parents' committee has been scheduled for Saturday in an attempt to solve the dispute. — Sapa

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# Gasa attacks fellow accused

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POLICE were called in this week to subdue giant Lamontville "Mayor" Mr Moonlight Gasa after he manhandled co-accused Mr Bangumhlaba "Mpondo" Mbawula in the Durban regional court.

Mr Gasa is appearing with four others in a preparatory examination in connection with the death of Lamontville community councillor Harrison Msizi Dube, who was gunned down at his home on April 25.

Mr Gasa had to be restrained by police when he confronted pint-sized Mr Mbawula after Magistrate J C Willemse postponed the trial to November 15.

Appearing with Mr Gasa are Mr Ebenezer



● HARRISON DUBE ..  
.. scuffle at the trial of his alleged killers.

By BANCROFT  
HLATSHWAYO

"Mahlafuna" Mngadi, 59, who allegedly planned the killing with Mr Gasa — Mr Bangumhlaba Mbawula, 36 — who allegedly recruited the killers — Mr Julius Juja Ndodana, 70, and Mr Vakuthethwa Yalo from Bizana in Transkei — who allegedly killed Mr Dube.

Both Mr Mngadi and Mr Gasa were immaculately dressed in suits and clean shaven, although they did not wear ties. Mr Yalo wore a brown corduroy suit while Mr Ndodana sported a grey goatie beard. All except Mr Mbawula — who appeared pale and drawn in a black coat and brown trousers — looked in good spirits.

All except Mr Mbawula are being kept at C R Swart Square, pending the attorney-general's decision. Mr Mbawula is in custody at Durban North police station.

# Students Killed, 100 injured at campus rally

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## Tribune Reporters

More than 100 students were killed and injured, five critically, when pro and anti-Inkatha supporters clashed over an Inkatha rally being held on the campus of the University of Zululand.

At least 11 people were arrested by police called in to quell the disturbances.

Violence first flared after a meeting on Friday when anti-Inkatha students voted in favour of getting a court interdict to prevent Inkatha leader and Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, from speaking on the campus.

Dozens of chanting, banner-waving protesters marched to the main entrance to be met by riot police who allegedly dispersed them using dogs and tear gas.

A police spokesman denied claims that rubber bullets had been used but said tear gas had been used on Friday.

The violence continued yesterday when, according to students, Inkatha supporters on the campus broke down hostel doors and indiscriminately beat up and stabbed people.

"Police at the scene again used tear gas and dogs to disperse us, but they only intervened after many students had been injured," said a student who would not reveal his identity. This allegation was also denied by police.

According to the superintendent of the Ngwelezana hospital, most of those admitted were males suffering from fractures and head injuries. One later died.

Among the injured was hostel warden, the Reverend Mr Mazibuko.

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Chief Buthelezi was guarded by a heavily-armed contingent of KwaZulu police and impis wearing traditional Zulu garb, carrying shields and spears.

About four busloads of Inkatha supporters arrived, filling the auditorium to about half its capacity. Some shouted to passing students "Your reign has ended, the Zulus have come."

"Buthelezi's meeting was badly timed," said one senior university source.

"Feelings are running very high at the moment because it is year end, and exams are about to start soon."

"The rally was definitely seen as a show of force between Buthelezi and the students, the majority who are anti-Inka-

In his speech, Chief Buthelezi appealed to the students to turn the university into a force which would unite people.

He said there was no escape from apartheid and spoke of his support for the ANC.

"For years, the reasoned demands of the ANC were rejected by white South Africa. A black reason was met with white political violence."

"The lives of countless thousands of ANC activists have instilled in black South Africa a veneration for democracy as deep as our abhorrence for racism and apartheid."

Chief Buthelezi also lashed out at "this abortion of a constitution."

A student who was still on campus yesterday said "I was in my hostel room resting after a meeting to discuss the issue on Friday when a tear gas canister was fired through my window. I ran outside and saw some students being bitten by police dogs. The impis (of Chief Minister Buthelezi) were setting alight clothes on the wash-lines."

An Inkatha Youth leader, Muzi Nxumalo, said he had initially supported the violence against the protesting students because they had "started" it by slapping a security officer in the face at the meeting. Now he was not sure if the student body would be able to write exams because so many students were in hospital.

There were sporadic flare-ups even while Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, addressing Inkatha supporters in the university's auditorium, called for a united and demo-

# npus bloodshed

By SHAUN HARRIS

ONE man was killed and more than 100 injured — six seriously — in a clash between students and Inkatha members at the University of Zululand in Northern Natal yesterday.

The students were protesting against a rally to be addressed by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi

Dr Michael Girwood, medical superintendent of Empangeni's Ngwelezana Hospital, said most of the injured suffered wounds inflicted by spears, clubs and knives

A number of the injured were treated and discharged but it is believed at least one is still critical

The violence started when anti-Inkatha students and Inkatha supporters clashed outside the university's Bhekuzulu Hall

The riot was later quelled by a large contingent of camouflaged South African Police using dogs and tear-gas

An Inkatha member said about 200 supporters arrived early for a King Cetshwayo Year rally, scheduled to be held on campus at 10am

They were confronted a group of students who, he said, were chanting "Inkatha is a dog"

He said the Inkatha members and supporters then attacked the students who fled into hostels and a nearby wood

"We followed the students, who threw stones at us, and several were caught and beaten."

He said the Inkatha Women's Brigade surrounded the women's hostel and assaulted women students who would not join in chanting "Buthelezi is our leader"

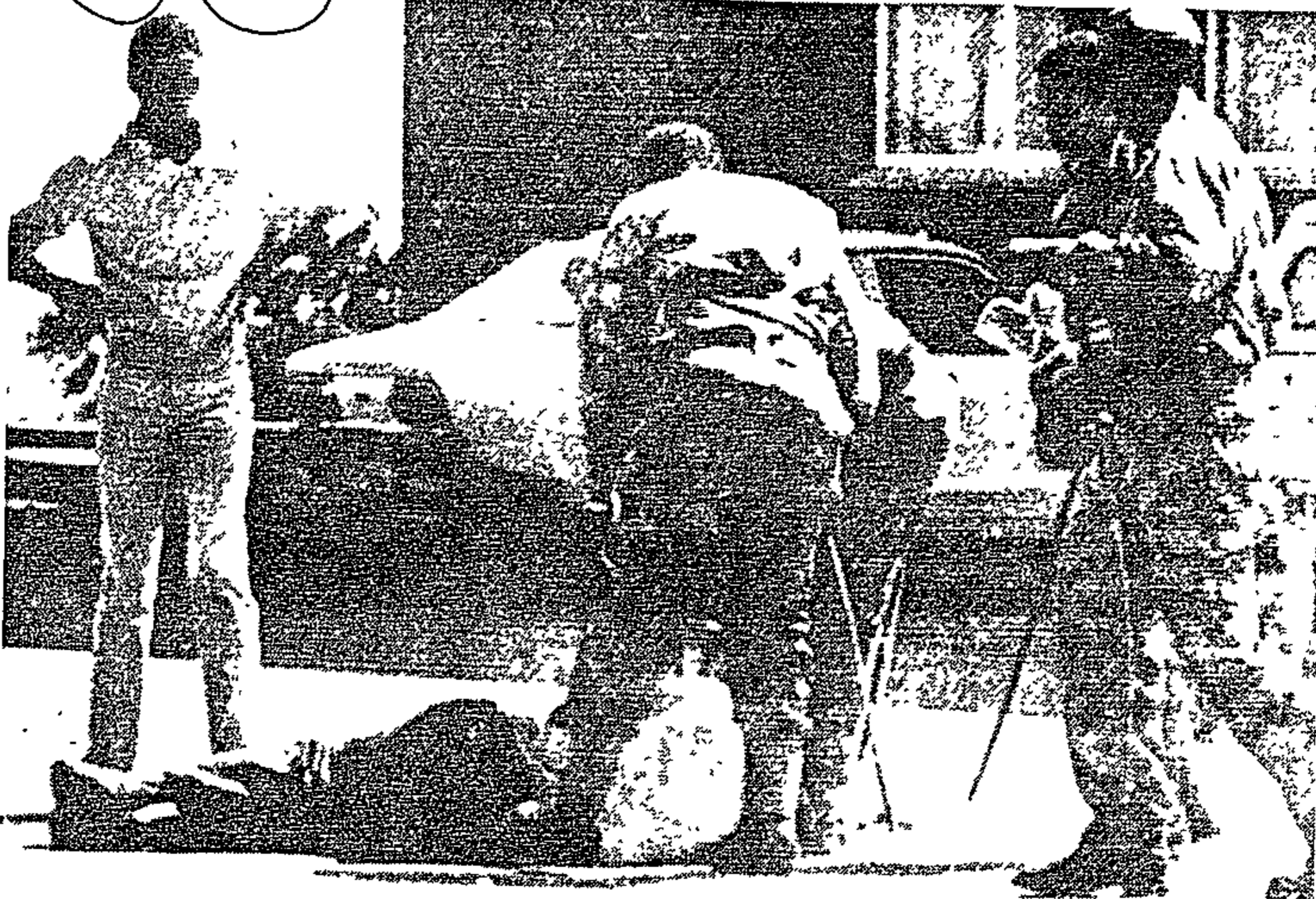
When the Sunday Times arrived at the campus it looked like a battlefield

At least five students were lying on the ground outside the hostel, some in blood-soaked clothes, surrounded by camouflaged police with dogs, rifles and tear-gas canisters.

## Assault

Ambulances ferried the seriously injured to hospital while nurses and kitchen staff attended to injured students on campus

A senior police spokesman would not say how many police were on the campus, but at least 12 Land Rovers and riot vehicles were parked



Victim ... riot police move one of six seriously injured students who were stabbed and beaten

## Inkatha members fight student protesters



Inkatha members after the clash with students

outside Bhekuzulu Hall  
Shortly afterwards Sunday Times reporters were ordered off the campus by the university's chief security officer, Mr J B Botha

Mr Botha later said a Sunday Times reporter would be allowed to attend the rally, to be addressed by KwaZulu's

Chief Minister and president of Inkatha, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, but refused permission to interview students at the hostel.

Chief Buthelezi and King Goodwill Zwelithini arrived on campus escorted by six vans of KwaZulu police armed with shotguns and

sub-machineguns.

A student later interviewed outside the campus claimed that Inkatha members were going out of their way to confront students and assault them

One student said he was part of a group which had assembled outside the Bhekuzulu Hall to protest against an Inkatha meeting being held on their campus

"We were not armed and were only singing and chanting," he said

"After Inkatha members arrived in busloads they grouped together and attacked us with sticks and pangas"

He said after students had scattered they were chased by Inkatha members into their hostels and a grove of trees outside the campus.

"I saw at least two male students who were critically injured. They had serious head wounds, probably from

pangas or hatchets"

"The police then moved in. They fired teargas into the hostels and went in with dogs

"I saw naked students, who must have been in the shower when the police arrived, running for cover to the nearby woods."

Trouble at the University began on Friday when students boycotted classes in protest against the Inkatha rally

Police used teargas to disperse students, who, a police spokesman said, were arguing for and against the rally.

Earlier this year, people were injured when Inkatha members and medical students clashed on the campus of the University of Natal in Durban at a meeting addressed by Chief Buthelezi.

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# Buthelezi warns on 'black civil war'

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Clashes between Inkatha and students at the University of Zululand that left five people dead at the weekend might well have been the start of "black civil war in South Africa" Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, president of the 750 000-strong Inkatha movement, said in the Legislative Assembly in Ulundi today.

He said that if the ANC and its surrogates, in an unholy alliance with what he described as BOSS, went on calling him a sell-out and continued to denigrate Inkatha and the King of the Zulus, Inkatha's youth "will demonstrate their strength and their prowess more than what we saw on Saturday".

### SERVICE

Chief Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of Kwa-zulu, said on behalf of the assembly that we "are sad to learn of the deaths" stemming from what he said was a cultural event, a commemoration service to King Cetshwayo "who suffered so much for our cause."

Violence had been perfected to an art on the campus, he said, and in the degenerating situation dagga was freely available, shebeens operated and some residents were not there as students any more, but to play political roles.

### TWO CARLOADS

Two carloads of students from the Witwatersrand arrived at the University of Zululand "during the last couple of days to orchestrate the whole tragic event on Friday and Saturday," he said.

"The violence which erupted on Saturday morning was not of our making."

### GOADED

He said Inkatha youth gathering at the campus for the commemoration service were deliberately goaded by cliques singing derogatory songs, and it was inevitable that this carefully plotted, orchestrated and cunningly executed violence produced the inevitable counter-violence from sons and daughters of a warrior nation.

"Our youth did no more than defend my honour and the honour of the King."



A group of "warriors" at the Bhekezulu Hall, University of Zululand, after their clash with students.



Two students with head injuries from the campus violence at the weekend.

# 'Five students killed in university violence'

DURBAN. — Violence between pro- and anti-Inkatha supporters at the University of Zululand at the weekend left five dead, 13 seriously injured and more than 100 in hospital, according to Mr Robinson Monzi, chairman of the university's interim committee

Mr Monzi, a B Proc student, told a United Democratic Front rally in Edendale, Maritzburg, that his friends were assaulted in their residences on campus by waves of "Inkatha warriors".

"Furniture was overturned, sheets torn and blood thrown over them, and UDF posters were torn to shreds," he said.

The trouble began on Friday when anti-Inkatha students voted to obtain a court interdict to prevent the Inkatha president, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, from speaking on the campus.

Mr Monzi claimed that about 500 "warriors", directed by lecturers and students, entered the university residence complex on the pretext of fetching Inkatha members

"Those who died were so badly beaten up that we could not recognise them," he said.

A student who was said to have been beaten up while chatting with

friends in his room, Soweto-born Mr Mncedisi Khumalo, 23, a B Proc student, was present at yesterday's meeting. His face was badly bruised and he had a broken arm and a broken leg.

Mr Monzi said students fled into the surrounding hills and into the women's residences chased by armed attackers.

### ARRESTS

He said at least 12 students were arrested by police after the unrest died down.

Teargas was used by police yesterday when violence threatened to erupt when an Inkatha supporter was spotted on the campus. — Sapa.

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# 4 die in campus violence

DURBAN. — Four students died and 13 are in serious condition in hospital after violent clashes on Saturday with Inkatha supporters at the University of Zululand, a hospital official said yesterday.

Two died on Saturday and two yesterday, the superintendent at the Ngwelezana Hospital in Empangeni, Dr Michael Girdwood, said. All four died of head wounds.

## Stab wounds

He said 13 others were still in hospital, 10 of whom had serious head and abdominal injuries, stab wounds and broken arms.

About 100 students were injured in Saturday's clashes, mainly with clubs, knives and spears.

"I hope no more will die, but it's not impossible," Dr Girdwood said. "With these head injuries their condition can change very easily."

The violence flared up as the Zulu Inkatha organization held a campus rally addressed by its leader, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi.

Dr Girdwood said none of the dead students had been indentified, but added that all were male and appeared to be in their 20s.

He said there had been no reports of violence from the campus yesterday and no further casualties had been admitted since Saturday.

Inkatha, which draws its strongest support from conservative rural Zululand, has been criticized by many students who feel it promotes tribalism.

Chief Buthelezi has also been accused of being a stooge of the government in his role as Chief Minister of the Zulu tribal homeland.

## 'Battlefield'

Journalists at the scene of Saturday's bloodshed described the campus as a battlefield, with injured students lying on the ground surrounded by camouflaged police who eventually quelled the violence with dogs, rifles and tear gas.

On Friday, the 3 000 students at the university boycotted classes, while many joined a rally to protest against the Inkatha meeting.

Many students left the campus that night while academic staff were sent home after teargas wafted into lecture rooms, making teaching impossible — Sapa-Reuter.

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# Death of florist: Man tells of fight

Staff Reporter

A 21-YEAR-OLD Lotus River man yesterday pleaded not guilty in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court to the murder of Rosebank florist, Mr Allan Herrer, and said he had acted in self-defence after being attacked with a statue and an axe

Mr Christopher Andrews, of Strandfontein Road, pleaded not guilty to the main count of murdering Mr Allen

Herrer between August 7 and August 8 by strangling him and hitting him with a blunt object

He also pleaded not guilty to the alternative charge of culpable homicide and not guilty to having robbed Mr Herrer and Mr Ronald Coote

Mr Andrews said in August at a house in Rondebosch Mr Coote had attacked him with an axe and Mr Herrer with a statue

Mr Herrer struck him over the head with the statue.

He had fallen to the floor but managed to wrest the axe from Mr Coote and keep the men at bay

He then left the house

The hearing was adjourned to December 2 for a decision by the Attorney-General

Mr Andrews was remanded

Mr G Hoffmann was the magistrate Mr A F Geerds appeared for the State Mr Andrews was not represented

Political comment by A H Heard G E Shaw, R A Norval, J V Scott and M P Acott, sub-editing and headlines of political material by A J Moth, W C Odendaal and E J Zinn, cartoons by A Grogan, all of 77 Burg Street, Cape Town

# Buthelezi tells of murder plot

ULUNDI — Kwazulu's Chief Minister, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, said in the National Assembly on Monday that the demonstration at the University of Zululand at the weekend, in which five students were killed and many others injured, was "an orchestrated and calculated bit of nasty politics"

Chief Buthelezi said it was widely known that the meeting to honour the late Zulu King Cetswayo was to be held, and until the violence erupted there had been no objection to it

"This underlines the fact that the opposition to the event was an orchestrated and calculated bit of nasty politics," the Chief Minister told the Assembly

Chief Buthelezi said he received a message warning him that students were planning to murder him if he visited the university

He said that as Chancellor of the University he would call for a full council meeting where the "whole tragic state of affairs at the university must be discussed"



Chief Buthelezi

While he welcomed opposition at the university, it was only opposition if it was honest and democratic Any other opposition was merely a divisive force which shamed the nation, he said

"We face a degenerating situation at the University of Zululand There are some residents who are no longer students, but remain on to play their political roles. My information is

that dagga is freely available on the campus and shebeens are run by these characters'

There were forces trying to take over the campus, using a small clique of students to undermine the university's authority, the Chief Minister told the Assembly

"We in this House deplore the kind of political hooliganism which was evidenced by those few who tried to ruin a peaceful cultural event, and turn it into an explosive political situation Those who were responsible for organising the violence which erupted have forever to bear the burden of guilt for those who died and were seriously injured," he said

King Cetswayo was a true South African, and Zulus had a right to honour him publicly, Chief Buthelezi said

"Those who attempt to engender ethnic conflicts in this country must be warned that here in Kwazulu all are welcome, but few will survive our wrath if they desecrate our hallowed memories," he added — Sapa



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# University of Zululand closed

**Own Correspondent**  
**JOHANNESBURG.** — The Rector of the University of Zululand, Professor A C Nkabinde, has closed the university and postponed all exams until January next year after the clashes between students and supporters of Inkatha at the weekend.

The United Democratic Front (UDF) and the black consciousness body, Azapo, are to arrange services in Johannesburg and Soweto to commemorate the five students who died in the incident.

The UDF and the Azanian Students Organization have declared tomorrow a day of mourning and are arranging a lunchtime meeting in central Johannesburg and an evening meeting in Soweto.

Azapo is to hold a requiem in Soweto on Sunday.

● Sapa reports from Sovenga that University of the North students yesterday burned an effigy of the Chief Minister of Kwazulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi.

The burning, attended

by 3 000 students, was in protest against the violence at the University of Zululand.

The effigy was brought into an emotionally-charged meeting amid shouts by students of "kill that Zulu sell-out".

It was carried in around the campus and finally hung on goalposts at a soccer field and set alight.

● The Executive Committee of the South African Council of Churches, after meeting in Johannesburg yesterday, said

in a statement it was "horrified" to learn Chief Buthelezi was reported to have said Inkatha had been fighting to protect his honour.

"No honour is worth protecting at the cost of innocent, young lives and injuries to many others.

"Honour is earned and is not protected by violence."

The statement concluded with an expression of sympathy and condolence to the parents and relatives of the dead and injured.

Argus Correspondent  
ULUNDI — The Kwazulu Legislative Assembly has called on the Minister of Education and Training to appoint a judge to hold a commission of inquiry into the troubled University of Zululand

Moving the motion as a matter of urgency in the Assembly yesterday, Kwazulu Minister of the Interior Dr Dennis Madide said the commission should inquire into, report on and make recommendations on the causes and course of violence at the university last weekend

#### Catchment area

The commission should look at the predilection for student violence and the Zululand campus authorities' inability to maintain discipline and security, he said.

Kwazulu also wants the commission to consider defining a catchment area for the university. A limited number of students from outside this zone would then be accepted

"Unless something urgent is done," Dr Madide said, "we cannot guarantee that this tragedy will be the last one to occur. There is a complete breakdown of law and order there."

Whatever event University of Zululand students attended was bound to end in violence, he said.

#### Chancellor

University of Zululand staff have called for the Kwazulu Chief Minister, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, to be axed as chancellor. The Argus Correspondent reports from Durban.

A lecturer announced this to a crowd of more than 1 000 people from all over the country at a prayer meeting in St Anthony's Church to protest against clashes between Inkatha and students in which five people died and more than 100 were injured last weekend.

Mr Paul Paphney said staff yesterday had an urgent meeting at which they strongly criticised the campus killings.

He said the majority of university staff expressed their deep sympathy. They decided to offer any help they could to students to show the world the "havoc" Inkatha wreaked at the campus.

# Kwazulu call for commission to probe university violence

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# Rioting children dispersed by police

Argus Correspondent

PINETOWN. — More than 300 rioting school-children at Inanda were dispersed by police after private and police vehicles were stoned.

A police spokesman said two black and two white officers with dogs were besieged by the crowd and were forced to fire birdshot to disperse the stonethrowers.

## ONE INJURY

"Later it was found that one youth had a slight injury to his collarbone. It is not clear whether it was caused by a stone or the shot.

"He was taken for treatment at a local clinic but the injury was only minor."

The spokesman said the trouble began at about 4 pm yesterday when several motorists using the main road through Inanda reported that their cars had been stoned by pupils from the Ohlanga High School.

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EMPANGENI. — Walls spattered with blood were the grim reminders of the violence which rocked the University of Zululand today a week ago.

The walls and floors of L Bloc, a men's residence, at the university were smeared with blood

Five people died, four of them students and one a "visitor" to the campus. Many more were hurt, 13 of them seriously.

The dead students were Mr Sandile Eugene Thabede of Piet Retief, Mr Fumane Cecil Kennedy Marivate of Bushbuck Ridge in Northern Transvaal, Mr Carolus Caldina Thabani Kwanyana of Durban and Mr Lundi Reginald Irvin Bekwa of Port Elizabeth. The name of the fifth dead person has not been released.

### Destruction

In the destruction an estimated R18 000 worth of university property was ruined. The corridors were littered with shattered window glass, smashed door panels, torn-off handles and pieces of broken furniture.

The fighting broke out between students and members of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's Inkatha movement.

It happened shortly before the chief was due to address a commemoration service in honour of King Cetshwayo, who was imprisoned by Britain after the last Zulu war of 1879. Chief Buthelezi is chancellor of the university.

Chief Buthelezi said this

### From BRUCE PAGE of the Zululand Observer who visited the scene of the rioting

week that he was staggered to hear of the fighting when he arrived on the campus

He said it the violence had been "carefully plotted" and "cunningly executed".

He blamed it on three university staff members who "orchestrated the students" against him and on leaders of student organizations opposed to Inkatha.

He said that on the day before the fighting, students had tried to burn down the office of Mr J S Maphalala, a member of the Inkatha central committee, who teaches at the university.

"Only days before the meeting I was informed that anonymous circulars were being passed around on the university campus objecting to my visit and threatening the rector, Professor A C Nkabinde, with death if I did not stay away."

Chief Buthelezi said he deeply regretted the incident and would be pleased if there was a police investigation.

A spokesman for the security police in Empangeni said investigations were being made in connection with the five deaths.

He denied claims that the police had stood by while the fighting and killing had gone on.

He said that groups of students had been coming and go-

ing and fighting had broken out in various parts of the campus. It had been impossible for the police to be everywhere at once, he said

University authorities and student representatives said, in a joint statement, that they deplored the attack on students on the campus and deeply regretted the deaths.

The university senate has called on the university council to investigate the incidents urgently.

After a special meeting convened by Professor Nkabine, the senate expressed its "abhorrence and shock that the campus was engulfed by violent conflict" and that this had resulted in the violent deaths of some students.

Professor Nkabine announced that the summer recess would begin immediately and examinations, which were due to begin on Monday, would be written in January.

A staff member, Mr Frans van Rensburg, denied that Professor Nkabinde had agreed at knifepoint to postpone the exams

He said the rector had been surrounded by a number of students, some of whom had been jubilant about postponement of the examinations and some of whom had been disappointed.

Chief Buthelezi denied rumours that Inkatha's youth brigade was planning to invade the campus on Wednesday. The chief had been informed of the rumours by Professor Nkabinde in a telegram.

### Commission call

No incidents other than the burning of a student's luggage were reported to have taken place since Saturday's clash

This week the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly has called for a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate the causes of the violence

A motion passed unanimously on Thursday called for an urgent approach to the Minister of Education and Training, Mr D W Steyn, for the appointment of such a commission.

The motion also recommended an investigation into a suggestion that a well-defined "catchment area" for students attending university should be fixed which would limit the number of students from outside Kwazulu.

One of the members, Mr P O Sikakane, suggested that the university should admit coloured and Indian students to prevent a "tribal clubbing together".

Another member, Mr Steven Sithebe, recommended that the university should be controlled by Kwazulu and not by the Department of Education and Training

A suggestion that whites should also be allowed to attend was made by Mr Roy Mbongwe. "Our doors should be open to everybody," he said.

# Bloody reminder of campus battle



A blood-spattered wall in a toilet on the campus.

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# Residents given no time to disperse — witness

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**Tygerberg Bureau**  
ONE of the 171 residents of Mbekweni township, Paarl, arrested for attending an allegedly illegal gathering, today told Paarl Magistrate's Court no time was given for the people to disperse before she was arrested

Mrs Sophia Nqikshe, of Mbekweni township, said police with dogs surrounded the people gathered outside the Administration Board offices and then loaded them into a police truck without warning. Mrs Nqikshe said they were pushed and threatened "unfairly".

The 171 residents of Mbekweni were arrested on September 1 and charged with attending an illegal gathering or, alternatively, refusing to obey the command of a police officer to disperse

All have pleaded not guilty and have said they were outside the offices

to speak to an official about increased rents and service charges

The 171 have been split in two groups for trial. A group of 98 appeared today and the remaining 73 will appear on November 25.

The 98 admitted they were at the offices, but denied being at an illegal gathering

### RECORDING

Mrs Nqikshe, who said she did not understand English or Afrikaans, said she had not heard the command to disperse.

The magistrate, Mr A F J Louw, said that a video recording made at the time of the alleged offence and seen at an earlier hearing clearly showed the group being warned to disperse by Major Nicholas Slabber.

(Proceeding)

Mr G J Badenhorst appears for the State Mr P Sonn, Mr T de Bruyn and Mr A Segers (instructed by Omar, Sonn and Abercrombie) appear for the accused

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# Court hears of 'protest march'

Staff Reporter

AN INEFFECTIVE Mbekweni Community Council prompted residents angered by mid-year rent increases to send a delegation direct to the township's Western Cape Administration Board (WCAB) manager, Mr M J Steyn, a Paarl magistrate heard yesterday.

This was said by Mrs Lizzie Phike, one of 171 Mbekweni residents who have pleaded not guilty to constituting an illegal gathering and failing to disperse on a police officer's orders outside the WCAB's Paarl offices on September 1.

Mrs Phike was one of 98 accused residents who appeared before Mr A J F Louw yesterday. The other 73 are being tried separately and will appear again on December 13.

Describing events leading up to the protest march on the WCAB offices, Mrs Phike said that after township residents received written notices of the site-and-service increases, an "angry" meeting had been held.

"We decided to go and speak to Steyn so he could come to the location and explain the notices to us," she said.

However, when a delegation went to see Mr Steyn he had refused to talk to them and had referred them to the Community Council.

Mrs Phike described the council as a "dummy body who have not done a single thing to help us with complaints".

The trial was adjourned to November 28

Mr G Badenhorst appeared for the State. Mr R Siegers appeared for 27 residents, Mr T du Bruin for 34 and Mr P Sonn for 35

# Inkatha women hit at Press

The Argus Correspondent reports from Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG. — The Ulundi branch of the Inkatha Women's Brigade has accused newspapers of "making emotive statements bound to create bitterness among the black people" following unrest at the University of Zululand which claimed lives of five people.

In a hard-hitting statement, the brigade said it was puzzling that a group of people who went to commemorate the late King Cetshwayo should be described in newspapers as "warriors" as though they were going on a war.

However, they said they were saddened by the death of four students and a visitor who died during a clash between Inkatha supporters and students on the campus

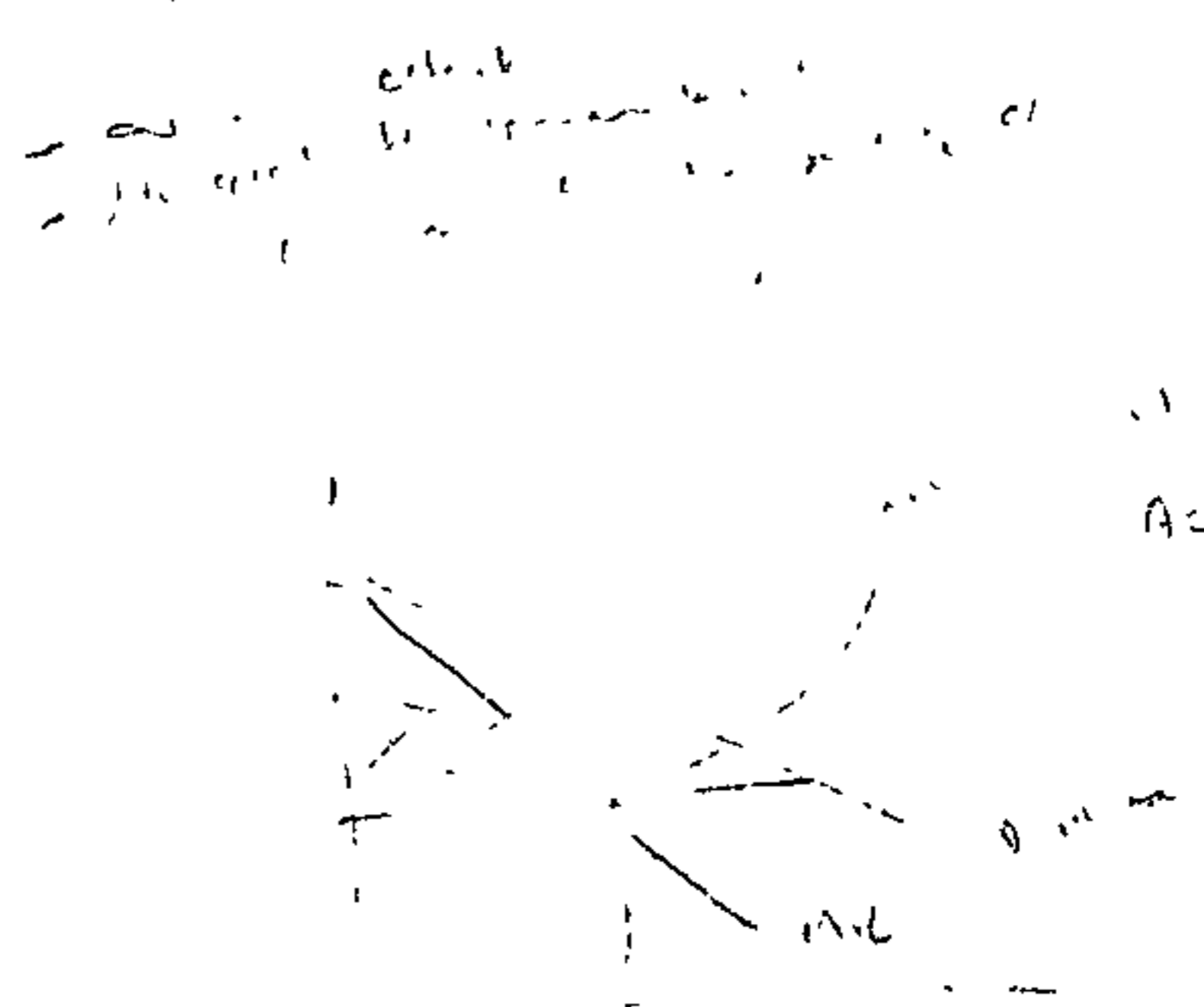
Part of the statement read "We wish to appeal to the Press not to make emotive statements that are bound to create bitterness and deeper division among black people. We would like the world at large to know that Chief Gatsha Buthelezi was not there when the violence occurred. But now it would appear as if he was actu-

ally commanding the so-called warriors.

"He is being crucified left and right as though he knew about the clash and he wished for it."

The brigade appealed to "liberation organisations" not to the tragic events on the campus as means of criticising Chief Buthelezi. If these organisations were opposed to the chief's ideas there other ways of "hitting at him", they added.

The brigade further appealed for calm because if the events were permitted to carry on as they were, the black nation would destroy itself.



# Third Lamontville death

VIOLENCE over Lamontville's incorporation into KwaZulu has claimed a third life this week when student Happy Mngadi died after being wounded in the head by a bullet on October 16. She had been treated in the Wentworth Hospital for extensive brain damage and was in a semi-coma from the time she was admitted. Miss Mngadi was later transferred to Clairwood Hospital, where she died on Monday.

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# Buthelezi 'should not hold two posts'

**Argus Correspondent**  
DURBAN — Academics have called on the Chief Minister of Kwazulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, to resign either from the chancellorship of the University of Zululand or the presidency of Inkatha.

The Joint Academic Staff Association (Jasa) of the University of Natal, representing the Durban and Maritzburg campuses, issued a statement yesterday expressing "shock and horror at events which have recently taken place on the campus of the University of Zululand

"The Jasa executive condemns any form of violent intervention in the life of the university.

"Believing that academic freedom is universal, we express our solidarity with the staff of the University of Zulu-

land in their attempts to uphold that freedom.

"We believe that academic freedom has been seriously compromised after the tragedy of October 29 by the fact that Chief Buthelezi is both chancellor of the university and president of Inkatha, and therefore urge him to resign from either the chancellorship or the presidency of Inkatha," the statement said.

Jasa recently affiliated to the United Democratic Front

# Lamontville evictions talks call

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## Mercury Reporter

MORE than 800 Lamontville residents yesterday demanded that the Port Natal Administration Board enter negotiations with the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac) within seven days.

Letters handed to the board demanded that the recent spate of evictions be reviewed.

The chief director of the PNAB, Mr Hennie du Plessis, confirmed that 11 houses in Lamontville were locked on Wednesday because the tenants had not paid rent for three months.

Teargas was used on a crowd who began throwing stones at the board officials locking the houses, Mr du Plessis said.

Thirteen houses were locked last month.

A Jorac spokesman said Mr du Plessis had agreed last month to talk to Jorac but had subsequently changed his mind.

'We received a letter saying the PNAB had been advised by the Nizizimu Community Council not to negotiate with Jorac,' he said.

A week later residents decided at a mass meeting to send letters of protest to Mr du Plessis.

'We are shocked that the board could have refused to negotiate with us

on the advice of the community councillors, who have been clearly rejected by the people of Lamontville.'

Mr du Plessis confirmed that such a letter had been sent to Jorac.

'But we subsequently met again with the community council and have sent a letter to Jorac saying we are willing to meet with them and the community council in the new year.'

Lamontville residents complained at the arrogant manner in which the board went about locking up the houses.

'It's creating a lot of tension in Lamontville,' the Jorac spokesman said.

Police confirmed that on November 8 a man had gone to the Montclair police station to lay a charge of assault against members of the PNAB.

They said he had been given a form to be completed by the doctors who had treated him.

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By Barney Mthombhi

THE Sunday Tribune this week publishes the results of an intensive investigation in which some Lamontville residents have claimed that police beat up innocent people, fired teargas canisters into homes and wounded people with birdshot.

They claim the campaign began on June 16, the seventh anniversary of the Soweto riots, and escalated the following week.

PFM MP Harry Pitman was able to raise the allegations of police brutality last week as he has the privilege of Parliament and is not affected by the strictures of the Police Act.

For their part, angry police this week made it clear they felt the ANC was behind the trouble and they categorically denied Mr Pitman's brutality claims.

Police were withdrawn from Lamontville after Mr Pitman raised the matter. The riots have now ended.

For its part the Sunday Tribune has still not been able to obtain detailed police comment on the allegations of brutality — based on affidavits — which were first put to them on June 24.

However, because of the public's need to know the facts about a controversy which has been raging for some time, the Sunday Tribune today publishes full results of its investigation into events in Lamontville.

● In some instances, it is alleged doors were kicked open, furniture smashed and some people, including a three-year-old boy, have pellets in their bodies.

● One family claimed a canister, fired through a window landed on a bed, setting everything in the house alight and a 65-year-old woman said she and her daughter were beaten up in her house, dragged out, kicked and trampled by a group in camouflage uniform.

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**Probe on police action**

• A young boy had his right leg amputated in hospital a week ago after, he claims, he was shot

A month ago the Joint Rent Action Committee sent urgent letters to Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange and Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, appealing to them to stop what they called "a reign of terror" in the township before there was a confrontation between residents and the police

The committee said beatings in the streets and unprovoked firing of teargas canisters had become "the order of the day"

Some residents said they had tried to report the incidents to the police but were turned away Others claimed they were threatened with more violence Still others did not even try to report the incident

"How can you lay a complaint against the police at a police station?" asked Klaas Malgas, who had in his possession two teargas canisters which he says whizzed into his house

The Sunday Tribune sent a copy of the allegations to police headquarters in Pretoria on June 24

Police reacted by saying the allegations contained in the story were being investigated and comment would be forthcoming after the investigation

This week Lieutenant Colonel Coetzee of the Police Public Relations Division said in reply to the Tribune report that Brigadier Theo Scherman, Divisional Commander for Port Natal, had requested those members of the public against whom members of the SAP acted in an illegal manner to lodge their complaints at the nearest police station

Lt-Col Coetzee said so far only seven complaints had been received and these were being investigated

He made it clear no other comment could be expected from his office He agreed that the Tribune's next step was to approach Brigadier

**Million-Rand**

That's what they're likely to be calling Cape trainer Terrence Millard before the season

By PAT AGUILAR  
Tribune Racing Editor

SOON they may be calling Cape trainer Terrence Millard "Million-Rand Millard".

Mr Millard made racing history at Greyville when horses from his stable finished first, third and fourth in the R200 000 Rothmans July

But he can soar to new heights shortly by becoming the first trainer in South Africa to win more than R1 million in stakes in a single season

Before the July meeting, Mr Millard's stake earnings were R717 475 but with wins in a minor event, the R75 000 Administrator's Champion Juvenile Stakes, his three July stakes, plus the Garden Province Stakes on Wednesday, his

stake earnings leapt to R951 562.

With four entries in the R120 000 Jockey Brand Gold Cup, including the ante-post favourite Hawkins, and two acceptors in the R100 000 Clairwood Winter Handicap, Mr Millard is only an arm's length off the million-rand mark

The Gold Cup first stake is R73 500 and this could send his earnings to R1 024 262

The 1982-83 season finishes at the end of the month.

Mr Millard's two in the Clairwood Winter are Libran and Tecla Bluff, while in the Gold Cup he has Arctic Cove, Hawkins,

Saturado and Medalist.

In fact, he looks all set to emulate the feat of another great Cape trainer - Cookie Amos who in 1956 won the July (Spey Bridge), the Clairwood Winter (Sympathetic), the Clairwood June Handicap (Fair Weather) and the Gold Cup (Phantom King)

Mr Millard has already won the Republic Day, the July, the Administrator's and the Garden Province.

To make it a clean sweep he has to add the Gold Cup and the Clairwood Winter to his list. And with so many aces in his hand he could easily

**THE IDEAL MILLARD**

□ **FIRST** of all she must have a duchess; secondly, she must have a barmaid; and thirdly — and above all — must be easy to mount

**SA's biggest BMX race held in Durban**

by Tribune Reporter

"RIDERS ready? Peddles ready? Go."

It's the biggest ever gathering of BMX riders in South Africa. More than 600 boys and girls — wielding BMX cycle equipment worth about R200 000 — took part in the third leg of the South African championships at the Bluff BMX Club in Durban yesterday.

The first two legs of the championships, organised by the National BMX Association, were held in the Transvaal over Easter.

The fourth leg will be held at the Bluff track today. All the riders are members of clubs affiliated to the association, which may soon be ratified as a member of the of the South African Cycling Federation.

This makes it the fastest growing sport in the country.

The last two legs of the championships will be held in the Cape in November when the national age group champions will be chosen.

Riders this weekend's championships include South Africa's top competitors.

Those aiming for championship honours will tour all the championship centres. They will be judged over all six legs.



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WERE BEING INVESTIGATED

He made it clear no other comment could be expected from his office. He agreed that the Tribune's next step was to approach Brigadier Scherman

Port Natal's top policeman, however, said he had no knowledge of the Tribune allegations and his men were in fact investigating a different set of allegations

When told that three of the Tribune's informants had attempted to respond to the police invitation to make complaints to the police and that they had received no satisfaction, Brigadier Scherman made the unusual request that the Tribune news editor write letters on their behalf to ensure they received a hearing

At a Press conference, called to rebut allegations by Mr Pitman, who had spoken of "horrifying versions" of police activities, in Parliament a week ago, police strenuously denied all such allegations

Brig Scherman said the allegations were "false and unfounded" and intimated the ANC may be behind the violence

Police action in Lamontville and Chesterville was the subject of heated debate towards the closing stages of Parliament with Mr Pitman charging that the townships were under a state of siege

He challenged Minister of Law and Order, Louis le Grange, to tell the country the "exact truth" as the media had been barred from the areas by the police

The charges were dismissed as "infamous lies" by Mr Le Grange who said Mr Pitman should produce evidence to back his allegations

Mr Pitman and his colleague Peter Gastrow, PFP MP for Durban Central, said after a tour of Lamontville this week that everything they saw in the township tended to support the allegations

Mr Gastrow said Brig Scherman's denial of police brutality "falls flat" when weighed against "hard evidence" which they collected during the tour of Lamontville

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# Goat rustlers gun down police in hill ambush

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PIETERMARITZBURG. — Four men, three of them policemen, were shot dead on Monday while investigating a stock theft in the Kranskop Mapumulo area, near Pietermaritzburg.

The dead men were identified as Constables M S Ndlovu, 30, N S Khumalo, 28, A Z Sibiya, 27, and Mr Maqiyazi Ngema, 40.

The policemen were part of a group of five stationed at Mapumulo who went with Mr Ngema and another complainant to follow up the theft of a flock of goats.

The men discovered the goats grazing on a hillside but when they approached the flock shots rang out from a number of directions and four of the seven men were killed.

A senior police spokesman in Pietermaritzburg, Major M Steyn, said yesterday that several firearms, including shotguns, had been used in the ambush. He said it was believed that about 50 men had taken part in the attack and that it was possible that they had been an impi.

"There has been friction in the

area and recently faction fights," he said.

According to Major Steyn the police had shouted to the attackers that they should not shoot and that they were members of the SAP but their attackers "took no notice".

The survivors of the attack, Constables R M Zuma and J N Ngubane, fled from the scene with the second complainant.

When police returned later they found that two R1 rifles and two magazines had been taken from the bodies of the policemen.

A large police contingent from Pietermaritzburg headed by Colonel C H Roberts is in the area hunting for the killers. They have made no arrests.

Major Steyn said: "The operation has been hampered by rain, mud and mist."

Two helicopters have been called in from an SAAF base in Durban but police are waiting for the weather to clear before they can be brought into use. — Sapa



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# Rioting workers injure three

Argus Correspondent

PINETOWN — Rioting Bata shoe factory workers here have injured three people and stoned cars in an attempt to prevent production continuing.

Police used dogs to control the angry crowd of about 300 who were finally dispersed from the factory about 6 pm yesterday.

An Indian member of the permanent staff was seriously injured when a brick, hurled from the crowd, smashed the window of a van.

Workers say the unrest started a week ago when about 90 men in the rubber department demanded a 25 percent increase.

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# Rioters injure three people

Own Correspondent

PINETOWN — Rioting Bata shoe factory workers here last night injured three people and stoned motor cars in an attempt to prevent production.

Two temporary workers, Mr P Mkize and Mr Z Ndlovu, were stoned and beaten. An unidentified Indian member of the permanent staff was seriously injured by a brick hurled from the crowd.

Police used dogs to disperse the angry crowd of 300 from the Manchester Road factory.

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# 32 killed as Zulus clash in faction bloodbath

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**Mail Correspondent**

**MARITZBURG.** — At least 32 people were killed and an unknown number injured in bloody clashes involving about 2 000 tribesmen in the notorious Msinga area at the weekend.

A large contingent of police from Greytown was sent to the remote area after reports of a huge faction fight on Sunday.

A senior police spokesman said more bodies were expected to be found after what he described as the biggest fight of its kind in the trouble-torn Msinga area for some time.

The first clash took place in the Matshamatsha area at 10am

on Sunday between about 1 000 members of the Mabomvu faction and an equal number of the Majozi clan.

The Majozi warriors fled after four of their members were killed.

During their retreat they rounded up a number of cattle belonging to the the opposing faction.

But they ran into a small impi of Mabomvus and turned back — only to meet up again with the first impi of Mabomvus at a place known as Gxobalinyawo. A violent clash ensued and 26 Majozis and two Mabomvus were killed.

The spokesman said firearms and assegais had been used in the fight.

Greytown police arrived at the scene on Sunday afternoon and were still busy in the area yesterday. A total of 32 bodies had been recovered by late yesterday.

A spokesman for the Church of Scotland Hospital at the Tugela ferry, Msinga, said no injured tribesmen had been brought to the hospital "but we have many corpses".

The cause of the fight has been attributed to a long-standing feud between the two factions.



Mrs. Agnes Dube, mother of slain Lamontville community leader Harrison Dube, outside the Gaza trial at the Durban Supreme Court this week.

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# I heard Gaza plot Dube's death — accused

ONE OF the five men accused of murdering Lamontville community councillor Harrison Dube told the Durban Supreme Court this week that police put a bag over his head, beat him up and gave him electric shocks after his arrest.

Mr Ebenezer Mngadi, 59, is charged with Lamontville "mayor" Moonlight Gasa, 54, Mr Vakuthethwa Yalo, 30, Mr Julius Juja Ndodana, 70, and Mr Bangumhlana Mbawula, 39, of murdering Mr Dube on April 25 last year.

They have all pleaded not guilty.

Mr Mngadi told the court that, after he had been given electric shocks at the Marienhall police station, he struggled to get up but someone grabbed his leg. He said he fell down and struck his head on the cement floor.

Mr Mngadi said he pleaded guilty to the murder of Mr Dube in the Durban Magistrate's Court because he "was somewhat muddled up" after he had struck his head.

He said he was present in Mr Gasa's house when the plot to kill Mr Dube was allegedly discussed, but denied he had taken part in the discussion.

# Ngoye violence: Judge resigns

FORMER Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice James, withdrew as the one-man commissioner to investigate last year's violence at the University of Zululand, because he was not happy with the "financial arrangements applicable to commissions."

As a result the government has decided not

to go ahead with the commission and has appointed a departmental committee under the chairmanship of "a senior judicial officer" instead.

Mr Dave Dalling, the Progressive Federal Party spokesman said he could not comment in depth on the situation until he was in posses-

sion of more facts but described the situation as "disturbing".

## Violence

The withdrawal of Mr Justice James was revealed in Parliament by the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Barend du Plessis, who was replying to questions asked by Mr Ken

Andrew MP (PFP Gardens).

Mr Du Plessis said: "Since the judge, who was appointed as sole member of the commission, did not see his way clear to serve under the present financial arrangements applicable to commissions, a delay in starting proceedings occurred."

Mr Du Plessis also said in his reply that police investigations into the violence, which resulted in the death of six people, had reached the stage "where inquests will take place and court cases will probably follow shortly."

## Police

The departmental committee would carry out the original terms of reference "in so far as these are not covered by police investigations."

Cape Times 14/4/84 (176)

# 35 killed in Msinga 'war'

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Thirty-five people had been killed in tribal clashes in the Msinga area of Natal between January 1 and April 3 this year, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday.

The total number killed in such fights between 1979 and April 3 was 176, he said in reply to a question from Mr Mike Tarr (PFP Maritzburg South).

Of these, 43 had died last year, 16 in 1982, 20 in 1981, seven in 1980 and 55 in 1979.

## 'Warring impis'

Mr Le Grange said police patrols were carried out regularly in an attempt to check the violence, while helicopters were also used.

Regular discussions were held with tribal heads but because of "the unpredictability of the warring impis", it was not always possible to prevent trouble.

During the past four years, about 2 400 arrests had been made, while a special police

firearm squad operating in the area had confiscated 2 169 weapons during the same period.

"It is intended to establish a special unit in the area as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Pietermaritzburg reaction unit has been deployed in the area."

In a statement issued in Cape Town yesterday, Mr Tarr said "a virtual state of civil war" existed in the area.

## Land shortage

The problem was caused by the severe shortage of land in the area and overcrowding as a result of government policies.

A reappraisal of these policies was necessary as a long-term solution to the problem, but law and order had to be maintained in the meantime.

Mr Tarr said a situation similar to that in Msinga would not be allowed in other areas and "to allow it to persist... makes a mockery of our claim to be a civilized society". — Sapa

# 34 die in faction fight as clans shoot, stab each other in Bergville

# BLOODY BATTLE

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**THIRTY-FOUR** people — one of them a South African Police constable — were killed in faction fighting between warring Zulus in Natal over the weekend.

Thirty-three men died in a bloody battle on Monday between Khokhwane and Ngcobo tribes in the Bergville District of the Upper Tugela.

Twenty-nine Ngcobo and four Khokhwane tribesmen were killed. Seven other warriors were injured and 20 huts and 10 vehicles were de-

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stroyed.

A large police force from Bergville and Upper Tugela police stations was sent to the scene immediately, but the impis had already disbanded.

The spokesman at Upper Tugela police station said police were still piecing together the circumstances of the battle and by late yesterday no arrests had been made.

### Ambush

It is believed the clash was a reprisal for the death of a member of the Ngcobo tribe, Mr T Hlongwane (37), in an ambush on January 16.

The ambush was thought to have been set up by the rival Khokhwane tribe.

The policeman who died was Constable S P Mokweni. He was

based with the special peacekeeping force at Msinga and was shot and killed on Saturday in a clash between the Majozi and Mabomvu tribes.

A police spokesman said it had been Constable Mokweni's first day at Msinga after having been transferred there from Secunda.

The Constable was part of a contingent of policemen that had been sent to Pomeroy, near Tugela Ferry, early on Saturday to quell a fight between Majozi and Mabomvu tribesmen.

The police spokesman said the tribesmen suddenly opened fire and Constable Mokweni was killed instantly.

Police are scouring the area with the help of helicopters. Eleven men have so far been detained for questioning in connection with the incident.

Police have also taken possession of two FN rifles, two 303 rifles and a hunting rifle.

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# Unisa man to probe Inkatha violence

By PATRICK LAURENCE  
Political Editor

A MEMBER of the Hoexter Commission, Professor Anthony Middleton of the University of South Africa, has been appointed to head the departmental inquiry into the disturbances at the University of Zululand last October.

Mr Barend du Plessis, Minister of Education and Training, said yesterday a one-man judicial inquiry by Mr Justice Neville James was originally appointed to determine the causes of violence — which resulted in the death of five students — and to make recommendations to the department.

But the inquiry did not get off the ground because Mr Justice James did not — as Mr Du Plessis put it in Parliament — “see his way clear to serve under present financial arrangements applicable to commissions”.

Mr Du Plessis appointed a departmental committee to conduct the inquiry instead and disclosed yesterday it would be headed by Prof Middleton.

Since the decision that the inquiry be conducted by a departmental committee, the KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, has said the “on-going problem” at the university is one of “national magnitude” and merits investigation by a full judicial commission.

The KwaZulu Legislative Assembly subsequently resolved that the Department of Education and Training should review its decision to “disband the judicial commission of inquiry”.

Asked yesterday for his response to the resolution, Mr Du Plessis replied, “That aspect of the inquiry, among others, is under consideration.”

The violence at the university, which involved conflict between anti-Inkatha students and stick-wielding Inkatha members, has since become a focus of tension between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front.

In the past few weeks trouble has been looming on another front in Mr Du Plessis' portfolio — in black schools in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, and in the Eastern Cape towns of Graaff Reinet and Cradock, where about 10 000 pupils have been boycotting classes and engaging in sporadic acts of violence. Classes at six schools in Atteridgeville — Saulsville, Saulridge, H F Nkomo, Hofmeyr Secondary School, D H Peta and Flavius Mareka — were suspended indefinitely yesterday.

Approached for comment on the situation in these black schools, Mr Du Plessis said, “I find it very sad that most of the issues which seem to have played a role in the disturbances and boycotts have nothing to do with the situation in the classroom as such.”

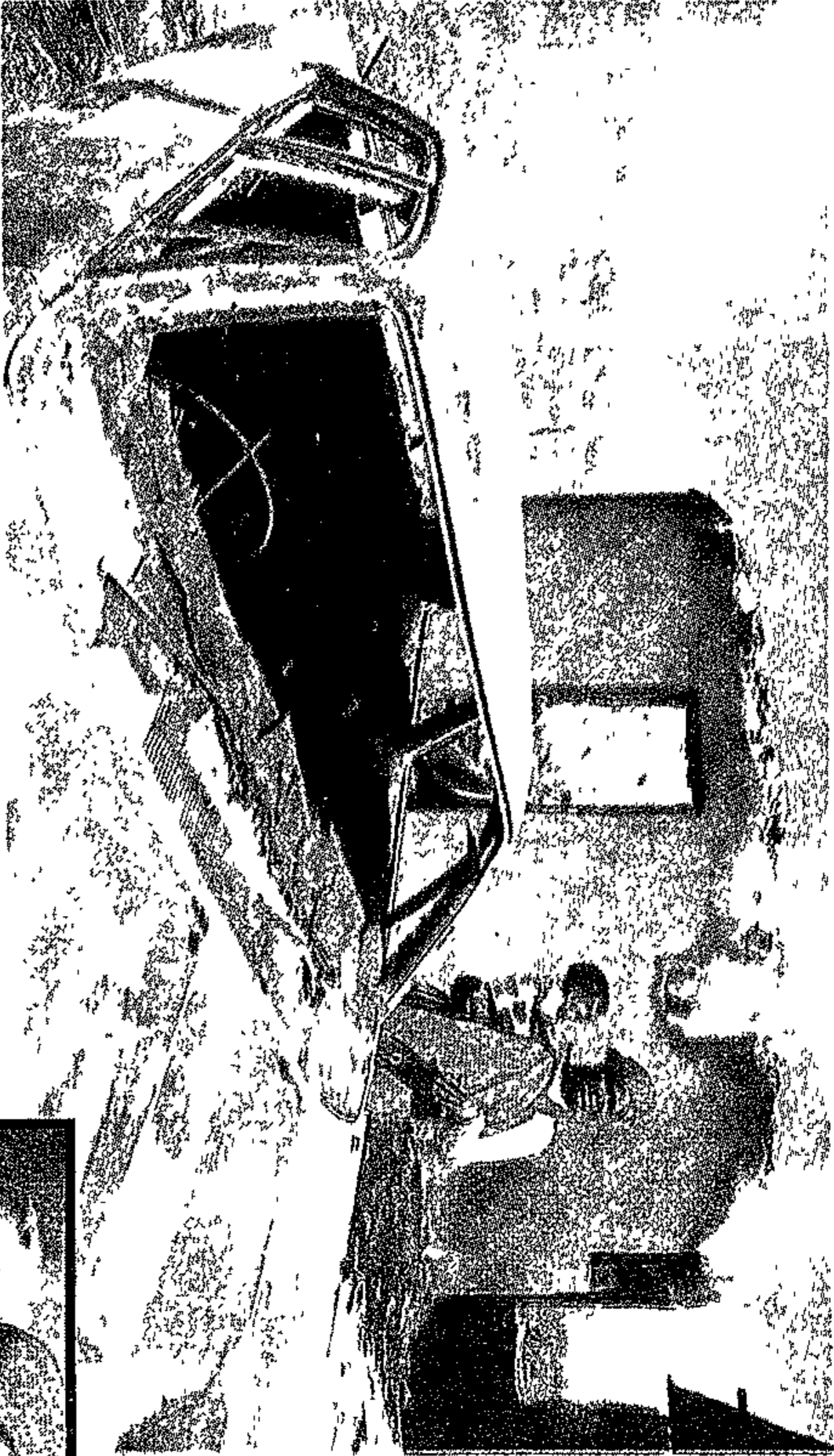
Mr Du Plessis added that he had investigated the issues at “each and every one of the schools” and had no doubt that political factors were involved. He did not elaborate.



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# ISANDLWANA... THE FIGHT THAT LEFT 34 MEN DEAD AND DYING IN THE VELD

# EAS TER WAAR



□ JANE MBETHU: Her home burned down, her husband missing and his car destroyed

the quarrel was about so it was very difficult to come to any satisfactory conclusion. We managed to extract a sort of halfhearted promise that the two sides would not fight."

Babaza Duma took the brunt of the broken promise. Shot in the stomach, he crawled away from the battleground and managed to climb onto a horse.

"I rode towards my home. I cannot remember much after I was shot. When I was a short way from my home I could not hold on any more as I was very weak with pain.

"I fell from the horse and became unconscious. I was found by the police. I don't remember how long I lay wounded."

When we visited him in hospital he said he felt fine. His condition was described as satisfactory in spite of having had exten-

sive abdominal surgery less than 36 hours before.

After the initial clash, which lasted about 20 minutes, the Hlongwane impi began to get the upper hand, putting the Maswazi impi to flight.

The victors pursued the scattered impi and started on a path of destruction which left a trail of burnt out huts and cars.

The battle took place within sight of where Jane Mbethu lives with her baby son.

Her husband was one of the Amaswazi impi. She has not seen him since the battle. She believes he is alive but she does not know where he is.

"When the men began fighting I went inside my house. The fighting and shooting continued for about 20 minutes. Then it stopped.

"The next thing some of the Hlongwane men were outside my house, and we were setting fire to my husband's car.

"The flames from the car caught the thatch on the roof of the house and then the house was also in flames."

Early on Wednesday morning a work party of men began digging graves.

According to Zulu custom, when a warrior falls in battle his body is not taken back to the kraal; it is buried in the veld with his comrades.

The bodies were washed, then wrapped in white linen shrouds and in the dead men's own blankets. Finally, each man's grass sleeping mat was placed above his coffin before burial.

The police investigation is continuing but no arrests have been made.

## QUOTE

We reported the incident to the police, but they said they could do nothing as the fighting had not yet started.  
— Babaza Duma

## QUOTE

We could do nothing about it. We had all the parties together and talked for a whole day. We could not pinpoint exactly what the quarrel was about. We managed to extract a sort of halfhearted promise that the two sides would not fight.  
— Colonel Sampie Oosthuizen



□ RIGHT: Tribal elders prepare the bodies of their young men for burial in the veld ABOVE: Women weep at the graveside of their husbands and sons



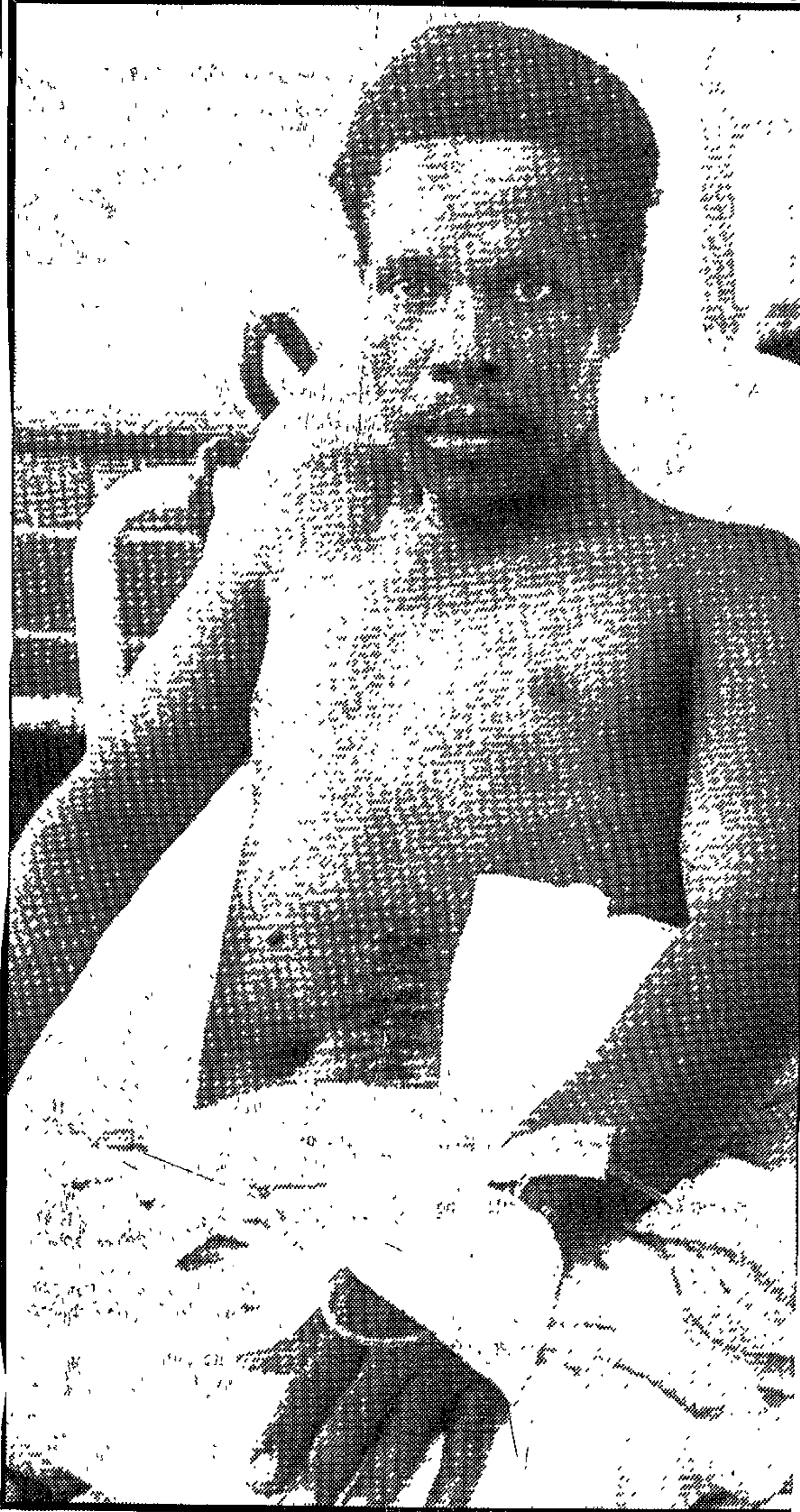
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**IN THE SHADOWS OF**

**Bloody  
Monday  
Battle**

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□ **BABAZA DUMA: Shot in the stomach**

# 17 killed as tribesmen fight in Natal

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Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The death toll from the weekend faction fighting at Umbumbulu in Natal has risen to 17, with many people wounded.

Fighting broke out between the Makanya and Mkize (Embo) tribesmen on Saturday morning and a second bloody battle seemed imminent yesterday morning, before police arrived and prevented fighting.

Earlier yesterday, however, members of one faction came across a lone member of the other and killed him.

The police arrested 111 people, who were expected to appear in the Amanzimtoti Magistrate's Court today.

## Unknown

A police spokesman said he had questioned people who had taken part in the fighting, but could not establish what had sparked it.

"No one seems to know what they are fighting over," he said.

It was impossible to say how many had been injured as they had been removed to various hospitals, he said.

Police patrolled the district until late last night, but there was no further trouble.

One of the tribesmen had a bullet wound. Police took possession of four home-made firearms and a wide selection of other weapons, including assegais, knobkerries, knives and iron bars.

~~N. M. ...~~  
**Gas quells**

10/5/84  
**beerhall**

**rioters**

Crime Reporter

TEARGAS had to be used to disperse a mob of about 400 blacks when they stoned police vehicles after a beerhall fracas in KwaMashu this week.

Police said yesterday that a free-for-all broke out in the Cheyandla Beerhall on Tuesday after a woman stabbed a man.

When the police tried to arrest the woman, the mob turned on them.

They withdrew, but returned soon afterwards with reinforcements. Tear gas was used to disperse the rioters, and the woman was eventually arrested.

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**Workers stay  
 away as 20  
 die in fights**

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**African Affairs  
Reporter**

HUNDREDS of tribesmen in Umbumbulu, who are employed in Durban and the surrounding industrial complexes, stayed away from work this week because of fears that they might be attacked on trains and buses as the result of a faction fight which has so far left 20 dead, tribesmen said yesterday

A police spokesman confirmed yesterday that the number of dead in the area had risen to 20.

Meanwhile, nearly all schools in the area were closed and it was estimated that more than 1 000 pupils did not attend. A number of teachers had also stayed away.

Tribesmen told the Mercury that commuters feared they might be attacked by their enemies or fellow-tribesmen who wanted the workers to join their forces either to

attack or defend their families.

The exodus from the area into the local townships continued yesterday while other tribesmen were still tracing missing family members. Young women reported that their husbands could not be found.

Some visited Umbumbulu Police Station to seek information.

A hand-to-hand battle is said to have been sparked off by a tribesman collecting a protection fee. Some people refused to pay and declared war on the tribe to which he belonged.

Rumours were still rife that another battle was imminent and people said they would not return to the area during the weekend, but would stay in the townships.

A police spokesman said yesterday that they area was being patrolled and kept under close scrutiny.

# MAY DAY MEETING

## ENDS IN ROW

kind, minister in charge of Southern African affairs.

Chief Buthelezi arrived in London on Monday and is due to leave today.

The Foreign Office cribed his meeting with Mr Rifkind as a courtesy call

**ALLEGATIONS of Inkatha involvement in the violent disruption of a May Day UDF rally in Empanjeni have been met with a wall of silence from Ulundi.**

UDF president Archie Gumede and other UDF officials were assaulted at a meeting on Saturday May 5.

Mr Gumede was knocked unconscious, and he told City Press that he had other injuries on his body "consistent with being kicked" while he was out cold.

Officials of the UDF said that the meeting was disrupted by people wearing Inkatha uniforms and chanting Inkatha slogans during the first speech of the afternoon. A student from the University of Zululand was speaking of events on that campus last year when heckling broke out. This led to total chaos as UDF members tried to escape by jumping out of windows or stampeding through the doors.

UDF members presiding over the meeting from the stage were assaulted, including Mr Gumede. He has named one of his attackers, and says he can identify at least one other.

The KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Gatsha

CP Correspondent

katha might have been involved.

The minister of Justice (and most senior politician in KwaZulu in the absence of Chief Buthelezi and Dr Dhlomo), the Rev C Mteywa, also refused to comment, saying that Prince Gideon Zulu, who had been at the meeting would be the only one qualified to say something.

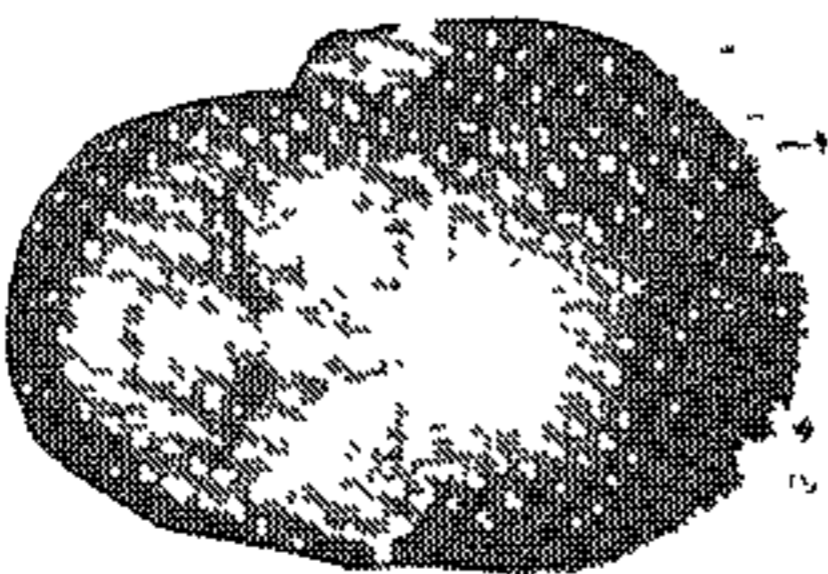
Deputy chief whip, Prince Gideon Zulu said: "I know nothing of the UDF being involved in that meeting.

I do not see why I should make any comment. I have nothing to say. You must ask those who organised the meeting for a statement. I read in the advertising pamphlet that it was a worker meeting and I went to it as a worker," the deputy chief whip said.

When it was pointed out that they had made a statement, and that the statement implicated him personally as well as other members of Inkatha, Prince Zulu said he had nothing further to say and put the phone down.

Mr Gumede, who has declined to lay charges, has written a letter to Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, following

Meanwhile the UDF has made a strong appeal to all its affiliates not to retaliate against Inkatha as a result of the alleged assault.



**Buthelezi's British visit ends**

**visit ends**

KWAZULU Chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi, in Britain on an official visit, called at the Foreign Office yesterday.

Buthelezi is overseas with Inkatha Secretary-General, Dr Oscar Dhlomo. Before he left on Sunday, Chief Buthelezi said he was sorry to hear of Mr Gumede's injuries. He also reacted angrily to suggestions that In-

...alist newspaper, ... they are ... passports.

The award, known as "Live and Let Live", was given to the UDF for its contribution to the fight against apartheid.

UDF officials said at a press conference in Johannesburg this week that the UDF would humbly accept the award on behalf of the people of South Africa.

"The UDF could not have won this award without the people of South Africa themselves," they said.



# 19 killed in Natal clan fighting

**THE DEATH** toll after clan fighting in Umbumbulu last weekend has risen to 19. Families are continuing to seek shelter in nearby Durban townships in fear of further attacks.

The fighting, which broke out between the Mkhize and Makhanya clans, is continuing to escalate. Classrooms in the area are deserted and many residents are also staying away from work.

According to one resident, many of them stay home during the day, but flee from their kraals into the bushes at night.

Makhanya clan spokesman E Mkhize told City Press that he did not know why the fighting had started, but said it was rumoured that one of the Makhanya clan's men was to blame for it.

He said the rumour was that the man was after the chieftainship in the area. He allegedly masqueraded as

#### **CP Correspondent**

a fund-collector and went to collect money from the Mkhize clan.

They refused to contribute. As a result, a free-for-all fight broke out, ending in the death of 19 people — one of them badly mutilated during the fracas.

Umbumbulu police have made 111 arrests, and investigations are still continuing.

It is believed most of the dead are members of the Mkhize clan. Residents fear there may be more trouble after the funerals tomorrow.

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## Detective calms raging Zulu impi of 1 200 warriors

DURBAN — A detective yesterday told how he faced a bloodthirsty crowd of about 1 200 and talked the people out of a murderous confrontation.

"They were raging, hitting with assegais on their shields," he said. "They carried different kinds of weaponry — spears, pangas, axes and home-made guns."

Major Cobus Kapp used gentle persuasion when a band of Mkhize warriors threatened to avenge their defeat the previous weekend in a faction fight with the Makhanya tribe in the strife-torn Umbumbulu area of southern Natal.

"They wanted the blood of the Makhanyas because 20 of their people had been killed the previous weekend," he said.

Major Kapp, District Detective Officer for Durban South, was patrolling the trouble spot with his men when they came upon the impi.

He took a loudhailer and spoke to the excited mob. Eventually he calmed them.

Said Major Kapp of the last fight: "The Mkhize faction of about 200 members attacked the Makhanya faction."

"On Sunday May 5 we went out to investigate. We found 16 people dead — all members of the Mkhize faction. We saw the Makhanya impi moving back after the fight, and arrested 111 of them."

He said the men arrested were being held under the Zulu Act for 90 days, so that investigations could be completed.

The death toll rose to 20 after four more bodies were discovered.

Thousands are said to live in fear in Umbumbulu if they do not join warring factions.

Major Kapp said: "Many have moved because of intimidation and threats. Old customs are also a factor which led to the fighting." — Sapa.



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# Wide powers for inquiry into violence at varsity

Mercury Reporter

**WIDE** powers have been vested in the one-man commission of inquiry appointed by the Government to investigate the violence at the University of Zululand at Ngoye last October.

Prof Anthony Middleton has been appointed chairman and only member of the commission

The Minister of Education and Training, Mr B J du Plessis, announced in a statement yesterday that the State President had granted the commission 'full power and au-

thority at its discretion to interrogate, or to allow cross-examination of, all persons who in its opinion are able to furnish information on the subjects mentioned in its terms of reference'.

The commission could also 'obtain, inspect and make extracts from all

books, documents, papers and registers which have a bearing on the inquiry'.

In specific cases it could allow evidence to be submitted in the form of written affidavits.

Evidence would be heard in camera unless the chairman directed otherwise

Five students were killed and more than R18 000 damage was caused in violence on the campus last October.

## Violence

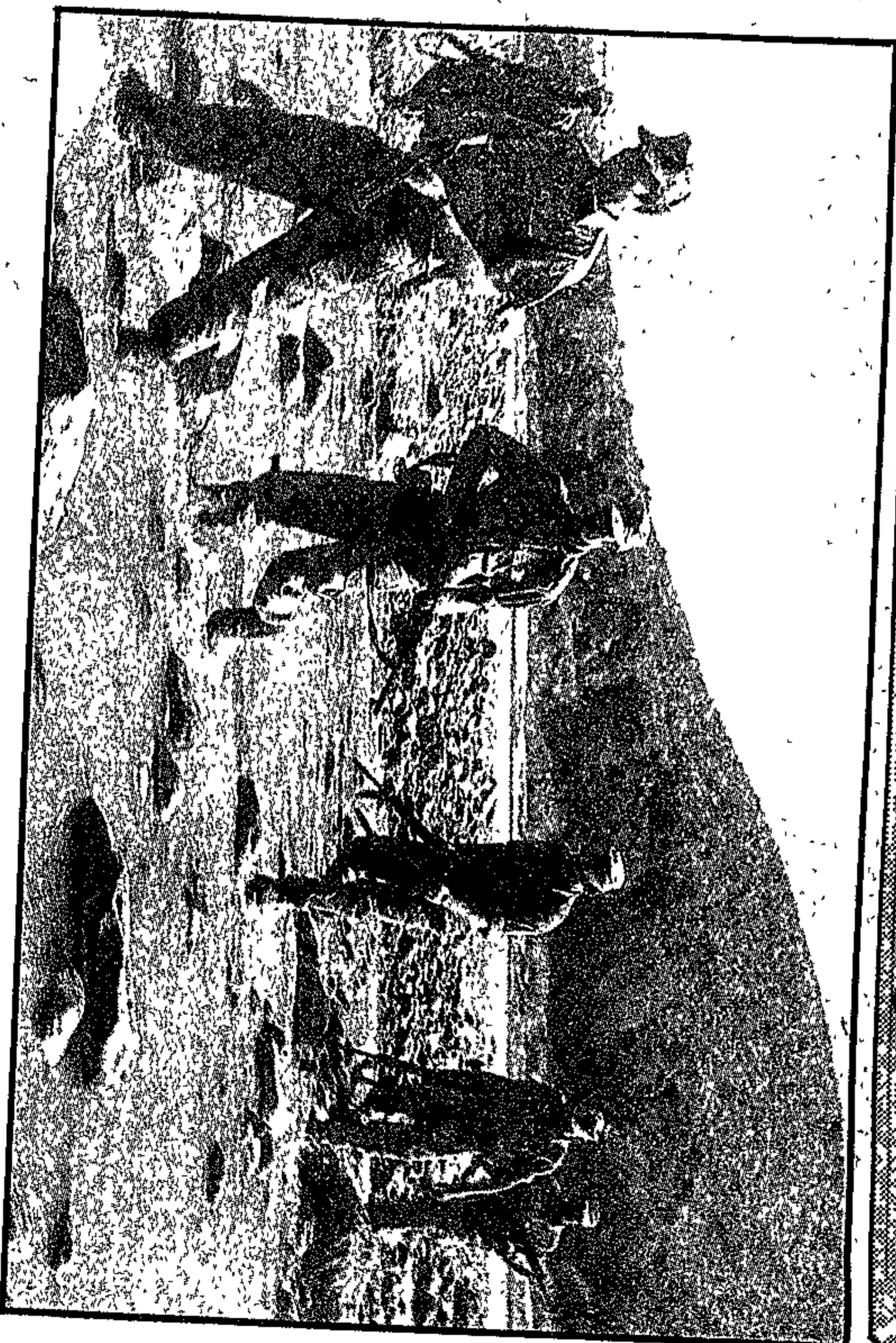
The terms of reference of the inquiry are to inquire into, report and make recommendations on the violence which occurred on October 29, 1983, at the University of Zululand as well as its causes.

The commission has been requested to report to the State President as soon as possible, and it may submit an interim report on urgent matters if it wants to

Interested persons, or anyone with relevant information who wants to make representations or give evidence should contact the secretary of the commission, Mr J H J van Rensburg at the Department of Education and Training in Pretoria by June 4 this year.

Anti-faction fight unit sets up special headquarters

# All quiet on the Tugela Front



Most of the work is done by patrol, and one sometimes has to cross the Tugela River, picking a shallow section ...



## By Graham Ferreira

PEACE, albeit uneasy, has held in the troubled Tugela Valley for more than a month now, since the arrival of a special police anti-faction fight unit which has set up headquarters on the banks of the river at Tugela Ferry.

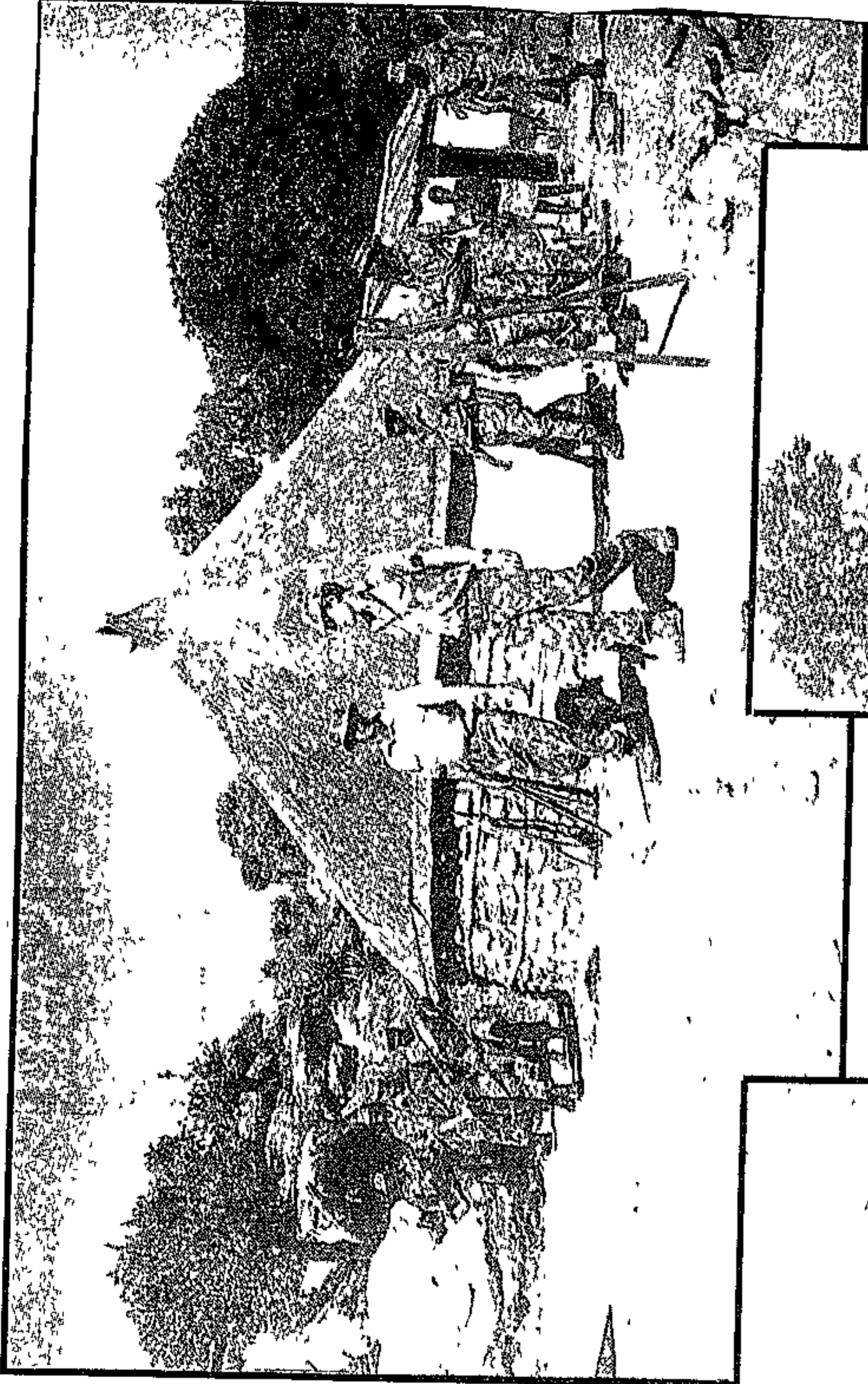
The hills surrounding the valley are covered with boulders and thorn trees in about equal proportions. The ground is arid and there is no lush grass, even now when they have had good rains.

Dust storms leave the grass and trees dirty brown and it is not a pretty place though the scenery is majestic. It has been the battleground for Zulu impis of opposing factions for many years.

There are many theories why the tribesmen in that area are constantly at war with each other. It's not just two groups or factions. There are several which fight against each other in a gruesome, bloody round robin.

But this time we did not visit the area to see the aftermath of fighting, or to try to inform our readers of why they fight.

We went to see why, for the first time for many years, a month has past without a fight.



□ Searching kraals and homes of tribesmen is the only surefire way of finding the illegal weapons of war with which the tribesmen of the Tugela basin have waged war on each other for many years. The success of the search missions can be judged by the haul of illegal firearms made in just a few weeks, by Captain Gideon van der Westhuizen (holding the guns) and his men. The woman at right is wearing traditional headgear which characterizes women of the area.

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# Court told why tear-gas was used on rent protesters

## Pietermaritzburg Bureau

TEAR-GAS had been used to minimise fighting in the dispersal of 200 black people armed with sticks who were allegedly preventing others from paying newly increased rent, near here, a police captain told a Pietermaritzburg Magistrate yesterday.

Captain Dennis Langley, formerly in charge of the Pietermaritzburg Riot Squad, was giving evidence in the trial of eight people charged under the Natal Code of Black Law for allegedly 'participating in an assembly of armed men' at Sobantu Village in October 1982.

Rebecca Nxumalo, 54, Langan Zondi, 43, Nhlanhla Nndaweni, 25, Dano Mokoena, 19, Sandile Shange, 18, and three minors, who may not be named, pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Capt Langley told Magistrate, Mr A G Kotze, how on his arrival with 36 policemen he saw people 'in an aggressive mood, sitting on the ground near the offices of the Drakensberg

Administration Board chanting and shouting in Zulu and waving sticks and knobkieries'

'About 25 m away from the crowd was a group of more than 50 people who, I had been informed, wanted to enter the offices to pay their rent,' Capt Langley said.

He said this smaller group appeared 'peaceful and did not seem armed'.

Using a loud speaker Capt Langley called to the people in 'both official languages' to disperse within five minutes as they were 'illegally gathered in terms of the Internal Security Act'.

### Deadline

When the five minute deadline lapsed Capt Langley ordered his men to 'close in on the people and to use tear-gas so as not to create any problems or fighting'.

After 'numerous' tear-gas canisters had 'been thrown the crowd jumped up, and 'scattered' in all directions'.

Policemen pursued the crowd and arrested 19, including the eight in the dock.

Under cross examina-

tion by Mr Y N Moodley, for the defence, Capt Langley admitted that there was a possibility that some in the crowd did not understand either English or Afrikaans when he issued his warning to disperse.

'I did not use an interpreter as I did not think it necessary, (though) they probably did understand my warning as they became more aggressive,' Capt Langley said.

'I had been informed by two officials of the Drakensberg Administration Board at the scene that the crowd was preventing others from paying rent and did not think to confirm this with those directly involved,' Capt Langley said.

He said it was possible that members of the crowd had mixed with the smaller group, who had not been addressed by the police and had remained where they were, when the gas canisters were thrown.

The trial was adjourned to July 23 when it will be heard in the Regional Court

# 32 killed in Mercury 4/6/84 (276) South Coast faction fight

Mercury Reporter

FIERCE fighting broke out between two rival factions in strife-torn Umbumbulu district on the South Coast this weekend, leaving 32 people dead and nine injured.

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Four men have been arrested in connection with the violence.

The latest incident between the factions broke out on Friday, police said.

A police spokesman said tensions had eased by yesterday afternoon.

Opposing factions have been warring since the beginning of May and last week the death roll stood at 25, most of them members of the Mkize faction.

Thousands of people in the area are said to be living in fear of intimidation and threats if they do not take sides. Police say troublemakers behind the scenes are responsible for the explosive situation.

Three weeks ago a bloodthirsty crowd of about 1 200 'warriors' was talked out of a potentially murderous confrontation by Maj Cobus Kapp, district detective officer for Durban South. He had confronted the impi while on a patrol of the trouble-torn area on Sunday, May 13.

The crowd was threatening to avenge a defeat at the hands of the Mkhanya tribe the previous weekend in which 20 people had been killed.

After the faction fight three weeks ago Maj Kapp said 'Thousands of people in the area are living in fear. Many have moved to other areas because of intimidation and threats.'

He said old customs were a factor which led to fighting.

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# DEATHS

# IMPRISONS

32 dead, 9 hurt after fierce faction battles in Umbumbulu

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# Police deny faction fighting stayaway

## African Affairs Correspondent

ULUNDI—The South African Police were asked to provide an extra unit in trouble spots in the Umbumbulu district before the weekend faction-fighting, which has so far claimed 39 lives, but were unable to do so because of lack of manpower.

This statement was made in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly yesterday by Dr Oscar Dhlomo, Minister of Education and Culture for the region. He is also a member representing the Umbumbulu electoral division.

Dr Dhlomo said the Chief Minister, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, had contacted the Commissioner-General for the Zulu people, Mr P N Hansmeyer, who had subsequently been in touch with Brig John van der Westhuizen, divisional criminal investigation officer for Port Natal, before the violence occurred.

The minister said he had expressed the fears

of the people of Umbumbulu regarding the renewed outbreak of faction-fighting in the area.

He had requested that a police unit should be made available in trouble spots.

Brig van der Westhuizen had replied that it would be impossible for extra police to be provided because of lack of manpower. However, he had promised to step up occasional patrols in the area.

## Uneasy

Dr Dhlomo said the Mkhize faction claimed that they were not able to trust the Umbumbulu police.

They maintained that these police were aiding the Makhanya faction and also belonged to the Makhanya tribe.

The minister said the view of the KwaZulu Government was that the introduction of police from the Durban South District would have helped the position.

Dr Dhlomo said that the KwaZulu Government had attempted to bring the three factions concerned together during

the weekend but representatives of two factions within the Mkhize tribe had failed to attend the meeting since they claimed they felt uneasy with the venue — the Umbumbulu Magistrate's Court. This was in a Makhanya area, they maintained.

He said the Minister of Justice, Mr Jeffrey Mtshwa, planned to hold a bigger meeting with leaders of all the tribes present.

## Suspects

● Brig van der Westhuizen told our Crime Reporter yesterday that more than 100 armed policemen, including the crack Mobile Squad task force from Durban, aided by a helicopter and special Casspir rough-terrain vehicles had exten-

sively patrolled the Odidini Reserve faction-fighting area in the Umbumbulu district at the weekend.

Police patrolling the reserve took possession of a large quantity of home-made guns, spears, assegais, cane knives, axes, iron bars and other dangerous weapons and had so far arrested four men in connection with the fighting.

There had been no more fighting since the outbreak of violence. The police patrols were still in the area and were involved in the time-consuming process of questioning witnesses and suspects before more arrests could be made.

The brigadier explained that the faction

fighting between the Mkhize and the Makhanya clans did not take the simplistic form of two large opposing impis confronting each other at a specific battle site.

The warring clans operated over a vast area in groups of varying numbers, attacking individuals and kraals in surprise hit-and-run tactics.

'We did everything we possibly could under the circumstances,' Brig van der Westhuizen said.

The death roll yesterday stood at 39 but police expect that they might still uncover more bodies in the bush and cane-fields. So far nine people have been admitted to hospitals with serious injuries.

In a valley an hour's drive from Durban, death marched in and left a trail of fear and corpses

# UMBUMBULU

## Bloody battle that killed 44

REPORT:

Barney  
Mthomboti

PICTURES:

John Woodroof

MANGLED cash registers, broken glass, the odd abandoned shoe and unfed chickens staring hopefully at strangers are testimony to the devastation and human misery carved by the fierce faction-fighting that left more than 44 dead at Umbumbulu, on Natal's South Coast, last weekend.

Locals estimate the death toll of the fighting that raged between the Makhanyas and the Mkhizes will be over the 50 mark when all the bodies are eventually recovered.

The Sunday Tribune discovered a body partly devoured by dogs in canelands and residents said four more were lying deep in the fields.

Some military precision went into the faction-fighting, the cause of which has left even the fighters themselves mystified.

As hordes of marauding Mkhize impis swept through the lush valleys of Makhanya territory on a revenge mission, vans and trucks slowly followed from behind loading food and furniture looted by the enraged impis as locals fled their homes.

Umbumbulu, with its fertile green valleys, is barely an hour's drive from central Durban.

As the impi broke into homes, young girls and women accompanying the marauders loaded everything into trucks. Another group had the responsibility of herding along with them all the stock they could lay their hands.

But they paid dearly for this. From most accounts, most of their men were left on the battlefield. All but three of the dead were from the Mkhizes.

All the children were back at school by Wednesday; the atmosphere was serene and all the houses near the scene of the fighting deserted. Women were stealing back to their homes like hunted animals to claim what they could before disappearing again.

Ephraim Gumede, a well-known canegrower in the area, had disappeared. All the windows of his two big houses had been shattered and the houses and three rondavels ransacked.

There was some clothing and furniture in the house; the valuables obviously were gone. A shoe, a bag, some half-cent coins lay on the ground; the owner had obviously left in a hurry.

As we approached, chickens streamed towards us, obviously hoping to be fed.

A neighbour, Mrs Minah Gumede, had sneaked back home to take care of her bean harvest. She was shattered by last weekend's events.

This is a beautiful — quiet, fertile soil, rains, everybody



□ **SAD HOMECOMING:** Minah Gumede looks around at her shattered world for the first time since it all fell apart in bloodshed and horror



□ **AFTER THE FIGHTING:** Annie Gumede peers through one of the shattered windows of her home

has his own piece of land. Look at the canefields, look at these valleys — all green... and we were living in peace until last month.

"I got married in this place in 1936 and we have had no problem... until last month."

Last month was when the first outbreak of violence occurred, leaving 25 dead and more than 100 injured

Most of those killed were from the Mkhize camp and last weekend's drive by the Mkhizes was supposed to be a revenge mission but it would seem they were stumped yet again.

Mrs Gumede said the Makhanyas were victori-

ous in both instances because "God is on our side".

"All the Mkhize chiefs are banding together against us. We have only one chief but we beat them all the same"

She said it was surprising the Mkhizes used women to load the loot on their vehicles during the fighting.

"It's a battle among men. Women are not involved at all. They are not molested or killed during a faction fight."

"It's also surprising the Mkhizes took our food and cattle although they were beaten. Only victorious warriors take things with them."

She said her elderly

husband, who is blind, would not have survived had he been at home. "He would have been killed because he would not have been able to run. God is great."

She had no food left. "I can't offer you anything. You must be hungry."

She went to her orchard, plucked a few lemons, wrapped them in a newspaper and gave them to us: "You'll have something to chew."

Mrs Anne Gumede said that apart from broken doors and windows, the Mkhize impi took her food and dishes.

But Mrs Frieda Ngongo's houses was shattered and completely bare; three beds, three boxes of

clothing and a table had been taken away. Another bed had been dumped in front of the house.

"We were fortunate because we had already taken some of our things to relatives during the first outbreak of fighting. Otherwise we would have been left with the clothes we are standing in," Mrs Ngongo said.

But nobody knows the cause of the fighting. The women say the men don't tell them what they're fighting about; the men say simply they don't know. Or they're just not telling.

Most of the shops, butcheries and bottlestores in the area were also looted. Cash registers had been smashed open and the money taken.

Chief Makhanya could only shake his head and shrug his shoulders when approached by the Sunday Tribune at the Umbumbulu magistrates court where he was attending a meeting.

Chief Langalasebo Mkhize was not at home. His family said he had not been seen since the fighting started.

Sugar canefields did not escape the rampage.

When the Mkhizes took to their heels and sought refuge in nearby canelands, the Makhanyas set the fields alight to flush them out.

A man born in the area said he was contemplating leaving: "I'm tired of living like an animal. I spent every night in the veld. But where can I go?"

Colonel Daantjie van Wyk, who is in charge of police investigations, said no arrests had been made.

"At the moment we are concentrating on making sure that there is no more fighting. We are not sure if the impies have disbanded, but we are working flat out on this aspect of the investigation."



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police chief

Own Correspondent (LH)

DURBAN — The unidentified white residents who gunned down five black mineworkers at Vryheid Coronation Colliery on Monday night were acting completely within their rights, Colonel S J N van der Merwe of the Newcastle division of the South African Police said today.

"If it were not for those people shooting at the rioting miners there would have been a lot of murder," he said.

One striker was killed and four others sustained gunshot wounds when the "unidentified persons" fired on them from the mine's white residential area.

Colonel van der Merwe said the striking miners were intent on causing damage and it was only the whites who had prevented widescale murder.

He said the miners were trying to get to the main white residential area where the main contingent of police were concentrated in order to repel any attack.

"The miners then turned on the central area that was protected only by the mine's security guards and a few policemen," he said.

Colonel van der Merwe said the post-mortem on the dead miner, Mr Mhlunguleni Mthethwa (39), had been completed and it had been found that he died from a gunshot wound in the neck.

● The National Union of Mineworkers today expressed deep alarm over Colonel van der Merwe's comments.

"It is not for the police to give their opinions, it is for a court of law to decide whether any persons should be brought to justice," said union general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa.

"We are also alarmed that the police regard the death of one person and injuries sustained by others as something that does not warrant investigation for the purposes of pressing charges.

"It is obvious two types of justice exist in this country."

● See Page 1, Metro section.

**LAMONTVILLE**

**RESIDENT**

**SUING**

**LE GRANGE**

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LAMONTVILLE resident Patrick Toyoto Shabalala, who was allegedly shot and wounded by police on June 16 last year, is suing Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange for R1 500.

The claim, which was heard in the Durban Supreme Court this week, was adjourned to a date still to be announced.

Mr. Shabalala, 42, is represented by Advocate Justice Poswa, instructed by V N Mxenge.

In papers before the court, Mr Shabalala alleged that police threw a teargas cannister next to him and shot him in several parts of his body with bird-shot. He says the assault was wrongful, unlawful and intentional.

As a result of the assault, Mr Shabalala claims, he suffered certain body injuries. He is suing for R1 500 damages for pain and suffering and medical expenses.

# UNREST GOES ON

Cops  
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**THE schools unrest continued yesterday when police fired tearsmoke at students in Daveyton and Mabopane.**

And in Tembisa a meeting between parents of boycotting students resolved that students should go to school on Monday with their parents. The student body has however not yet reacted to the call by parents.

In Daveyton, Benoni, students at Mabuya High, one of the schools boycotting classes, attempted to disrupt classes at Hulwazi High, which had until yesterday ignored

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the boycott by three secondary schools in the area.

Police were called and a confrontation between police and students ensued. According to police, tearsmoke was fired after they were stoned by students. One vehicle was slightly damaged, according to Lieutenant Beck of the Police Directorate. He also said six East Rand Development Board vehicles were damaged.

In Pretoria a number of students were injured and about 20 reportedly arrested when baton-charging policemen sprayed tearsmoke at

more than 1 000 boycotting students at the Mabopane East Technikon yesterday morning.

Trouble at the Technikon started at about 8 am when the entire student body assembled outside the gymnasium centre and refused to go into classes until the authorities introduced a students' representative council.

A few of the students who tried to go to classes yesterday morning were threatened by the more than 1 000 other pupils who chanted freedom songs. The students said they were later confronted by a white security officer who gave them newsletters from the rector's office. In the newsletter, the rector

gave all the students an ultimatum to either return to classes by 10 am or leave the premises by 3 pm.

According to the students, the rector also warned that those who left the premises would be automatically "expelled." The students burnt the pile of newsletters.

The students added: "Police in about 10 vans were later allowed inside the school premises. They sprayed tearsmoke canisters and attacked us with batons and sjamboks. We scattered in different directions while others scaled the school's security fence.

"The pupils continued chasing us in the streets. Most of the students were arrested while others sought refuge inside houses in the neighbourhood."

The police were still engaged in running battles with the students at about 11.45 am. At least one student was seen being dragged into a van by police. Several others were rushed to the local clinic where they were treated for head and leg injuries and then discharged.

A spokesman for the police in Pretoria yesterday confirmed the unrest at the school and said "everything is quiet now. The students are all going home."

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Stonings  
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DURBAN — Police were called to the Hambanati township near Tongaat last night when a mob went on the rampage, stoning houses and setting fire to a car and an outbuilding.

It is understood that the mob, including Inkatha supporters, singled out the houses of members of the Hambanati Residents Association and the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac).

The Police Reaction Unit dispersed the 200-strong crowd.

A witness said the homes of Jorac member Mr. Ian Mkhise and chairman Mr. Richard Gumede were stoned. — Sapa

# 1 500 stone Imbali buildings

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Police used tearsmoke and sjamboks today to disperse about 1 500 people in three separate stone-throwing incidents in the black township of Imbali, near Maritzburg, a police spokesman said in Pretoria.

The outgoing Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, was due to open a hall in Imbali today, but a spokesman for his office in Pretoria said he could not confirm if the Minister had been in the township.

A police spokesman said trouble started at 7.30 am when a crowd of

1,500 placard-bearing people gathered outside the community hall.

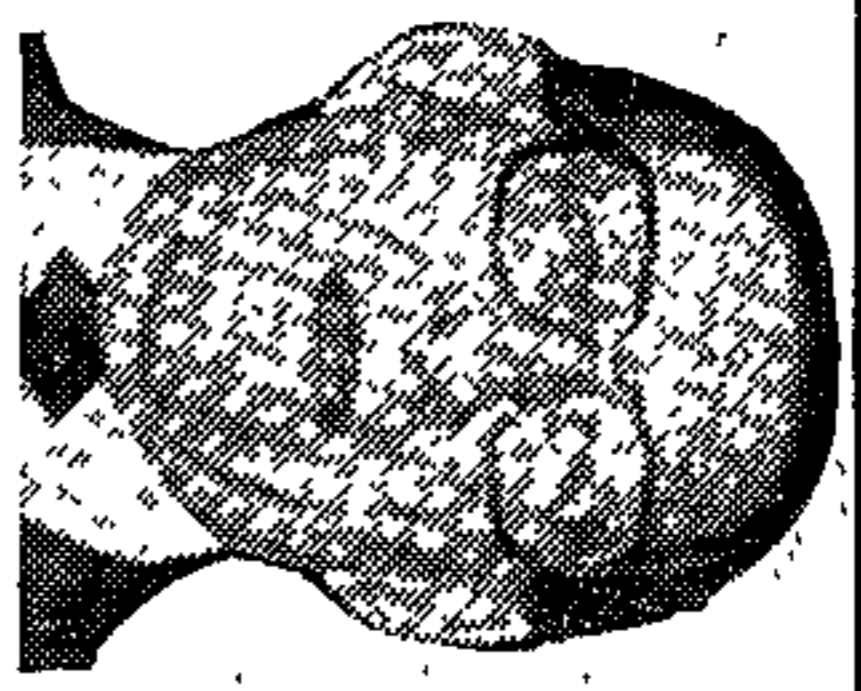
Stones were thrown and a vehicle of the Department of Co-operation and Development was overturned.

At 9.40 am the mayor's house was stoned, and by 11.15 am, people gathered outside a beerhall where stones were thrown and windows smashed.

In each case, police were forced to use tearsmoke and sjamboks to disperse the crowd, the spokesman said.

So far, there are no reports of injuries. The situation at lunchtime was quiet. Sapa.

# PRAMPRAGUE



DEMONSTRATIONS:  
Dr Piet Koornhof.

**POLICE used tearsmoke and sjamboks to clear about 1 500 demonstrators as violence erupted in Imballi township near Pietermaritzburg yesterday, disrupting the scheduled inauguration of the new township council by Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development.**  
Dr Koornhof's party was diver-

ted from the township, which was sealed off by the police. The crowd, mainly schoolchildren, went on a two-hour rampage and marched to stone the community centre and beerhall. A vehicle belonging to the Department of Co-operation and Development was stoned and overturned by the crowd outside a community hall, the township's mayor's house extensively damaged, and a beerhall's windows were smashed, police headquarters confirmed in Pretoria. A soft-drink lorry was reportedly

overturned and another empty vehicle was stoned and overturned in Thathwe Road. All schools in the township were closed and bus services were suspended. Shops were closed and shuttered and many people locked themselves in their homes.

## Stones

A police spokesman said the trouble started at 7.30am when a crowd of 1 500 placard-bearing black people, mostly youths, gathered outside the community hall. Stones were thrown and a vehicle of the Department of Co-operation and Development was overturned. Police used tearsmoke and sjamboks on the crowd. Trouble flared up again at 9.40am, when the mayor's house was stoned. "Police had to use tearsmoke and sjamboks to disperse the crowd again," a police spokesman said. By 11.15am, the crowd had gathered again, this time outside a beerhall. Stones were thrown by the mob and the building's windows were smashed. — Sapa.

**Dr K visit stopped after violence**

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# Tear-gas used to clear mob during Koornhof's visit

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

POLICE used tear-gas and sjamboks to disperse groups of stone-throwing youths who tried to disrupt a visit by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to Imbali township near here yesterday.

According to police in Pretoria, the trouble started in the township at 7.30 a.m. when about 1 500 people, mostly youths, gathered at the Imbali community hall carrying placards.

Some of the placards read: 'We don't want community councils', others protested against the 'Koornhof Bills' and the Government's resettlement policies.

Dr Koornhof was in the capital yesterday to inaugurate the Imbali Township Council at 11 a.m.

## Smashed

A car belonging to the Department of Community Development was overturned outside the community hall and its windscreen smashed. Members of the SAP Reaction Unit moved in using tear-gas and sjamboks.

Later the house of Imbali's mayor, Mr Patrick Parkies, was stoned and several window panes were broken, the spokesman said.

There was further stoning at the Imbali beerhall where window panes were smashed. During

the inauguration stones were thrown intermittently in the direction of armed policemen outside the hall.

A bus shelter was ripped down and placed in the centre of one of the roads in the township, and large stones and burning tyres were reported to have been placed on roads leading to the community hall.

## Collected

It is understood that a privately-owned bus was driven down a bank and set alight on the outskirts of the township during the unrest earlier in the day.

A resident of Imbali's Unit 13 told the Mercury that early yesterday hundreds of chanting and placard-bearing youths stretching for about a kilometre had jogged past towards nearby schools.

'They collected pupils and then wound their way back towards the direction of the community hall. They did not seem belligerent; they were laughing and in a good mood, and did not menace onlookers,' the man said.

The SAP directorate of public relations in Pretoria said that as far as could be ascertained there had been no arrests and no injuries had been reported.

However, at least three people — two youths and a man — were seen being put into a police van and

driven away.

The spokesman said the situation in the township was 'quiet but tense' yesterday afternoon and police were still patrolling the area.

The council ceremony took place under the watchful eye of a large contingent of police and there were no incidents inside the hall as Dr Koornhof addressed a crowd of 200 local residents.

During the inauguration, the occasional firing of tear-gas cannisters could be heard in the background.

Dr Koornhof was officiating at possibly his last function as Minister of Co-operation and Development

# Mob burns Jc

## man's home

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AN ARMED mob of more than 100 chanting men and women who attended an Inkatha meeting in Hambanati township near Tongaat, went on a rampage this week — storming five houses and setting fire to Jorac treasurer Ian Mkhize's car.

The houses of Jorac chairman Richard Gumede, Zamani Crech principal Beauty Makhetha, and Empangeni's Mandlazaini primary school principal Alfred Siphon Sithole were stoned and the windows shattered.

Mr Sithole's house was also gutted when the mob set it alight with petrol siphoned from a van parked in his garage.

The van, which belongs to furniture salesman Elias Hadebe, was also burnt down by the mob.

Mr Sithole's furniture and back-quarters also burned.

A man who attended the Inkatha meeting said speakers at the Hambanati meeting accused supporters of UDF — to which Jorac is affiliated — of burning down the house of Hambanati mayor and local Inkatha chairman Muthikawupheli Albert Majola at the weekend.

Mr Majola has since been rehoused elsewhere in Tongaat.

Mr Mkhize, 42, said the armed mob chanted slogans and sang a song.

At about 8.30pm he heard a loud bang on the door. All the windows were then stoned.

He went out to investigate and discovered his car had been set alight.

Neighbours helped to put out the flames.

Mr Mkhize said the mob dispersed.

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when they saw him. They shouted obscenities at him as they retreated.

Mr Mkhize said he telephoned the police but they only arrived three hours later.

"Meanwhile the crowd returned later with reinforcements.

"They caused more damage to the house and completely burnt

out my car.

"They forced their way through the back door shouting 'We want your heart today and we are going to murder you'," he said.

Police arrived and fired teargas to disperse the crowd.

Mr Mkhize said the people were incited at the Inkatha meeting.

He complained about the late arrival of the police, saying the damage could have been prevented if the police had arrived promptly.

He said the damage to his house and car was estimated at R3 500.

Mr Hadebe's van was worth R10 000.

Police are investigating.



Ian Mkhize with his burnt-out car after the attack by an Inkatha

## 'HEAD HA'

THE TRIAL of four men — who allegedly choked an 18-year-old woman's head with her liver and private parts — has been postponed to December at the Durban Supreme Court.

Gertrude Ntombela, Siphon Mbutho, 18, Bheki Ntombela, 29, Wilson Shwezi Ntombela, 29, and Mbhekiswa Shwezi Ntombela, 29, have all pleaded guilty.

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## 'HEAD HACKERS' REMANDED

**THE TRIAL** of four men and a woman — who allegedly chopped off an 18-year-old woman's head and roasted her liver and private parts — was postponed to December 10 in the Durban Supreme Court this week.

Gertrude Ntombela, 38, Sydney Siphon Mbutho, 18, Bernard Khawula, 29, Wilson Shwezi Ntombela, 29, and Mbhekiswa Shwezi Ntombela, 37, have all pleaded guilty.

The accused — who come from

the Mapumulo District — have made written "confessions" before a Durban Regional Magistrate.

The deceased is alleged to have been given brandy, beer and cane by the accused, who then took her to Umhlathuzana River and cut off her head, liver and private parts.

The body was later found by police buried near Umhlathuzana River — full of maggots.

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# UDF 3 DIE

**THREE men were hacked to death, a policeman injured and three houses set alight at Hambanati township, near Durban, in an Inkatha versus United Democratic Front (UDF) confrontation.**

Major P Meiring, liaison officer for the Port Natal Police, yesterday said the incident, which took place at the weekend, was sparked off by one group (he did not say which group) attacking the other. The other group retaliated and afterwards three people were left dead and three houses burnt.

Maj Meiring said the dead could not be identified as yet

## BY SELLO RABOTHATA

because they were not local people. Police are investigating.

All those killed and whose homes were destroyed by fire are members of the UDF and the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac), which is opposed to the incorporation of Hambanati and two other Durban townships — Lamontville and Chesterville — into Chief Gatscha Buthelezi's KwaZulu.

Houses that were set alight were those of Mr Alfred Sithole, a local school principal who is also reported to have been hacked to death. The homes of Mr Richard Gumede and Mr Ian Mkhize, chairman and secretary of Jorac were also set on fire. The incident took place on Sunday afternoon when a mob of more than 100 Inkatha supporters, armed with pangas, knives, sticks and other weapons, marched into the township.

Residents said the Inkatha supporters who took part in the attack were all "outsiders" who

were specially invited to carry out the killings. They started their attack on Saturday night, going on a rampage when they burnt down two houses and killed two people. An unidentified member of the police force was also injured after being allegedly mistaken for a UDF supporter by the Inkatha members.

Mr Richard Gumede, whose house was burnt, said the attack was related to their opposition to the township's incorporation into KwaZulu. Members of Jorac had relayed this opposition to Chief Buthelezi at a meeting in Durban last week. He also felt their close affiliation to the UDF had contributed to the attack.

He said: "They have vowed to destroy anyone associated with the UDF."

## Tombstone

• About two months ago, two Inkatha members were killed during the unveiling of Mr Harrison Dube's tombstone in Lamontville and Chief Buthelezi later said he would be visiting the township on Saturday, September 1. Residents in the area are opposed to the proposed visit.

**THIS WEEKENDS K-Mart WEEKENDS cuts record SPECIALS prices only from Tuesday August 28 to September 1**

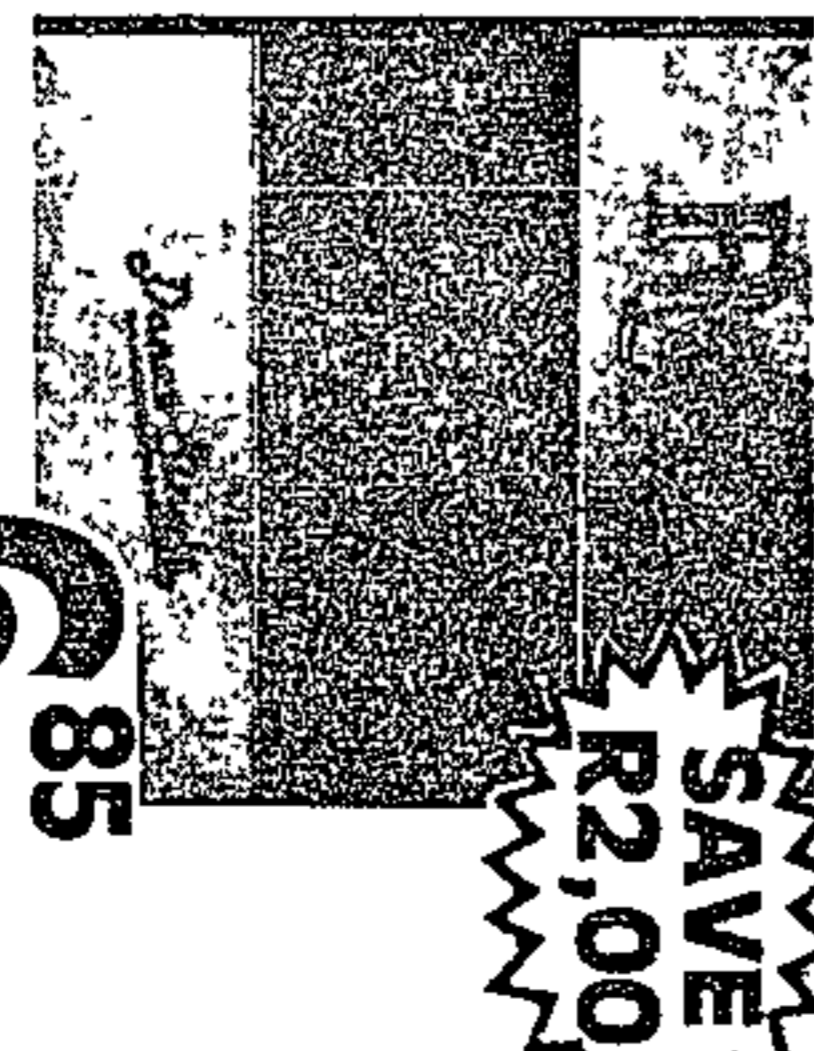
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# Quirts, teargas at boy's funeral

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN. — Teargas and sjamboks were used by police after the funeral on Saturday of 18-year-old Mosi Morgan Ntombela, who was shot dead during unrest in Imbali township here on August 24.

A police spokesman said teargas was sprayed at a group of shouting and screaming youths who refused to leave the coffin after the funeral service in the Assembly of God Church in the township.

One person was arrested.

A crowd then moved to the Mountain Rise cemetery for the burial service. Police used sjamboks to disperse people who refused to leave after the body had been lowered into the grave.

According to a witness, mourners had been encircled by police during the burial.

The police spokesman said no injuries had been reported.

Mr. Ntombela was shot in the chest and two other people were injured when a group of youths allegedly stoned a security policeman's home in the township on the night of Friday, August 24.

# 'Too much for burial

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THE situation at strife-torn Hambanathi is still so tense that the most recent victim of the township's prolonged violence cannot be buried there.

Empangeni school principal Alfred Gundu Sithol, 48, was

hacked to death when his home was besieged by heavily armed people, allegedly supporters of Inkatha.

He had gone home from school to look after his property and defend his family after his wife phoned and told him of the violence in the township.

Now his grieving family has another cross to bear — he will have to be buried in Red Hill.

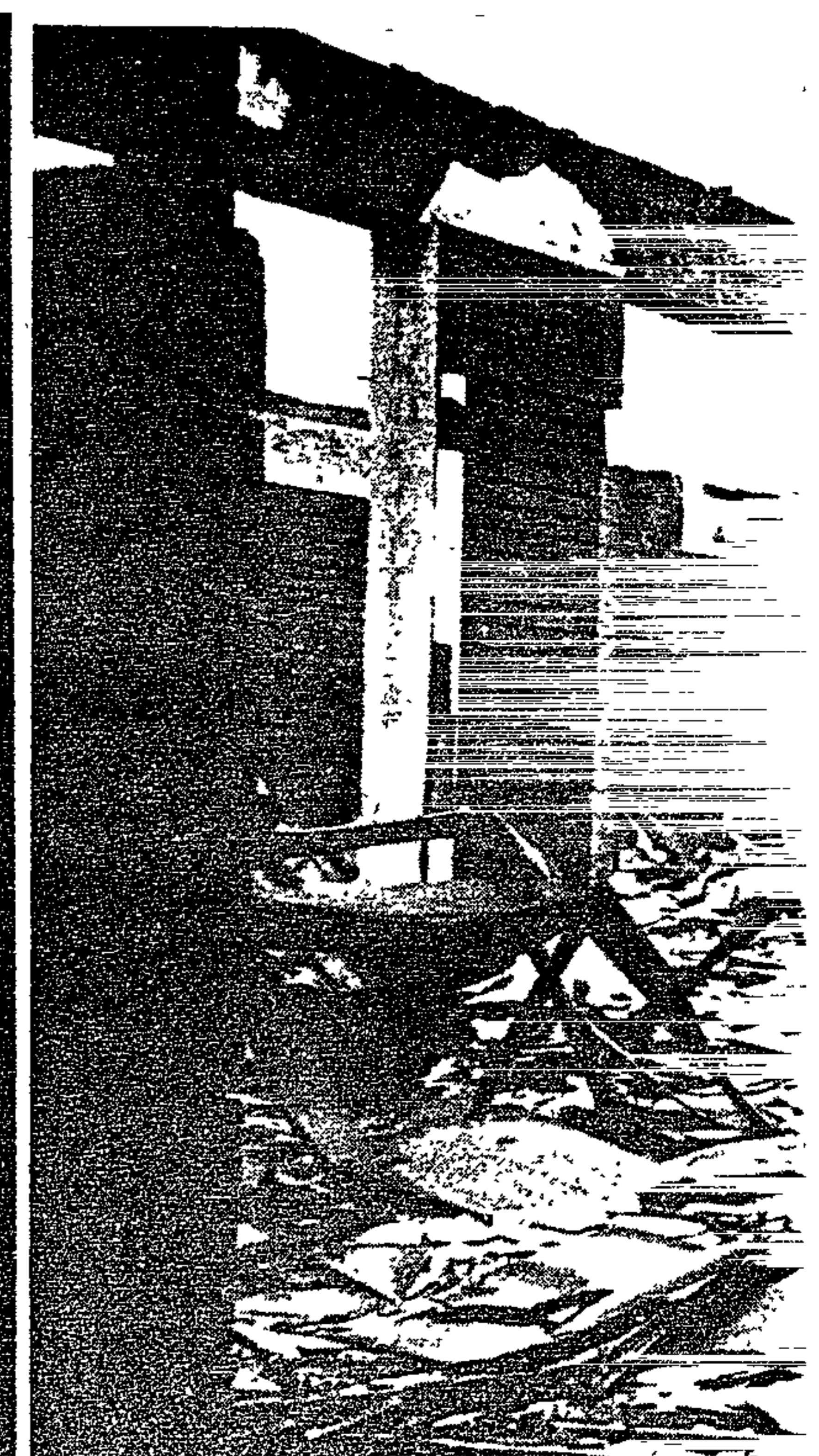
His funeral ceremony will also have to take place far from home — in St Mary's Anglican Church at Greyville on Sunday from 11am

After last week's nightly terror raids in which three people died and many homes were destroyed, violence has continued this whole week.

CP Correspondent

Reverend J Mpanza's house was stoned this week, and several other people in the community were directly threatened with further violence

There have also been complaints that Inkatha members are still going door to door, checking on people's allegiance



## 'I won't help this court'

A STATE witness who was to have given evidence against South Africa's latest person to die in detention, Tamsanqa Mthetwa, caused a stir in the Durban Regional Court this week when he refused to take an oath and give evidence against six other youths charged with the deceased

Mthetwa was found hanged on August 24.

The witness told the court he wanted to consult with his attorney, Kwenza Mlaba, when he appeared in the witness box.

Magistrate B G Smit re-

## Second fire wreck

A FIRE swept through offices at the University of Zululand this week — the second on August 29.

The offices of two senior staff members were apparently set alight on Wednesday

Tension was high on campus yesterday, and police announced that they had arrested last week's fire which gutted two dining halls (see pic above).

The dining halls had been the target of student attacks before the campus was slightly damaged in protest at the quality of food.

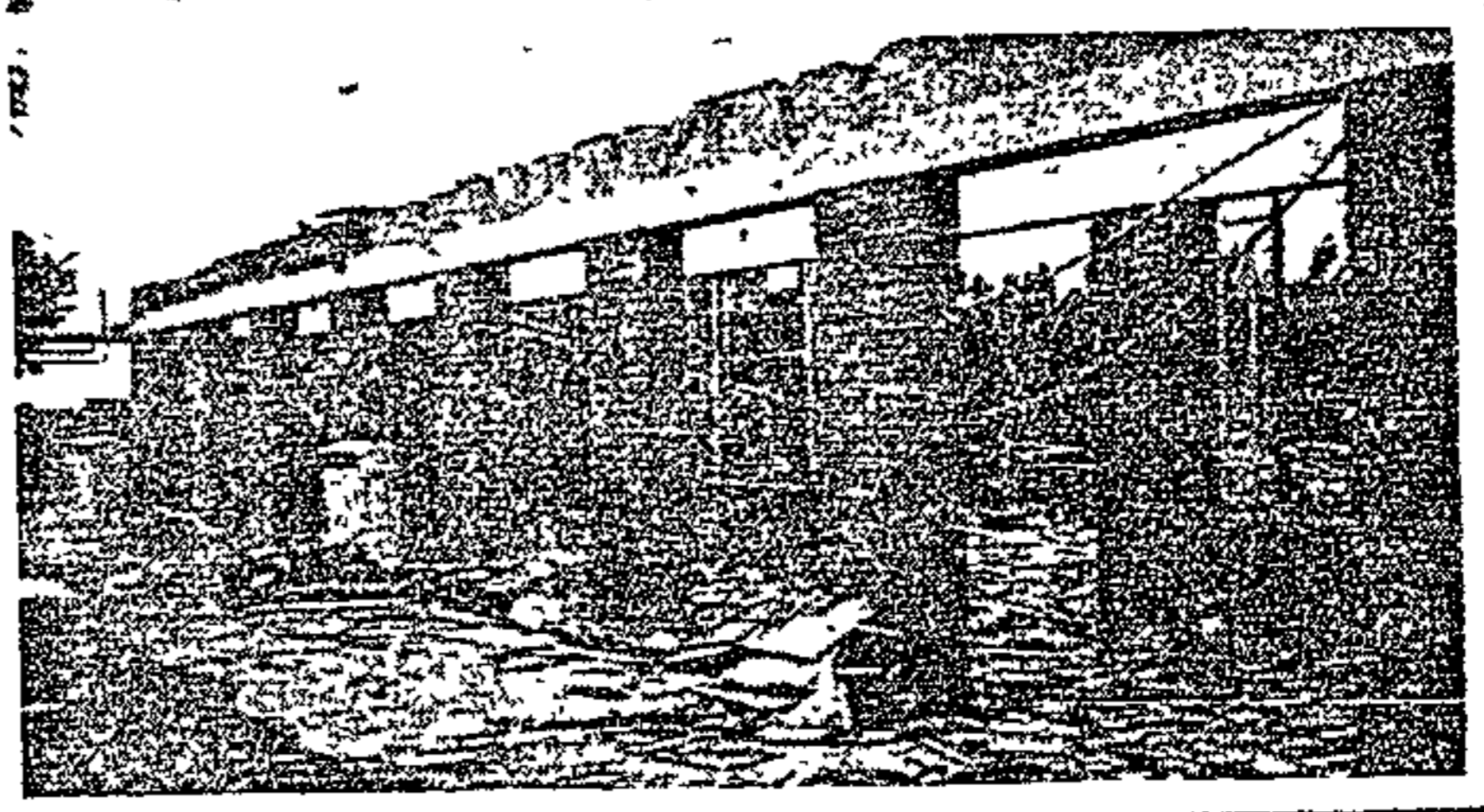
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# 's home in smoke

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# Inkatha members attacked

DURBAN — The home of a leading Inkatha member in Lamontville was struck with petrol bombs early yesterday, and another well-known supporter of the movement was assaulted in a street.

Supporters of the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac) in Lamontville have been blamed.

Last night Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of kwaZulu and president of Inkatha, called on Jorac executive member the Rev Mcebisi Xundu and other leaders of the organisation to restrain members from

“extremely dangerous and provocative acts”.

Mr Robert Sikhakhane, chairman of Inkatha in Ward 2, said his home was attacked with petrol bombs at about 2 am.

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He said two were thrown. One, apparently aimed at the bedroom, missed and hit a wall. The second was thrown at the kitchen but did not explode.

Mr Sikhakhane claimed his assailants were Jorac supporters.

In the other incident, Mrs May Ngubane

claimed she was assaulted by young men and women in a street.

She said she ran into a shop for protection and the youths shouted that they would kill all Inkatha members in Lamontville.

Last night Mr Xundu was “completely dismayed” when told of the attacks.

“Jorac has always called for non-violence and peaceful negotiations. It is easy to blame the organisation for violence, but it does not mean that it is the fact.”  
— Sapa.

# Church windows smashed by mob in Natal

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THE ATTACK by hostel inmates who smashed the windows of the Methodist Church and St Simon's Anglican Church in Lamontville over the weekend, has been strongly condemned by many people in Durban.

The Methodist Church was the first to be attacked with rocks and missiles by the group from the S J Smith men's hostel in Merebank. Damage to the windows has been estimated at R300.

At St Simon's Parish, two windows were shattered.

Jorac chairman Mcebisi Xundu was away during the attack — attending the funeral of Thami Gumbr, who was allegedly shot by police when a group attacked the house of Lamontville community coun-

By **BANCROFT HLATSHWAYO**

cillor Gertrude Ngubane.

Ningizimu community councillor Gideon Sibiya, who lives at S J Smith Hostel, told King Goodwill Zwelithini at the Shaka Day celebrations in Glebelands that he could not be held responsible if his followers attacked Lamontville, where many Inkatha members had been killed.



REV XUNDU: Wasn't home when the raiders came.

He said the hostel inmates had told him he had restrained them for a long time, and they had decided to take away his command of their group.

At a residents' meet-

ing during the week, it was resolved to lay charges against the men. Rev Xundu said some of the attackers had been identified and legal action would be taken against them.

# Hands off, ladies!

C. Per By PHINDA KUZWAYO 14/10/84

**BLAME it all on women — this is the conclusion of Lamontville councillor Gideon Sibiya, who sees women as the cause of disharmony between the "bachelors" at S J Smith Hostel and the people of Lamontville.**

At the recent peace talks between his delegation and members of the Joint Rent Action Committee, councillor Sibiya said: "Lamontville is spoilt by women."

"They have a lot of influence on the bachelors staying at the hostel. They stay with the men there."

Because of this, there is already talk of barring the S J Smith men from courting the ladies of Lamontville.

This is seen as the solution to stop the on going attacks of the pro-Chief Gatsha Buthelezi hostel dwellers against the people of Lamontville — particularly those who support Rev Mcebisi Xundu.

Tension between the two communities reached a peak two weeks ago when the windows of the Methodist and Anglican Church in Lamontville — where Rev Xundu is based — were broken in a revenge-ston-



Some of the Lamontville victims, whose cars were set alight Ian Mkhize, right, and the Hadebe family



ing by a mob who were allegedly from S J Smith Hostel.

The stoning followed attacks — allegedly by Lamontville youths who support Rev Xundu — on pro-Inkatha people who recently stood in community council elections.

The first incident which sparked off tension between the two factions was on October 16 last year when Lamontville resi-

dents disrupted an Inkatha meeting called by councillor Ella Nxasana.

However, peace seem to be on the cards between the two warring factions now. In a brief moment after the "peace-talks" meeting, a joint statement read by Jorac vice-chairman Mr Xundu said the two groups had committed themselves "to continue the peace initiatives."



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# 40 arrested after Hillcrest area unrest

## Labour Reporter

FORTY people have been arrested in a number of incidents in the Hillcrest district this week following a boycott of the local bus service.

Col Vic Heyns of the police media liaison division in Pretoria said yesterday those arrested, all black males, were being held on charges of intimidation.

Groups in the district had stoned several buses and police vehicles after trouble began on Sunday over an increase in bus fares.

The detained men who

Col Heyns said had not been arrested for stone-throwing, are expected to appear in court today

Thousands of commuters from the Nqethu area off Inanda Road are boycotting Interstate Bus Services in protest against the price of weekly tickets going up by about 5 c a trip and single trips by 20 c.

## Clamp down

Following incidents of unrest and stoning of buses in the township on Sunday night, police clamped down on pirate taxis and legal taxis

which were allegedly overloaded.

According to reports yesterday, there was a total boycott of buses on the Nqethu route and the service there had been suspended.

Mr C Bailey, managing director of the bus company, could not be reached for comment yesterday, but his secretary said he was 'extremely busy trying to sort out the problem'.

Our Johannesburg Correspondent reports that troops were seen pulling

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## Buses stoned by groups

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out of the troubled East Rand township of Tembisa yesterday as thousands of Reef workers returned to their jobs after a massive two-day stayaway during which at least 22 people died violently.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, described the recent urban unrest as the most serious since the 1976 school riots, Sapa reported.

Relative calm returned to the Reef's tense townships after the clashes and bloodshed continued on Tuesday night — even in a previously subdued Soweto, where a petrol bomb was thrown into a Putco bus under police escort.

Lt Tom Jefferson of the S A Police public relations division said yesterday that 'as far as the SAP knows' 22 people had died in the widespread unrest since the weekend.

Addressing members of the Organisasie vir Denkende Studente at the University of the Free State on Tuesday night, Mr le Grange said the present riots were even more serious as they involved more adults.

## Patrol

Police continued to patrol Tembisa yesterday and armed soldiers stood guard near the shop of the township's mayor, Mr Lucas Mothiba, in Tsemolong Section, Sapa reported.

A bus was stoned yesterday afternoon in New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth, where violence also flared. Police took no action, Lt Jefferson said.

In Port Alfred in the Eastern Cape, a man was fatally wounded and a policeman was slightly injured in an incident in which police fired birdshot at a group of about 20 stone-throwing youths on Tuesday.

And, in the Kempton Park suburb of Norkum Park yesterday, two private vehicles were set alight, but police said it was not known whether the separate incidents were related to the township unrest.

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# Bus boycott goes on as top talks fail

## Labour Reporter

THE bus boycott in the Nqethu township near Hillcrest continued yesterday after a top-level meeting between representatives of a Pinetown bus company and community leaders failed to resolve the dispute.

After the five-hour meeting at Hillcrest Police Station, community leaders emerged 'bitterly disappointed' and warning that they should not be held responsible for the actions of boycotters.

Since the boycott began at the weekend following an increase in bus fares, a number of buses belonging to Interstate Bus Service have been stoned and police arrested scores of people for various offences stemming from the boycott.

A small pre-fabricated office, which the bus com-

pany used for its ticket sales in the township, was burned down by a group of boycotters on Wednesday night and yesterday many white motorists were turned away from the township by police.

Weekly ticket fares were increased by 5c a trip and single trips by 20c.

Yesterday's meeting was chaired by Maj Wynand van der Merwe, commanding officer of the police's reaction unit which was brought in to quell the unrest.

## Unfortunate

Also present were two senior officials of the Department of Transport from Pretoria, Mr Colin Bailey, regional manager of the bus company, and a delegation of community leaders, headed by Chief Vuse Mkhize and Chief

Mdelwa Bhengu.

Chief Mkhize told the Mercury afterwards that 'since the talks have failed it will go without saying that the boycott continues'.

Mr Sydney Sibisi, one of the members of the delegation, said they would consider asking other bus companies to take over the service if Interstate was finding it difficult to continue its operations without increasing fares.

Mr Bailey said it was unfortunate that no agreement had been reached but he was optimistic that the community leaders would reopen talks with the company.

He said the Interstate buses on the Nqethu route were still running normally yesterday and there had been no further incidents of stone throwing.

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**40 held  
in Natal**

**COPS ARRESTED** 40 men at Hillcrest near Durban this week after a "large group" stoned buses and cop vehicles.

It was the first major case of crowd unrest in Natal in recent weeks.

The men are being held on charges of intimidation.

● A woman was lightly wounded and then arrested for public violence after a stoning incident in Tembisa.

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# Buses stoned after fare increases

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BUS fare increases on the capital's black service were greeted with incidents of stone-throwing in Imbali township early yesterday.

Twelve municipal buses were stoned, with seven having their windows smashed, by a group of about 100 youths after bus fares went up from 30 c to 35 c a trip.

According to one of the bus drivers, youths wearing masks and peaked caps began stoning buses along Mthombothi Road at about 4 30 a.m.

A police spokesman said tear-gas was used to disperse a group of youths, but no one was arrested.

He said the situation in the township was quiet by

yesterday afternoon.

All the windows in the car of Mr Henry Conco, a municipal bus inspector, were smashed.

He was not injured.

Imbali's mayor, Mr Patrick Pakkis, said his council had objected to the 16,6 percent fare hike, but 'there is nothing we can now do about the increase as it has already been approved'.

# 'Clear up Umbumbulu'

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## Crime Reporter

A SPECIAL police unit operating in strife-torn Umbumbulu has been instructed by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to 'clear the area of all trouble-makers and restore law and order'

His instruction follows intense fighting in in which 47 people have been killed in faction clashes

Mr le Grange told the Mercury the police were confident that they would have the situation under control within the next few days

The Minister, together with the Judge-President of Natal, Mr Justice Milne, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee and other high-ranking officers from Pretoria flew to the area by military helicopter yesterday for a briefing on the situation

## Stabbings

The party was told by Col Dantjie van Wyk, officer commanding a special unit of task-force policemen and detectives who have been operating in the area since Monday that 116 suspects had been rounded up in 24 hours and more arrests were expected to be made.

Of the 47 killed in faction clashes between the Mkhize and Makhanya tribes last Saturday, 45 of the dead had come from the Mkhize clan and the remaining two were Makhanya tribesmen.

Their deaths had been caused by bullet wounds, mostly from crude but effective home-made guns; from stabbings with spears, assegais and sharpened metal bars or they had been hacked to death with axes and

pangas or bludgeoned with knobkierries.

Some of the bodies had been decapitated All had been mutilated and parts of some of the men's bodies had been removed for muti

The victims had died in sporadic hit-and-run attacks on individuals and kraals or after having been ambushed on their way home from work Most of the attacks had been carried out at night, Col van Wyk said

He said the fights of the past three weekends had

originated in a power-struggle by a man to gain a 'Mafia-type control' of the Umbumbulu district.

Although the man was an Mkhize by name, he was not a member of the local tribe He had the backing of the Makhanya tribesmen who were the aggressors in the present conflict, he said

Police hunting the wanted man have managed to seize his car from one of his three houses in the area before he could flee in it

## Call to tighten up Arms Act

### Crime Reporter

THE fact that in the past 30 years more than 7 000 stolen guns had been recovered by police in the Msinga faction fighting areas alone was a clear indication that the provisions of the Arms and Ammunition Act would have to be amended in regard to the safekeeping of guns

This was said at Msinga yesterday by Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, when he visited the special anti-faction-fighting police unit at Tugela Ferry.

The minister envisaged amended legislation to provide for stiffer penalties for gun owners whose weapons were stolen or lost through their own negligence or their failure to take proper precautions for their safekeeping

Mr le Grange was accompanied by the Judge-President of Natal, Mr Justice John Milne; the Commissioner of Police, Gen Johan Coetzee, the Chief of the Security Branch of the SAP, Gen

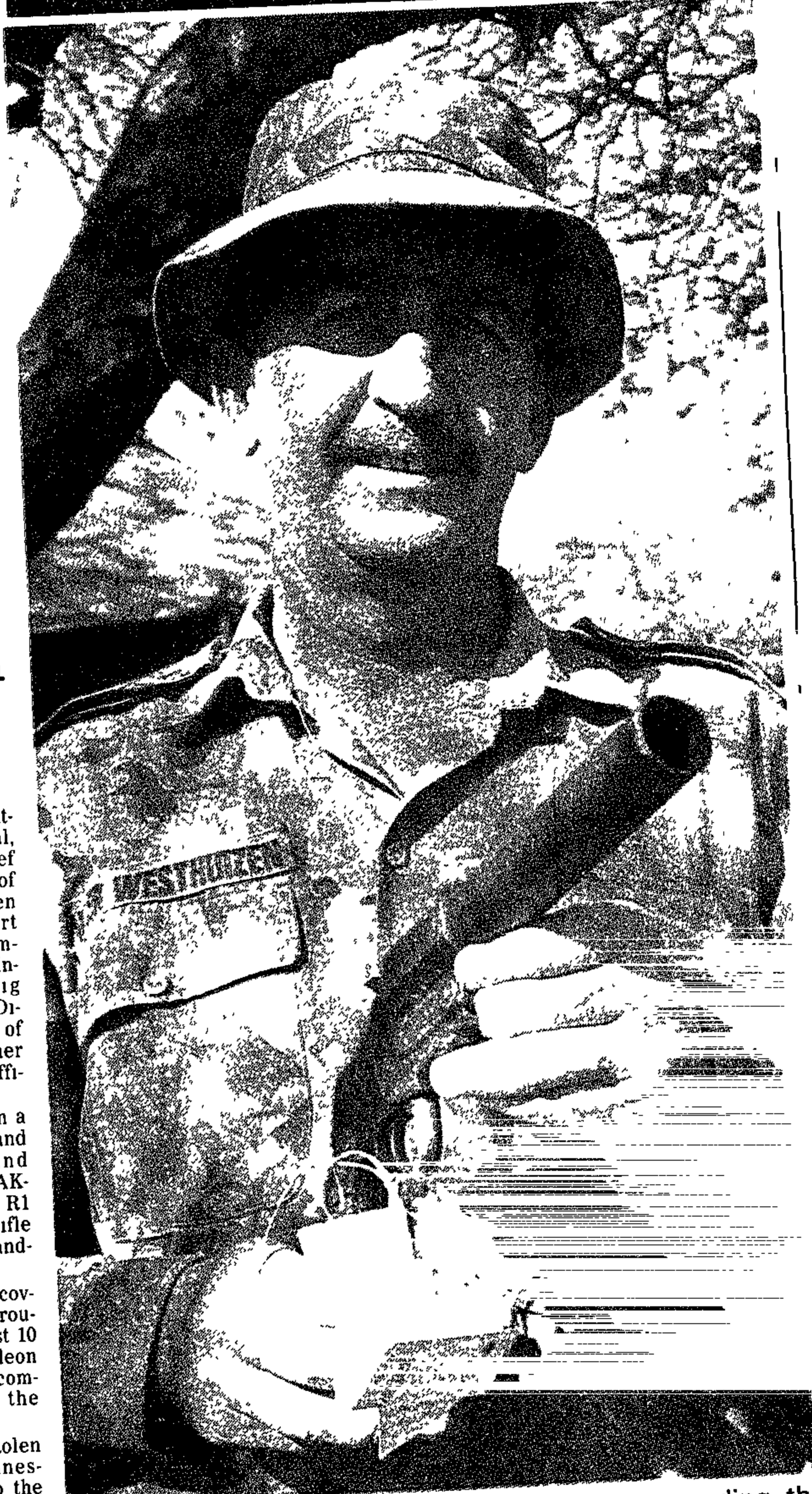
Frans Steenkamp, the Attorney-General of Natal, Mr Mike Imber, the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Police Personnel, Lt-Gen Ben Stevens, Brig Bert Wandrag, Officer Commanding SAP Counter-Insurgency Units, Brig Mulder van Eyk, Natal Divisional Commissioner of Police, and several other high-ranking police officers and officials

The party was shown a haul of 47 revolvers and pistols, 21 rifles and shotguns, a Russian AK-47 automatic rifle, an R1 and an R4 S A Army rifle as well as a 37 mm hand-held rocket launcher

'All of them were recovered in the Msinga troubled areas in the past 10 weeks,' said Capt Gideon van der Westhuizen, commanding officer of the special unit

'They had been stolen mostly from Johannesburg and brought to the Msinga district by young migrant workers lusting for revenge for the killing of their tribesmen in Johannesburg by an opposing clan.'

## One of the confiscated guns



Capt Gideon van der Westhuizen, officer commanding the special anti-faction fighting unit at Masinga, with one of the 47 handguns confiscated by the police in the area recently.

**Moments after these pictures were**



**re taken, both men were dead**



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## Start

"I believe this is the only way to stop the fighting," said Captain Gideon van der Westhuizen. He is the commander of the special unit.

"We have to be here all the time. If we leave, it will start all over again."

The unit didn't get off to a very good start. In the first few days a constable of the unit was killed in a clash with an impi.

"We heard the impi were hiding in a donga and we went to investigate. The object is to disarm the people and if necessary arrest them on charges of possession of unlicensed firearms and so on.

"They must have thought we were the opposing impi creeping up on them because they opened fire."

The first salvo caught the unit by surprise and killed Constable S P Mokwene.

Twelve firearms ranging from an ancient Webley .45, the British Army Officer's sidearm, to a brand new 9mm parabellum High Power Browning, worth nearly R1 000, have been confiscated in the first month.

Many of the guns are stolen, and then sold to the warriors. Most come from Johannesburg. Military weapons, the FN R 1 model and the like, are not unusual in the armaments of the impis.

The entire unit lives under canvas, but besides the dust which is blown by the wind which nags like toothache, the camp is very comfortable.

The men of the unit are drawn from those who volunteered for operational duty on the South West border. They were prepared for war, and after the first few days they thought they were going to get it. But things settled down.

Regular patrols by the unit ensure an inflow of information about who is hiding guns where. Guns are searched for, sometimes found and confiscated, but more important, the activity of the patrolling unit is a deterrent to the banding of the impis.

One consolation for being in that camp is the Tugela offers as fine fresh water fishing as you'll find anywhere between the Nile and Clan William Dam.

The scaly is a local version of the famous yellowfish, and they grow to 20kg and are caught using 5kg breaking strain line with a lump of porridge as bait. Most of the permanent members of the camp catch fish for relaxation.

There are 18 permanent members of the unit including Captain van der Westhuizen. The permanent members all know the area well and are fluent in Zulu. For the rest, the men do stints — as if they were on border duty.

They come mostly from Pretoria. After a few months they go back home.

But for Captain van der Westhuizen, home is under canvas, under a big thorn tree on the banks of the Tugela River.

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# WHY?

C. Press **CP Correspondent**

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**WHY** did a hopelessly outnumbered group of 100 Inkatha supporters seek a confrontation with at least 5 000 mourners at the unveiling of Harrison Msizi Dube's tombstone in Lamontville on Sunday? 29/7/84

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Eyewitnesses say many of the Inkatha group were unarmed youths who appeared to have been led like lambs to the slaughter.

Two members of the group were stoned and stabbed to death with their own spears in the clash, and several others were injured.

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Inkatha secretary-general Oscar Dhlomo said this week the group had not been officially sent to the unveiling.

Among them, however, were senior KwaZulu and Inkatha officials.

Two youths, who were part of the 'suicide' group at the cemetery, told City Press of their horrifying experience, and were bitter at the way they had been recruited and the fact that they were unarmed.

"We could easily have been killed, all of us," said one.

The youths, who did not want their names published, said they were recruited more than a week before the unveiling and told to attend the funeral of an unnamed Lamontville person.

They were picked up by bus, and stopped on the way to Lamontville to pick up others.

Later, we went to Umlazi to fetch more men. They were all older men, armed with weapons, and members of Inkatha.

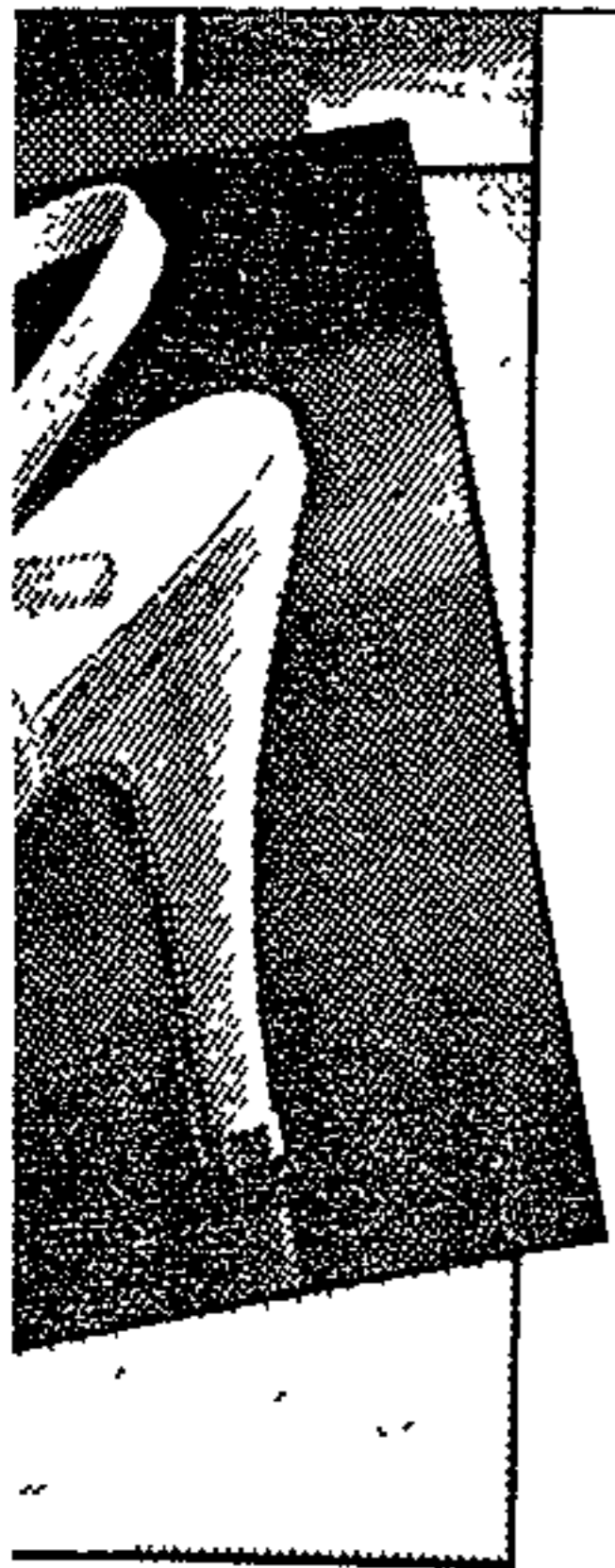
The youths said they had been surprised to find themselves at an unveiling, and not a funeral.

They were frightened by the hostility of the crowd and realised it was because of the Umlazi men's weapons.

When the battle broke out, the youths fled as bottles and stones rained down on them.

"We saw some of the dead and injured — they were running with us," one youth said.

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# Inkatha 'suicide raid'

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"The first person was hit but was dragged along by those he was running with. The next thing, even those in front of us were bleeding all over from the stones and bottles

"We went into the river and had to leave some people in the river because they could not make it

"We went up the hill, and were able to escape while people were hitting the ones in the river

"We were very unhappy. Some of our officials were pressing us to go back and fight — they said we might as well fight, since we were being fought," the youth said

"Our officials tried to stop us running away, telling us to fight, so we pretended we were picking up stones. But in fact we were looking around, trying to find a way to escape. We managed to do so, and got away"

The two youngsters — aged 18 and 19 — said they would definitely ask Inkatha officials about the raid, as it was clear they had known what was going to happen

Reacting to the tragedy, Dr Dhlomo said the busload of people who arrived at the cemetery had not been officially sent by Inkatha. He said "any Zulu worthy of the name would have objected to any attempt to vilify Chief Buthelezi"

Both Dr Dhlomo and Chief Buthelezi slammed the use of funerals for "political gain", and criticised the fact that Dube mourners were carrying placards — including one which "vilified" Chief Buthelezi

Chief Buthelezi blamed the incident on the "vilification by the UDF of himself and Inkatha"

## Boycott leaders held

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A national day of prayer has been organised for August 4, the day of the first shooting, and boycotters have appealed to workers outside the Ciskei to honour the

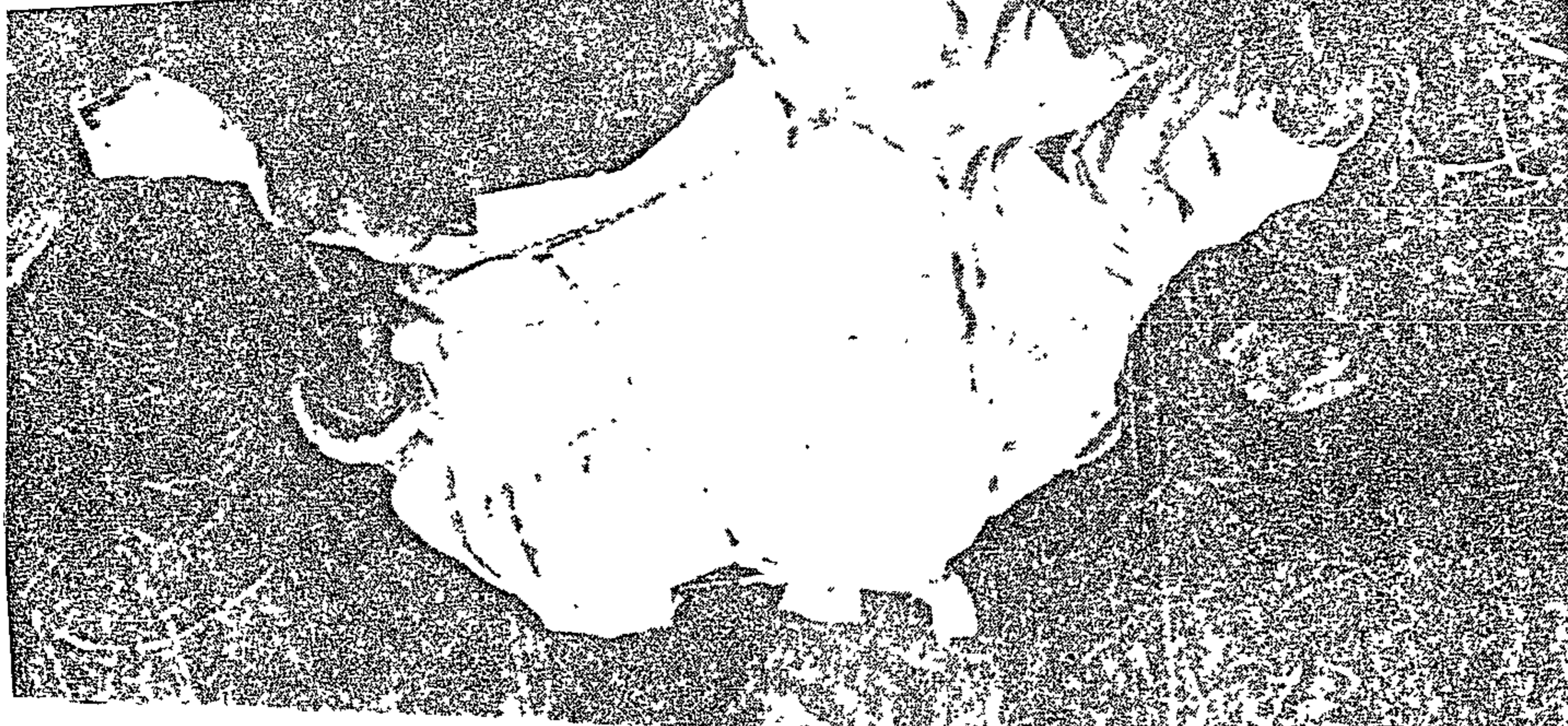
dead.

But relations between CTC and the committee sank this week when bus company MD Kaiser declaring that they were not prepared to make any more "concessions"

Political comment in this issue by P Selwyn-Smith and P Qoboza, newsbills by P Selwyn-Smith, and headlines and sub-editing by D Niddrie, all of 62 Eloff St Ext, JHB.

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Stabbed with their own spears, these two members of the Inkatha "suicide squad" died during the attack on the township. Below: Rev Mcebisi Xundu leads the singing of Mayibuye iAfrika during the funeral.



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# Hambanati calms down

PEACE has finally returned to Hambanati township on the Natal north coast — nearly five months after hordes of Inkatha supporters allegedly began a terror campaign in the township.

During the past week more than 120 people who fled the alleged Inkatha-inspired violence in August last year returned to the township — to a tumultuous welcome from other residents.

The clashes had been between those who opposed and those who favoured Hambanati's incorporation into KwaZulu.

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Several others were scheduled to return later this week, but the Port Natal Development Board had not completed repairs on their homes.

Hambanati Residents' Association executive member Ian Mkhize — whose house and car were burnt out completely — said leading HRA officials were monitoring the refugees' return.

HRA had completed an analysis of the community's needs — and education topped the list

of priorities, he said.

"We are determined to keep peace in our townships.

"The educational authorities' failure to provide adequate educational facilities up to the end of the 70's has done much to stifle the development of an indigenous, progressive and relevant leadership."

The refugees' return follows several rounds of talks between the Joint Rent Action Committee and Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's Inkatha movement — aimed at defusing the situation.

# Stoning and shooting as bus boycott goes on

## Labour Reporter

A BUS boycott at Empangeni continued yesterday with further reports of vehicles being stoned and shooting in the black townships.

According to a South African Police spokesman, two women passengers in a privately-owned car were injured when rioters set fire to the car. On Monday two buses were set alight while parked at a terminus in the township. Nobody was hurt.

Two people were injured in a shooting incident in the Esikhawini township, but the SAP could not give further information as the area fell under the jurisdiction of the KwaZulu Police.

## Withdrawn

The SAP said police were still patrolling townships but there were no further reports of violence.

Col S Mathe, of the KwaZulu Police in Ulundi, could not be reached for comment last night.

Commuters began boycotting the buses on Monday after an increase in fares.

Mr J Steenekamp, manager of Empangeni Transport, told the Mercury that his company buses had been temporarily withdrawn from the black

townships of Esikhawini and Nseleni 'as the position there seems unsettled'.

Many workers did not turn up as the boycott continued into its second day and S A Breweries cancelled beer deliveries when truck drivers failed to arrive at work.

## Safety

A breweries spokesman in Empangeni said only a few workers reported for duty yesterday morning, but the company decided to send them home as they were concerned for their safety.

Customers called personally to fetch orders. 'We are hoping things will get back to normal so that we may resume our deliveries,' he said.

Mr Steenekamp said the company tried unsuccessfully to get community leaders from the black townships to come forward to discuss the grievances of the commuters.

He doubted the trouble had been caused by the bus fare increases which have been in effect for two weeks. There was a split between those who wanted to travel by bus and those who did not.

'We are trying to operate as normally as possible, but will not allow the buses to go right into the Esikhawini and Nseleni townships,' he added.

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# Rioters

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## stone three police

# homes during bus boycott

Labour Reporter

**RIOTERS in an Empangeni township stoned a house when they went on the rampage after a shooting incident this week in which two people were injured during unrest following the bus boycott.**

An angry mob of about 100 surrounded the home of W/O E Mathenjwa in Esikhawini township and pelted it with stones and also caused extensive damage to his car.

Most of the windowpanes in the house were broken, large gaping holes were left in the asbestos roof and the car's windscreen and side windows were shattered. The bodywork was dented. Mr Mathenjwa said damage to his car had been assessed at R4 000.

The mob fled and attacked the home of Sgt Alan Khumalo, who had allegedly been involved in a shooting incident earlier when his bakkie was forced off the road.

The sergeant fled from the scene, abandoning his bakkie, which was set alight.

When the Mercury visited the townships yesterday the battered homes of Sgt Khumalo and another policeman, Sgt Mandla Mchunu, of Ngwelezane township were abandoned. One of the families had taken refuge at the local police station.



W/O E Mathenjwa with his wife, Cynitha, and their children, Anna, 11, and Simangele, 1, outside their home which rioters mistook as belonging to another policeman.

shouting outside my house.

'When I peeped through the window I was shocked to see a mob of more than 100 at my gate demanding that I come out or they would set fire to my house.'

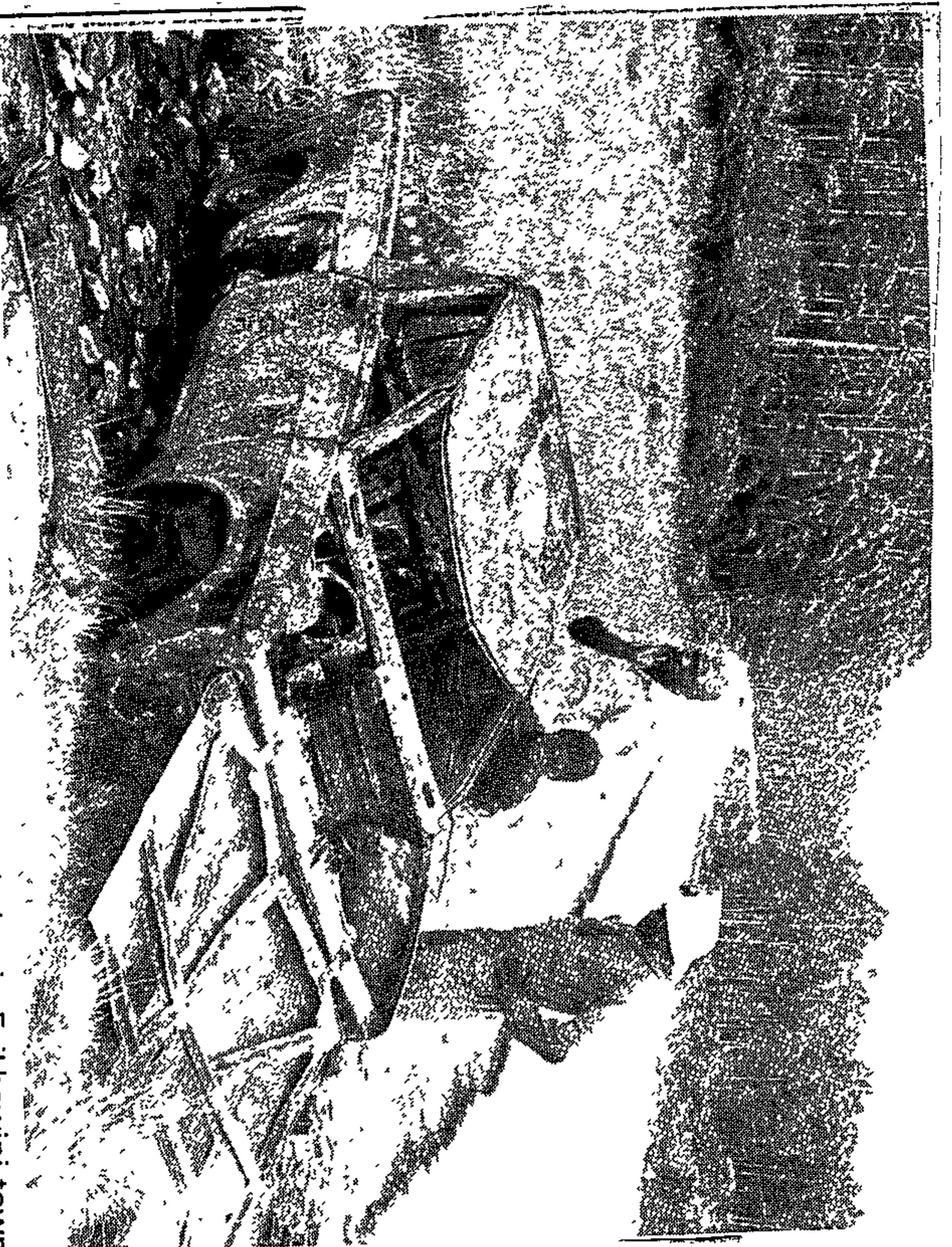
'Although I had my firearm I was too terrified to use it and remained indoors while they stoned my house, breaking all the windowpanes and smashing my car. The attack lasted for about 15 minutes.'

'During that time I frantically tried to telephone the police but there was no answer from the station. The attack stopped when somebody outside told them that it was the wrong house,' he said.

The boycott continued into its third day yesterday and most people were using taxis to get to work.

The Rev M A Mkhize, of the St John's Church in Esikhawini and a spokesman for the taxi operators, said the operators had decided to reduce fares from R1 to 70 cents with immediate effect until the bus boycott was resolved.

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The remains of a bakkie which was burned out during rioting in Esikhawini township near Empangeni.

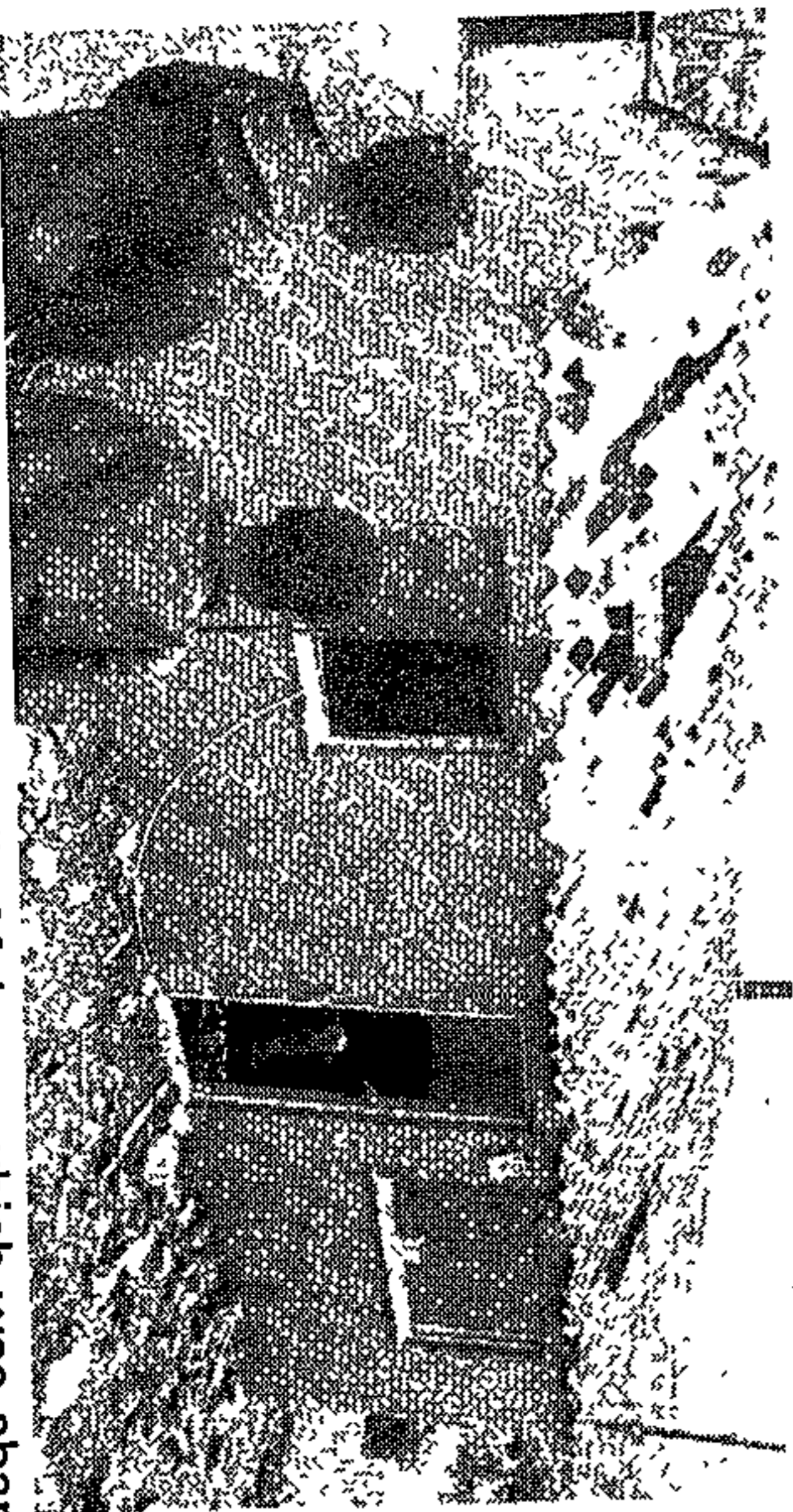
### Wounds

The S A P set up roadblocks at the entrances to the Ngwelezane and Nseleni townships yesterday. A police spokesman said the townships were quiet.

During the unrest which broke out on Monday morning, at least six people, including four with bullet wounds, were admitted to the Ngwelezane Hospital, Dr M Girdwood, the superintendent, confirmed yesterday. He said one of the victims was in a critical condition.

Among them was a child who had been injured by rubber bullets, he said.

Mr Mathenjwa, the policeman whose home was mistakenly attacked, said yesterday: 'My family and I were relaxing in the lounge after breakfast when I heard people



The battered home of Sgt Mandla Mchunu which was abandoned yesterday.

Buses set <sup>(276)</sup>  
alight by <sup>C. Press</sup>  
passengers <sup>20/1/85</sup>

IN a sporadic wave of violence, bus commuters at Enseleni near Empangeni this week set alight two buses and a bakkie belonging to Empangeni Transport.

They also stoned three buses — smashing windows and causing damage estimated at several thousand rands in protest against bus fare increases which came into effect on December 31 last year.

The buses were stoned, and when the driver fled the youths set them alight.



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By BANCROFT  
HLATSHWAYO

VIOLENCE erupted at the Lamontville Methodist Church this week after Regional Education Director P J Nicholson refused to let students ask questions about their matric results.

Some results have been cancelled and are being rechecked.

Police dispersed more than 300 students and parents with teargas after three passing municipal buses were stoned.

Two men were arrested and are being held at Montclair Police Station.

Earlier, Mr Nicholson rejected the students' suggestion that a committee be formed to check the scripts.

Students told Mr Nicholson that they would not attend classes until their demands have been met.

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BUS BOYCOTT  
Employers squeezed

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Government, employer and community representatives are meeting in northern Natal on Tuesday in an attempt to end the bus boycott which began in mid-January after a 35% increase in fares. All 60 000 commuters from three Empangeni townships, most of whom work at Richards Bay some 30 km away, are demanding that the local bus company cease its operations.

Employers in the area have played a major role in cooling tensions since the boycott began on January 14. After meeting with a committee elected to represent the communities, they agreed to temporarily provide as much transport to and from work as they could, and to show tolerance towards latecomers. They also arranged the talks.

But patience on all sides is wearing thin, giving rise to fears that if the meeting does not resolve the matter, serious conflict could erupt. A spokesman for the Zululand division of the Natal Chamber of Industries (NCI) says the situation is "critical."

A high-powered delegation is to meet the community representatives. It consists of the MP for Umfolozi, Willem Heine, a senior representative of the Department of Transport, the chairmen of the Zululand division of the NCI and the local Chamber of Commerce, and two members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly. Also present will be representatives of the three local councils.

The legal adviser to the committee tells

the FM that the committee has refused to meet with the bus company, Empangeni Transport, which it accuses of having failed to consult with commuters previously. He says the committee, which is made up largely of trade union and Inkatha activists, will demand that Empangeni Transport, a subsidiary of United Transport, close down its operations.

He adds that the commuters will accept any other company as a replacement, but their preference is to have more than one company operating. This will "break the monopoly situation" which they believe has not served their interests.

The GM of United Transport, Okkie Goossen, says his company is prepared to meet with representatives of the boycotters. He told the FM last week, though, that it will not be possible to reduce fares to their previous level as the company is bound by tariffs laid down by the Road Transportation Board. It can take more than six months for fares amendments to be processed, he says.

Meanwhile, the NCI spokesman says employers cannot continue providing transport for much longer. Apart from the costs involved, employers do not have the necessary licences to run a transportation service. One Richards Bay employer summed up the dilemma: "Should a solution to the dispute not be reached soon, the already volatile situation could become very ugly."

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# Police escort buses chief from boycott commission hearings



Part of the large crowd which attended the inquiry into the boycott of Empangeni Transport buses at Esikhawini township yesterday. Mr Simon Conco (on the extreme right) a Member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, leads evidence.

## Labour Reporter

THE general manager of Empangeni Transport, Mr Jan Steenekamp, had to be escorted out of Esikhawini yesterday by KwaZulu Police after a mob hurled abuse at him while he was leaving the township where he attended a commission of inquiry into the boycott of his company's buses.

Maj C P Mzimela, district commandant of the KwaZulu Police at Esikhawini, who accompanied Mr Steenekamp to his car, appealed to the group for calm as they followed him, shouting abuse.

Two uniformed members of the KwaZulu po-

lice sat in Mr Steenekamp's car until he had driven safely out of the township.

## Loggerheads

Earlier, more than 1 000 people had packed the grounds of the Magistrate's Court in Esikhawini to hear their legal representative, Mr Chris Albertyn, and local community leaders put the case before a two-man commission of inquiry in support of calls by commuters for Empangeni Transport buses to be withdrawn from the town.

Mr Simon Conco, Member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly for Nseleni, told the commission, appointed by the Minister of Transport Affairs, that the black community of Empangeni was at loggerheads because of the actions of an official of Empangeni Transport.

He said tribal chiefs and community councillors had been barred from entering the Esikhawini township for their own safety after a PRO of the bus company had wrongly claimed they had supported the recent increase in bus fares.

Mr Conco said that at a

meeting with the chiefs, the bus company official had assured them that the increase would not be more than 10 percent to 15 percent and had then informed the management that the chiefs had agreed to an increase. The fares were later raised by as much as 125 percent.

Mr Jeffrey Vilane, president of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union, told the hearing that employees in Richards Bay were fed up with the poor bus service provided by Empangeni Transport and called for the company to be removed from the town.

## Monopoly

He accused the company of discriminating against blacks. While the bus fares for black commuters were increased, Indian employees in the Richards Bay area were still paying R50 a month for travelling by bus from Stanger to Richards Bay.

'This works out roughly to 90 c a journey, far less than what black commuters were being charged,' he said.

Mr Albertyn suggested that an agreement be reached between the Government and the commuters to regulate bus services in the townships and to promote competition among operators. At present Empangeni Transport holds a monopoly.

The commission, comprising Mr E F Nicksch, Commissioner for Urban Transport, and Mr M J van Zyl, a member of the National Transport Commission, will sit in the Empangeni Town Hall today to hear further evidence.

# Boycott probe team to inspect bus facilities

## Labour Reporter

THE Government-appointed commission of inquiry into the month-long Empangeni bus boycott will hold an inspection-in-loco of Empangeni townships today to look at facilities for bus commuters.

The commission, comprising Mr E F Nicksch, Commissioner for Urban Transport, and Mr M J van Zyl, a member of the National Transport Commission, heard evidence by commuters on Monday and again yesterday regarding the service provided by Empangeni Transport.

According to Mr Chris Albertyn, the Durban lawyer who appeared on behalf of the commuters at the inquiry, there was evidence in support of a move for the bus company — whose services have been boycotted since January 14 — to withdraw from the North Coast town.

The commuters' call for Empangeni Transport to be removed from the town follows the company's decision to increase bus fares, and other grievances over the service.

The hearing was told that the firm's buses, operated on irregular time schedules, were frequently overloaded as well as being in a generally unsafe and unhealthy condition.

There were no bus shelters and bus drivers showed no courtesy toward passengers. Commu-

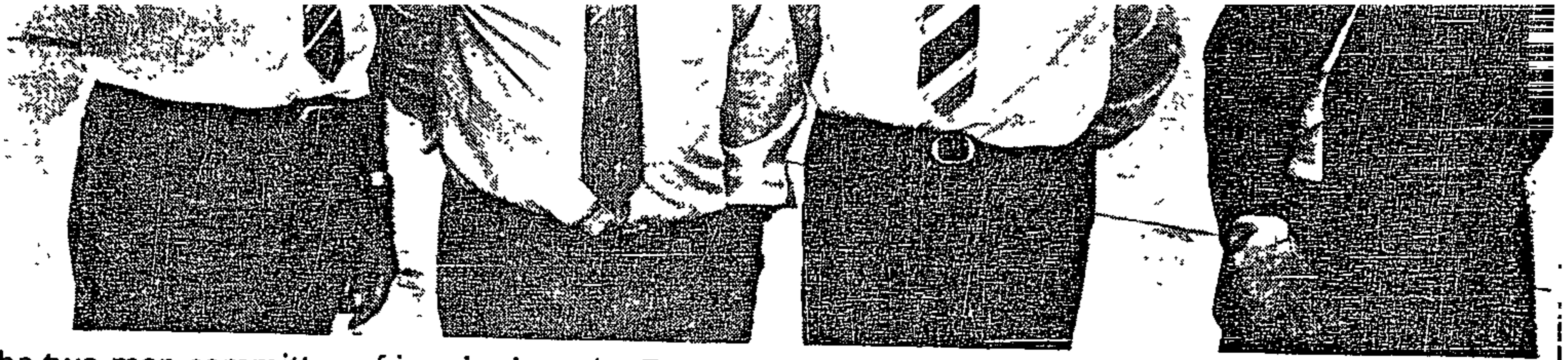
nity representatives alleged that the bus company discriminated against black passengers.

Mr Nicksch said the commission, appointed by Transport Minister Hendrik Schoeman, would report directly to the minister as soon as possible.

'The fact that the commission was appointed so quickly is an indication that the Government wants this matter resolved as quickly as possible,' he said.

Mr Rob Barbour, chairman of the Zululand branch of the Natal Chamber of Industries, told the hearing at the Esikhawini Magistrate's Court that local industrialists were hoping the dispute would be resolved quickly and peacefully and that commuters got a good bus service.

'We hope that the inquiry will help bring this matter to an end,' he said.



The two-man committee of inquiry into the Empangeni bus boycott, Mr E F Nicksch, (left) and Mr M J van Zyl (third left) with Mr Simon Conco, leader of the commuters' delegation, and Mr Jan Steenekamp, general manager of the bus company, in Richards Bay yesterday.

# Bus boycott inquiry team winds up visit

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Labour Reporter

**THE** two-man committee of inquiry into the Empangeni bus boycott has completed its investigations and will forward its report to the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, tomorrow.

Mr E F Nicksch, commissioner for urban transport, who headed the State-appointed committee, told the Mercury yesterday that all representations would be considered, but it would be up to the minister to decide what action should be taken to resolve the dispute.

Commuters in Empangeni townships have been boycotting the services of Empangeni Passenger Transport since January 14, following an increase in bus fares, causing disruption to industries in the Richards Bay complex.

The committee was appointed after urgent representations by National Party MP for Umfolozi Willie Heine, who urged the minister to intervene after attempts by local industrialists to have the dispute resolve had failed.

Mr Nicksch and his colleague, Mr M J van Zyl, who is also a member of the National Transport Commission, were taken on a guided tour of the townships yesterday by representatives of the bus company and local community leaders before flying back to Pretoria last night.

## Sprawling

The bus tour nearly did not take place when the commuters' delegation, headed by KwaZulu Legislative Assembly Member Simon Conco, refused to travel on the Empan-

geni Transport company-owned bus.

Another bus, owned by a Richards Bay company, was used to transport the inspection party.

The committee members went for a walk about on the bus company's sprawling premises at Alton in Richards Bay where they were shown the comprehensive driver training programme for the company's 200 bus drivers, fully-equipped workshops and the cleaning and safety checks buses were put through before being dispatched.

Mr O Goosen, chief executive of the United Transport Group, which controls Empangeni Passenger Transport, said his company's bus services throughout the country were of a very high standard.

## Listen

'We run our company on a very high level of business ethics,' he said, responding to complaints by commuters about the poor quality of service.

Nobody was perfect, he said, but Empangeni Transport was only too happy to listen to commuters' grievances and improve its service if there were any shortcomings.

Commenting on complaints about drivers, he said. 'In the past four weeks we trained 150 drivers in public relations. We do everything in

our power to try to instil the right attitude towards our passengers.'

Responding to allegations that the buses 'disregarded time schedules, Mr Goosen said the company had a staff of 20 inspectors and 12 regulators whose functions were to hold spot checks on the buses to see whether they were running on time in addition to their routine duties.

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# Commuters urged to end bus boycott

Labour Reporter

THE Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, made a strong plea to commuters in the Empangeni townships yesterday to end their month-long bus boycott.

He also issued a veiled warning to pirate-taxi operators and others using illegal forms of transport that steps would be taken by the Department of Transport to ensure compliance with requirements of the Transportation Act from Monday.

Police are expected to crack down on unregistered taxis which have been kept busy over the past month transporting the bus boycotters.

At present various forms of transport including tractor-driven trailers are being used to ferry workers between the townships and the Richards Bay industrial complex, infringing transport regulations.

## Disruption

Mr Schoeman's plea comes in the wake of a two-man committee of inquiry into the boycott of Empangeni Transport buses. The State-appointed committee, comprising the commissioner for urban transport, Mr E F Nicksch, and Mr M J van Zyl, handed its report to Mr Schoeman on Friday.

He said in a statement to the Mercury yesterday that the 'serious bus boycott being experienced in the Empangeni/Richards Bay and the adjacent KwaZulu areas since January 15 is giving rise to appreciable disruption'.

'It is also causing great discomfort to all concerned. This state of affairs can obviously not be allowed to continue indefinitely,' he said.

It was imperative that the present unsatisfactory situation be normalised as a matter of urgency.

Mr Schoeman said he had been told the bus company was negotiating to provide for black participation in the affairs of the company.

He suggested that a joint transport liaison committee be constituted consisting of representatives of various bodies to ensure continuing communication between all concerned on the bus passenger transport front.

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# 'Boycott' bus delegation to meet minister

Labour Reporter

A THREE-MAN delegation representing boycotting Empangeni bus commuters will fly to Cape Town on Monday for an urgent meeting with the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, to try to find a solution to the five-week-long bus boycott.

The delegation will include, KwaZulu Legislative Assembly member Mr Simon Conco, trade unionist Mr Jeffrey Vilane, and their lawyer, Mr Chris Albertyn.

In another development yesterday, Mr Schoeman informed Mr Rob Barbour, chairman of the Zululand branch of the Natal Chamber of Industries — which has been playing a major role in finding a peaceful solution to the problem — that law enforcement measures would not be introduced on Monday

until after the outcome of the meeting.

Mr Conco said last night he was pleased the minister postponed the 'tough action' because forcing boycotters to use the buses would be 'courting disaster'.

'People are clearly not happy about using Empangeni Transport buses and we fear an outbreak of violence if undue pressure were brought to bear on them,' he warned.

## Boycott

The bus boycott, which started on January 14, triggered off a wave of unrest in the townships in which four people were seriously injured, and two Empangeni Transport buses and a number of private vehicles were gutted by fire.

On Wednesday Mr Schoeman urged commuters to end their protest and resume using the Empangeni Transport buses.

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# Delegation bidding to settle bus boycott



**Ormande Pollok**  
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The National Transport Commission is to visit Empangeni on Thursday in a bid to break the deadlocked bus boycott which has lasted nearly a month since fares were increased.

A three-man delegation from Empangeni — Mr Chris Albertyn, an attorney representing the boycotters, Mr Simon Conco, a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, and Mr Geoffery Velani, a trade unionist — met the Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, and other officials yesterday in Cape Town.

But no decision was reached and the NTC will now make an on the spot investigation.

Mr Adriaan Ecksteen, the chairman, said yesterday his delegation would be taking evidence from both sides in the dispute.

'We will be seeing representatives of both the bus company and the boycotters as well as all the other interested parties in the area to get an overall view of what is happening there,' he said.

He said the NTC was not in favour of allowing private 'combi' taxis to operate in opposition to a scheduled bus service.



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# Hopes of settling bus boycott today

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## Labour Reporter

EMPANGENI—Today's meeting between the National Transport Commission and representatives of the bus boycotters here has been described by local community leaders as crucial.

The meeting, which will be in the Empangeni Town Hall and will be chaired by the Commissioner for Urban Transport, Mr E F Niksch, could signal the end of the six-week-old bus boycott which has seriously disrupted industry in the

Richards Bay area.

The fate of the 200-bus Empangeni Transport Company, which has suffered severe financial losses as its services have been boycotted since January 14, is also expected to be known today.

The meeting, which starts at 10 a.m., follows talks earlier this week between spokesmen for the boycotters and the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, in Cape Town.

## Shelved

KwaZulu Legislative Assembly member Mr Simon Conco, who is also chief spokesman for the commuters, said yesterday he was optimistic that the dispute which led to the bus boycott would be

settled today.

Attempts by the Department of Transport to have the Road Transportation Act enforced in the townships earlier this week were temporarily shelved after warnings by local community leaders that forcing commuters to use Empangeni Transport buses against their wishes would be 'courting disaster'.

A Department of Transport spokesman said some commuters were being transported in vehicles which did not conform strictly with the regulations laid down in the Road Transportation Act. The department was also concerned about private mini-bus taxis which were running in opposition to a bus service.

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# Police disperse crowd on way to bus meeting

Labour Reporter

**EMPANGENI**—Fourteen people were arrested in the Nseleni township when hundreds of bus boycotters, on their way to a meeting in the Empangeni Civic Centre yesterday, were dispersed by police with dogs.

A police spokesman confirmed the arrests last night and said the people were being held on various charges in connection with the bus boycott. They are expected to appear in the Empangeni Magistrate's Court today.

A crowd of about 300 gathered outside the civic centre yesterday morning, but only a 60-member delegation was allowed into the Town Council Chamber to make representations to Mr E F Nicksch, commissioner for urban transport.

Among the delegates was a senior member of the Zulu royal family, Prince Gideon Zulu, who told the meeting the police appeared to be siding with the Empangeni Bus Transport company.

'Hundreds of people on their way to today's meeting were stopped by the police who used dogs to disperse them. I understand that a number of them have been arrested,' he said.

### Proposals

'I cannot understand the reason for this unwarranted police action. I think this is incitement to violence. We do not believe in violence. We want this whole matter resolved peacefully.'

Mr Chris Albertyn, the commuters' legal representative, put a number of proposals on behalf of the commuters' committee.

He said the commuters wanted an assurance from the Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, that other bus operators would be allowed to run their buses in the townships.

Every operator should be compelled to sign an agreement with the commuters' committee in regard to the conditions of service, including the determination of fares.

### Suspended

In terms of the agreement, bus operators should first undertake to consult the committee before applying for an increase in bus fares and taxis should be allowed to operate between Empangeni and Richards Bay without undue limitations.

All fare increases following the recent rise in petrol price should be suspended.

They also requested the Local Road Transportation Board to consult the committee before approving any new applications for passenger carrier permits or applications for an increase in fares.

Mr Nicksch said all the representations would be forwarded to the relevant authorities.

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## SAP 'trying to break boycott'

Mercury Reporter

THE Chief Whip in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, Mr Simon Conco, accused the South African Police yesterday of trying to break the six-week-old Empangeni bus boycott by setting up roadblocks in the townships.

He said a number of minibus taxi drivers had been given summonses for minor contraventions of the Road Transportation Act and had been given the option of paying admission of guilt fines which, in some cases, amounted to R300.

The SAP had set up roadblocks in the townships at the weekend, stopping cars from carrying bus boycotters, he said, adding that the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, had assured commuter representatives that law enforcement measures would not be implemented until the outcome of current negotiations to end the boycott was known.

### Undertaking

Mr Felix Niksch, commissioner for Urban Transport on the National Transport Commission, who met commuter representatives in Empangeni last week, said it was unlikely that any bus company — including the existing company — wishing to operate bus services in the townships, would agree to abide by the conditions imposed by the commuters.

The commuters made wide-ranging demands, among them that bus operators sign an undertaking to consult them before applying for an increase in fares. They also asked Mr Schoeman to undertake to break the monopoly held by a white company by allowing other operators to compete with it.

Commuters started boycotting Empangeni Transport buses on January 14 after it increased fares.

A police spokesman said yesterday there had been no organised roadblocks in the townships on Sunday night but that if people had been charged, it was as part of 'routine police duties'.

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# No end in sight as boycott enters third month

Labour Reporter

THE Empangeni bus boycott enters its third month with still no indication of an end in sight.

Mr Jan Steenekamp, general manager of Empangeni Transport, said yesterday his company buses were still operating a limited service.

'We have withdrawn all our buses from the townships,' he said.

The boycott started on January 14 following an increase in bus fares and caused disruption to commerce and industry in the Empangeni and Richards Bay area.

Employers in the Richards Bay area are helping workers with company transport, but Mr Rob Barbour, chairman of the Zululand Branch of the Natal Chamber of Industries, said many employers were reluctant to continue providing the service because it was costing them money.

In the three townships, taxis were still transporting the bus boycotters to Empangeni and Richards Bay.

Mr Felix Niksch, the commissioner for Urban Transport of the National Transport Commission, was sent to Empangeni recently by the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, for an on-the-spot investigation into the commuters' grievances.

Mr Steenekamp said his company was still waiting for a decision from the minister.

The buses had been withdrawn from the townships after two buses were gutted by fire when the boycotters went on the rampage.

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# 'Breakthrough' made in bus boycott talks

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Mercury Reporter

THE National Party MP for Umfolosi, Mr Willie Heine, mediating in the Zululand bus boycott, said yesterday a 'major breakthrough' had been made towards a possible settlement.

The proposals would be discussed with representatives of the boycotters in Empangeni today, he said.

Meanwhile, a former general manager of Empangeni Transport, Mr M Forder, has been appointed acting general manager of the bus company in place of Mr Jan Steenekamp.

Mr Heine said that during the past week he had top-level talks with various people, including Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, officials of the commuters' committee, Em-

pangeni Transport, Minister of Transport Affairs Hendrik Schoeman, the Local Road Transportation Board and industrialists in Empangeni and Richards Bay.

'I am pleased to announce that as a result of the talks we've been able to obtain some major concessions for the commuters, including an undertaking by the United Transport-owned Empangeni Bus Company to have fares pinned until June 30 at the level applicable until December 30, 1984.

'Fares from July 1 to December 31, 1985, will be at the rates granted for the January increase which sparked the boycott.'

He said the company also promised to change its senior management.

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# 300 on rampage in protest at rent increase

## Mercury Reporter

AT LEAST 300 people went on the rampage in the Sibongile township near Dundee at the weekend, protesting against rent increases.

Police were called in on Sunday when the crowd began stoning the offices of the Natalia Development Board.

Police said they had asked protesters to disperse but instead their vehicles were pelted with rocks and bottles.

Policemen then used rubber bullets to disperse the crowd. Three people were injured.

Two of the injured have

been identified as Mr Sipho Hadebe and Mr Muzwenkosi Zulu.

They were transferred from Dundee Hospital to King Edward VIII Hospital in Durban.

Damage to the board offices was minimal. Three windows of the charge office of the board's security force were broken and slogans were painted on the walls of the offices in Glencoe.

Police did not make any arrests.

The Bishop of Dundee, Bishop Paschal Rowland, said it was a bad time for the Government and the administration boards to introduce rent increases.

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# Natal township 'still tense' after stonings

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Reporter

RESIDENTS of Sibongile township, Dundee, were being intimidated against paying rent and the situation in the township was still tense after the stoning of the homes of some councillors last week. Mr C D Luthuli, chairman of the town council, said yesterday.

He said the intimidators were holding meetings almost daily at a local football ground.

The majority of those attending the meetings were youths. After the meetings, they marched through the streets calling on people not to pay rent. They displayed placards with slogans.

Mr Luthuli said a trade union was behind the resistance and police had been asked to investigate.

He said the union was concerning itself not only with workers' affairs but was also interfering in civic matters.

Although there were no disturbances reported in Tembalihle township in Glencoe yesterday, residents told the Mercury

people had been warned by the intimidators not to be seen near the rent office.

Workers were going to work without any fear because the police were protecting them. A resident said police presence had eased the situation.

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# 2 die, huts burn as Zulu factions clash

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two people were killed, an unknown number injured and about 40 huts burnt to the ground in renewed fighting in the Mdlala reserve, near Southport, on the Natal South Coast yesterday.

A police spokesman said about 180 members of the Mandlakayise and Mdlangaswa factions were involved in the battle.

Police arrested 61 people who will appear in court today.

The violence follows a week of quiet after the Easter unrest in the reserve, in which seven people were killed and at least 35 huts destroyed.

Yesterday police patrolled the area.

A farmer said tribesmen were seeking refuge on white-owned farms from the fighting. Mr Robert Mbhele, 35, a leading member of the Mandlakayise faction, said the violence would continue until a long-standing dispute was resolved — and only the KwaZulu Government could end

it by appointing a new chief from his faction.

But, he said, the matter had been complicated by family connections, by marriage, between the new acting chief and the Zulu royal family.

Only the State President or someone delegated by him — in this case the KwaZulu Government — can appoint a chief.

No spokesmen for the KwaZulu Government could be contacted for comment yesterday.

The fighting follows a long dispute between the two factions over the appointment of a chief to head the 30 000 people in the area.

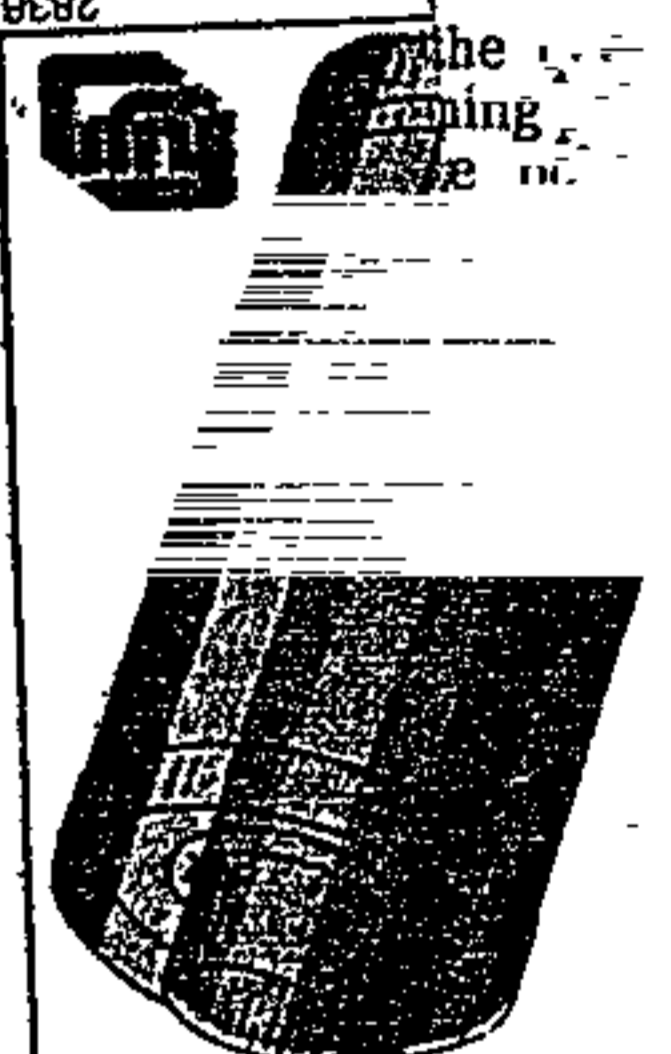
In January, Acting Chief Makuku, nominated by the Mdlangaswa faction, was appointed by the KwaZulu Government, but the Mandlakayise clan refused to recognise him.

They say they are the rightful claimants to the chieftainship of the area.

The chieftainship dispute arose in 1982 and has flared into a series of faction fights since then.

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### UDF holds protest in Pietersburg

PIETERSBURG residents looked on aghast as the first street protest in the town's history was staged by members of the United Democratic Front and other organisations on Saturday.

Shoppers heckled about 50 people who stood in pairs in the streets of the town, holding posters demanding the release of political prisoners. Several people were escorted to police vans shortly after the peaceful protest began and police patrolled the town and set up roadblocks on its outskirts.

A Zion Christian Church member held a placard reading "ZCC won't save apartheid." Another placard read, "Bantustans bring tribal conflict."

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# Councillors' homes under 24-hour guard

African Affairs  
Reporter

DUNDEE—The homes of community councillors in Themblihle township in Glencoe and Sibongile township in Dundee, are under constant guard by the South African Police, while the Defence Force continues to keep a close watch on the two townships.

A spokesman for the Natalia Development Board in the area said police had been posted to guard the councillors and their families 24 hours a day.

The spokesman held a meeting in Themblihle with the councillors yesterday where it was decided that the councillors, as elected people, had a task to inform residents about the administration of the township.

Twenty-seven people have appeared in the Glencoe Magistrate's Court in connection with unrest in the township.

Tear-gas was used at the weekend when youths ran amok and destroyed property in the township.

A member of the SA Defence Force was slightly injured when he was hit by a stone on Saturday.

The mob attacked the Natalia Development

Board's offices and then marched to the local beer hall which they stoned and looted.

The councillor, W K Langa, the Mayor of Themblihle, told the Mercury meetings were being arranged to take place very soon. The purpose of the meetings were to explain to the residents why their rents had been increased.

He said the board had informed the councillors that it had no money to build houses and it was decided that sites should be allocated to people to build their own homes.

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# High school to reopen today following unrest

African Affairs  
Reporter

THE KwaDlangezwa High School near Empangeni, closed after unrest, reopens today but parents have forfeited R20 deposits, paid in advance as security against damages in the school, as a result of the riots.

The deposit was imposed by the KwaZulu Department of Education and Culture to offset expenses in repairing the schools after disturbances.

The amount is refunded at the end of the year if

there is no damage at the school.

An official of the department said children would only be readmitted to the school today on condition parents paid a further R20 deposit.

In addition, pupils would have to be accompanied by their parents to the school and sign an undertaking that they would be responsible for their children's behaviour.

Parents and the department's officials held a meeting in the school at the weekend to formulate and find means to stop riots in the school.

UDF

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Mercury Reporter

A LABOUR Party report-back meeting in Wentworth yesterday, at which five coloured House of Representative MPs and a Cabinet Minister were present, ended in uproar after a heated clash with a small band of United Democratic Front supporters.

Mr Albie Stowman, Natal leader of the Labour Party who chaired the meeting in the Austerville Community Hall, was forced to close it down prematurely when pandemonium broke out after he refused to allow a UDF member and chairman of the United Committee of Concern, Mr Virgil Bonhomme, to address the meeting.

The 300-odd crowd which packed the hall began shouting at the chairman to allow Mr Bonhomme to speak, but he refused and immediately afterwards declared the meeting closed.

### Rowdy

Earlier, Mr David Curry, own affairs Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the coloured House of Representatives, Mr Tommy Abrahams, the Labour Party MP for Wentworth and other Labour MPs were booed, jeered and called 'sell-outs' by UDF supporters.

Mr Curry told the rowdy meeting that if the people of Wentworth did not want the Labour Party they should take the full responsibility upon themselves to solve the housing problems.

"If the people want the UDF to help replan Wentworth, they can do so with our blessings. The UDF can go to the Government and tell them that it wants to take over," he said.

The coloured community had two choices — either to solve its problems through violent or peaceful means, he said, adding that he decided to choose the latter.

He hit out at those who adopted 'boycott tactics' and accused some people of adopting 'double standards' by using the system when it suited them.

# Bomb in park blows corporation worker in two

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## Crime Reporter

A DURBAN Corporation worker was blown in two yesterday when a bomb exploded in a Durban park.

Mr Langalakhe Ngcobo, 51, who apparently discovered the explosive device while cleaning in the Congella Park alongside Sydney Road, was the sole casualty and died instantly.

The explosion, shortly after 2 p.m., was heard several kilometres away from the park, a popular spot with young children.

Police were on the scene within minutes and cordoned off part of the park and a section of Sydney Road.

A Durban businessman, Mr Dennis Port, escaped unhurt after he had sat

back in his chair to make a telephone call, split seconds before the blast.

The explosion, about 30 m from his office, blew his window out, shooting shards of glass and debris over his desk.

'Moments before I had been in front of the window and had then decided to make a telephone call.

## Window burst

'As I sat back and started to dial, I heard a horrific bang which shook the whole building.

'My office window burst into pieces and most of the debris flew on to my desk.

'I looked into the park and saw a mutilated body lying next to the lake. The body was burning.

'I ran into my other offices and ordered my workers to get into the safe, in case another bomb went off,' he said.

Police last night refused to elaborate on the explosion.

An electrical sub-station is situated about 30 m from the scene.

Mr Ngcobo's body was still smouldering when experts visited the scene.

The Mayor Mr Neil MacLennan said: 'This is one of those tragic things that one cannot foresee or avoid. I extend my sympathy to Mr Ngcobo's family and friends.

'The corporation has lost a valuable, and loyal employee.

'One can only view this sort of outrage with the same disgust and despair

as any of these incidents in which innocent people are killed or injured, and which are becoming more frequent.'

The director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, Mr Errol Scarr, said Mr Ngcobo had worked for the Durban Corporation for nearly 20 years.

'It was his task to clear up and clean Congella Park, where he had been stationed,' he said.

# 12 buses stoned at Lamontville

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**TWELVE Durban Corporation buses were damaged during incidents of stone-throwing in Lamontville outside Durban yesterday.**

A spokesman for the Durban Transport Management Board said 23 windows had been broken, but there had been no serious injuries.

The bus service into the township was temporarily suspended yesterday, but was later resumed.

The buses were stopped on the outskirts of the township until the situation had calmed down.

A police spokesman confirmed they were patrolling Lamontville, but there had been no serious incidents, he said.

Earlier in the day, a church service was held in the township to commemorate the anniversary of the death of assassinated community leader, Mr Msizi Dube.

Our African Affairs Reporter reports that the service was organised by young people who praised Mr Dube for his stand against rent increases imposed by the then Port Natal Administration Board.

Speakers said Mr Dube had exposed secrets regarding the administration of the township.

He had encouraged the youth to take interest in matters affecting the lives of the township's residents and express their views.

# Bomb <sup>(276)</sup> *Sawo Jan* horror

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A BLACK man died in Durban yesterday, apparently when a bomb he was carrying exploded, ripping his legs from his body.

The blast occurred at a bus stop in Sydney Road, Congella Park, after lunch.

A fire engine sped to the scene and a police spokesman confirmed that a man had been killed in an explosion.

The spokesman said nobody else had been injured—Sapa.

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## Five die, 150 held in further unrest in E Cape

PRETORIA — Five more deaths have been reported in unrest in the Eastern Cape since Sunday afternoon, and at least 150 people have been arrested.

The strangled, burnt body of a student policeman, Mr S S Malapé, was found on Sunday in Motherwell, Port Elizabeth.

Eighteen-year-old Mr Thamsanqa Steven was found dead after police fired on a crowd stoning a councillor's home in Fingo township, Grahamstown.

The body of a woman was found in Dorrington, Fort Beaufort; the charred remains of a woman were found in New Brighton at Port Elizabeth, and the body of a man was found in Soweto, according to police "situation reports" yesterday.

### PUPILS ARRESTED

Pupils boycotting classes in Oudtshoorn and at Bothaville in the Free State were dispersed when they stoned police, while in Grahamstown, thousands of pupils yesterday began boycotting classes.

Police in Oudtshoorn yesterday arrested 155 boycotting

schoolchildren on charges of public violence and holding an illegal gathering in Bonguletha township.

In Bothaville, police used whips and rubber bullets to disperse about 400 pupils at Mophate school.

On the Witwatersrand, a man was arrested on Sunday when a group stoned a police vehicle in Rand Park Ridge.

At Langa, near Uitenhage, a black policeman was chased by a crowd, the report said. He fired on them "in self-defence, wounding a 26-year-old black male".

### STONE-THROWING

In Wolmaransstad township, near Potchefstroom, about 300 stone-throwing people damaged the administration board office and the homes of school principals yesterday.

At Rocklands, near Bloemfontein, three buses were "extensively damaged" by stone-throwing crowds.

At Alexandra, near Johannesburg, people this morning stoned and extensively damaged two homes.



# Unrest threat to Natal

Parliamentary  
Correspondent

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A POTENTIAL flashpoint for unrest was developing in the Northern Natal settlement of Nondweni, Mr Tommy Abrahams (LP Wentworth) and spokesman for black affairs, warned yesterday.

Speaking during the co-operation and development budget vote in the House of Representatives, Mr Abrahams

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called on the Government to give immediate attention to the area.

Nondweni, located near Dundee, was speedily developing into an unrest situation, he said.

'We do not want people to die unnecessarily.'

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, gave the assurance that his department will urgently investigate the

matter.

Later Mr Abrahams explained that elements from the 'no-go' area of Mondlo in KwaZulu infiltrated the settlement and heightened the possibility of unrest.

The problem was further compounded after a neighbouring tribal captain, named Hlatshwayo, allowed people to settle in land bordering Nondweni, he said.

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Arsonists set  
homes of UDF  
members alight

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — Six houses, all belonging to members of the United Democratic Front, were set alight in Hambanathi township near Tongaat on Natal's North Coast, last night.

A police spokesman said the fires were started by unknown persons. "We are investigating the position," he said.

He said police fired teargas to disperse crowds at the fires. No one was arrested. He emphasised that the arsonists had not used petrol bombs to start the fires, the last of which broke out at 12.20am today.

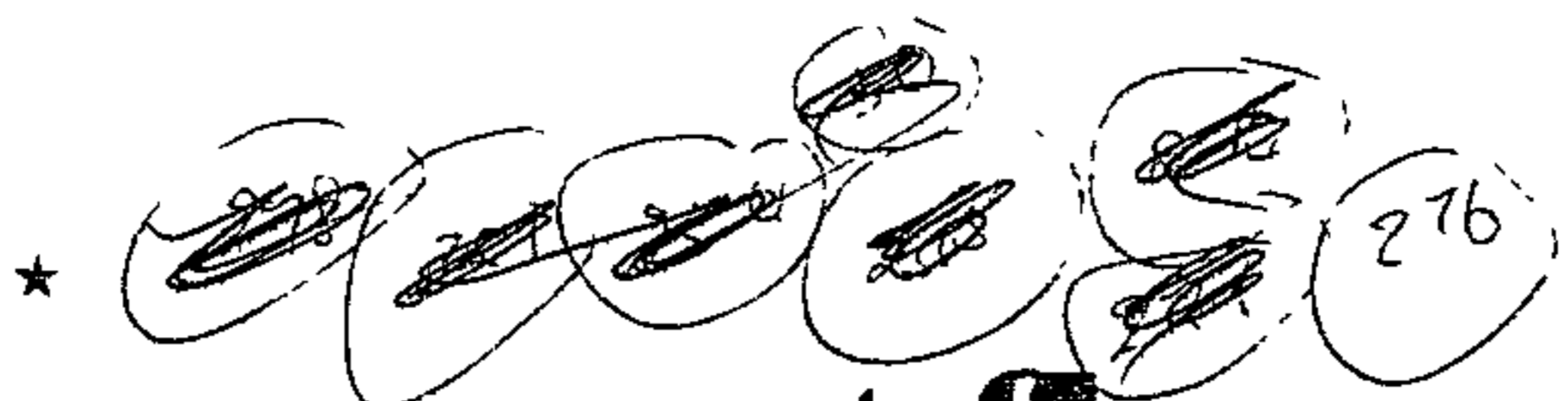
He said the extent of the damage was not known and he was aware that all the houses belonged to members of the UDF.

#### FAMILIES FLEE

Mr Ian Mkhize, treasurer of the Joint Rent Action Committee, Mr Richard Gumede, chairman of Jorac, Mr H Hadebe, Mr R Sithole and Mr Isaac Mxumalo and a Mr Khoza fled their homes with their families when a group of people started setting fire to them. They took refuge in Mahatma Gandhi's old home at Phoenix.

● The home of an executive member of Azapo in the Vaal Triangle was petrol-bombed in the early hours today.

Mr Charles Mabitsela, vice-chairman of Azapo's Southern Transvaal regional executive committee, said several petrol bombs were thrown at his home in Zamdela township about 2am.



# Soweto unrest flares as army leaves Uitenhage

JOHANNESBURG — Unrest flared in Soweto early yesterday, with police using tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse 200 stone-throwers who attacked delivery vehicles in the sprawling township

Later, about 500 people "again used the unrest situation to commit a crime" when they stoned and robbed a van of 108 crates of milk, a Police Directorate of Public Relations report said

Tearsmoke was again used when 50 people stoned a private home and another delivery van was stoned by youths in the afternoon, the report said

The "charred and decomposing body" of a man was found yesterday in Tsakane, near Brakpan, while the homes of two policemen in the township were petrol-bombed

Meanwhile, Defence Force units withdrew from the Uitenhage

township of KwaNobuhle, where 26 people were arrested during a nine-hour search

Hundreds of servicemen and police cordoned off the township about 5am on Sunday in an operation aimed at bringing about "a return to normal conditions in the area" that went off "quietly and without incident".

A Directorate report of countrywide unrest incidents from 8pm on Sunday to 8am yesterday said two men were injured and arrested after a stoning incident at Bethlehem in the OFS

It said an injured man was arrested after police fired birdshot at crowds stoning police vehicles in Duduza, near Nigel, while several policemen's homes were stoned and petrol-bombed

At De Aar, in the Cape, youths stoned the house of a policeman who fired at the crowd with his pistol, the report said

At Bongeletu, in

Oudtshoorn, police fired birdshot at people who tried to burn a policeman's property it added

Two boys aged 13 and 14 were injured when police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse rioters, the report said. A sneezemachine was used to disperse crowds stoning police

## Barricaded

The report said tearsmoke was used when groups stoned police and petrol-bombed homes in KwaNobuhle, New Brighton, Duduza, Tsakane and Bethlehem

Police in Cradock's Michausdal coloured township used tearsmoke to disperse rioting youths who stoned passing vehicles, while at Bridgeton, near Oudtshoorn, birdshot and rubber bullets were fired at stone-throwers who barricaded the road, it said

Five houses belonging to United Democratic Front members were damaged by fire in Ham-

banathi, near Tongaat, on the Natal North Coast

Other reports of stonethrowing and petrol-bombing came from Galeshewe, near Kimberley.

At Hobsenville, Aberdeen, tearsmoke and rubber bullets were used to disperse a crowd at a burning school

In Adendorp, Graaff-Reinet, youths who held an "illegal gathering" and who "tried to intimidate" shoppers were dispersed with tearsmoke, rubber bullets, birdshot and quirts

At the weekend, damage amounting to R490 000 was caused when arsonists allegedly attacked two farms in the Kirkwood area of Port Elizabeth

Meanwhile, the Department of Education and Training has called a meeting this week of all black school committees in Grahamstown and Port Alfred to discuss solutions to the school boycotts in the two centres — Sapa

The Natal Mercury, Tuesday, May 7, 1985

**Tear-gas used to quell crowd as Hambanati families flee in fear**

# Mob damages

# cars and sets

# Light six homes

Mercury Reporter

SIX houses were gutted and more than 20 families driven from their homes at Hambanati near Tongaat by a rampaging mob at the weekend.

A police spokesman confirmed the arson and said tear-gas had been fired to disperse the mob. Nobody has been arrested but police are investigating.

Most of the families affected are members of the UDF-supporting Hambanati Residents' Association.

The residents said that in addition to the badly damaged houses, at least one person is in hospital with stab wounds and several cars had been damaged by the mob which moved through Hambanati searching out UDF supporters on Sunday night.

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## Yesterday in Parliament

The windpanes had been broken, there were gaping holes in the asbestos roofs and the contents of every room had been burned to ashes.

A spokesman for the Natalia Development Board said the matter is receiving urgent attention and meetings would be held with the families today.

A spokesman for the destitute families, Mr Ian Mkhize, said it had appeared last week as though a meeting between the Residents' Association and the Inkatha-controlled Hambanati Community Council had succeeded in restoring peace to the township following months of tension and violence.

The contents of all six houses, including expensive furniture and television sets, were reduced to ashes.

The families, who took refuge at the Gandhi Settlement in Phoenix after fleeing the township, fear their lives may be in danger if they return home.

Yesterday, they told the Mercury they had been harassed throughout the day on Sunday and had been forced to attend a meeting at which they were told they were not wanted in the township.

Several people had been assaulted and others lives had been threatened.

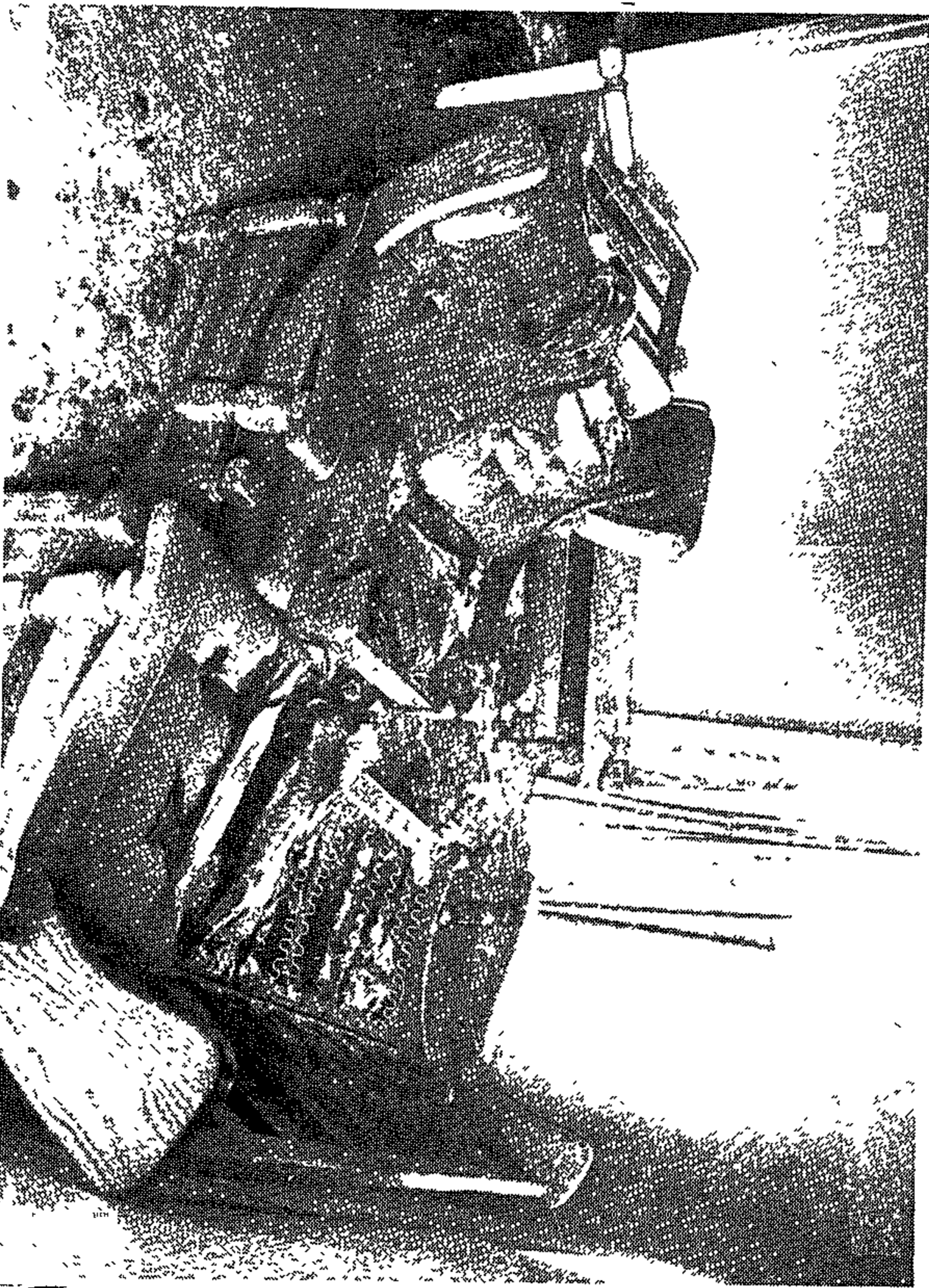
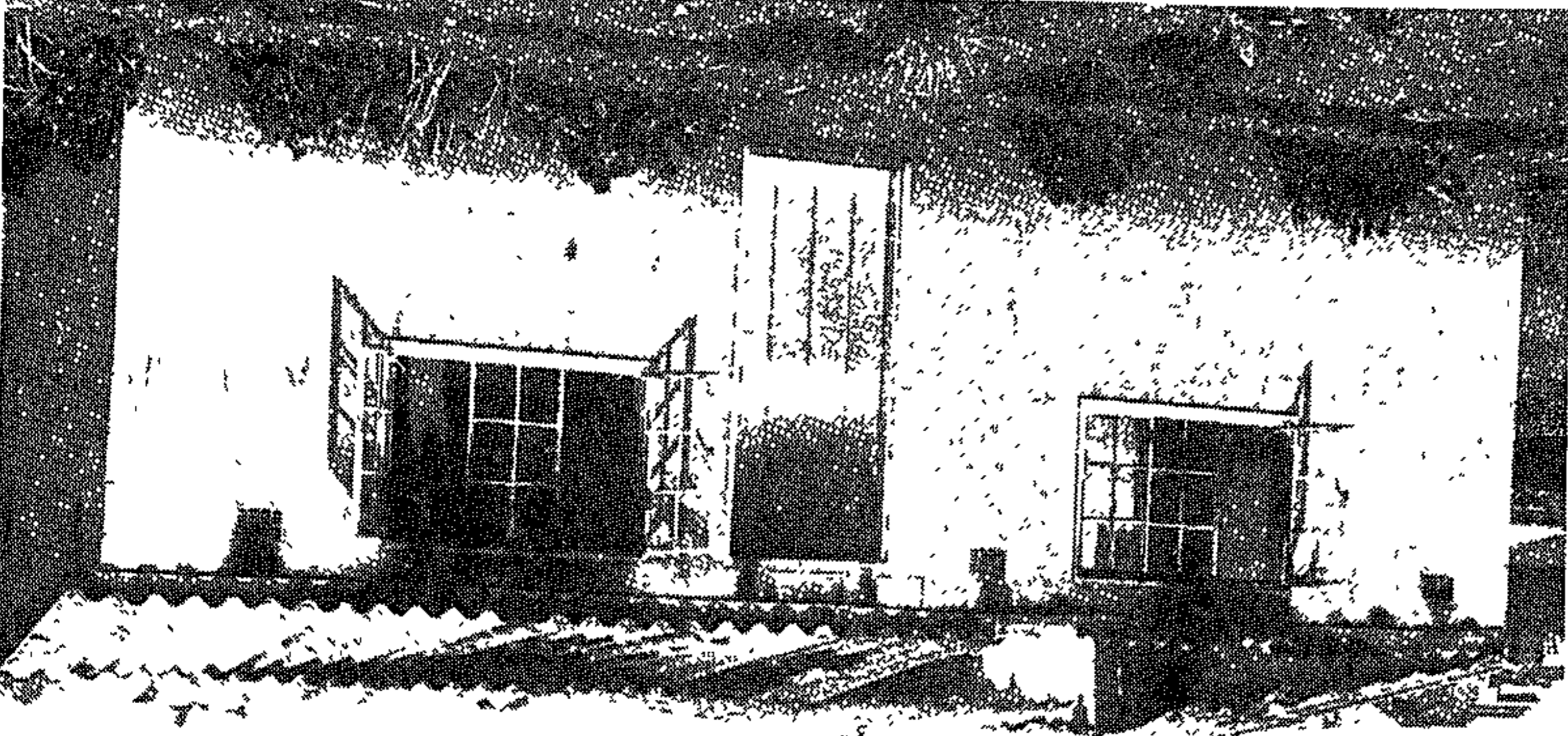
After dark a large crowd sought out and burned down the houses of UDF supporters, forcing the families to flee the township.

When a Mercury team toured the township the six burned out homes were abandoned.

The pattern of destruction appeared to be similar in each case.

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The extensively gutted home of Mr Elias Hadebe — one of six houses which were targets of arsonists on Sunday night.



The charred remains of a lounge suite at the gutted home of Mr Ian Mkhize, treasurer of the Joint Rent Action Committee in the Hambanati township, near Tongaat, yesterday.

## Arson families return to get back property

### Mercury Reporter

THE Hambanati families left destitute after arsonists set fire to their homes on Sunday night will make a bid today to retrieve possessions from their burned-out homes in the township near Tongaat.

A spokesman for the fugitives, who have taken refuge at Gandhi Settlement in Phoenix, said a truck would be sent to Hambanati under police escort to salvage the remains of furniture from the six houses.

The families, including senior officials of the Joint Rent Action Committee, Jorac, fled their homes in terror on Sunday night after a rampaging mob set fire to their homes.

He said most of them were left with only the clothes they were wearing and were afraid to return.

Mr Martin van Zyl, deputy director of community

services of the Natalia Development Board, said yesterday that board officials were in Hambanati assessing the damage to the six houses. 'We expect to have an assessment by today,' he said.

A police spokesman, Capt Winston Heunis, said yesterday no arrests had been made but investigations were continuing.

In a statement yesterday, Mr Richard Gumede, chairman of Jorac, said the 'outrage in Hambanati is part of a continuing and rapidly intensifying war being waged against democratic community organisations, in particular Jorac'.

The Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has condemned the 'pattern of escalating violence' in Hambanati.

Commenting in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, Chief Buthelezi said that Inkatha stood for reconciliation.

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# 39 in Howick court after mob dispersed

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Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THIRTY-NINE people appeared in the Howick Magistrate's Court late yesterday following an incident in the centre of the town when police used tear-gas to disperse a crowd of about 200 and arrested about 50 men.

Ten tear-gas canisters were fired on the crowd to disperse them, according to a police spokesman here.

Thirty-seven of those arrested were charged under a municipal by-law for 'unlawfully congregating in such a manner to obstruct travelling on a street after being requested by an authorised officer to disperse'.

A BTR Sarmcol worker, Mr Joseph Mthlame, who was also arrested, was charged with possessing a dangerous weapon after he was found carrying a sharpened iron rod.

Mr P. Nkomo, who was initially arrested with the other men for participating in the alleged unlawful gathering, was charged with attempting to escape from custody and released on R100 bail.

The other men were granted R30 bail. All 39, who were not asked to plead, were told to appear in court on August 6.

The incident in the town during lunch time followed a court hearing earlier in the day in which 40 people appeared on various charges which included murder, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and intimidation.

The men were arrested

following a number of incidents after the Howick-based rubber factory, BTR Sarmcol, dismissed its 950 strong workforce who went on a legal strike when two years of negotiations between them and the company entered a deadlock.

Ten men were charged with the murder of 69-year-old Mr Masikula Ntombela, father of two men presently employed by Sarmcol, who died after he was stabbed and struck with stones at his home in the Mevana township this month.

## No evidence

One of the accused Mr T Mngadi, 19, had a plea of not guilty entered to the charge earlier this week. The other nine were not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

All 10 were remanded in custody until July 26.

Five other men were charged with assaulting Mr W Vilazi with intent to do grievous bodily harm at the Mevana township this month.

The hearing was adjourned until July 26.

Twenty-five men who were charged with intimidation in June were not asked to plead and will appear in court on September 19.

## Trainer Maingard can call witnesses

By Richard McMillan

SUMMERVELD trainer Ricky Maingard has been given until tomorrow to arrange witnesses for the Jockey Club inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the run by the American horse Father Rooney in the Lonsdale Stirrup Cup at Greyville last week.

Father Rooney, joint favourite with the eventual winner Voodoo Charm, was pulled out of the race in the home straight. His rider Michael Roberts reported he felt the horse had broken down and he had not persevered with him.

Father Rooney was examined by a vet immedi-

ately after the race and again about an hour later. The horse was found to be slightly lame in his near fore at the second examination.

The six-year-old horse, owned by Mr Des Scott who is a member of the Local Executive and the Head Executive of the Jockey Club, has been left in as a nomination for the R250 000 Game Gold Cup and has been set to carry joint top weight with Gondolier.

A Jockey Club spokesman said yesterday the inquiry at which Maingard will appear was put off until tomorrow to allow him the opportunity of arranging witnesses should he so desire.

## Ex-policeman jailed for assault

JOHANNESBURG—A former traffic policeman, who hit a Star newspaper photographer in the face with a rubber baton, was yesterday jailed for six months by a Johannesburg magistrate

Johannes Gerhardus Terreblanche, 28, of Krugersdorp, was found guilty of assaulting Miss Rebecca Hearfield when

she collapsed — falling on to the ground from the bumper of a mini-truck that she was standing on, he said

He said the media in South Africa should feel safe in collecting information for the public.

It was also important that law enforcement officers should not use the power of their positions

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**'We were prepared to die and threw the stones back'**



Themba and Zakhela Msani fought off a mob which attacked their Lamontville home on Sunday.

## Brothers fight off mob to save home

Mercury Reporter

TWO young men yesterday described how they held off a mob of more than 100 people who were stoning their Lamontville home after attending a meeting at a church.

Brothers Themba and Zakhela Msani battled for more than an hour to keep the youths from getting closer and setting their house alight.

"The youths were walking up the road and when they reached our house they shouted "Gatsha is a dog and you are dogs of Gatsha", said Themba.

The next moment bricks and stones crashed through windows and our roof. Our sister Sibongile was hit on the side of the head and had to be taken to hospital."

The two Msani brothers said the attack lasted more than an hour before police arrived.

"We threw the bricks and stones back at them. We were prepared to die," Zakhela said.

"At one stage a man was driving past when the youths tried to stop him so that they could get petrol. He refused and drove off."

The organisers of a memorial service held on Sunday afternoon for Cradock community leaders killed in the Eastern Cape, said there was no connection between the stonings and the meeting.

The Rev Mcebisi Mkhulu, the Anglican priest at Lamontville, said, appeals for peace had been made at the service and the stonings had taken place at least 45 minutes after it had ended.



# Mourners 'shot by police'

From COLIN HOWELL  
JOHANNESBURG.

Several mourners were shot by police after a funeral on the East Rand on Saturday, according to internationally acclaimed South African photographer Peter Magubane.

Mr Magubane said yesterday he and "at least seven other people" had been injured by police shotgun fire after the funeral of an unrest victim in Katlehong on Saturday.

Speaking from his hospital bed, Mr Magubane said "There was absolutely no provocation — the police just started shooting at people who were running away."

## Injured

Lieutenant T F Jefferson of the SA Police public relations division said birdshot, rubber bullets and tearsmoke had been used to disperse "a large mob stoning a bottle store" in Katlehong. Three policemen had been injured in the incident.

It was "not impossible" that people had been injured but "no reports of anyone being shot and killed or injured have been received", Lieutenant Jefferson said.

But Mr Magubane, 53, who has 17 shotgun pellet wounds in his legs and body, said: "That must have been a different incident — there is no bottle store in the area where we were shot at."

About 2 000 mourners had been "milling around" outside the home of Mrs Pearl Nyembe, 26, who died after allegedly being run over by a police vehicle last week.

"It was very quiet — people had come to show their hands after the funeral," said Mr Magubane. "I was about to pick up my cameras when I noticed some people looking towards a police vehicle that was moving in our direction."

"As the police advanced, the people started running away. Nobody was throwing anything at the vehicle. I started taking pictures of the people running away."

"When the police vehicle was quite close to me, I ran to catch up with the mourners — I wanted to take more pictures of them and, also, I feared that the police would take away my cameras," said Mr Magubane.

"I heard shots behind me and felt pain under both my feet. A young

man was badly hit in the legs right in front of me. He collapsed and his friends pulled him into a house. I followed them

"Inside, there were at least seven other people who had been shot," he said. "They all had leg wounds and the young man's legs were shattered. He couldn't walk."

"I had 14 holes in my legs and three in my bum," Mr Magubane said.

"The shooting went on for a while. Stones may have been thrown, I don't know, because the curtains were drawn in the house."

## 'United'

"But nothing happened before the shooting started — it was totally indiscriminate," the grey-haired photographer stressed repeatedly during the hospital interview.

Mr Magubane, who won international acclaim for his coverage of the Soweto riots in 1976 and who has a string of international awards to his credit, said township residents were "more angry and united than ever before."

"The pattern has changed altogether — the violence seems to be much worse now — and the police appear to be even less tolerant," he said.

"A bucket of water was placed outside the gate of every house on Saturday's funeral procession route... in case the tear-gas came. There wasn't that kind of solidarity in '76."

● At least one man was injured when a mob stoned people and several homes in Lamontville township near Durban last night. The police liaison officer for Port Natal, Captain Winston Heunis, said a crowd of between 50 and 100 had stoned several people after a meeting at a Lamontville church.

The Rev W Masondo, the Methodist minister in Lamontville, said a memorial service had been held in his church for community leaders killed in Cradock in the Eastern Cape because the Lamontville community hall was no longer open to the public.

"I don't know if the people who did the stoning were at the service or if others were just taking advantage of it."

Captain Heunis said the crowd dispersed when riot police arrived.

● For details of countrywide unrest, see map on page 2

# Mob stones residents in Lamontville

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## Mercury Reporter

A MOB stoned residents, injuring at least one man, and besieged several homes in Lamontville township near Durban last night.

The police liaison officer for Port Natal, Capt Winston Heunis, said a crowd of between 50 and 100 had stoned several people after a meeting at a Lamontville church.

One man had been injured and taken to King Edward VIII Hospital, he said.

A local resident, Mr Philemon Cele, said the mob had stoned the semi-

detached home next door to his.

'If they attack next door I am also in trouble. All my windows were broken and there are even holes in my roof.

'The next-door house was just about destroyed. The people who live there have run away.

'My wife ran away. I don't know where she is.

'When the crowd left they shouted that they were going to come back with paraffin to burn our houses. I stayed here because I can't just leave

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## Stonings

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my house for them to come and burn.'

The Rev W. Masondo, the Methodist minister in Lamontville, said a memorial service had been held in his church for community leaders killed in Cradock.

The service had not been organised by his church, but the building had been made available because the Lamontville community hall was no longer open to the public.

'I do not know if the people who did the stoning were at the service or whether others were just taking advantage of it.'

Capt Heunis said the crowd dispersed when riot police arrived. No arrests were made.

## Man killed in township unrest

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JOHANNESBURG—A man was killed and sporadic incidents of stone throwing and petrol bombing were reported on the East Rand and in the Eastern Cape at the weekend.

The body of a man, thought to be about 40, was found in Katlehong near Germiston yesterday, a spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations said. Police are investigating.

At Rathanda on the East Rand, five private homes were stoned and set alight. No injuries or arrests were reported, the spokesman said.

Private vehicles were set alight and stone throwing was reported in Zwide, near Port Elizabeth.

Police arrested a man at Machaelsdal, near Cradock, and took possession of a petrol bomb after an alleged attempt to firebomb a policeman's house, the spokesman said.

Development Board offices were set alight with petrol bombs at Despatch in the Eastern Cape.

A black Somerset East policeman dispersed a mob with birdshot after being slightly injured by stone throwers. — (Sapa)

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# Councillor's house destroyed

From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG — The house of Soweto councillor Mr Michael Madikane was destroyed in a petrol bomb attack on Sunday night

The official residence of the mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, was also bombed, but there was no damage.

A relative of the Madikanes said the bombing occurred shortly after a church service on Sunday to commemorate the signing of the Freedom Charter in Kliptown in 1951

Last week the home of councillor Mr Julius Mdlalose, chairman of the Soweto Town Council's housing committee, was attacked by a group of people, all wearing balaclavas.

He and his family fled their home and sought refuge with neighbours.

● In Welkom, two cars belonging to the Rev J Pathe, the Orange Free State regional chairman of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), were set alight at his Thabong home at the weekend. Mr Pathe is also chairman of the Thabong Residents Action Committee.

● Sapa reports that in Durban a House of Delegates MP, Mr A K Pillay, of the Solidarity Party, had a narrow escape yesterday when two petrol bombs hurled at his home in Merebank, Durban, failed to explode.

"I shouted to my family to get out of the house. I ran to the car and pushed

the bottle off the bonnet while my family managed to put out the other bomb's flames," Mr Pillay said.

"Luckily the bombs did not explode. They could have caused a lot of damage."

He could not say who was responsible for the incident, as he had "no enemies".

● In Hobsonville near Oudtshoorn, the Development Board offices were extensively damaged by fire yesterday. There were no reported injuries or arrests, police said.

● In Port Elizabeth, extensive damage was caused yesterday in Kwazakelke township where buses, delivery and municipal vehicles were stoned and petrol bombed. Police said a police patrol vehicle was also damaged in a stoning incident.

In Walmer township police used birdshot on two occasions to disperse groups of stone throwers. While in Aberdeen near Graaff-Reinet, police arrested 14 people after dispersing a crowd with tearsmoke. In another incident in the township, a policeman's house was stoned. A black youth was slightly wounded, medically treated and arrested on a charge of public violence.

In Petrusville near De Aar, police arrested eight men on charges of public violence after dispersing a mob with birdshot.

# Meetings ban after sackings

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — All meetings in the Mpopomeni area outside Howick have been banned for 21 days by a local magistrate in the wake of recent unrest after the sacking of more than 900 striking BTR Sarmcol workers.

Two people were killed at the weekend after a mob of about 250 stoned buses carrying "scab" workers, and seven huts were attacked.

Commenting on the ban, a spokesman for the Metal and Allied Workers' Union (Mawu) said it was clear it was aimed at preventing meetings of 970 workers dismissed by the rubber company at the end of April after a dispute over union recognition.

"Daily meetings have been held to report to members on developments and help them with their problems.

"This action will undoubtedly escalate violence in Mpopomeni because the ban will drastically undermine the union's ability to maintain some order and discipline," he said.

The union yesterday sent a letter to the company, re-emphasizing its willingness to negotiate unconditionally with the company to resolve the dispute.

## New recognition agreement

The entire work force was dismissed after a strike in protest against the company's refusal to sign a new recognition agreement. The company responded by saying it had signed a preliminary recognition agreement with Mawu in June, 1983.

Since then, negotiations had taken place continuously to try to finalize a full recognition agreement. However, a document drafted after two conciliation boards which the company was willing to sign was rejected by the union. A draft submitted by the union was unacceptable to management.

● Sapa reports that a mass meeting in Lenasia near Johannesburg to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Freedom Charter was banned by a Johannesburg magistrate last night hours before it was scheduled to start.

This is the second time the meeting, organized by the Transvaal Indian Congress, has been banned on the grounds that it would endanger public peace.

The venue was shifted to Lenasia after the meeting had been banned from taking place in Laudium.

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**African Affairs  
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THE St Augustines High School, near Rorkes Drift in Northern Natal, has been closed after more than 250 pupils boycotted classes because of a row over the discovery of dagga on the desk of the school principal.

The principal, Mr Patrick Sibisi, suspended the pupils — all boys — from attending classes while several of them were being questioned by school officials in connection with the alleged offence.

Girls, however, were allowed to attend classes but they too had decided, in sympathy with the boys, to boycott classes.

Mr Sibisi confirmed yesterday that the school had been closed because of the boycott.

He added that the school would remain closed until the matter was fully investigated.

'I am planning to call a meeting of parents and inform them of the incident,' he said, adding that he could not understand why someone had placed dagga on his desk.

Mr E V Mvemve, assistant secretary of the KwaZulu Department of Education and Culture, confirmed that the matter had been reported to his office and the incident was being investigated.

He said he did not know at this stage what steps would be taken if the culprits were caught.

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# Azapo to discuss PE feud, deaths

PORT ELIZABETH — Azapo and community representatives will meet here today to discuss ways to resolve the bitter feud which has resulted in the deaths of two Azapo members and a member of the UDF-affiliated Port Elizabeth Youth Congress (Peyco)

Peyco president Mr Mkhusele Jack said the meeting was organized after four youths who were being held hostage at the home of the Rev Mzwandile Maqina, an Azapo member, were released early yesterday

The four were admitted to hospital after their release. One youth was still receiving treatment last night

Mr Jack claimed that the UDF was not linked to the fighting, but said the community was tired of Azapo's "criminal band" which terrorized the townships day and night

Mr Maqina was reported to have claimed that

the youths were apprehended on their way to attack a house in New Brighton and also claimed that two Azapo youths were still held as hostages by UDF supporters

Mr Jack denied this  
**Set alight**

Meanwhile, the Pietersburg home of the secretary of Azapo's northern Transvaal region, Miss Monhla Hlahla, was set alight on Thursday night

She was woken by smoke and woke her mother and younger sisters. They extinguished the fire, apparently started by using petrol

Police reported that the home of a member of the UDF in Seisoville near Kroonstad was set alight and extensive damage caused

Police said unrest flared in eight Eastern Cape townships overnight, but that in almost all the incidents, the groups involved were

"considerably smaller" than in recent weeks

No more unrest deaths were reported, but the death toll in Thursday's collision between a police vehicle and a heavy truck near Port Elizabeth has risen to four

There were also isolated incidents in the Free State and Transvaal

Police reported incidents of unrest in

- The Cape Njandi (Somerset East), Kwazakale, New Brighton and Zwide (Port Elizabeth), Humansdorp, Paterson (Grahamstown), Duncan Village (East London) and Kroonvale (Graaff-Reinet).

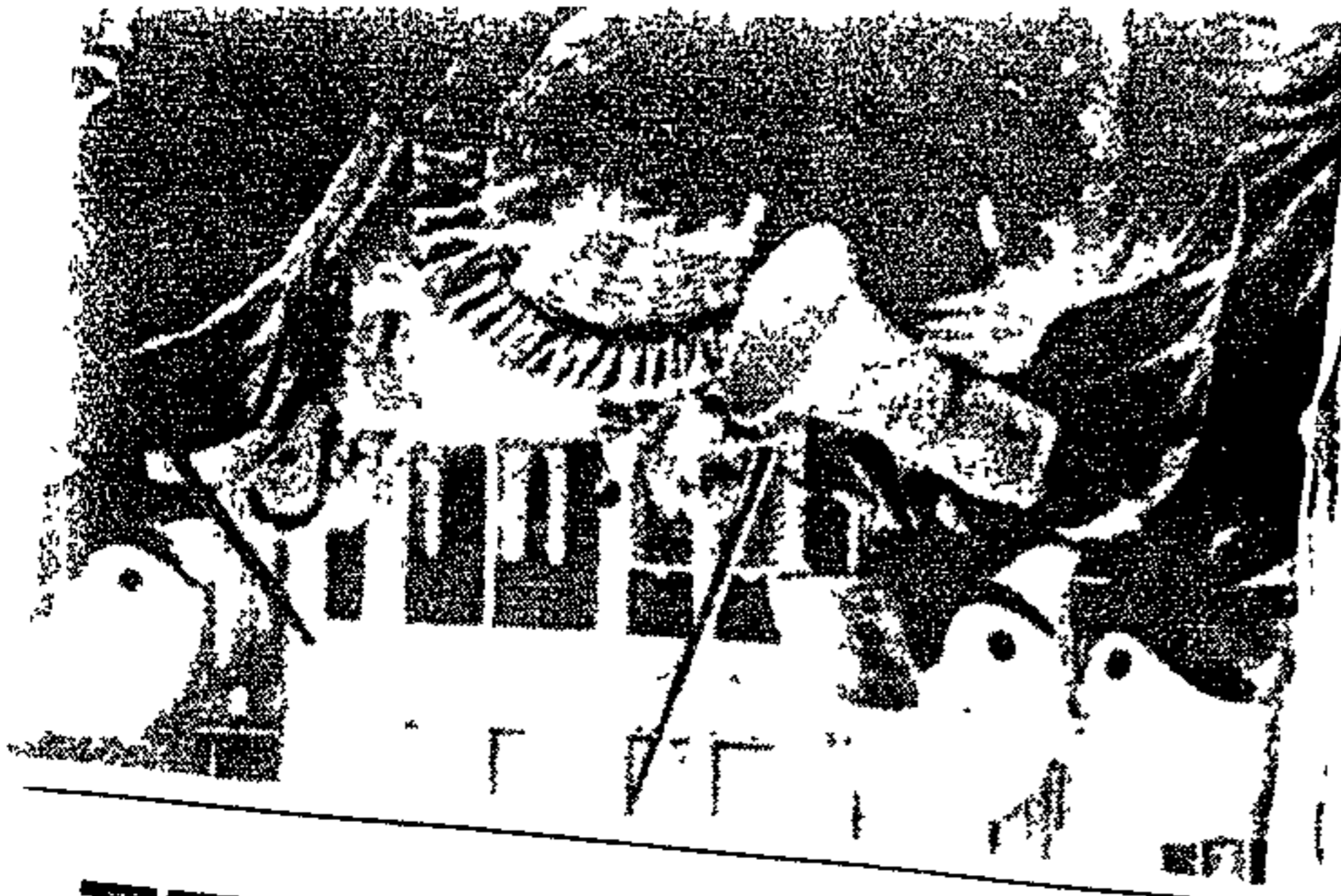
## Stoning

In stoning incidents in New Brighton a policeman was "slightly injured", while 63 arrests were made. Those arrested, aged between 13 and 30, "will face charges of public violence"

- Free State: Thabong (Welkom), Brent Park and Seisoville (Kroonstad)

- Transvaal: Tembisa, Soweto, Kwa-Thema and Alexandra

- In Natal, the police have launched a drive against illegal taxi operators in Empangeni, in an effort to put an end to bus boycotting. — Own Correspondent and Sapa



# 100 miners leave after fighting

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Argus Correspondent

WELKOM — More than 100 Xhosa miners were waiting at the No 3 shaft compound at the President Brand Gold Mine today to be paid off after weekend fights between Xhosas and Sotho miners which claimed about 19 lives.

The miners said conflict had been simmering throughout last week

Those who decided to leave said they no longer felt safe at the compound. They said an agreement last week with management that those who started a fight would be fired had not been honoured.

● It is reported from Durban that police used tearsmoke to disperse 250 armed marching women from the Cele faction who mobbed the Dududu police station near Scottburgh, demanding the release of eight of 70 men arrested in renewed faction fighting in the area yesterday.

The 70 were expected to appear in court today.

# One man shot as another takes refuge in bus

Pietermaritzburg  
Bureau

A YOUNG Indian man was shot and wounded when he and a group of youths allegedly attacked a municipal bus in which a black man had sought refuge on Sunday.

Police said several young Indian men attacked the bus with pick handles, hammers and stones on Sunday evening.

One of the passengers was a black man to whom they had earlier given a lift in their bakkie.

Store owner Frank Dladla, 43, told police he was travelling from Estcourt on Sunday when his car broke down on the N3 near Howick. He was given a lift in a bakkie by seven young men who allegedly began assaulting him.

Mr Dladla drew a pistol and when the bakkie reached Church Street in Pietermaritzburg, Mr Dladla jumped off the back of the vehicle and on to a municipal bus and asked the driver to take him to the nearest police station.

The occupants of the bakkie got off and allegedly attacked the bus with pick handles, hammers and stones causing about R600 damage to windows and the bodywork.

Shots were fired from the bus and a man was wounded.

The injured man and another man were arrested.

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# Mob of 250 women dispersed by tear-gas

## Crime Reporter

A MOB of about 250 women was dispersed with tear-gas by Dududu police in southern Natal on Sunday after they had marched to the police station demanding the release of eight Cele faction members arrested earlier in the day.

A police spokesman said 70 members of the Ngadi and Cele factions

had been arrested at the Ntontola location at mid-day on Sunday. They were then taken to the Scottburgh Police Station.

About 5 p m the women marched on the Dududu Police Station demanding the release of the Cele men.

Police confiscated a large number of shields, assegais, knobkieries and a home-made gun.

# BLOODY BUS WAR LEAVES <sup>(276)</sup> ONE MAN DEAD <sup>C. P. M.</sup> <sup>19/5/85</sup>

By SIBUSISO  
MNGADI

MORE THAN 150 passengers were caught in the crossfire when infighting among bus operators at S J Smith Hostel's bus rank in Lamontville erupted into violence at the weekend — leaving one dead and several others seriously injured.

Rank manager Joe Machi identified the dead man as Jibha Cwele, 42, of Harding.

Since the beginning of the year, he said, S J Smith Hostel's rank has become a battlefield with drivers and bus conductors carrying shields and pangas, terrorising each other in their "hunt" for passengers — which means more commission from their bosses.

These bosses are alleged to be "unco-operative" in setting this issue.

Mr Machi said the cause of the fighting is the competition between many buses from different companies on the route to Harding on the South Coast.

Although a new method of queuing has been devised, the clashes continue.

Durban police spokesman Captain Winston Heunis confirmed the man's death and said serious injuries were sustained by others who are still in hospital.

No arrests have been made.

# Six black youths arrested after buses are stoned

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## Pietermaritzburg Bureau

SIX black youths have been arrested after buses were stoned near here on Monday, and a police spokesman said detectives were investigating the stoning of a police vehicle in the Sinatini area near Amakholwa School yesterday.

A police vehicle was

surrounded by a group of youths who stoned it. No one was hurt, but damage estimated at R200 was caused. No one was arrested during the incident, the spokesman said.

The stoning followed two incidents on Monday in which youths stoned buses, schools and intimidated pupils.

The first incident took place about 8 45 a m at the Sigongweni Secondary School in Imbali Township and six youths were arrested.

The S A P Riot Unit was called to the school when a group of 'about 25' youths invaded the school premises and entered classrooms in an attempt to get pupils to join a crowd of demonstrators.

In a second incident at Sinatini about 10 30 a m the same day, three municipal buses were damaged when they were stoned by a group of youths who blocked the road outside Amakholwa School.

The spokesman said windows and wind-screens of all three buses were smashed. No one was injured.

# Three killed, 100 homes burned down during tribal unrest

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## Mercury Reporter

THREE people were killed, one seriously injured and more than 100 huts and houses burned down during unrest at the Madlala tribal area, north of Southport on the Natal South Coast, at the weekend.

The latest violence brings to 20 the number of people killed since 1983 when a dispute arose between two factions within the Madlala clan about the appointment of a rightful heir to the chief of the area. There have also been more than 400 huts burned down

According to the acting chief of the area, Mr Mpiyenkosi Qwabe, more than 2 000 people were left homeless when supporters of the rival faction attacked people, looted and burned down huts and houses on Saturday and Sunday.

The houses and shops

of four of the eight indunas in the area, who were supporters of Mr Qwabe, were burned down at the weekend

Mr Qwabe said he had been appointed acting chief of the area after the death of Chief Mdlangaswa in 1982

'Since my appointment there has been trouble because the other faction, led by a Madlala of the same area, claims that their leader should have been appointed as the tribal chief instead,' Mr Qwabe said

## Resolved

Mr Qwabe, whose house was partly destroyed by a petrol bomb at the weekend, said a tribal court, which he controlled, had also been destroyed during the unrest

'At least 150 huts and houses were destroyed at the weekend and fighting and destruction of houses will not end until the

question of the chieftainship is resolved,' Mr Qwabe said

Mrs Christina Hlongwa, who lost two of her huts, said about 20 men surrounded the family on Saturday.

She said the men, armed with guns, spears, sticks and petrol bombs attacked them

Three visitors were killed and one was seriously injured, she said.

'I screamed and fled with my children,' she said

Mr Laundla Madlala, a supporter of the acting chief, said five of his huts had been destroyed

'Petrol bombs were used by the supporters of the rival faction to destroy huts belonging only to people who supported acting chief Qwabe,' he said, adding that trouble usually broke out at night and over weekends

A spokesman for the police said the incident was being investigated.



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# Four held after grenades found

**Own Correspondent**  
**PORT ELIZABETH** — Four people were arrested yesterday morning with grenades in their possession in a KwaZakele house soon after a grenade exploded in the yard of the home of a prominent Azanian Peoples Organization (Azapo) leader, the Rev Ebenezer Maqina.

A hand-grenade was hurled at the Maqina home at 5.45am yesterday, seconds after a shot was fired at one of the guards there by a group of about six people.

A number of hand-grenades were found in the possession of a 21-year-old man who was arrested along with three others, one a woman, in a house in KwaZakele only hours after the attack on Mr Maqina's house, a spokesman for the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said.

At least one man, Mr Tololo Klaas, treasurer for Azapo in Port Elizabeth, was injured in the blast at Mr Maqina's house. Windows were shattered and a wall was damaged by shrapnel.

Mr Maqina claimed the UDF was responsible for the grenade attack, adding that it was the third against him in a week. His car was at-

tacked with a grenade last Sunday and Azapo members were attacked with grenades near his home on Tuesday. No one was injured in the attacks, he said.

## 'Arms for UDF'

And yesterday the Azapo national publicity secretary, Mr Imrann Moosa, alleged that the UDF was being assisted by trained terrorists and that arms were being supplied to the UDF.

Mr Klaas, who was guarding the house with others when the attack took place, was taken to Livingstone Hospital where he was treated and discharged. Shrapnel was removed from five wounds in his right thigh.

Another witness, Mr Stephen Peter, 24, said he was guarding the house with Mr Klaas when he saw about six people moving towards the house.

He said the people saw him and one of them drew a handgun and fired a shot. "I ran around the house to warn those inside. There was a loud explosion and shrapnel flew in all directions, damaging a wall and shattering windows."

The hand-grenade exploded near a fence, about two metres from the wall of the house. A hole was blown through the fence.

## Unexploded

Mr Peter said an unexploded petrol bomb was also found on the scene after the attack.

The police spokesman said the damage to the house was estimated at about R150. Police are investigating.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that the feud between the rival Azanian Students Organization (Azaso) and the Azanian Students Movement (Azasm) at Turfloop Uni-

versity, Sovenga, yesterday prevented the organization of a joint Azaso-Azasm funeral for a youth killed at the university.

Azasm, an Azapo affiliate, and the Seshego Youth Movement had agreed to organize jointly a funeral in Mankweng with Azaso, a UDF affiliate, for 15-year-old Shadrack Mafokoane, a high school pupil allegedly shot dead on campus by Lebowa police during unrest on June 16.

Meanwhile, in further incidents of unrest at KwaZakele, two men threw a petrol bomb at a private house at 12.30pm yesterday, causing damage of R200. No injuries were reported.

## Church

An hour later, a petrol bomb was thrown into a local beerhall, causing damage of R200, the police spokesman said.

In Thabong, near Welkom, about 2 000 people gathered at a church at 10am and then moved to the house of the township's mayor and stoned it. Police dispersed the crowd with rubber bullets, he said. No injuries or arrests were reported.

In another area of the township, about 1 000 people gathered at 11.20am and police dispersed them with rubber bullets. No injuries or arrests were reported.

In another incident in Thabong at the same time, 200 people stoned a SAP vehicle, causing damage of R100, the spokesman said.

Four policemen were injured yesterday in rioting at Mphophomeni, near Howick, after police used teargas, sneeze gas and sjamboks to disperse a crowd of about 250 returning from a workers' rally.

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# 300-strong crowd dispersed with tear-gas

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## Mercury Reporter

POLICE used tear-gas, sjamboks and a sneeze machine to disperse a crowd of about 300 people stoning a house at Mphophomeni near Howick yesterday.

Four policemen were slightly injured in the clash with the mob returning from a workers' rally.

A police spokesman in Pietermaritzburg said a police contingent was called out to Mphophomeni at 9 15 a.m. They en-

countered a mob of about 250 people waving knobkerries and sticks above their heads and shouting slogans.

The officer in charge ordered the crowd to disperse, warning them it was an illegal gathering. According to the spokesman the mob had grown to about 300 by this time and the crowd started stoning the police.

Four policemen were slightly injured when the police moved forward to disperse the rioters with tear-gas and sjamboks.

The mob regrouped but most were then dispersed with sneeze gas.

The rest dispersed after senior police officers had talked to some of the leaders.

The crowd was apparently returning from a rally at the Mphophomeni Community Hall in support of an eight-week strike by 975 Metal and Allied Workers' Union members, who were fired by BTR Sarmcol, in Howick.

No arrests were made.

25/6/85

# Mob attacks bus — 2 men killed

DURBAN. — A crowd of about 250 stopped and stoned a bus-load of Howick workers last night, killing two and injuring 20

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The battle was the latest incident in the simmering labour unrest following the dismissal of 950 workers who are members of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union at the BTR Sarmcol rubber factory at Howick.

Homes of alleged "scab" workers brought in to replace them have been attacked

Killed were Mr Vusi Mbense, 38, a BTR Sarmcol worker, and Mr J Mabusa, 40, who worked for the South African Transport Service in Howick. Both died of head injuries

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# Howick mob kills two in attack on bus passengers

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## Pietermaritzburg Bureau

**POLICE** were yesterday patrolling the Mpophomeni township near Howick and escorting buses following the killing of two bus passengers on Monday night.

Two men died of head injuries when the bus in which they and 58 other people were travelling was attacked by a mob of about 250 blacks.

The bus, owned by Impendhle Services of Howick, was stopped by the group at the entrance to the township. Windows were smashed and an attempt was made to set the

vehicle on fire.

The passengers were then attacked and two were stoned to death and 20 others injured, some of them seriously.

Police arrived at the scene and dispersed the mob by firing six tear-gas canisters.

No arrests have been made yet.

The dead were identified yesterday as Mr Vusi Mbense, 38, of BTR Sarmcol, and a Mr Mabusa, aged 40, who worked for SA Transport Services in Howick.

The head of the SAP Reaction Unit in Pietermaritzburg, Col Johan Botha, said the township

was being patrolled and there had been no further violence.

Meanwhile, two black men have been arrested after four thatch-roofed houses belonging to two BTR Sarmcol employees were set alight near Elandskop late on Monday night.

Last Friday night seven huts belonging to BTR Sarmcol workers were damaged by attackers. Two of them were completely destroyed after being set alight.

The company's administration director, Mr John Sampson, said there had been reports of sporadic incidents of intimidation, violence and

threats against employees and that these were being dealt with by the police.

While all was quiet at the plant itself, the workforce was having to 'sometimes run the gauntlet of attacks or threatened attacks by others'.

Mr Sampson said most of the vacancies left by the 950 striking workers dismissed by the company two months ago had already been filled.

'We give preference to striking workers but sadly the union is encouraging them not to reapply. Every day that goes by more vacancies are taken because there is no shortage of labour.'



# Two die workers stay home

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MARITZBURG — Sixty percent of the black workforce stayed at home yesterday, almost bringing Maritzburg to a halt, as two people died in countrywide unrest.

Sapa reports that a youth was shot dead in Soweto and a 25-year-old woman was axed to death and set alight on Wednesday night after apparently ignoring threats not to shop in white areas.

## Business 'slow'

The incident — at Nonzwakazi near De Aar in the Northern Cape — was reported by police yesterday. Four deaths were reported in countrywide unrest on Wednesday.

Surveys conducted by the Maritzburg chambers of commerce and industry showed that the stayaway of blacks varied between 10 and 100 percent. Business was reported to be "very, very slow" throughout the day.

Only two of the 48 buses on the white service operated during the morning rush-hour and none of the 270 buses on the black, Indian and coloured services ran at all.

The stayaway was called in support of the 950 Sarmcol rubber-factory workers at Howick who were dismissed by the factory two months ago following a strike in support of their demand for recognition of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union.

In Howick, hardly a

black person was to be seen and buses from the townships were withdrawn. Workers stopped work briefly or held lunch-hour demonstrations at a number of Durban and Pinetown firms yesterday in sympathy with the Maritzburg stayaway.

Unrest flared at the Mpophomeni township outside Howick around lunchtime yesterday when houses, a clinic and three vehicles were set alight.

The house belonging to a Sarmcol employee, Mr Samuel Buthelezi, and a car belonging to his brother, Mr Piet Buthelezi, were burnt.

● In Soweto, the homes of two policemen were petrol-bombed in Naledi yesterday morning and in another incident a policeman was attacked and robbed of his official vehicle and firearm.

Thousand of pupils carrying placards marched through the township in protest against injuries caused to schoolchildren in clashes with police.

## Questioning

● In Port Elizabeth police spent nearly three hours questioning Mr Mkhusele Jack, publicity secretary of the committee responsible for the consumer boycott which began on Monday.

Mr Jack told a reporter "It was only when I told them (police) that the committee had met last night and decided to negotiate with whoever was prepared to respond positively to the situation, that the questioning came to an end."

Port Elizabeth traders continued to report a loss of sales.

● Police last night reported incidents of unrest from the Eastern Cape, South-Western Districts, East Rand, West Rand, Natal Midlands and on the Witwatersrand — Sapa and Own Correspondents

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One of the many incidents in which police used tear-gas to disperse crowds of youths who had gathered on the outskirts of the Edendale township. A SAAF helicopter, monitoring activities in Pietermaritzburg's black townships, kept in constant contact with police units on the ground.

**Police and mobs clash**  
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 Pietermaritzburg Bureau

POLICE used tear-gas and rubber bullets and arrested an unconfirmed number of people during sporadic incidents of stone-throwing in black townships in and around the capital yesterday.

Estimates were that 60 percent of the black workforce stayed at home, almost bringing the city to a halt.

Business was reported to be 'very, very slow' throughout the day.

The situation in and around the townships remained tense throughout the day and there were several skirmishes between police and small mobs of black youths who stoned private vehicles and police who patrolled all the main routes in and around the townships.

A South African Air Force helicopter, which was on standby all day, was used by police to monitor trouble spots from the air.

A contingent of soldiers was also on standby in some township areas.

A senior police spokesman said the first sign of trouble was shortly after 8 a.m. when a small group began stoning private cars as well as police on the main Edendale road.

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**Several skirmishes with police and mobs**  
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near Edendale Hospital. No one was injured during the incident.

**Arrested**

Later in the day there were several more stone-throwing incidents in Edendale as well as in Imbali township and Mpophomeni in Howick.

During these incidents police used tear-gas and in some case rubber bullets to disperse the crowds.

According to a report from the police headquarters in Pretoria rubber bullets were used in one stone-throwing incident at Edendale.

A senior police spokesman said yesterday afternoon that a number of people had been arrested in connection with public violence in the townships but was unable to estimate the number of arrests.

The spokesman said several policemen had suffered slight injuries during the incidents and some police vehicles had been damaged.

The S A P divisional commissioner for Natal, Brig Mulder van Eyk, said late yesterday afternoon he felt police had 'everything under control'.

Shortly before 4 p.m. a large crowd of youths was spotted from the air looting a store on the main Edendale Road.

Police were called to

the scene immediately and they arrested seven people inside the store and another four outside, a senior police spokesman said.

Most of the stolen goods were recovered.

It has also been reported that an administration block in Mpophomeni near Howick was burnt down after being set alight by a mob after 4.30 p.m. Details of the incident are not yet known.

**Dispersed**

A senior police spokesman said during the same incident two KwaZulu Government vehicles had been destroyed by fire. One of them was a bakkie and the second a Bedford tanker, he said.

Last night there were

still several incidents of violence in the townships in which motor vehicles and homes had been burnt.

Police confirmed at least three homes in Mpophomeni were burned down by mobs of youths who were dispersed with tear-gas.

One of the homes belonged to a Sarmcol employee, Mr Samuel Buthelezi, and a mini-bus belonging to his brother, Mr P Buthelezi, was also destroyed. A third home owned by Mr Emmanuel Thalane was burned down.

There was an unconfirmed report that an attempt was made to set a beer hall in the township alight.

# Commissioner 'happy' at police action during unrest

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE S A Police Commissioner for Natal says he is very happy that police did not have to use guns to contain the unrest which flared in black townships around the capital on Thursday.

Brig Mulder-van Eyk said no one was killed or injured during continual confrontations between police and mobs of black youths during unrest, involving incidents of stone-throwing, looting and arson.

Unrest continued throughout the day and night, and escalated from minor stone-throwing incidents to full-scale violence, including the burning of homes and other buildings, as well as motor vehicles.

A total of 37 people were arrested and police were still investigating charges of public violence and housebreaking against them, Brig van Eyk said.

A number of police and private vehicles suffered slight damage as a result

of stone-throwing, he said.

Police were forced to intervene for the first time in the morning when mobs began erecting roadblocks, using stones and other objects. He said stone-throwing incidents started in Edendale and gradually spread throughout the other townships.

Police used tear-gas and, in one instance, rubber bullets to disperse the mobs.

Brig van Eyk said police patrols were still on

standby yesterday in and around the township areas in case of further trouble but the situation appeared to be calm.

All buses and taxis were running as normal and the majority of people returned to work and pedestrians were on the streets.

'Everything seems to be completely quiet but naturally we must be on the alert'

According to a report from the police headquarters in Pretoria, there was extensive damage as a result of the unrest.

Confirmed incidents of violence included the gutting of two KwaZulu-owned beer halls in Imbali where a bottle store was also set alight and several homes and private cars in Edendale, Mpophomeni, Ashdown and Sobantu were burnt. At Mpophomeni two KwaZulu Government vehicles and a KwaZulu Administration block were set alight.

There was looting at several bottle stores and shops.

Brig van Eyk said yesterday that where motor vehicles were burnt, most were old wreckages which were no longer in use.

He said there had been no incidents of petrol bombing except for one incident on Wednesday night when a petrol bomb was thrown at a bus in Sobantu.

## Agreements are in danger, says chamber

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Industries has deplored Mawu's actions in 'allowing a single industrial dispute to affect the lives and welfare of thousands of innocent people'.

The chamber maintains that the dispute 'could and should have been resolved in the courts'.

In a strongly-worded statement yesterday, the chamber's president, Mr Louis Sennett, warned the Metal and Allied Workers' Union that union agreements were in jeopardy.

'The work of intimidators in the townships surrounding Pietermar-

itzburg and Howick and the disruption to the lawful activities of the people is roundly condemned by the PCI.'

Mr Sennett said Mawu should have used its influence 'to prevent this unfortunate incident from taking place'.

Mawu's failure to do so, he said, could be interpreted as a material breach of various union recognition agreements.

The chamber advised its members to lodge strong protests with the unions where intimidation and stayaways had taken place.

In the event of a repeat of Thursday's stayaway, disruption would not be

tolerated and the chamber would advise members to take appropriate lawful action, he said.

'While the chamber reiterates its stand on no-work-no-pay, disciplinary action should also be considered in the future.'

Mr C Blackstock, managing director of BTR Sarmcol, said he abhorred the involvement of innocent people in a situation which had nothing to do with them.

He told the Mercury the plants had a 75-percent-to-80-percent turn-out on Thursday and this would have been higher had public transport been available.

He would not comment further

# Inkatha youth stage demo

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DURBAN — About 700 members of the Inkatha Youth Brigade demonstrated in front of the Durban City Hall today as eight representatives met the Mayor, Mr Neil MacLennan.

The group sang, danced and held placards, some of which read "The city of Durban belongs to all regardless of colour", "Durban has no place for separate development", "Do it now Mr Mayor — tomorrow will be too late" and "Inkatha is the voice of reason. Heed the voice of reason or face the consequences".

The demonstrators, many of whom appeared to be schoolchildren, arrived in buses at 10.30am.  
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# Students in protest against emergency

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DURBAN — Demonstrators converged on the campus of the University of Durban-Westville today to protest against the state of emergency.

The demonstration began at 7am and continued throughout the peak traffic period, with placard-carrying demonstrators at the University Drive entrance and others lined across the main thoroughfare.

While security officers from the university watched the demonstrators, there was no evidence of a police presence.

In Cape Town yesterday traffic was disrupted when three main Cape Peninsula roads, Vanguard Drive, Modderdam Road and a section of Lansdowne Road, were closed to traffic after incidents of stone-throwing.

Hundreds of University of the Western Cape students, who are also boycotting classes, demonstrated at the university entrance and police used tear gas to disperse them.

United Democratic Front patron and UWC chaplain Dr Allan Boesak, who arrived after police had sealed off Modderdam Road and fired teargas at the students, helped defuse the volatile situation.

UWC rector Professor Richard van der Ross said the situation had been "very tense" and that Dr Boesak had had a "calming effect".

The police fired the teargas in order to disperse the stone-throwing students so as to put out a burning roadblock which they had set up at the gate. Dr Boesak arrived soon afterwards and spoke to students, who began moving away.

• The total number of arrests under the emer-

gency regulations now stands at 1286 and 13 people have been released, according to the report issued today by the public relations division of the South African Police in Pretoria.

In townships near Port Elizabeth, motor car wrecks and burning tyres were used to barricade a road, SAP and SADF vehicles were stoned and an electrical sub-station was extensively damaged by arsonists.

Three men were arrested for stone-throwing.

At Stutterheim, two private vehicles were damaged by arsonists and shops were stoned. Police dispersed the mobs and arrested a woman.

At Cathcart, a stone-throwing mob attacked a policeman's house. They were repulsed with shotgun fire and a youth was seriously injured.

A councillor's house was also extensively damaged.

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# Man shot dead in E Cape unrest

PRETORIA. — A man was shot dead in the Eastern Cape as unrest continued and the number of arrests under emergency regulations rose to 1 286 yesterday.

In Durban a bomb explosion damaged a flour silo at the Umlazi Bakery early yesterday and Natal Medical School students burnt an effigy of President P W Botha

Police in Pretoria yesterday said a man was "fatally wounded" by shotgun fire when police dispersed a mob stoning a councillor's house in Cathcart. A youth was seriously injured when police repulsed a mob stoning a policeman's home in the town

## 21 dead

Twenty-one people have died — 20 of them shot by police — since emergency rule was invoked on July 21

The explosion at the Umlazi bakery early yesterday caused extensive damage, a Sasko statement said. Nobody was injured in the blast. It was not known what type of explosive device was used

The bakery delivers bread only in KwaZulu and has continued production throughout the nine-day Durban bakery workers' strike

More than 200 placard-carrying Natal Medical School students burnt

the effigy and a painting of the United States flag, while policemen looked on. Students threw stones at the policemen but dispersed after the effigy was consumed

About 250 students lined Umbilo Road, singing and displaying banners and placards, some of which read "Imperialists Reagan and Thatcher support apartheid for profit" "Botha give in — the days of your racist regime are numbered" and "SADF out of our townships"

Students of the University of Durban-Westville staged a placard demonstration on their campus yesterday against the state of emergency. At a meeting they resolved to boycott classes until Tuesday

## Schools

Medical students, who have been boycotting classes since Friday, caused a stir in central Durban on Monday when large numbers of them demonstrated outside the US Consulate-General against the US policy of constructive engagement. Two were arrested for taking part in an illegal assembly

Classes at Mngcawezulu High School at Tshatshu, near Zwelitsha, have been suspended until Monday, the director-general for communications in the

Ciskei, Mr Headman Somtunzi, said yesterday

He said Mngcawezulu pupils had attended school on Tuesday, but had refused to enter the classroom. Parents then intervened and pupils entered the classes, he said, but yesterday only a few pupils turned up.

## Grievances

Parents and school authorities were investigating the grievances of the pupils, he said

Mr Somtunzi said pupils from the Malcolm Sebe High School in Zwelitsha yesterday joined the six Ciskei schools where classes had been boycotted. He said class boycotts were continuing at Nompandolo High School in Zwelitsha and Nosizwe High School at Khakamisa, near Zwelitsha

Attendance at four schools — including Kuyasa High and Archie Velile Secondary at Dimbaza — was fair, Mr Somtunzi said

Parents were still trying to reregister their children at these schools, he said

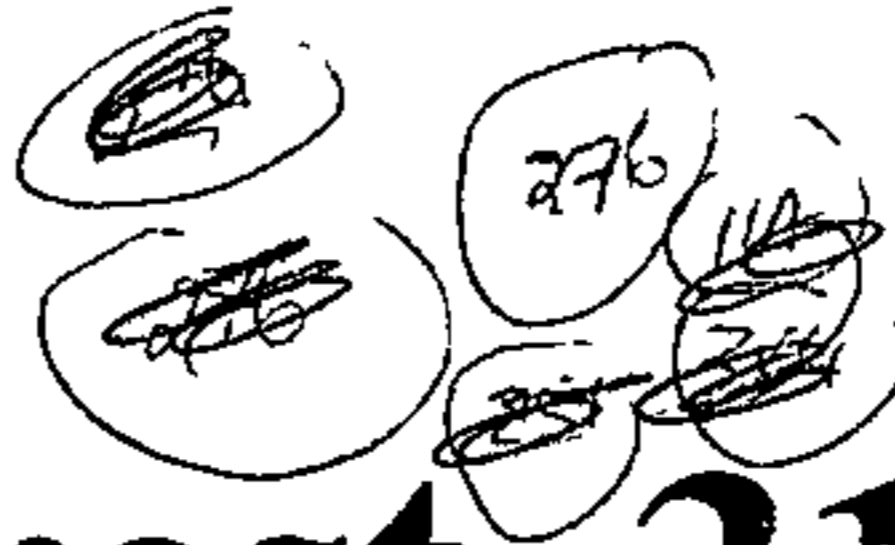
No action had been taken by the authorities so far and no incidents had been reported

Attendance at other Ciskei schools was normal, he added — Sapa and Own Correspondents

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# Police arrest 31 in Durban demo

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police with dogs, batons and sjamboks yesterday broke up a march by at least 1 500 people, arresting 31 as police reported unrest from three provinces

The demonstration was against the shooting on Thursday night of civil rights lawyer Mrs Victoria Mxenge, and the 14-day-old state of emergency.

One man was bitten by a police Alsatian as the crowd marched through central Durban, but he was apparently not seriously hurt. Others were sjambokked or hit with batons and dragged to police lorries

## Cameramen

There were no baton-charges and a number of those arrested did not resist. Police cameramen filmed the events

All those arrested were released after being charged with taking part in an illegal gathering. They were ordered to pay R200 admission-of-guilt fines or to appear in court on Monday. Police did not release their names

The demonstrators, students from Natal University's Howard College campus and Medical School and from Durban-Westville University, were joined by bystanders and shoppers

Estimates of the total ranged from 1 500 to

3 000. Students of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and a handful of whites were also involved

Posters carried by marchers said: "Mrs Mxenge — we shall continue to resist", "Victoria, your spirit lives on" and "Hitler, Amin, PW Botha — three of a kind". Marchers chanted "Viva ANC" and shouted the name of ANC president Oliver Tambo

Hundreds of fingers were pointed at black riot policemen as demonstrators chanted "You are a sell-out" At police in general, they chanted repeatedly: "You are the terrorists!"

A crowd of many thousands looked on. Shopkeepers barred their doors as the crowd moved past.

Sapa reports from Pretoria that incidents of unrest were reported by police from Mamelodi, KwaZakhele, Zwelithemba and Mphophomeni, near Maritzburg, where police dispersed 150 people with quirts. There were no injuries or arrests

In Ackerville, near Witbank, a delivery vehicle was burnt and a police vehicle stoned. Police dispersed the groups with rubber bullets. There was one arrest

In East London, the boycott by blacks of white shops — now near-

ly a week old — continued yesterday

The Chamber of Commerce's president, Mr Nico Cloete, said he could not estimate the drop in trade

"There are outlets with mainly white trade which have not been affected, there are outlets with 50-50 black-white trade which have had declines, and there are others wholly dependent on black trade which have been severely hit," he said

The boycott seemed to be "total" at outlets selling to blacks only, he added.

The chairman of the local Oriental Plaza Traders' Association, Mr Praveen Harry, said trade was generally down about 80 percent

## Rampage

In Zwelitsha, damage estimated at more than R2 800 was caused by a mob of youths when they went on the rampage in Zone 4 on Thursday night

The Ciskei police said yesterday the youths stoned a supermarket and two police vehicles at 8 45pm. They also threw stones and other objects at passing vehicles, causing extensive damage. No arrests were made

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# Police open fire to disperse crowd

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WITBANK—Police opened fire to disperse a crowd that had set alight a bakkie in Ackerville, near Witbank, yesterday. No one was injured.

A police spokesman said the police fired in the air with shotguns to disperse the crowd. The bakkie belonged to the Highveld United Bus Service and was carrying tyres which were to be fitted to a bus which was set alight in Ackerville on Thursday night.

In another incident reported to the police yesterday, a bakery van was looted and set alight by a group of youths in Kwa-Ghuqha township, in Witbank. The driver was

also robbed of his daily takings. A delivery van was also set alight in Ackerville.

A car belonging to a representative of a Witbank liquor company was set alight in the yard of a house in Kwa-Ghuqha.

The police spokesman said there were no arrests or injuries in any of the incidents.

Meanwhile, a total of 98 people were being detained in South Africa in terms of the Internal Security Act as at the end of last month, police reported yesterday.

In a statement in Pretoria, the Public Relations Division of the SAP said it would in future

make statistics available on people detained in South Africa in terms of the Internal Security Act (Act 7 of 1982) to avoid "false information" being disseminated.

As at July 30, according to the statement, detentions under the Act were

Section 29 (1) 44

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Police said 52 more people had been arrested on Thursday night under the emergency regulations, bringing to 1 381 the number of people detained under the 13-day-old emergency.

One of the detainees was released on Thursday, police said. Forty eight people have so far been released — (Sapa)



**POLICE** used dogs, batons and sjamboks to break up a march by demonstrators in central Durban yesterday and arrested 31 people, including a white man and woman.

Police estimated the crowd to be 400 strong, while demonstration organisers' estimates ranged from 1 500 to 3 000.

One man was set upon by a police alsatian, but was apparently not seriously hurt.

Others were sjamboked or beaten with batons and dragged to waiting police lorries.

There were no baton-charges and a number of those arrested surrendered peacefully after being seized by policemen. Police cameramen filmed the events.

All those arrested were released after being charged with taking part in an illegal gathering. They were ordered to pay R200 admission-of-guilt fines or to appear in court on Monday.

### Posters

The demonstrators, black students from Natal University's Howard College campus and Medical School and students from Durban-Westville University, were joined by hundreds of workers and shoppers.

Schoolchildren of the Congress of South African Students and a handful of whites were also involved.

A theme of the demonstration was the gunning down on Thursday night of civil-rights lawyer Mrs Victoria Mxenge, widow of Mr Griffiths Mxenge whose own murder four years ago has not been solved.

Demonstrators also protested against the 14-day-old state of emergency.

Posters carried by marchers said: 'Mrs Mxenge — we shall continue to resist,' and 'Victoria, your spirit lives on!'

### Standstill

Marchers chanted 'Viva ANC' and shouted the name of ANC president Oliver Tambo.

Hundreds of fingers were pointed at blackriot policemen as demonstrators chanted: 'You are a sell-out'.

The marchers appeared in a body near the corner of Field and Pine streets

and moved toward West Street, crossing the road several times and bringing lunch-hour traffic to a standstill.

As the march moved down Field Street and westward along Smith Street, riot police stopped it and soon after began breaking it up.

Demonstrators and spectators fled when one policeman released his dog. An elderly black man on crutches was knocked off his feet and trampled in the rush.

### Resisted

A police spokesman, Capt Winston Hennis, said about 400 people had held an illegal gathering in West Street and had shouted ANC slogans.

'Police asked them four times to disperse, but they refused. The crowd then moved to the corner of West and Field streets where they ignored another request to disperse.'

# Durban demo march broken up

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A senior officer then gave instructions to policemen on the scene to arrest the demonstrators. The demonstrators ran in all directions and dogs were used to control the crowd.

'Some of the people resisted police action and the necessary force was used to arrest them. Altogether 31 people were arrested and charged with holding an illegal gathering and refusing to disperse when instructed by the police.'



Hundreds of central Durban shoppers watch as riot police wrestle with a demonstrator.

# Son's horror as mum is axed to death

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A YOUNG law student has described the horror of seeing his mother killed this week by four men

For 19-year-old Mbasa Mxenge, the murder of his mother, Mrs Victoria Mxenge, a civil rights campaigner, senior member of the United Democratic Front and one of the instructing attorneys in the Maritzburg treason trial which starts tomorrow, was a bitter replay of the gruesome death of his father less than four years ago.

Griffiths Mxenge, also a human rights lawyer, was found not far from his home in the Durban township of Umlazi in 1981 with 45 stab wounds and a slit throat.

His killers have never been found

This week Mrs Mxenge was shot and axed in the head in the driveway of her home in Umlazi — after her son was threatened by one of the gun-toting assailants and forced to run for cover.

A shaken Mbasa Mxenge said he had walked to the front gate of his house to meet his mother when two Zulu-speaking men, both armed with handguns, ran up



VICTORIA MXENGE  
Civil rights lawyer

the road towards him

"My mother had just climbed out of a car and I was about to help her inside with her parcels when the men appeared

"It all happened so quickly I didn't get a chance to have a good look at them, but I remember asking them what they were doing

"One of the men pointed his gun at my head and said: 'Do you want me to shoot you?'"

"I realised they were serious and ran across the road

"As I ran I saw two other men approaching from the opposite direction, one with a bag and the other holding an axe.

"Seconds later I heard a shot and my mother screaming."

The assailants fled and Mr Mxenge returned to see a small crowd had gathered around his mother, who was lying face-down in a pool of blood

"I rushed her to hospital but it was too late," he said.

"I don't think there is any doubt that the motives for the attack were political. They were obviously not intent on robbing her"

A former nurse, Mrs Mxenge joined her husband's legal practice in 1975 and became an attorney in 1981.

When her husband, a former ANC member and Robben Island prisoner, was murdered, she vowed to continue her civil rights work

A spokesman for the Democratic Lawyers' Association said: "It appears that political assassinations may well become the order of the day

"One can only think of the murders of Ric Turner, Griffiths Mxenge and other prominent opponents of the Government which remain unsolved."

Police are investigating.

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# 17 children hurt as mobs ram rags

Mercury Reporters

A RAMPAGING mob of more than 100 Lamontville pupils attacked a school bus yesterday, menacing the lives of black pre-primary youngsters as a wave of violence swept through Durban's black townships. Seventeen children on the bus were hurt.

In other incidents police used tear-gas to disperse looters and rioters while a number of vehicles were stoned and fired by the mobs.

Three Durban Transport Management Board buses came under attack.

One had been taking children to Gwala Street Pre-Primary School in Lamontville when pupils, boycotting classes apparently in protest at the killing of lawyer Mrs Victoria Mxenge, suddenly started hurling stones.

Windows were shattered as the youngsters screamed in fear and confusion and the driver immediately turned around and drove back to the Mobejani depot.

There it was discovered that 17 children had been hurt. They were taken by ambulance to King Edward VIII Hospital where most were treated for minor cuts and abrasions although four were more seriously injured.

DTMB staff took the children home when they were released from hospital yesterday afternoon.

In Kwa Mashu a car, a delivery van and a bus were set alight while a school and a police van were stoned.

Five passengers were hurt and there were also incidents of looting at the OK Bazaars supermarket and several other stores. Three arrests were made.

Many schools in Umlazi, Lamontville, Kwa Mashu and Chesterville closed yesterday after pupil boycotts.

Three schools of the Department of Education and Training were also affected.

Pamphlets had been distributed by the Council of South African Students urging children to stay away from school in sympathy with the death of Mrs Mxenge.

Mr Marshall Cuthbert, general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, said 'Several buses were stoned in Lamontville. One was filled with school children from a pre-primary school.'

## Petrol bomb

Mr Cuthbert said there were no injuries reported from the other stoned buses, 'just a lot of broken windows'.

'I just think it's really rough to beat up kids that age,' Mr Cuthbert said.

In Bloemfontein police were investigating an incident in which a petrol bomb was thrown into a room where 10 girls were sleeping, Sapa reported.

A second petrol bomb was thrown into a store-room, causing R8 000 damage at Monument Place of Safety in Ehrlich Park yesterday.

Lt Wicus Holtzhausen, police liaison officer for the Free State, said the hostel fire occurred on Sunday night after the children had gone to bed.

To gain access to the building a hole had been cut in the fence surrounding the property.

A spokesman for the Department of Health and Welfare said nobody was injured in the fire.

The bottle thrown at the sleeping quarters hit burglar bars and burst into flames outside. The girls panicked and fled. Staff immediately used fire extinguishers and contained the blaze until the fire brigade arrived.

Four of the pre-primary school pupils who were most seriously injured when a bus carrying about 30 children was stoned by a mob of pupils in Lamontville, Durban, yesterday. They are, from left, Doreen Zitha, Busam Mtambi, Smangile Chiliza and Zamini Zungu.



Small victims of attack on bus

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Picture by ELIJAH ZONDI

# Natal toddlers hurt in stoning

DURBAN — More than 100 Lamontville pupils stoned a pre-primary school bus, injuring 17 small children, in a wave of unrest which swept through Durban's black townships yesterday

Police also said they used teargas to break up crowds throwing rocks at police and stoning vehicles in other townships, including Soweto and Mamelodi, near Pretoria

## Protest

The pre-primary school bus was one of three buses stoned by pupils boycotting classes in protest against the killing of attorney Mrs Victoria Mxenge, wife of murdered civil-rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge

The injured children from the Gwala Street Pre-Primary School in Lamontville were taken to King Edward VIII Hospital in two ambulances. Most were treated for minor cuts and abrasions but four were more seriously hurt. The children were

released from hospital yesterday afternoon

In KwaMashu a car, a delivery van and a bus were set alight and a school and police vehicle were stoned. There were incidents of looting at a supermarket and several stores

## Closed

In Lamontville, offices and a workshop of the development board were stoned. In two of the incidents police used tearsmoke to disperse crowds.

Many of the schools in the townships of Umlazi, Lamontville, KwaMashu and Chesterville closed yesterday after pupils boycotted classes

A Soweto youth was stabbed and killed by a Putco bus-driver yesterday after a group attacked the driver, stabbed him in the leg and tried to rob him, a Putco spokesman said

According to a police public relations department situation report, isolated incidents of stone-throwing and at-

tempted arson occurred in Soweto yesterday.

In Alexandra, three black women were slightly injured when the Ikaye High School was stoned by youths

In New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth, a car and a delivery motorcycle were extensively damaged by arsonists, the report said

In Ackerville, near Witbank, a private vehicle was extensively damaged by fire, while in Mamelodi police arrested a man who stoned a police vehicle

## Sleeping

In Bloemfontein, police are investigating a case of arson after a petrol bomb was thrown into a room where 10 young girls were sleeping on Sunday night. No one was hurt.

Another petrol bomb was thrown into a storeroom, causing R8 000 worth of damage at Monument Place of Safety in Ehrlich Park. — Own Correspondents, Sapa and UPI

# Families flee township riots

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A youth was shot dead yesterday and several Indian families living in Inanda left the area in a large panic as unrest continued in the townships surrounding Durban.

At least 40 people were taken to a truck depot in Phoenix Industrial Park. A few had returned to their homes by

last night.

Mr Ranjith Ramnarain said he was at the depot when reports of bad rioting in Inanda came through.

"We first tried to reach their homes in cars and trucks, but had to turn around after mobs stoned us.

## Policeman

"We then took a pan-technicon and amid flying stones drove to the families and took them out of the area."

The youth was shot dead when a policeman opened fire after attackers set fire to his house and car in KwaMashu destroying both.

Buses were stoned and two stores in Ntuzuma and KwaMashu were looted of goods worth more than R50 000.

Rampaging mobs also attacked South African and overseas journalists, injuring two of them and damaging their cars.

Rioters stoned a Putco bus and looted the Phoenix Cash Store.

Police used teargas to disperse the mob who later moved to a nearby store owned by Mr Laljeeth Rathan.

They smashed their way in and looted it before moving to the homes of two Indian families from where they took TV sets and other goods.

Several vehicles were stoned at the entrance to Phoenix township including a light delivery truck which was forced off the road. The injured driver was saved by an army helicopter crew.

Police said a crowd of about 2 000 attacked police at the KwaMashu shopping complex. Police baton-charged the stone-throwing youths and used teargas to disperse them. No one was injured.

A police spokesman said police and private cars were stoned by youths on the Umlazi highway. Tearsmoke was used to disperse the youths and no arrests were made.

The house of a Chesterville councillor was petrol-bombed early yesterday while he and his family were trapped inside.

"We prayed and used water on the burning curtains," Mrs Rose Ngu-bene, the councillor's wife, said.

Divisional manager of Putco for KwaMashu and Ntuzuma, Mr Ritchie Stevenson, said five buses were stoned and damaged in the township yesterday.

Mr Roger Harris of Worldwide Television said he and a colleague, Mr Alvin Fredricks were slightly injured when stone-throwing youths attacked their car in Ntuzuma and two newsmen from Agence France Presse's car was also stoned.

Mr Soobry Govender of the Press Trust of South Africa was robbed of a tape recorder and cash.

Meanwhile thousands of schoolchildren in the townships around Durban and Maritzburg boycotted classes for the second day yesterday in protest at the murder of civil-rights lawyer Mrs Victoria Mxenge and the state of emergency.

And dozens of retailers in the townships — including Checkers — have closed their stores for fear of violence.

All schools in the Imbali area in Maritzburg and in Lamontville and Chesterville in Durban had been affected by the schools' boycotts, according to the Department of Education and Training's Natal director, Mr P J P Nicholson.

## Mercury Reporter

**RIOTING mobs continued their rampage of indiscriminate violence, terror and looting in black townships around Durban yesterday.**

Rioters stoned buses and looted two stores, stealing goods worth more than R50 000 in Ntuzuma and Kwa Mashu.

A youth was shot dead when a black policeman opened fire after attackers set fire to and destroyed his house and car in Kwa Mashu.

A 15-month-old girl was burned to death when a house on the outskirts of the townships was burned down leaving her family of about 20 men, women and children homeless, but nobody involved knew last night how the fire had started.

Mobs attacked South African and overseas journalists, injuring two of them and damaging their cars.

Just after 1 p.m., rioters stoned a Putco bus and looted the Phoenix Cash Store after the owner, Mr Ebrahim Jeebhai, had locked up and left.

Police used tear-gas to disperse the mob, which later moved to a store owned by Mr Laljeeth Rathan about a kilometre away.

They smashed their way in and looted it before moving to the homes of two Indian families from where they took television sets and other goods.

The windows of the two shops and the houses were smashed by the rampaging youths.

Mr Rathan said yesterday that his workers barricaded the store just before the mob had arrived.

'I watched helplessly as they used an axle to smash down the doors and windows before looting the store,' he said, adding that one of his workers, Mr Radhal Maharaj, had been hit over the head by the youths.

Other members of his staff and the occupants of the two houses escaped when the mob rushed into the buildings.

Rioters dispersed when police arrived but soon banded together again and converged on the entrance to Phoenix township where they stoned several vehicles.

A light delivery truck was forced off the road but the injured driver was saved by a helicopter crew when they landed nearby.

Police said a crowd of about 2 000 attacked police at the Kwa Mashu shopping complex shortly after 11 a.m.

They baton-charged and used tear-gas to disperse the mob. There were no reports of injuries.

Three men have been arrested and charged with public violence.

Police said they had reports of Lamontville youths forcing school-children in Umlazi to boycott classes.

A spokesman said police and private cars were stoned on the Umlazi highway where tear-gas was used to disperse youths.

### Prayers

About 3 p.m. a mob stoned two buses in Inanda.

The house of a Chester-ville councillor was petrol-bombed in the early hours of yesterday while he and his family were trapped inside.

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and buses were taking passengers only to the outskirts of Kwa Mashu and as far as the Civil Engineers Department in Ntuzuma.

A bus was stoned and set alight near the Umlazi station and a number of buses were attacked in the township.

The acting Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Dr Oscar Dhlomo, said yesterday that the KwaZulu authorities were watching the situation in Umlazi and Kwa Mashu closely.

Police in Pietermaritzburg yesterday reported sporadic incidents of stone-throwing in townships around the capital but said there had been no reports of serious injuries.

Dozens of retailers in the townships closed their stores in the face of violence and continuing school boycotts.

Several Indian families living in Inanda were ferried out in a large pantechicon following riots and stone-throwing in the area.

At least 40 people were taken to a truck depot in Phoenix Industrial Park. A few returned to their homes by last night.

Mr Ranjith Ramnarain,

Mrs Rose Ngubene, the councillor's wife, said petrol bombs were thrown at all the windows and doors and they were unable to escape.

'We prayed and used water on the burning curtains. We were just lucky the house did not catch alight,' she said.

The divisional manager of Putco for Kwa Mashu and Ntuzuma, Mr Ritchie Stevenson, said five buses were stoned yesterday, a number of windows being broken, but no injuries were reported.

The service to the townships was cancelled on the advice of police.

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who owns a transport business in Phoenix, said he was at his depot yesterday when news about the unrest came through.

'We all have families living in the Inanda area and the reports we received sounded bad.'

'We first tried to reach our homes in cars and trucks, but had to turn around after mobs stoned us.'

'We then took a pantechicon and amid flying stones drove to the families and took them out of the area.'

'They were all brought to the depot where we gave them shelter.'

'I now want to know what we must do in a case of such an emergency.'

'Our families have no police protection in the area.'

'Earlier a bus full of Indian School children was also stoned in the area,' he said.

# Violence rocks Natal townships

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# Police act as mobs loot and burn in Natal

DURBAN. — Riot police today used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and sneeze powder to disperse a mob of about 300 youths after a night of arson, looting and intimidation at Umlazi township near here.

The homes of two school principals in Umlazi were attacked. Mr J Shange's house was destroyed and a petrol-bomb thrown at Mr Isaac Kubeka's home caused minor damage. A bus, a lorry and other vehicles were burnt.

The township manager's office was destroyed. At Development Board offices today youths hurled bottles and stones at police, who responded with tearsmoke, rubber bullets and sneeze powder.

The police unit was reinforced by members of the Defence Force and riot police. They then patrolled the township, dismantling barricades.

Also at Umlazi last night, youths stoned and threatened passengers after a minor collision between two trains.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said today that shops in Umlazi and Kwamashu were looted. Goods worth R50 000 were stolen and police arrested two men and a woman.

## SHOT DEAD

In Kwamashu, a youth was shot dead yesterday when a policeman opened fire after his house and car were destroyed by fire.

In the afternoon, police used tearsmoke to disperse a crowd which stoned a Putco bus and looted a store.

The crowd sacked another store before looting the homes of two Indian families.

A 15-month-old girl burnt to death when a house was set alight.

A clinic and bus shelter were stoned and police dispersed the crowd with tearsmoke.

The police spokesman said a house in nearby Chesterville was petrol-bombed.

● The police spokesman said 1 459 people had been arrested under the emergency regulations and 597 had been released.

The report on other unrest for today was:

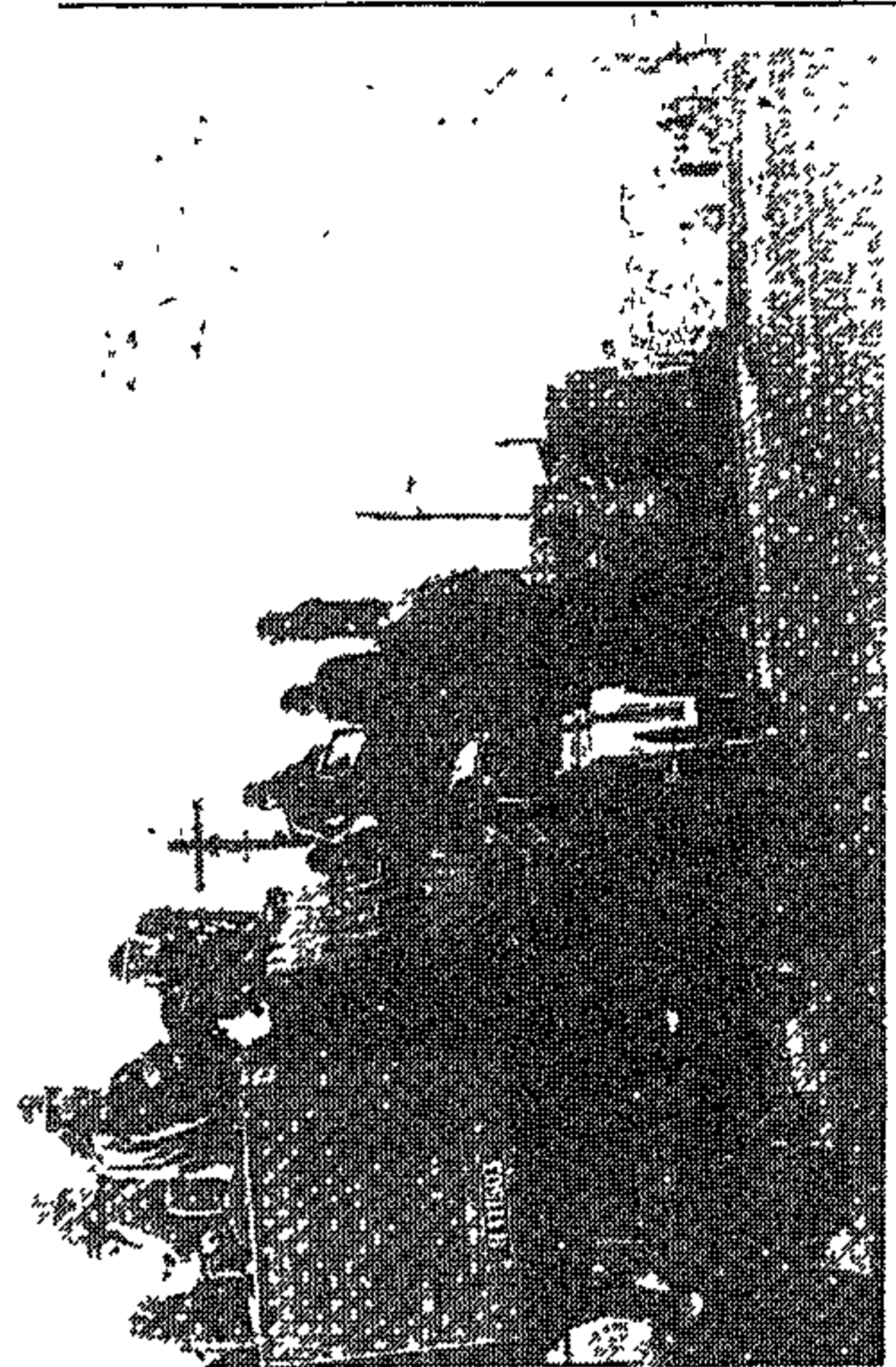
Soweto youths disrupted classes at nearly all schools in Meadowlands, Diepkloof and other areas today, forcing pupils to go home.

● At Kroonvale near Graaff-Reinet, a school was extensively damaged by arsonists.

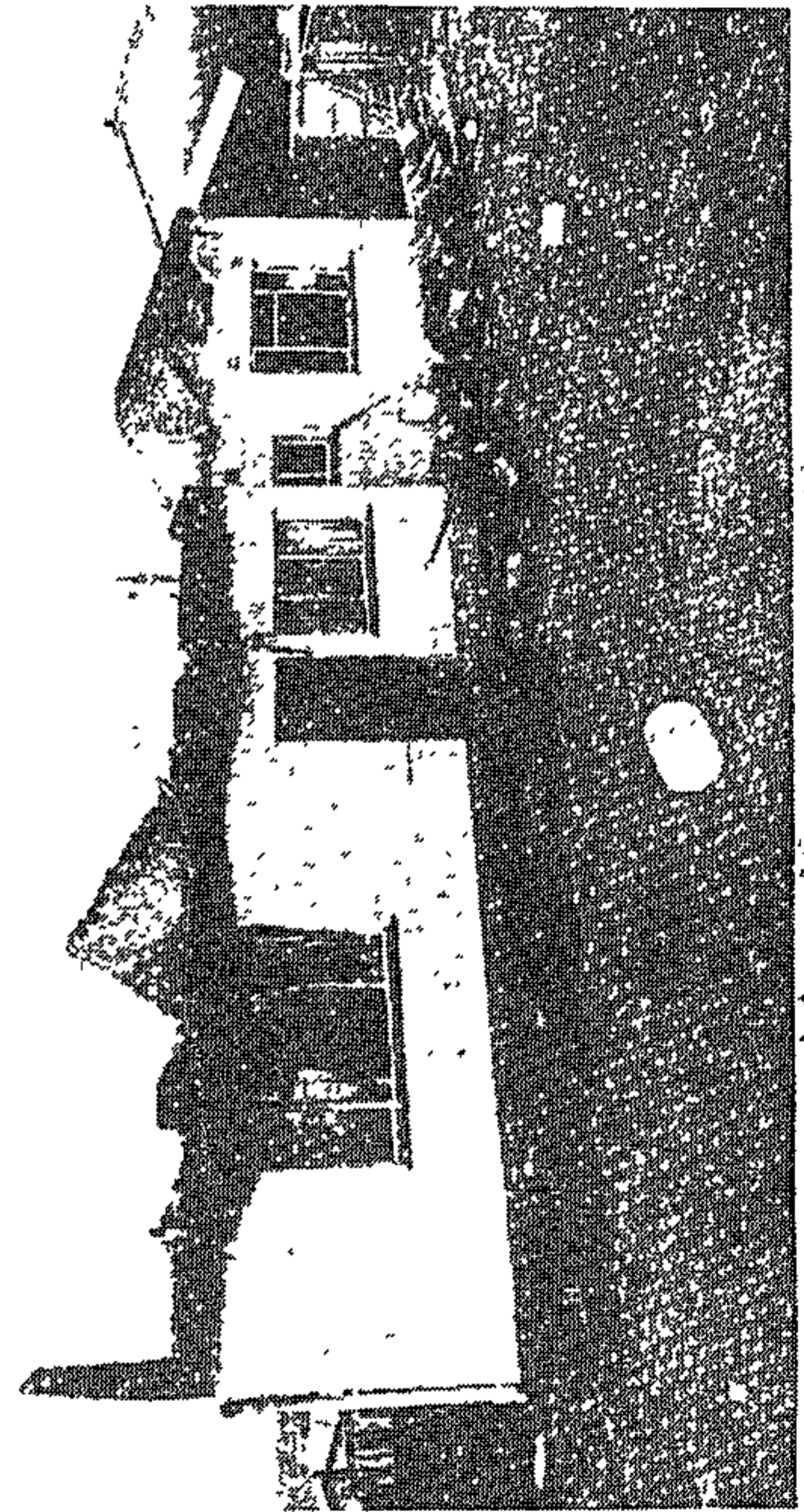
● At Daveyton on the East Rand, a house was damaged by a petrol-bomb. At Tembisa a vehicle was burnt out.

● At Barberton in the Eastern Transvaal, youths stoned vehicles. There were two arrests.

● At New Brighton near Port Elizabeth, a vehicle was burnt out. A youth was arrested. — Sapa and Argus Correspondent.



Riot vehicles take to Umlazi's streets after a night of violence and looting. There was more unrest in the township today.



This house in Umlazi township was destroyed by a mob of youths hurling petrol-bombs.

# Buthelezi warns of backlash

Argus Correspondent  
DURBAN. — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi last night expressed concern at what could happen if the anger of people being terrorised in the black townships around Durban were to "express itself in action".

Chief Buthelezi said blacks had for generations resented being terrorised by those who oppressed them and there was no way in which they would accept being terrorised by other blacks, "aided and abetted by misguided children and thugs that they are using to burn, maim and kill".

"I am troubled about the consequences of this thuggery, particularly if the anger of the people who are being terrorised expresses itself in action," he said.

## TRANSPORTED

The Kwazulu Cabinet had information that young people who were in the townships of Kwamashu and Umlazi disrupting classes, intimidating businessmen and burning public buildings were being transported from the surrounding areas of Lamontville and Chertville.

Chief Buthelezi gave his condolences to the children of Mrs Victoria Mxenge, the civil rights lawyer who was murdered last week.

"I am surprised by the manner in which certain elements are exploiting Mrs Mxenge's tragic death to promote anarchy in Umlazi. He rejected as a lot of 'hollow' attempts to present this kind of political thuggery as the black liberation struggle. Sapa reports that the Chief Minister of the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, said he was "personally monitoring" the position of Indians fleeing from the troubled Indian area to the neighbouring township of Phoenix.

## FLEEING

Mr Rajbansi said he was keeping in touch with police about the safety of the fleeing people.

A Durban spokesman for the United Democratic Front, Mr Billy Nair, today denied that his organisation was responsible for the outbreak of violence in Durban townships.

He said it appeared that a boycott of classes by the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) to protest against the death Mrs Mxenge had been "exploited by an element of hooligans and looters".



# Undertaker escapes mob disguised as a woman

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — An Isipingo undertaker, mobbed while taking a body to the trouble-torn township of Umlazi, escaped with his life after a rescuer disguised him as a woman.

Mr Manna Naidoo, 36, an employee of Isipingo Funeral Service, was driving through the township when the hearse was held up by a mob.

They set fire to the vehicle, but Mr Naidoo removed the body and left it on the side of the road.

He dashed into the house of a black woman nearby and she gave him refuge.

## WIG AND DRESS

The unidentified woman dressed Mr Naidoo as a woman with a wig and dress and later hailed a taxi for him which took him safely out past violent mobs and looters.

In another incident in Inanda, a man jumped on a bus to escape a mob which stoned him and his two assistants.

His family said Mr Glen Henrickson, 34, a stone mason, had been installing a tombstone at a cemetery and was driving back to Durban when his lorry was stoned.

They said Mr Henrickson, who is unmarried, is in intensive care awaiting an operation today and is unable to say what happened.

## BADLY BEATEN

A spokesman for his employers, Amas Monumentalists, said Mr Henrickson, Mr Matthew Zikode and Mr Johnson Nyawuze were in the lorry when the mob blocked the road.

A stone shattered a window and hit Mr Henrickson in the face. Unable to see, he stopped the lorry and was pulled out by his attackers.

He was badly beaten before breaking free and jumping on to a passing bus which took him to policemen who radioed for an ambulance.

Mr Zikode, who was also injured, apparently ran to Kwamashu for help and Mr Nyawuze got back to Durban in a taxi.

Bloodthirsty mobs in looting and arson

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# Durban riot

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## — hundreds of Indians flee toll rises

Argus Correspondent

**DURBAN.** — The death toll in the vicious fighting in Durban's riot-torn black townships has risen to at least 19 — with 16 people dead on arrival at King Edward VIII Hospital.

The hospital reception area looked like a wartime casualty station last night as 102 casualties were brought in for treatment.

Most people were injured at a memorial service at Umlazi for the murdered civil rights lawyer Mrs Victoria Mxenge.

A police bulletin, issued at 8am today, said four people died in the Durban area.

Today, crowds of stone-throwing youths attacked vehicles on the main road to Inanda and it was said that parts of the district had become "no-go" areas.

Police fired tear-gas canisters to disperse a crowd of looters at a spare-parts shop on the main road near Inanda.

### Ambushed

Hundreds of Indian refugees fled from bloodthirsty mobs in Inanda last night.

When some families ventured back today to try to rescue furniture or personal possessions, they were reportedly ambushed and attacked again.

The medical superintendent of Prince Mysheni Hospital in Umlazi, Dr Gerry McNeil, said a number of injured people were admitted there yesterday and last night.

He said a number of staff, particularly those from Umlazi, were away from work today. However the hospital was still functioning normally today.

Of the 16 people dead on arrival at King Edward last night, six bodies were brought in together in one van from Ntuzuma.

At the hall today, the refugees told how they had left all their belongings because they feared for their lives.

Members of the House of Delegates, including Mr J N Reddy, Mr Mamoo Rajab and MP for Phoenix Mr M C Moodliar, stayed most of the night in the Greenbury Hall with the refugees.

Mr Rajab said today that people had arrived in a state of panic, but had been calmed down by prompt work by police, welfare agencies and civil defence personnel.

Mr Raj Naidoo fled Inanda last night with his five children, leaving his house and everything he owned to be destroyed.

"It was barbaric," he said.

Mr Kalasur Ramdial and Mr Munichand Rambersadh also fled with their families and lost everything. They said that all the shops in Inanda had been burnt to the ground.

The windows of about 15 shops in the complex at the KwaDabeka in Clermont were smashed before a police reaction unit moved in last night. Crowds also stoned the hostel.

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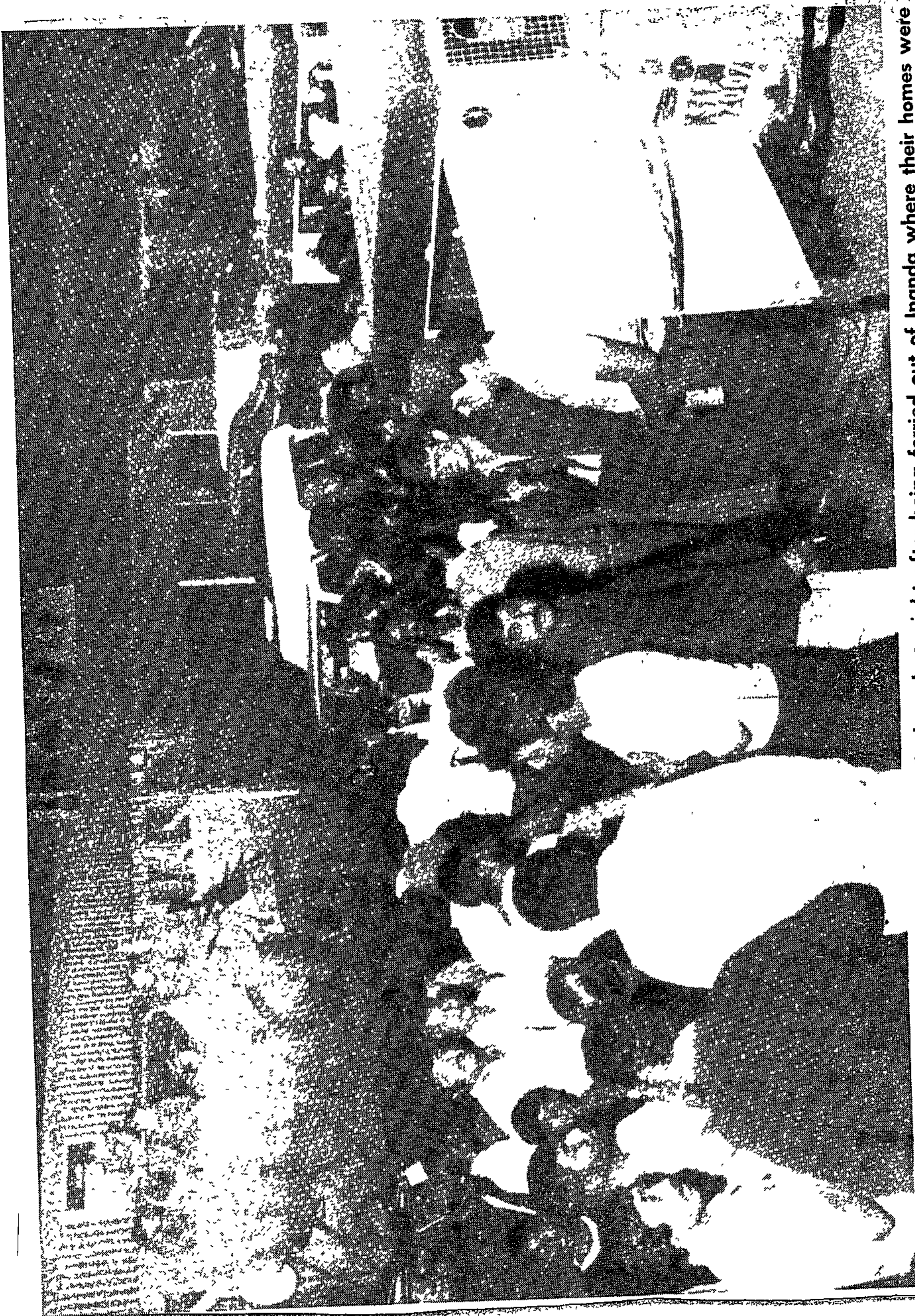
### Feared for lives

About 400 men, women and children packed the Greenbury Community Hall at Phoenix today after fleeing from Inanda, leaving their homes to be burnt and looted.

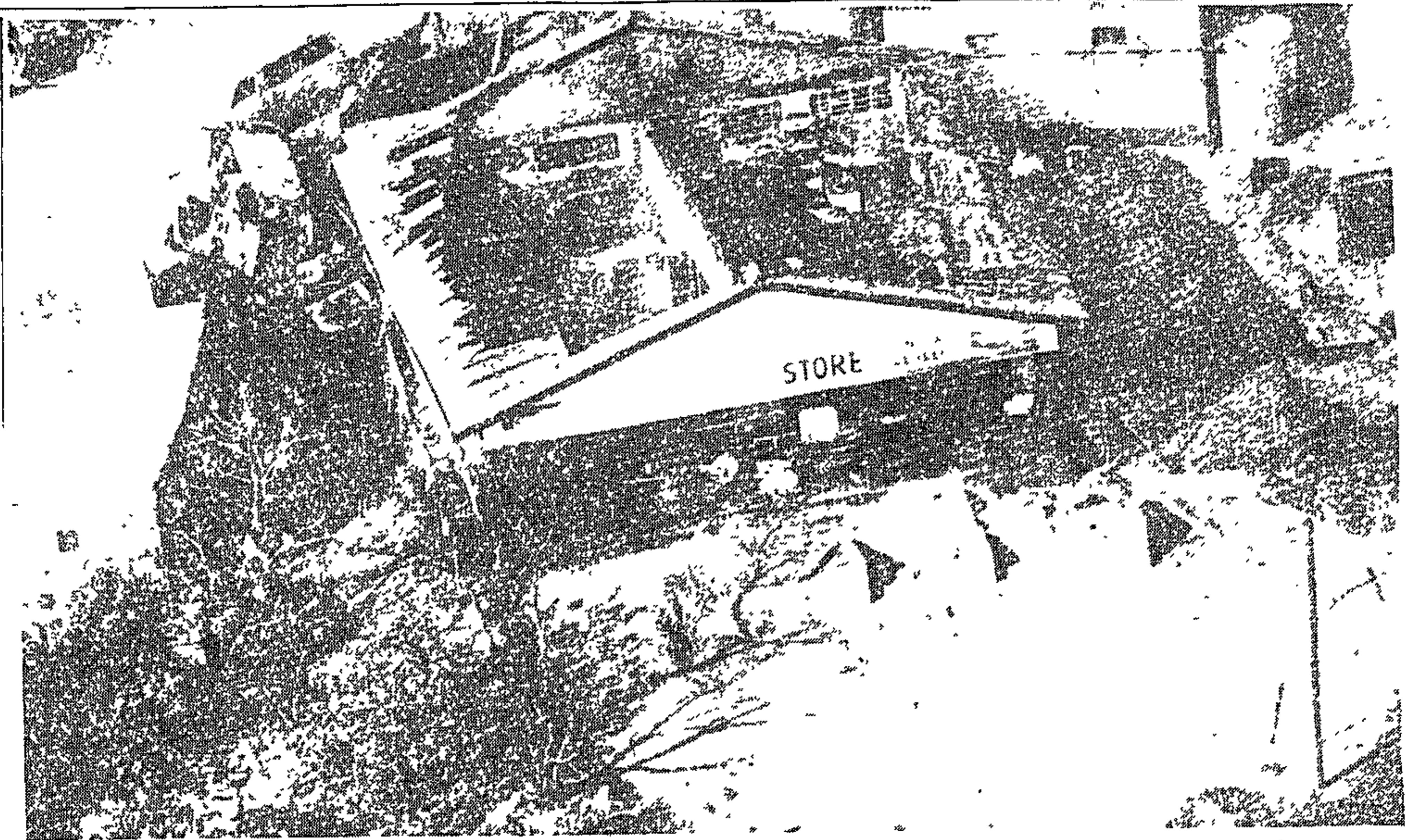
At least 20 homes were burnt down there. Widespread stoning, arson and looting continued today.

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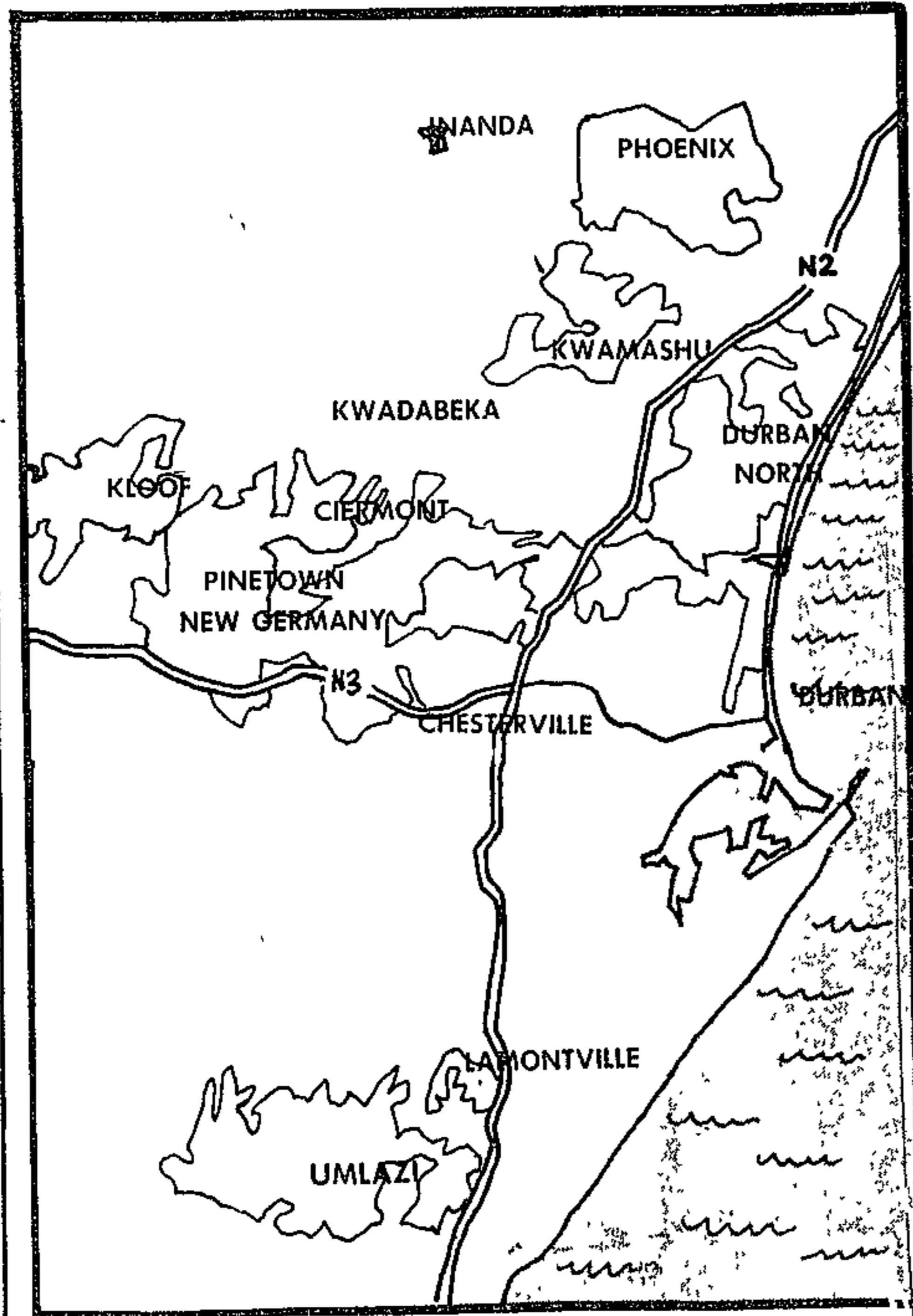
Indian refugees huddled together in Phoenix, near Durban, last night after being ferried out of Inanda where their homes were attacked by rioting mobs.



A gutted shell is all that remains of a general dealer's store today, burnt down at the height of yesterday's violence in Inanda, Natal.

## Hundreds flee riot-torn Durban townships

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administration block and broke windows.

Today, buses were stoned when they attempted to take an alternate route along the new freeway into Clermont and the service into Clermont was abandoned.

A porter, a Mr Dube, who works in the coloured out-patients department at Addington Hospital in Durban, was stabbed.

At Clermont near Pinetown a van driver, Mr Cornelius Makhanya, 35, of KwaNgendezi, died when he crashed into a house after being stoned by a crowd.

Soon afterwards Mr John Mbeje, 45, who was driving a tractor in the same road, was stoned but managed to escape.

● The state of emergency will not be extended to Durban, reliable sources have told The Star in Johannesburg.

● Police in Pretoria today confirmed the deaths of four people in unrest in Durban's townships between 8pm last night and 8am today, Sapa reports

Two men died when police used tearsmoke and shotgun fire to disperse crowds in a Durban township who had been stoning police vehicles. Two men were arrested.

Another man died when a policeman fought off a stone-throwing attack on his house with rifle fire.

And the body of a fourth man was found with shotgun wounds, presumably inflicted during police action in quelling unrest, police said

Fifteen men were arrested in connection with stone-throwing in the Durban area, during which shops were damaged and looted

In other incidents, police said an illegal gathering was dispersed and one man arrested at Ikageng near Potchefstroom.

In Soweto, arsonists threw a petrol-bomb through the window of a councillor's home, causing extensive damage. There were no reported injuries

In Kwazakhele in the Eastern Cape, a school was extensively damaged by arsonists. The blaze was extinguished by members of the SADF.

At Ackerville near Witbank, a garage was petrol-bombed. No damage was caused. Police dispersed the crowd with tearsmoke and a man was arrested. A second man was arrested for stoning a police vehicle and two illegal gatherings were dispersed.

Scores of youths were detained in a pre-dawn raid conducted by police and security police in Witbank's three townships of KwaGuqha, Lynneville and Ackerville today, police said.

They are being held for questioning in connection with various crimes

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# Indian families flee as rioters rampage

Own Correspondent

**DURBAN.** — An Indian businessman living in Inanda said last night he was about to take his family and abandon his home as rioters went on a rampage.

"I'm terrified. I don't know what to do," said the man who did not want to be identified.

He said Indian families were leaving the area in convoys of cars, reluctant to travel alone. He believed refugee camps for Indians had been set up in Phoenix Industrial Park.

He said he was one of only a few Indian families left in Inanda last night. Usually about 800 families live there.

"We can see flames and things being burned about a kilometre away. We think petrol bombs are being used. They've been stoning buses and burning cars.

"There is no sign of the security forces, although they are patrolling the main road.

"We can't take much with us — just clothing and important documents."

## 300 youths in riot

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RIOT police yesterday used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and sneeze powder to disperse a mob of about 300 youths after a night of arson, looting and intimidation at Umlazi Township near Durban.

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The editor of Ilanga, Mr Obed Kunene, had to seek refuge with friends after his car was stoned in Umlazi this morning and Daily News reporters Billy Paddock and Irvin Dlamini had to flee when they were stoned.

Mr Paddock, who was taking photographs, was hit on the collarbone with a rock the size of a brick, and the window of his car was shattered.

— Sapa.

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# Riding shotgun to the rescue

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Six armed men drove in a 10-ton lorry to rescue 30 Indians who were trapped by an angry mob at Inanda township.

The men, armed with two shotguns and two .38 revolvers, last night drove through the crowd which pelted the lorry with stones.

The rescuers reached the trapped residents and the lorry raced out again. However, another 70 families were left behind.

Mr Ramesh Singh, one of the men who took part in the rescue, said his employ-

ers, a transport company in Phoenix, decided to do something when the mob surrounded homes and began stoning them.

"We put a wire mesh protective shield on the windscreen and drove the lorry through. The crowd turned on us and began stoning the lorry, but we made it," said Mr Singh.

He said his company made its depot yard available to residents of Inanda who were threatened by the mob.

"We have hundreds of people in our yard. It is the only safe place available for them at the moment," said Mr Singh.



These heavily armed Indians ran the gauntlet of stone-throwers to rescue families in Inanda last night. They used this lorry with wire mesh over the windows.

# Natal unrest claims six lives

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The death toll in the unrest here has risen to six following the killing of a Chatsworth man and confirmation by police that they had recovered the bodies of four men.

And violence which has engulfed several black townships since Monday this week, yesterday spilled over into the Indian areas of Malagasi, Inanda and Newlands West.

At 10 last night, more than 300 Indians had fled the mixed Inanda area after mobs attacked and burnt their homes. They took sanctuary in the neighbouring Indian Phoenix township, at the Greenbury Community Centre.

Police said the bodies of the four men, whom they presumed to have been rioters, were found in the townships. They did not specify which townships.

The Chatsworth man, Mr Gobin Singh, 45, died after being stoned by a crowd in Ntuzuma, near Durban.

## Youth

Mr Singh was driving a delivery vehicle when the attack took place about 3pm on Tuesday.

His employer, Mr K Amin, said Mr Singh died in hospital yesterday morning.

A youth was shot dead on Tuesday when a policeman opened fire after attackers set fire to and destroyed his house and car in KwaMashu.

Umlazi yesterday became the focal point of the violence when administrative buildings of the KwaZulu Government and a mortuary were burnt down, schools set on fire and damaged, houses and cars stoned and burnt, shops looted and police vehicles petrol-bombed and stoned.

Riot police used tear-gas, rubber bullets and sneeze powder to disperse violent crowds.

Rioters allowed only residents of the town-

ship into the trouble spots.

The editor of a black newspaper and a white photographer were victims of the rampaging youths and their cars were badly damaged.

About 1 000 youths from Umlazi moved to neighbouring Malagasi where they looted two Indian-owned shops.

A principal and teacher of an Indian school in Malagasi were assaulted by the crowd. The school had not closed in sympathy with the murder of civil-rights lawyer Mrs Victoria Mxenge.

Several cars parked near a shopping complex at Malagasi were stoned and a hawker, Mr Dawood Moosa, was badly injured when his mobile vehicle was stoned, forced off the road and looted.

Two Indian-owned houses in Newlands West were looted yesterday when rioters from KwaMashu spilled over into the area.

A knife was allegedly held at the throat of a resident, Mrs Kandasamy Chetty, and another resident was stabbed in the knee.

More than 50 families along the buffer zone between the areas of Newlands East, Inanda and Duffs Road and KwaMashu have since abandoned their homes and are staying with friends and relatives.

At Lamontville, youths burnt benches at the community hall. Looting of stores and stoning of cars continued at Ntuzuma, Inanda and KwaMashu yesterday.

A man was assaulted and robbed by a crowd who set alight a home at Chesterville, while tear-smoke and sneeze machines were used to disperse a crowd stoning a clinic and a bus stop.

Mr P J Nicholson, director for the Natal Region of the Department of Education and Training, said yesterday there were widespread disruptions of schools in the Durban and Maritzburg areas.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that Mr Amichand Rajbansi, Chief Minister of the House of Delegates, last night said he was "personally monitoring" the position of Indians fleeing from Inanda.

He said he was keeping in touch through the night with police about the safety of the fleeing people and had been in touch with Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, about "the fears of Indians".

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Mercury Reporter  
 Two policemen operate from the back of a Casspir, with the shell of a burned-out lorry, attacked earlier by a township mob, in the foreground.  
 Picture by ELIJAH ZONDI

SIX people are known to have died in the violence that has swept Durban townships over the past 48 hours. Police confirmed last night that they had recovered the bodies of four blacks.

Earlier, an Indian man from Chatsworth had been stoned to death and a youth had been shot dead as he took part in the stoning and burning of a black policeman's house and car in Kwa Yashu.

# Violence claims six lives around Durban

Police said the four latest dead, whom they presumed to be rioters, had been found in the townships. They were unable to give details of where

they had been found or how they had died.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Division said: 'What is certain is that the situation here is pretty confusing. I can confirm four black men dead but I've got no confirmed details.'

The Chatsworth man, 45-year-old Mr Gobin Singh, died after being stoned by a mob in Ntuzuma, near Durban.

Violence that has engulfed several black

townships since Monday spilled over yesterday to the Indian areas of Malagasi, Inanda and Newlands West.

Mr Singh had been driving a delivery vehicle when he was attacked in Ntuzuma on Tuesday afternoon.

His employer, Mr K Amin, said Mr Singh had died in Wentworth Hospital yesterday after being transferred from King Edward VIII Hospital. Two black assistants who had been travelling with

Mr Singh escaped unhurt.

Administrative buildings of the KwaZulu Government in Umlazi were burned down, schools were fired and damaged, houses and cars stoned and burned, shops looted and police vehicles petrol-bombed and stoned.

A mortuary in the township was also gutted, police confirmed.

Riot police used tear gas, rubber bullets and sneezing powder to disperse mobs.

Rioters allowed only residents of the township into the trouble spots and vehicles which did not have an Umlazi registration were stoned.

The editor of a black newspaper and a white photographer were victims of the rampaging youths and their cars were badly damaged.

A mob of about 1 000 youths from Umlazi moved to neighbouring Malagasi where they

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# Four more bodies found

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looted two Indian-owned shops, but failed in attempts to loot several others

When the youths found one large store closed and barricaded they tried to force their way over a wall but the owner, Mr Ramlutchman Harripersadh, opened up and fired two shots with a shotgun and they dispersed. Police arrived later.

Mr Harripersadh said a warehouse was, however, looted of more than R1 000 worth of goods.

A principal and teacher of an Indian school in Malagasi were assaulted because demands that the school close to mark the death of civil rights lawyer Victoria Mxenge had been ignored.

Several cars parked near a shopping complex at Malagasi were stoned and the mobile vehicle of hawker Dawood Moosa was attacked and forced off the road before it was looted.

Mr Moosa, who was badly injured, was taken to Isipingo Hospital.

Two Indian-owned houses in Newlands West were looted when rioters from Kwa Mashu spilled over into the area.

Mrs Kandasamy Chetty said last night that a mob

of about 500 stoned her home.

When she tried to escape they caught her and held a knife at her throat while others looted the house and then damaged her son's car.

More than 50 families along the buffer zone between the areas of Newlands East, Inanda and Duffs Road and Kwa Mashu have since abandoned their homes and are staying with friends and relatives.

## Abandoned

One of the residents, Mr Rajen Singh, said the families had left their homes in fear and many had asked for alternative housing.

Mr Shan Gangerpersadh had to abandon his house when a mob descended on homes in Inanda. He left to stay with a relative in Phoenix.

At Lamontville, youths burned benches at the local community hall, while looting and stoning of cars continued at Ntuzuma, Inanda and Kwa Mashu.

A car driven by Mr Sew Ramnarain, a traveller for United Tobacco Company, was stoned by youths at Inanda.

A man was assaulted and robbed by a crowd

who set alight a private home at Chesterville, while tear-gas and sneeze machines were used to disperse the mob who stoned a clinic and bus stop.

The director for the Natal region of the Department of Education and Training, Mr P J Nicholson, reported widespread disruption of schooling in the Durban and Pietermaritzburg areas.

Most schools in Chesterville, Lamontville, Inanda/Newtown and Klaarwater had been affected; so too had schools in the Imbali and Sobantu areas as well as in Howick, he said.

Mr Wellington Sabelo, a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly for Umlazi, led a group of men who dispersed youths in many wards of the township and last

night his house was guarded by police as fire-brigade members stood by.


KwaZulu Government offices closed early yesterday.

A police vehicle was petrol bombed and a hearse set alight in Clermont where police fired shotguns, rubber bullets and tear-gas to disperse a large crowd at an illegal gathering.

Our Pietermaritzburg Bureau reports that buses were stoned at Imbali and Sobantu yesterday and a school boycott had spread to all black schools near the city.

## Food aid

MBABANE—Swaziland is to receive R21,2 million worth of food from the United Nations World Food Programme over the next three years — (Sapa)



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# 19 die in Durban

THE death toll in the vicious fighting that has erupted in Durban's riot-torn black townships has risen to at least 19 — with 16 people dead on arrival at King Edward VIII Hospital.

But police said the death toll was eight.

The spokesman said the unrest had claimed eight lives, seven black men and a black woman by yesterday afternoon.

There had also been no official confirmation of the death of two Indians in the violence which erupted in Inanda on Wednesday night and continued yesterday, the spokesman said.

The hospital reception area looked like a wartime casualty station as 102 casualties were brought in for treatment for various wounds incurred during the fighting, most of them from a memorial service at Um-

lazi for the murdered civil rights lawyer, Mrs Victoria Mxenge.

Yesterday, crowds of stone-throwing youths attacked vehicles on the main road to Inanda and it was said that parts of the district had become "no-go" areas.

A police column arrived and fired teargas to disperse a crowd of looters at a spare-parts shop on the main roads near Inanda.

Hundreds of Indian

refugees fled from looting mobs and when some of the families ventured back yesterday to see if they could rescue any furniture or personal possessions, they were reportedly ambushed and attacked again. The mobs had laid in wait and then assaulted them and took whatever possessions they had managed to retrieve.

The Medical Superintendent of Prince Mshiyeni Hospital in Umlazi, Dr Gerry McNeil, said a number of injured people had also been admitted to that hospital on Wednesday.

## Victims

He said a number of staff, particularly those from Umlazi, were away from work yesterday.

He believed they were unable to get to work, but the hospital was still functioning normally.

Of the 16 people dead on arrival at King Edward on Wednesday night, 10 were from various districts, but another six bodies were brought in together in one van from Ntuzuma.

About 400 men, women, children and babes in arms packed into the Greenbury Community Hall at Phoenix yesterday after fleeing the wild mobs in Inanda, leaving their homes to be burned, stoned and looted.

At least 20 homes were burned down there. Widespread stoning, arson and looting continued yesterday.



THIRTY-SIX standard six pupils from 18 schools on the East Rand and Soweto welcomed Mrs Thandi Chaane, co-ordinator of READ, Mr David English, managing director of a business machines company, and Mr Boss Legwale. This was during the launching in Isando of the Kalula reading competition for standard six children which the company will sponsor to the tune of R200 000 over three years.

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Your top newspaper, The SOWETAN is always filled with sparkling news among them some old favourites. Look what we have for you today:

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Fears of a chilling replay of history

# The race riots of 1949 began with a slap in the face

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By Hannes de Wet

The first violent clash between Indians and Zulus in Natal started with a slap in the face, 35 years ago. It ended with 147 people dead and 1 078 injured.

If police spokesmen and observers are right, the violence and unrest which broke out in some Durban townships yesterday could result in a chilling replay of history.

They say the unrest, which has claimed more than 20 lives so far, is an extension of the old feud between Zulus and Indians.

Eric A Walker's "A History of Southern Africa" gives this account of the eruption of the first feud.

"In January 1949 a Zulu lad slapped a young Indian shop assistant in the course of an altercation.

"He was himself assaulted by the latter's Indian master outside and was badly cut when his head was smashed through the shop window in full view of a crowd of Zulus and Indians waiting for a bus.

"At the sight of the blood the Zulus, who had long nursed grudges real and imaginary against Indians, went berserk, and the Indians, who had no love for Zulus, retaliated.

"The rioting broke out

## 'Isolate the hooligans'

The UDF-NIC statement yesterday rejecting Chief Buthelezi's claim that "a certain political organisation" is behind the unrest in the Durban area also called on communities to "isolate the hooligans responsible ... and hand them over to the police".

"For years, Indians and black people have lived peacefully together in Inanda. We believe that underhand forces are sowing dissension there. We consider the events tragic and mourn the loss of human life and destruction of property."

The statement accused the police of "not doing anything" to curb the violence and said they had "stood aside saying they did not have authority to go into the area".

again the next day, with the Zulus as a rule taking the offensive — determined this time 'to be rid of Indians' once and for all. The Indians as a body were clamouring for protection here, there and everywhere. On the other hand, some of the wealthier Indians fired at Zulus from their swiftly-moving cars.

"When the authorities at last got the rioting under control, the Indian rank and file again became 'truculent, provocative and aggressive'.

"It is well to record that the final comment was made by the courts, which gave three Indians heavy prison sentences for culpable homicide."

That's the picture as far as history is concerned.

Concerning yester-

day's clashes there are different versions of what started it all.

A senior police officer said the violence had taken place to embarrass Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, Chief Minister of kwaZulu.

Chief Buthelezi himself claimed that a "certain political organisation" was behind the unrest. He said members of the organisation and the activities of the African National Congress were promoting the black-on-black confrontation.

Spokesmen for organisations such as the United Democratic Front (UDF), Natal Indian Congress (NIC) and Azapo, who have long been at odds with Chief Buthelezi and his Inkatha movement, yesterday rejected his claims.

"Ours is a political

struggle — we do not indulge in criminal activities," they said.

It was stressed in a UDF/NIC statement that the violence was not caused by racial conflict. "We believe that underhand forces are sowing dissension."

Azapo publicity secretary Mr Imrann Moosa said Chief Buthelezi was shooting in the wrong direction if he thought any organisation was causing the violence by agitation. "The spate of violence could not be isolated from conditions prevalent all over the country," he said.

According to Mr Moosa, the people of Durban and the surrounding area were inflamed and enraged by the recent murder of attorney Mrs Victoria Mxenge.

"This murder is indicative of a trend toward getting rid of activists and political opponents in this way, and the people realise this is the work of the powers that be," Mr Moosa claimed.

Observers believe the violence could have started as political protest, but led to criminal activities which developed into an eruption of the old feud between Zulus and Indians.

The question now being asked is whether the Inkatha movement will become actively involved in the fighting.

# 27 die, 2 000 flee Zulu riots

DURBAN. — The death toll from three days of unrest here rose to 27 yesterday as rampaging Zulu tribesmen battled heavily-armed police in townships around Durban.

Civil defence officials said they had registered more than 2 000 Indian refugees who fled from rioting Zulus in the mixed black and Asian Inanda area.

A police spokesman, Colonel Leon Mellet, said at least 100 blacks had been arrested in the worst rioting seen since violence erupted in September last year.

Arson, looting and violence continued yesterday at Inanda and the situation in Umlazi and KwaMashu was not much better. A number of shops and KwaZulu administration buildings were looted and set alight. In Inanda about 30 Indian homes were set alight.

## Looting

Ten Indian-owned stores in Inanda were looted and burnt.

Blacks also looted and burnt homes and shops belonging to blacks.

Rioters stoned any vehicle entering the township.

Police claimed that investigators driving around the townships in minibuses were responsible for much of the violence.

At one stage in Inanda, police would not go into an area where at least six shops were set alight. They waited for the situation to calm down before moving in and rescuing Indians and government workers.

Burning barricades were again set up at various points in the townships, including the entrance to Umlazi.

Many Indian families who did not want to leave their homes and possessions in Inanda were rescued by police yesterday.

Most of the families have sought refuge in two community halls in Phoenix, the Inanda

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police station and a school near Verulam

Mr Rajen Singh, spokesman for the evacuated Inanda families, said several Indians who had been trapped in the area had sought refuge with blacks

Gangs of youths were said to be cutting telephone wires to homes in Durban's townships yesterday. A Post Office spokesman was unable to confirm this

Hospitals in Durban were yesterday treating more than 300 victims of the rioting, about 50 of whom were seriously hurt

Last night alone more than 120 casualties were treated at Durban's King Edward VIII Hospital, most suffering from stab and gunshot wounds

Late last night four loud explosions ripped through a shopping centre in KwaMashu near Durban, sending a ball of flames into the air which could be seen for several kilometres

Police suspected the explosions were caused by gas-bottles in a shop which had been set alight

Police reported last night that a black knife-man had been shot dead after he stabbed a soldier on unrest duty in Umlazi at 6 30pm

Police also reported that a black woman had been shot dead in Umlazi at 11.35am after looting a shop in Umlazi. Another four men were wounded and 15 people arrested in connection with arson and looting

In another incident in Inanda a car was gutted by fire and another stoned. The driver of one of the vehicles opened fire on the attackers, fatally wounding a black woman

In Maritzburg, six people were arrested yesterday when a group of more than 80 chanting youths ran amok down the capital's main street and in a shopping centre, breaking display windows and partly looting one shop — Own Correspondent and UPI

# Township Turnmoil

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Flames leap through the roofs of an Indian-owned store, shacks and other property after they were set alight by pillaging mobs. More pictures Pages 6 and 7. Picture by ANTHONY McMILLAN

**DURBAN'S riot-torn black townships slowly returned to normal yesterday as members of Inkatha stepped in, clearing the streets of trouble-makers and looters.**

Indians  
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set fire  
Mercury  
to black  
270  
homes

#### Mercury Reporter

AN Indian vigilante group entered the black township of Kwa Mashu near Durban yesterday, setting 10 homes and a bus alight.

A black man was wounded when an Indian man opened fire, according to the Police Directorate of Public Relations.

There was fluctuating tension on the borders of Inanda and Phoenix yesterday. At one point police intervened after blacks had moved down a hill towards Phoenix.

A number of Indians gathered at the shopping centre near the industrial area, but moved back when ordered to by police.

The official death roll since the unrest started on Monday last week now stands at 55. Of these, 36 died as a result of police action. The other 19 victims had been either burned or hacked to death.

More than 1 000 people have been injured in the violence and still more have been left homeless.

There were isolated incidents of unrest in Inanda and Phoenix yesterday but generally peace was being restored.

Thousands of armed Inkatha members moved into the townships at the weekend, determined to bring the criminal element under control and protect homes of both black and Indian people.

At a meeting yesterday in Inanda, attended by about 20 000 Inkatha supporters and a number of Indians, a member said he had not slept since Friday.

'We have been sorting out the trouble-makers. We have recovered a lot of the looted goods and returned them to the owners.

'Those people had done a lot of damage. We had simply had enough,' he said.

The secretary-general of Inkatha, Dr Oscar Dhlomo, said although Inkatha was a non-violent organisation it had the right to look after the safety of the people.

He told the meeting the townships had been visited by faceless, criminal agents who owed allegiance to those whose publicly stated desire was 'to make the country ungovernable'.

#### Restoring peace

Dr Dhlomo expressed Inkatha's deepest sympathy for the Indian and African families who had lost their homes and their loved ones as a result of the violence.

'We have come here to reassure our Indian brothers and sisters of Inkatha's willingness to co-operate with them in all efforts that are aimed at restoring peace, law and order in the area.

'We extend a hand of friendship and co-operation to our Indian neighbours and invite them to co-operate with Inkatha to stamp out all traces of violence, hooliganism and lawlessness in our respective areas.'

Dr Dhlomo said Inkatha was greatly disturbed that some reactionary elements were interpreting the events as a clash between Africans and Indians.

The organisation was also disturbed by reports that organisations, known to be clandestinely associated with this violence, were now accusing Inkatha of molesting their members and perpetrating black-on-black violence.

'These accusations are not only ridiculous but have also exposed the leaders of these organisations as political jesters who are engaged in political point-scoring while our region is burning and our people dying.

'We have yet to hear the United Democratic Front and the Natal Indian Congress unambiguously condemn this spate of violence as the president of Inkatha has recently done,' Dr Dhlomo said.

He said all schools in Umlazi and Kwa Mashu would resume classes today and Inkatha members would be in all the townships to escort children to school and guard school buildings on a 24-hour basis.



at a meeting in Inanda  
Picture by ELIJAH ZONDI

Inkatha members dancing  
yesterday.

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### Orchestrated campaign

He invited all operators of public transport in Umlazi and Kwa Mashu to resume their normal working so that people could resume their normal working lives. He also called upon businesses to resume deliveries to shops in the areas so that residents could provide necessities. Inkatha would provide adequate protection.

The United Democratic Front lashed out at Dr Dlomo's speech.

A UDF spokesman, who asked not to be named, said Inkatha was the only black organisation to carry arms in townships with impunity.

'We are sick and tired of this orchestrated campaign by the Government and its agents such as Rabansi and Inkatha to make it appear as though the NIC and UDF support violence

'If has not yet registered with Dr Dlomo and Rabansi, we say once again unequivocally, unambiguously and emphatically that we reject violence.

Our Pietermaritzburg Bureau reports that police used tear-gas to disperse a mob of about 40 youths during a stone-throwing incident at Sobantu Village near the capital yesterday. A youth was detained.

**Mobbed**

Police, using a loud-hailer, appealed to the Indians not to panic, saying there was no definite indication that the crowd was preparing to attack them.

Vigilante groups kept round-the-clock checks in Indian areas throughout Durban.

Sapa reports that angry crowds yesterday mobbed Mr. Amichand Rabansi, chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, and demanded to be taken to their burned-out homes to see what could be salvaged.

Mr Rabansi told hundreds of people in the Indian township of Phoenix that the Government would be approached for an additional R22-million for urgent rehousing of families whose homes had been destroyed in a week of violence in Inanda township.

An earlier planned attempt at salvage operations was abandoned because of rising tension in the border zone between Indian Phoenix and black Inanda.

### Peace rally

Mr Rabansi, using a police vehicle's loud-hailer, appealed for calm and said he would again urge police to arrange a convoy of trucks to be escorted into Inanda.

Police made a helicopter survey of the area and then agreed to allow only three trucks in at a time, escorted by Casspirs.

Because of chaos at the border, Mr Rabansi, who was accompanied by his wife Ashadevi and his Minister of Housing, Mr Baldeo Dookie, arrived at an Inkatha peace rally in Inanda at the tail-end of the meeting.

Mr Rabansi told Indians that those who could not afford deposit payments for new houses in Phoenix would be assisted by way of a special subsidy, estimated to cost the House of Delegates more than R10 million.

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# 24 dead as damage 'couldn't speak Zulu'

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## RUNS INTO MILLIONS

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

**ABOUT 100 chanting youths ran amok down the capital's main street and into a shopping centre yesterday, breaking display windows and looting as continuing violence left a number of Natal's townships under a pall of smoke.**

Figures issued last night indicated that 24 people had died in the turmoil which erupted on Monday in Chesterville and Lamontville and spread to Inanda, Umlazi and Kwa Mashu.

A Pietermaritzburg police spokesman said six of

those who had gone on the rampage through the city had been arrested and would appear in court today on charges of public violence.

A mob which ran into a chemist shop at Selgro Shopping Centre smashed three windows and started looting as they stormed through the arcade.

They had earlier left the Metropolitan Methodist Church in the city centre after having attended a memorial service for Mrs Victoria Mxenge with about 500 people.

Waving UDF pamphlets, they ran down Church Street stopping periodically to shout anti-Government slogans.

In the Indian section of the central business area they turned into the shopping centre, creating havoc. Before police could catch the gang they had entered a house in Retief Street, breaking windows and attacking the Indian residents.

Violence continued for a fourth day and night in Durban townships with estimates of damage running into millions of rands.

At least 80 people had been injured and more than 100 taken into custody, many for looting, according to Col Leon Meillet, spokesman for the Ministry of Law and

### Thugs 'couldn't speak Zulu'

Mercury Reporters

A DURBAN worker who said she was from Umlazi's P Section claimed yesterday her home had been raided in the night by a gang of youths, many of whom spoke only Xhosa and Sotho.

Some had had to speak English to make themselves understood. She believed they were all from the Transvaal.

'Some people say these thugs are from Lamontville and Kwa Mashu. They are not.'

She said her teenage son had been taken away by the gang but had escaped and returned later.

Before they left, the mob had looted her pantry and forced her brother-in-law at knife-point to empty his car's petrol tank into containers.

'Apparently they were running out of petrol for bombs.' She said she saw them cutting telephone wires.

MEMBERS of an infantry unit were given one

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A weeping Indian woman and her family inside the vehicle which had been stoned by rampaging youths at Inanda. Pictures by Anthony McMillan, Philip Littleton and Alan Coxon.



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Indian families load up their belongings to flee as rumours spread of homes being looted and burned.



A looter being chased by a plainclothes policeman at an Indian-owned shop in Inanda.



Impromptu road blocks and obstructions such as this tree stump in various places made drivers wary of danger.



More than 80 chanting youths ran amok down the main street of Pietermaritzburg, and into a shopping centre, breaking display windows and looting a shop yesterday.

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**DURBAN —** The death toll in Durban's township violence rose to 38 today as the King Edward VIII Hospital reported 16 more dead-on-arrival admissions and scores more casualties during the night.

Mob violence continued in arson, looting and intimidation incidents, with gangs turning their attention to many Indian homes and businesses

A dramatic appeal for help was received by the Daily News newspaper this morning from civil rights activist Professor Fatima Meer in the Gandhi Memorial Centre at Phoenix. She said a mob was marching on the centre and she was unable to contact the police

Meanwhile, a meeting is set for today between the Kwazulu Minister of Education and Culture, Dr Oscar Dhlomo, and the Natal chairman of the United Democratic Front, the Rev Mcebisi Xundu

The Chief Minister of Kwazulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has said the overall picture was not good, particularly as plain robbery and thieving were going on under the cover of political action

He said he was worried about the situation and yesterday asked township councillors, community leaders, officials of the Kwazulu Department of Education, and Inkatha office-bearers to devote attention to it.

Last night some groups of vigilantes were said to be forming in townships and in some Indian areas, particularly the select Duff's Road area near Kwamashu, where some homes were burnt down

One resident, a civic leader, Mr Ranjith Ramnarain, left the doors of his home open when he abandoned it with his family as an angry mob advanced on Kwamashu last night

An angry Mr Ramnarain, speaking from the home of a relative, said the mobsters would smash down the door anyway, so he had made it easy for the looters

He criticised the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, who flew over the strife-torn area in a helicopter yesterday.

"The Minister promised that we would have police protection and that we would be safe. But instead, most of us living in the Duff's Road area had to leave our houses and seek shelter elsewhere"

He said he was with Mr Le Grange aboard the helicopter and was surprised when the Minister decided that the situation was under control and left Durban without talking to any of the affected people.

He said that earlier in the day his three brothers who lived in Inanda had had their homes destroyed by fire.

Meanwhile, Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee member Mr R Panday said there were still hundreds of Indians trapped in Inanda and that no effort was being made to get them out

"Those people are being terrorised by the mobs and I fear that something dreadful is going to happen as the weekend progresses. Unless some strong action is taken to get out these Indian residents, they will be wiped out," said Mr Panday.

"What we need now is immediate action from the authorities to save the lives of these people. I fear that many children have gone missing and just about anything could have happened to them," said Mr Panday

He said neither the police nor the South African Defence Force seemed to be aware of the people trapped in the area and said he tried desperately to get some sort of official action. However, he was told that something could be done only today to get them out — Sapa

# Natal death toll now 38



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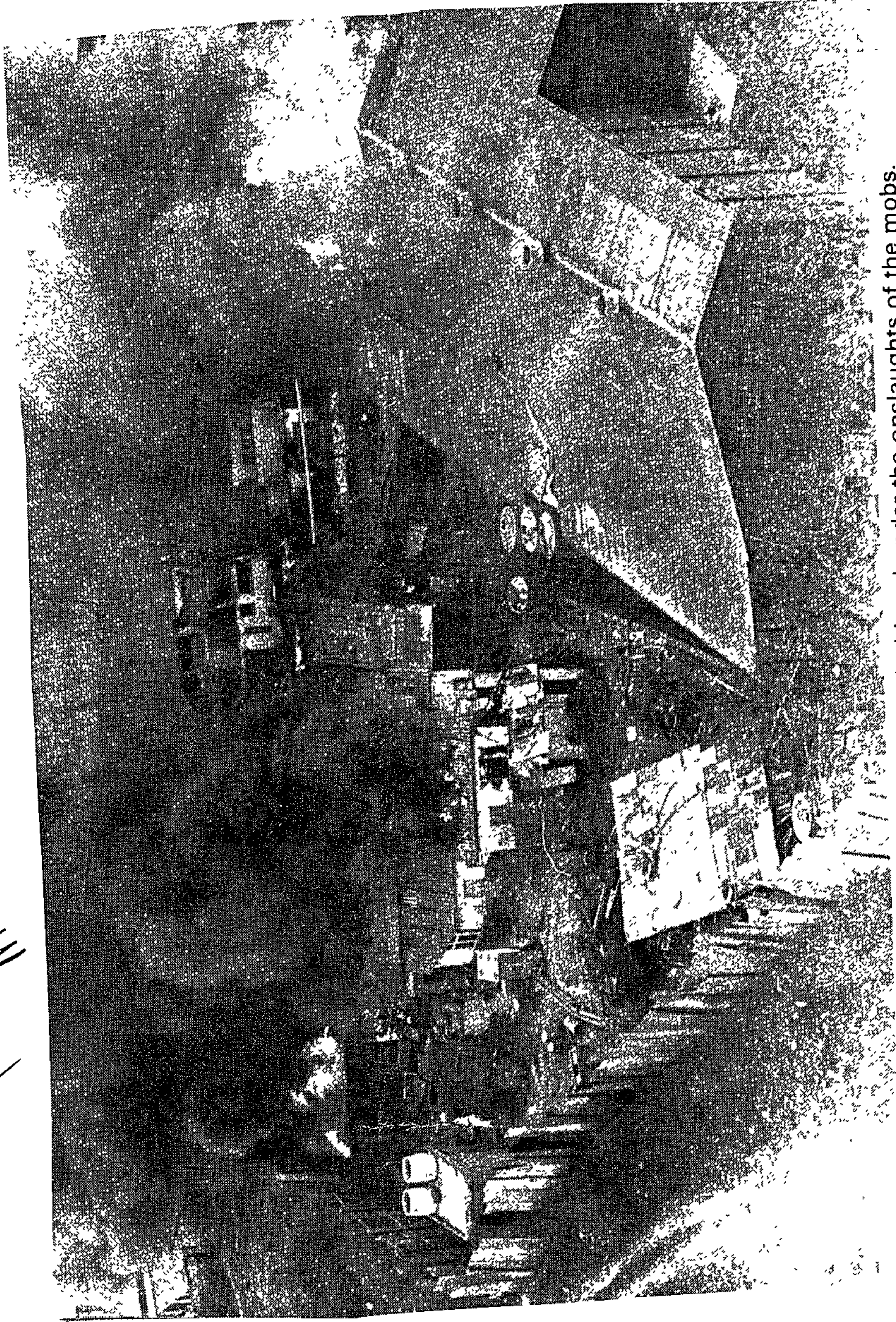
# Fear and fire in the townships

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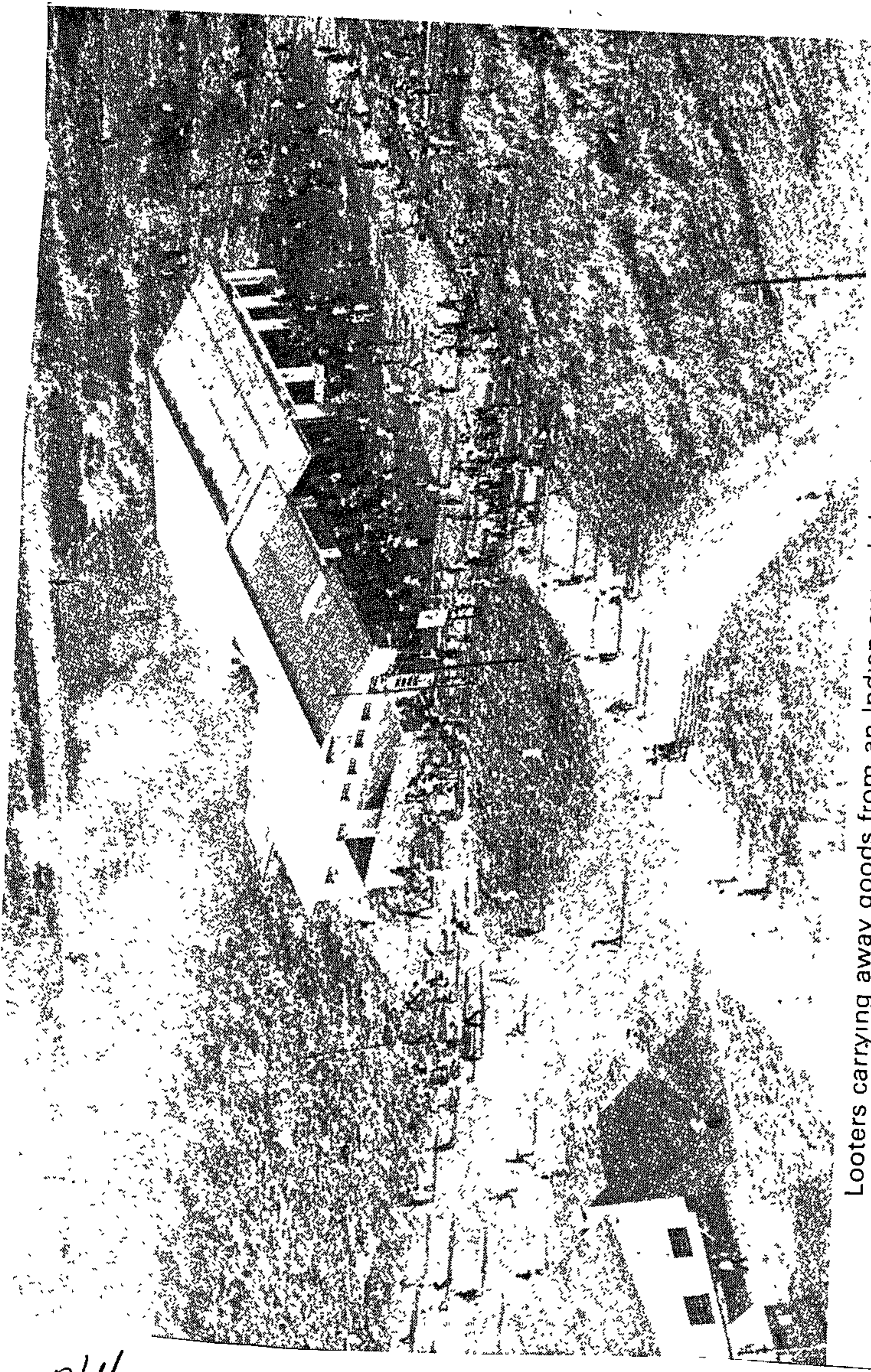


The vehicle of an Indian family which was stoned while they moved out of Inanda with some of their belongings.

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Smoke darkened the sky as scores of shacks blazed under the onslaughts of the mobs.



Looters carrying away goods from an Indian-owned shop in Inanda.

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Durban

As the death toll in Durban's township violence rose by another 20 to 42 today, a mob of 300 blacks stormed the Phoenix Gandhi Settlement, burning down 10 houses.

Forty of those killed were blacks and two were Indians.

People living in the settlement fled and panic spread through Phoenix as the stick-waving mob, chanting "usuthu", went on a looting and window-smashing spree before burning down houses

Police and troops joined Indian residents armed with pistols and shotguns in driving off the mob, but sporadic looting carried on through the morning.

Sixteen riot victims were dead on arrival at King Edward VIII Hospital during the night, and three more died later from injuries. One body was taken to Prince Myisheni Hospital in Umlazi.

### Police kill 9

Of the dead taken to King Edward, 14 were from Umlazi and two from KwaMashu. King Edward also reported 144 casualties: 37 assaults, 28 gunshot victims and the rest stonings.

Police said they shot dead one black man, bringing to nine the number killed by police.

Residents of the Phoenix settlement had begun moving out of their homes this morning, fearing an attack.

Civil rights activist Professor Fatima Meer, who was at the settlement this morning, telephoned *The Daily News* in Durban to plead for help as she could not contact the police. "There is a mob heading for us," she said.

She said families were moving their furniture out of the houses. Others were fleeing or waiting for trucks to take their belongings away.

About half an hour later the mob arrived and burnt down houses before being scattered.

At about 8.30 am a group of approximately 35 Indians armed with pangas and sjamboks, and calling themselves "the Phoenix Boys", arrived. They smashed the windows of houses and set at least one car alight. When reporters asked why they did this, they said they did not want blacks to get hold of the property.

Elsewhere in Inanda crowds set up road blocks and stoned passing cars.

### Stores looted

On a drive through the settlement *Daily News* reporters saw looters removing goods from stores and supermarkets.

Hundreds of kwaMashu residents were stranded in the township today after many buses and taxis stopped their services.

Residents said that during the night mobs looted and burnt shops in the area.

In Ntuzuma, a resident said "impis" with sticks were going from house to house early today, trying to persuade people to join them.

In Umlazi it was quiet today.

Barricades had been removed, but the first kilometre of road into the township remained strewn with rocks and stones.

Yesterday houses were burnt down in Indian areas, particularly the select Duff's Road area near kwaMashu.

One resident, civic leader Mr Ranjith Ramnarain, criticised the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, who flew over the strife torn area in a helicopter, saying he had only come for a "joy ride".

He said he had been with Mr le Grange in the helicopter and was surprised the Minister had decided the situation was under control and left the area without talking to any of the affected people.

# Natal toll rises to 42

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Dramatic plea for help from trapped Indian leader

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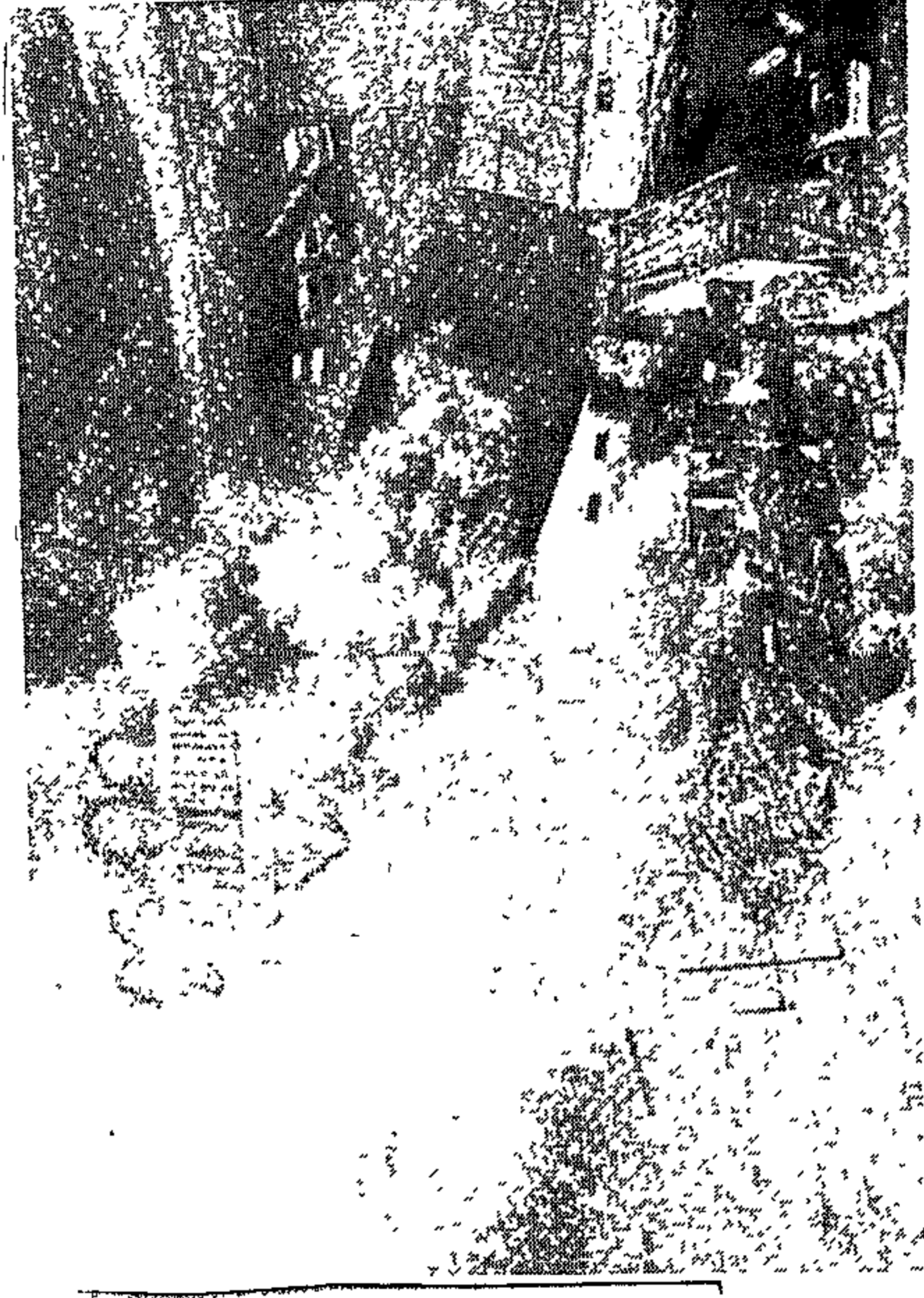
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Right: A home burns fiercely in Inanda near Durban today. Crowds also set up roadblocks and stoned cars in the township.

# Mobs stone car of widow and friend

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Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A widow of 60 today described how she and a companion escaped death during this week's rioting in Inanda.

Mrs Zoe Troon of Durban North was visiting Inanda with a friend, Mr Jack Birchell, also of Durban North, when a group of 100 people stoned their vehicle.

Mrs Troon, who was driving, was hit several times on the head with rocks, which smashed through the wind-screen.

Dazed, she ducked her head, but pressed her foot flat on the accelerator while Mr Birchell took over the steering.

They were pelted with rocks and stones by two other mobs before they reached safety at the Inanda police station.

"We went to look at a house which I have had built for a sick maid of mine. We had no idea there was any trouble out there," said Mrs Troon.

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — As the death toll in Durban's township violence rose by another 20 people to 42 today, a mob of 300 blacks stormed the Gandhi settlement in Phoenix, burning down 10 houses.

People living in the settlement fled and panic spread through Phoenix as the stick-waving mob — chanting "Usuthu", a traditional Zulu warcry — went on a looting and window-smashing spree before burning houses. They were dispersed by police, but sporadic looting carried on through the morning.

A vigilante group of 35 Indians with pangas and sjamboks arrived after the blacks left and also began burning down houses "rather than let the blacks get them."

Sixteen more people were dead on arrival at King Edward VIII Hospital during the night and three more died later of injuries. One body was taken to Prince Myisheni Hospital in Umlazi.

King Edward also reported 144 casualties — 37 assaulted, 28 shot and the rest hit by stones.

Residents of the Phoenix settlement began moving out of their homes this morning, fearing an attack.

Civil-rights activist Professor Fatima Meer, who was at the settlement this morning, telephoned a newspaper to plead for help because she could not contact the police "and there is a mob heading for us".

She said families were moving their furniture out of the houses. Others were fleeing or waiting for trucks to move their belongings away. "Every now and again I hear a gunshot and some running," she said.

About a half an hour later the blacks arrived and burnt houses before being scattered by police.

About 8.30am the 35 Indian vigilantes calling themselves the Phoenix Boys — arrived. They smashed windows and set at least one car alight. When reporters asked why they were destroying Indian property they said they did not want the blacks to get hold of it.

Elsewhere in Inanda crowds set up roadblocks and stoned cars. About 40 officials from the Department of Co-operation and Development waited outside the township for the police to clear the roads. On a drive through the settlement reporters saw looters removing goods from stores and supermarkets.



Professor Meer

## Woman flees from mob — dies in police station

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A 54-year-old Phoenix widow collapsed and died in Mount Edgecombe police station after running to seek protection.

Mrs Mungaree Gopaul, of Golden Green Gardens, a mother of 12, had a heart attack moments after reaching the charge office.

Her son, Mr Devchand Gopaul, said: "My mother rounded up my sister and four brothers and ran for help at the police station after hearing a mob was terrorising people."

"She was followed by other panic-stricken residents," he said.

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## Two take to air to visit gutted homes

DURBAN. — The Ramnarain brothers, Indian unrest victims, today hired a helicopter to visit their three burnt-out houses in trouble-torn Inanda near Durban.

A spokesman for the brothers, wealthy transport operators, said an attempt would be made to retrieve a large safe containing valuables from one of the houses.

As it was still considered unsafe to go to the area by car, a helicopter had been hired, he said, adding that the brothers had lost about R400 000 through the burning of their houses during yesterday's unrest.

It has been estimated that damage to property in the past few days of violence and looting in the Durban townships is in the region of R2-million, with Indians the hardest hit. — Sapa.

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Hundreds of Kwamashu residents were stranded in the township today after bus and taxi services were cut.

Residents said there were a number of incidents during the night as mobs looted and burnt shops. A supermarket and two stores were burnt and looted late yesterday. Development Board offices in were also set on fire last night, they said.

In Ntuzuma a resident said "impis" with sticks were going from house to house early today trying to persuade people to join them. He said: "They are taking anybody. They say there are people they want to kill."

Thousands of letters went up in smoke when the new Ntokozweni post office and postmen's depot at Umlazi were looted and burnt out yesterday.

The public relations officer for the Post Office in Durban, Colonel E M Smith, said the new complex, which served most of Umlazi and nearby black areas, was gutted.

He added: "We sent the staff home early yesterday and told them to lock the strong room. The place was looted and all the mail and parcels were stolen or burnt. The furniture was taken before they burnt the place."

Senior staff had gone to the ruined buildings today and cleared the safe.

Telephone wires in the troubled areas have been cut. Colonel Smith said cables were intact but mobs were apparently cutting distribution points above ground.

"There is no way we are sending repair staff in at this stage," he said.

Newlands East schoolchildren on their way to the Hillview Primary School were put to flight by black youths.

A distraught mother of three children at the school said she had seen children running in all directions pursued by black youths.

"I can speak Zulu and Xhosa fluently, but those thugs were definitely speaking a completely different language," she said.

### **Plush home abandoned**

Vigilantes were said to be forming last night in townships and in some Indian areas, particularly the select Duff's Road area near Kwamashu where homes had been burnt down.

Last night civic leader Mr Ranjith Ramnarain abandoned his plush home with his family as an angry mob advanced on Duff's Road.

Mr Ramnarain criticised the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, who flew over the area in a helicopter yesterday, saying he had come only for a "joyride".

He said: "The minister promised that we would have police protection and that we would be safe. But, instead, most of us living in the Duff's Road area had to leave our homes and seek shelter elsewhere to escape that mad mob."

Mr R. Panday, a member of the Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee, said hundreds of Indians were still trapped in Inanda.

"Those people are being terrorised by the mobs and I fear something dreadful if going to happen as the weekend progresses. Unless strong action is taken to get those Indian residents out, they will be wiped out."



Mr Louis le Grange and Mr Amichand Rajbansi, fly over the strife-torn townships near Durban in a helicopter.

# Natal death toll up to 54

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**DURBAN.** — The death toll of the violence raging in townships here rose to 54 last night after blacks and Indians fought a pitched battle at the Gandhi Settlement near Phoenix outside Durban.

UPI put the death toll at 55. Their figures — which include the deaths of 53 blacks and two Indians — were compiled from police figures, hospital admissions, local press reports and accounts from witnesses.

The deaths brought to at least 530 the number of people killed in 11 months of countrywide unrest.

King Edward VIII Hospital treated 60 unrest victims after 7pm, 32 of whom had gunshot wounds. Nine people were dead on arrival and two died of gunshot wounds after being admitted.

Umlazi's Prince Mshiyeni Hospital treated 113 people throughout yesterday until 8.30pm, 40 of whom had been shot. A spokesman reported no deaths, but no later figures were available.

## 385 injured

A survey of local hospitals listed about 385 injured, 114 of them seriously. More than 70 had gunshot wounds but it was not clear if they were all shot by police.

More than 150 people have been taken into custody.

Police were still patrolling the troubled townships last night and sporadic incidents of violence were reported.

Witnesses said streams of youths fled KwaMashu and Umlazi as Inkatha members armed with short spears and sticks began patrolling the streets.

The worst-affected areas yesterday were Inanda and KwaMashu where mobs, mainly of youths, patrolled the areas and burnt shops.

An 18-year-old youth was shot dead and a woman was injured when police opened fire at St. Wendolins, according to Mr. Protas Madlala, a community worker in the area.

## Mxenge

The unrest in Durban's black townships has been simmering for some time, but was sparked off by the killing of civil-rights lawyer Mrs Victoria Mxenge.

Some accounts said violence flared after Indian traders refused to close shops and businesses to mark Mrs Mxenge's death.

The Rev Wesley Mabuza, a prominent KwaMashu clergyman and former chairman of the Durban ecumenical organization Diakonia, was dragged from his home about 7.30am yesterday and accused of being a UDF supporter.

According to Mr Paddy Kearney, director of Diakonia, Mr Mabuza was made to chant anti-UDF slogans while being frog-marched up and down the road.

He is believed to have been taken out of the settlement on to a hilltop about a

fled the township.

Large mobs were seen patrolling KwaMashu and Inanda yesterday.

The biggest single group, numbering over 3 000, was concentrated on Inanda Road close to the Gandhi Settlement, which was founded by the Mahatma Gandhi during his 21 years in South Africa from 1894.

Blacks, looting and burning, rampaged through the complex, stripping wood and iron from the house where the Indian independence leader lived, burning the five-classroom school and gutting the library, witnesses said.

## Clinic

Only a small clinic survived the rampage — the most emotionally wounding attack yet for Indians.

According to a Sapa-AP report, the battle began when some 300-400 armed Indians set upon about 100 black refugees living in the centre.

Reporters said that the Indians, bent on avenging widespread arson and looting, set fire to the refugees' wood and tin shacks.

Police drove the Indian kilometre away, on the edge of the Phoenix Indian township. The Indian crowd there swelled to about 2 000 confronting, on the other side of a valley alongside the centre, a similar-size crowd of blacks, reporters said.

About 70 policemen in armoured cars kept the two groups apart while gangs of up to 60 blacks laid waste to the centre.

## Spears

The home of Gandhi, which contained many artefacts from the Indian leader's early life, was also burned and extensively damaged by looters. Dr Farouk Meer, acting president of the Natal Indian Congress, said last night.

Mrs Sheila Govender, a resident at the Gandhi Settlement, said mobs of blacks had arrived and threatened the families with sticks and spears.

Earlier a mob of about 300 confronted Mr Mewa

## Six in court after shops attacked

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SIX youths appeared briefly in the Pietermaritzburg Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of public violence in connection with an incident in the city centre when about 100 chanting blacks ran down the main street and broke

windows at a local shopping centre on Thursday.

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The incident followed a memorial service in honour of Mrs Victoria Mxenge at the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

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The youths, aged between 14 and 16 years, were not asked to plead.

Three were released on bail of R50. The others, whose guardians were not present at the hearing, were remanded until August 16.

One of the six youths faces an additional charge of assault in connection with an alleged knife attack on a traffic officer.

# Radical group blamed for triggering violence

Pietermaritzburg  
Bureau

AN EXPERT on conflict prevention has blamed 'a small group of well-organised radicals' for fomenting trouble in Natal by 'triggering off legitimate grievances' which black people have against apartheid.

Prof Robert Tusenius, the former head of the University of Stellenbosch's Graduate School of Business, said this yesterday while he was in the capital to conduct a three-day seminar for black community councillors on inter-group and inter-cultural under-

standing for the Natalia Development Board.

In an interview yesterday, Prof Tusenius said he had predicted that the unrest would spread to the Durban area from other parts of the country.

He said 'organised mobile units of radicals' had moved into areas to cause trouble in black communities where there was much unemployment and 'legitimate political discontentment with apartheid'.

'These radicals originate from the East Rand and from the Eastern Province and hope to get power if orderly government collapses so they

can creep in,' Prof Tusenius said.

He said it was vital that leaders advocating peaceful change should 'out-think and out-act' the radicals.

'This effectiveness includes political reform and power sharing and Natal can set an example for South Africa by taking the road paved by the Buthelezi Report for increased co-operation between Natal and Kwa-Zulu.

'Simultaneously, there must also be community security self-defence groups to protect inhabitants from attackers,' Prof Tusenius said.

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# Vigilante groups guard Indian homes

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — As armed Indian vigilantes and groups of Inkatha supporters gathered to defend property and quell violence in the strife-torn townships around Durban last night, there were reports of 54 dead in continuing arson and rioting.

After attacks on police and army patrols, ambulance services and fire-fighters were warned not to respond to calls in the townships

At Clermont, near Pinetown, where the Administration Board offices were again set on fire, the road into the township was blocked with a barricade of cars.

## About 3 000

An estimated 3 000 armed vigilantes took to the streets of Phoenix, Duff's Road, Newlands East and Newlands West, Mount Edgecombe, Effingham and Avoca last night in a backlash against rioters who have destroyed Indian homes and businesses

The groups, armed with shotguns, revolvers, swords, pangas, slashers, sticks, iron rods and axes patrolled the streets in groups of a 150 and late last night leaders of the self-styled "peace officers" said they would continue to expect trouble at least until Monday.

Nearly 1 000 vigilantes gathered on the Phoenix ridge which overlooks Inanda. In Effingham Heights and Avoca more than 300 vigilantes patrolled the streets.

A resident in the Effingham Heights township said they had mustered about 75 men with licensed firearms and they planned to patrol the township.

"We have to resort to this type of measure to protect our families and property. We have worked hard to build our houses and we are not going to stand by and watch them looted and burned," he said.

Another said the groups were formed after a number of intruders entered the area yesterday afternoon and caused panic among residents.

He said. "The vigilante groups are standing guard for about four hours at a time and have drawn up a plan to prevent any aggressors entering the area. They will open fire if need be to prevent looting and arson"

Captain Winston Heunis, police spokesman for Port Natal, said the police could not prevent people from protecting their property but asked them to show restraint and not become emotional.

In the afternoon about 2 000 people, armed with baseball bats, pangas, golf clubs and shotguns stood at the entrance to Duff's Road

Large crowds of spear-wielding Inkatha supporters, estimated at 1 000 strong, moved through Kwamashu last night threatening youths they believed had damaged property over the past few days.

They chased any youths they saw and, two residents said, killed a boy in his early teens who tried to run away.

### Business

The rush for ammunition started in earnest on Thursday and most gun shops have had to use extra staff to cope with the increased business.

'I'm in the sports department and I find myself here,' commented a shop assistant at King's Sports gun counter.

Mrs Miller said that she had been forced to use clerical staff to help out behind the counter.

'We have had about five times the business we have on normal days and I've already had to bank twice,' she said at lunch-time yesterday.

A black Umlazi businessman and bottle store owner who was in the city centre to buy ammunition said that more than 10 bottle stores had been looted and only four were left untouched in the township. He and a few other traders in Umlazi's P Section had joined together in a shopping centre to protect their businesses.

'This morning we had serious problems when a group of more than 100 people tried to break into our shops. We just had to shoot to keep them back — what else can we do?'

'My service station in Unit 15 was also attacked by a mob who cut all the nozzles to get petrol,' he said.

## Big run on arms and <sup>270</sup>Mercury bullets

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GUN shops in Durban reported hectic trading yesterday as people began stocking up with ammunition in anticipation of more violence and looting in the townships this weekend.

When the Mercury visited gun shops in the city centre yesterday they were packed with customers, mainly Indians but also many whites and blacks, buying guns and ammunition.

An exhausted Mrs Stephanie Miller, a director of The Gun Shop in Mark Lane, said: 'It was like this in '76 but then we sold a lot more handguns — this time we are selling a lot more ammunition.'

Although a waiting period of six weeks exists before a person can take possession of a weapon many customers were putting down deposits for guns yesterday.

'Shotgun cartridges and ammunition for most handguns have been selling fast. Certain calibre ammunition is completely sold out and apparently there is not any .38 Special ammunition left in the country,' said Mrs Miller.



## Violence triggers rush for guns

Assistants in a Durban gun shop battle to keep up with the stream of customers wanting ammunition and guns in the wake of violence in the townships. Crossbows and even catapults were also in demand.

# City Treasurer retires

## Municipal Reporter

AFTER 23 years of controlling Durban's finances, Mr Ossie Gorven retired as City Treasurer yesterday and handed over the keys to the treasury to his successor Mr Wilf Stone.

Mr Gorven is nationally-renowned for his expertise in municipal financing and has served on a number of Government committees. Policies introduced during his tight reign on the

city's finances are largely credited with making Durban the only debt-free city in South Africa.

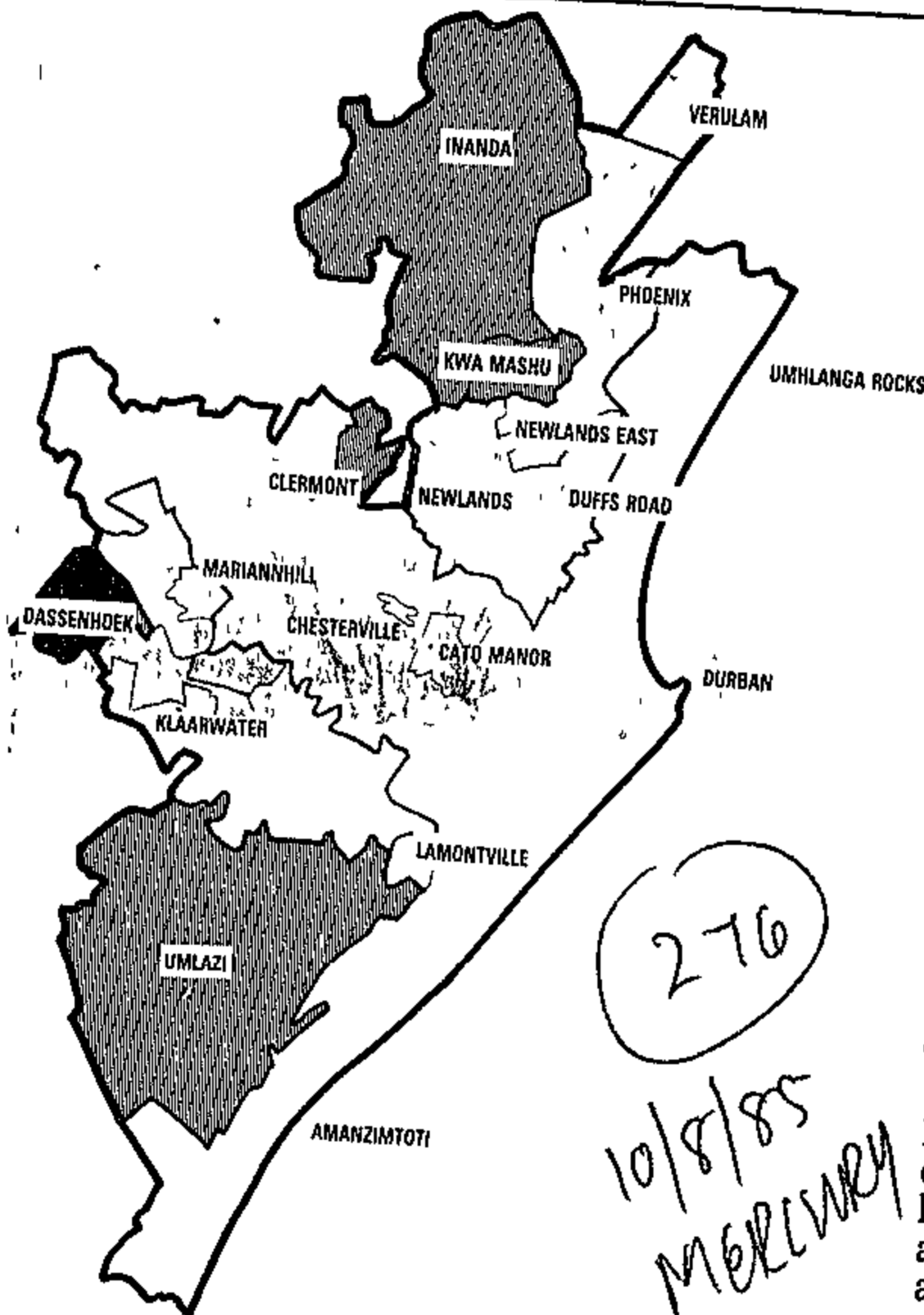
After 46 years in municipal office Mr Gorven said yesterday: 'It's been a real privilege to serve the city over this time and Durban has a great future ahead. I'm very happy that the city is in the secure hands of Wilf Stone and his team,' Mr Gorven said.

He said he still had a number of commitments

to meet, but was looking forward to taking a short holiday with his wife Beryl next month.

'Both of us love travelling and we're thinking of taking a trip around the world next year,' Mr Gorven said.

Mr Stone, who takes over as Durban's new City Treasurer on Saturday, has 40 years' service with the treasury and was appointed senior deputy City Treasurer last year.



The map shows all the areas which have been hit by rampaging mobs since Monday, stretching from Umlazi in the south to Inanda in the north.

## Crisis

## meeting to defuse violence

### Political Reporter

A WIDE range of organisations and individuals yesterday started moves to restore peace to Durban's strife-torn townships.

Representatives from a range of organisations gathered in a 'crisis meeting' to discuss ways of defusing the violence.

The executive of the Durban ecumenical organisation Diakonia has called a meeting of all clergy in the Durban area to share information about the crisis and decide what form of action the churches could undertake.

The meeting will take place on Monday at 2 p.m.

Inkatha and UDF leaders also met under the chairmanship of the Anglican Bishop of Natal, The Right Rev Michael Nuttall, to discuss the long-standing enmity between the two groupings in Lamontville.

After the meeting, which lasted several hours, Bishop Nuttall said: 'Uppermost in the minds of those present was a concern for peace.'

'The meeting decided that it was important that further consultations, representative of all possible groups, should take place,' he said.

## Broaden

'Current events gave very sombre and serious dimension to the talks but I came away greatly encouraged that some of the groups involved are talking.'

The 'crisis meeting' of representatives from a range of political, religious, student and other organisations, elected a committee which is to take further action.

A spokesman for the committee said attempts were being made to broaden its representation further.

He did not want to name any of the people on the committee or the organisations represented until everything had been finalised.

One of the committee's first actions was to ask PFP MPs Peter Gastrow and Roger Borrows, who were present, to arrange a meeting between the police and attorneys representing the committee.

Contact with the police was established yesterday afternoon.

The committee is to meet again today.



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## TRUE COLOURS

AS township violence continues round Durban it is imperative that all who genuinely reject violence as an instrument of political change stand up and say so plainly.

Of course, nobody ever admits to seeking violent change — except radical extremists based outside the country. The ANC calls openly for an extended campaign of violence through subversive literature and radio programmes.

Whatever they may say for public consumption, there are organisations and individuals that are rightly or wrongly perceived to be espousing, or to be harbouring, elements that support the same violent methods as the ANC. They also seem to be advocating civil disobedience, and pursuing strategies designed to make the country ungovernable. Indeed one news report has attributed the spread of violence to Durban to radicals who felt 'left out' of the state of emergency in other parts of the country.

Such elements should not be surprised if the sincerity of their professions of non-violence is questioned when they refuse to associate themselves with calls to condemn violence unequivocally and urge rioting schoolchildren and students to return to their orderly education.

With the horrifying results of youthful anarchy so plainly evident, no responsible person or organisation can continue to

support classroom boycotts and civil disobedience, not even tacitly.

Pious and qualified expressions of regret will not do. Nor can the sophistry that seeks to explain or excuse such violence be taken seriously. Any subtle academic distinction that might be made between so-called institutional, structural, economic and political 'violence,' and actual physical violence, is lost on mobs who understand it as a licence to kill, burn and loot.

If they wish to retain any shred of credibility or respectability for the just cause of black constitutional advancement, let them follow the example of Chief Buthelezi who, while yielding nothing of his anger and his struggle for a fair dispensation, calls for discipline and order while others encourage apparently imported mobs of non-Zulu agitators to create mayhem in Zulu areas.

We have heard a great deal about the need for the Government to talk to the 'real' leaders and people of influence among blacks. There must be talks — soon and at top level. But they can hardly take place until order has been restored and the emergency lifted. That is the first task of any real leader, for anarchy by its very nature knows no boundaries, as we have seen.

So let's drop the subterfuges, and let the roll call of those who really want peaceful change begin.



'Looks like a liquor'

## Wildlife on yo

**MANY ANIMALS** have socio-magical significance in African folklore, although why certain qualities are attributed to particular animals is not always clear to the Western mind.

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However, few can doubt that the hamerkop deserves its reputation as a prophet since its unique lifestyle is a clear indication of its affinities with the supernatural.

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## Falcon-egg thefts a blow to Icelandic pride

ICELAND's police and customs officers are waging war on thieves who plunder the nests of the Icelandic falcon, the country's national symbol.

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A West German was arrested recently on charges of attempting to smuggle three four-day-old falcons out of the country, and suspicions are growing that an organised gang is running a lucrative international trade in the protected birds.

wealthy buyers in areas such as the Middle East or India, where the ancient sport of falconry is still popular.

Mr Petersen said devotees would pay many thousands of dollars for a trained Icelandic falcon,

The falcon has been revered in Iceland since the Middle Ages, when it was a key export article of considerable importance for trade. The kings of Denmark claimed a royal monopoly on falcon-trading when they added Iceland to their domain and records show that France's 'Sun King', Louis XIV, was presented with a gift of 20 Icelandic

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REPRESENTATIVES of various organisations yesterday unanimously called for a swift end to the violence sweeping Durban's townships.

Natal Indian Congress and UDF Natal executive member Dr Farouk Meer said there was still sufficient goodwill in the communities around Durban for peace and calm to be restored.

'We want an end to the violence, destruction of property and the antagonism between Indian and African groupings as quickly as possible,' he said.

Dr Meer said there were elements at work in the various areas who were 'inflaming passions' by attacking the UDF and other organisations.

'We believe the authorities know who these agents are and if calm is to be restored they must be stopped.

'But we are sure sanity can be restored if the detracting elements stop sabotaging our efforts.

'It is not beyond our people to adequately respond to the type of call we are making,' he said.

The publicity secretary of the Azanian People's Organisation, Mr Imrann Moosa, said in a statement that Azapo deplored the 'wave of misdirected violence'.

He appealed to black people to stand together and 'not to give any leeway for the enemy to promote ethnicity and division between us'.

Azapo believed that the strides made in the liberation struggle should not be lost because of the actions of the agents of Pretoria, Mr Moosa said.

PFP law and order spokesman Peter Gastrow appealed for Durban residents to remain cool and not allow rumours to cause panic.

He called for a representative group of all affected parties to be established as soon as possible to devise ways of stopping the violence.

'Any one-sided attempt will fail. This is not a time for political point scoring.'

### Deeply regretted

Finger-pointing at various organisations without first hand, substantiated evidence would also make attempts to defuse the situation more difficult.

The Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, called for the abandonment of the use of violence for political ends 'before it is too late'.

Chief Buthelezi said he deeply regretted the harm the Indian community was suffering at the hands of blacks employing violence and hoped this would not be seen as violence directed at Indians as such.

Africans in the townships had suffered just as much and some had even lost their lives.

'The State President now needs to be urged more than ever to make a declaration of intent with black leaders which will enable black and white to work together for a future we will all be proud to share,' he said.

Sapa-Reuter reported from Washington that Bishop Desmond Tutu said yesterday he feared a monumental catastrophe in South Africa unless the authorities recognised the depth of young blacks' anger and agreed to negotiate change.

Asked about reports that President Botha would offer concessions to blacks next week, Bishop Tutu said he hoped the country was on the threshold of dramatic change.

He said he did not know how long young blacks would listen to moderate leaders like himself.

Monsignor Paul Nadal, the Catholic Vicar-General of Durban, said the real grievances of the black people would have to be dealt with before true peace could be restored.

He said that while a hooligan and criminal element might be exploiting the situation, there was still a need for genuine dialogue with recognised leaders.

# Violence: What the leaders say

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# Inkatha clashes claim first victim

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ONE man has been killed and several Siyamukela High School students have left Madadeni as the fight between Inkatha and Newcastle Youth Organisation members worsened last weekend.

The students who fled don't have homes in Madadeni

Zephania Nkosi was allegedly stabbed by Inkatha Youth Brigade members at his home last Friday night. Police confirmed his death, but said it "had nothing to do with the unrest"

The students who fled the township said they were attacked by Inkatha youths at

By MUDINI MAIVHA

their lodgings on the school campus. And the Inkatha youths are said to have warned them to leave.

"The brigade goes around with dangerous weapons at night," said one of the students, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals.

Inkatha regional organiser and KwaZulu government PRO Vivian Nkabinde denied this. He had earlier told City Press that brigade members had been cautioned "not to retaliate but to defend themselves"

A parents' committee will meet Inkatha about the unrest which has led to school boycotts in the area. And it is

hoped, classes will resume after the meeting, provided there are no new incentives to boycott.

A source told City Press that 70 percent of the students were already attending school.

"The parents' committee had a good meeting with a student delegation. The source of the trouble seems to be an outside element. Students said they saw their teacher being assaulted by known members of the brigade. But it is not known whether they represented Inkatha," said the source.

He said the fact that the teacher was attacked inside the school showed that security was "loose", and said students wanted to be sure they were safe.

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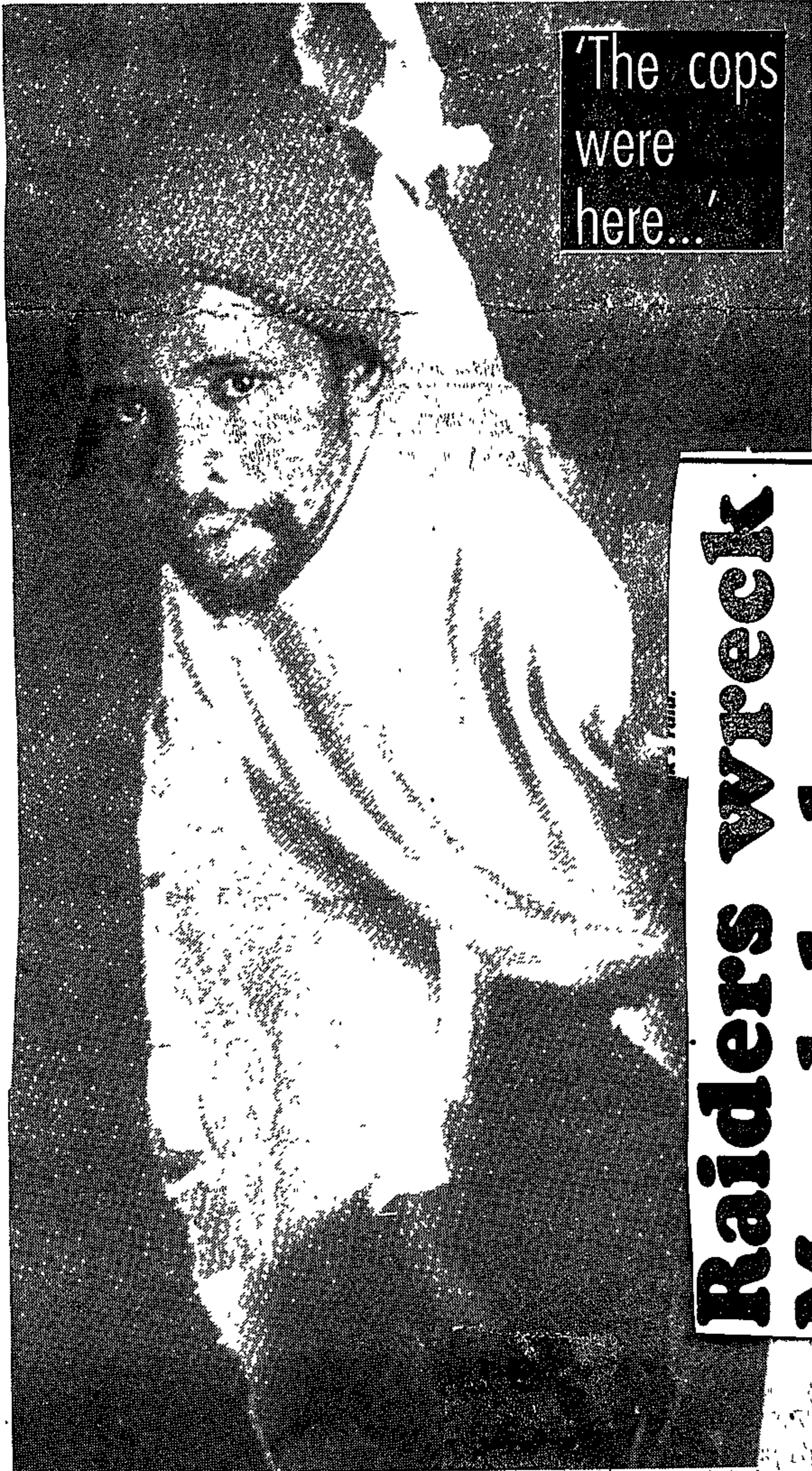
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## Raiders wreck Mandela home

WINNIE Mandela - wife of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela - may take legal action against cops who raided her Brandfort home this week, leaving it in a shambles.

This was told to City Press by her Johannesburg-based lawyer Ismail Ayob in an interview yesterday. It is not yet certain when the 30 people arrested after cops broke up a demo outside Mrs Mandela's home will appear in court. Among them is Mrs Mandela's sister Princess Khumalo.

Mrs Mandela was in Johan-

nesburg at the time of the raid. She has been removed to a "safe place" by Mr Ayob who said he "feared for her safety".

Cops raided her home on Tuesday after dispersing about 300 students with rubber bullets and teargas.

City Press visited the home the day after the raid. It was in a shambles.

Doors and windows had been broken. Food, clothing and medicine belonging to Mrs Mandela's tiny clinic and a free supply for residents of the location laid scattered on the floor. The bedroom walls and mattress were splattered with blood.

A Release Mandela Com-

mitte eyewitness, George Bosman, said five students who broke away from the cops sought refuge in the house.

"They locked themselves inside. The cops broke some windows and fired teargas into the house. They then kicked open the doors. The children were apparently bashed."

The cops returned later and removed some articles, he said.

A Pretoria police spokesman said police took action against a demonstration by a large crowd of pupils protesting against the state of emergency. He said seven petrol bombs and 25 litres of petrol were found in Mrs Mandela's house.



# Inanda: Police warn guards

POLICE have warned the heavily armed vigilante groups patrolling Indian areas that they would be arrested if they took the law into their own hands. 270

The warning follows reports of Indian groups determined to protect their property against marauding gangs in the Phoenix area.

A senior police spokesman said they worked round the clock taking care of more than 1 000 people from Inanda who had lost their homes in last week's rioting. SOWETAN

The homeless were given temporary shelter at the Greenbury community hall in Phoenix where Durban's medical officer of health, Dr Murial Richter spent the weekend directing her nursing staff. 27885

Dr Richter said: "A group of doctors came voluntarily to make sure we had no health problems in the overcrowded conditions."

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# Mrs Mxenge risked her life

JOHANNESBURG — Mrs Victoria Mxenge, who was buried at King William's Town yesterday, knew when her husband was murdered in 1981 that her vow to continue his work could mean that she would be killed as well.

Mr Griffiths Mxenge, a leading civil-rights lawyer, was found dead near their home in Durban's Umlazi township on November 19, 1981 with 45 stab wounds in his body. His killers have never been found.

She said his murder was a political assassination, though she never blamed any specific person or organization for his death.

### 'I will continue'

"If by killing my husband they thought the work he was doing would come to an end, they have made a mistake," she said "I will continue even if it means I must also die."

Eleven days ago, in the twilight of August 1, she was gunned down by

four black men as she climbed from a car outside her home.

While her three children, aged from six to 15, watched from the veranda, her assailants hacked at her with knives until she died at her own front door.

Victoria Mxenge began her working life in 1960 as a nurse in Alice, in the Eastern Cape. Fourteen years later her husband persuaded her to join him in his controversial law firm. She began her studies in 1974 and was admitted as an advocate in 1981, the year he was killed.

At the time of her death, she was local treasurer of the United Democratic Front. She was also set to help defend 16 UDF leaders in a treason trial that began four days after she was killed.

Mrs Mxenge, 43, was widely respected as a civil-rights lawyer, an opponent of apartheid and as a spokeswoman for opponents of the government.

### Investigation

Police ordered a top-level investigation into her killing, but there has been no word of progress since she died.

Some black radicals have alleged she was murdered by a government "death squad". Others blame the moderate Inkatha political movement led by Zulu Chief Gatsha Buthelezi.

A police source in Durban said officers suspected the Azanian People's Organization. — UPI

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# War chants at peace indaba

A PEACE rally attended by a handful of Indians and thousands of chant-ing Zulus with spears, swords and guns broke up in chaos yesterday as racial strife continued to rage in this township north of Durban.

At least 65 have died in a week of bloodshed and anarchy in which Indians have been driven from their homes and rival black political groups have clashed.

Hospital officials said the death toll since Tuesday had risen by another 10 overnight, but police said the town-

**SOWETAN** Correspondent  
 ships around Durban were relatively calm yesterday. 12  
 As leaders of the Zulu Inkatha group loyal to Chief Gatsba Buthelezi told the rally that they had taken the law into their own hands and restored order, columns of black smoke from blazing homes and vehicles rose into the sky, angering the crowd.

**Revenge**  
 Residents blamed Indian vigilante groups seeking revenge, and

hundreds of Zulu warriors surged up a hillside in search of the attackers. **SOWETAN**  
 An Indian who went into Inanda to try to recover what he could from his plundered home was stoned by a crowd, eyewitnesses said.

Troops and police stood by in armoured personnel carriers but did not attempt to control the crowds. Inkatha secretary general Dr Oscar Dhlomo told the crowd, who periodically shouted war chants and

rattled machetes and clubs, that the multi-racial United Democratic Front (UDF), an anti-apartheid group, was largely to blame for the recent unrest.

**Apartheid**  
 "We have come here to reassure our Indian brothers and sisters of Inkatha's willingness to co-operate with them in all efforts that are aimed at restoring peace, law and order in this area," he said.

He reaffirmed that In-

ship south of Durban a U.D.F. spokesman blamed Inkatha for sparking the unrest by breaking up a memorial meeting last week for assassinated black human rights lawyer and UDF leader Victoria Mxenge who was being burned



CHIEF Gatsba Buthelezi.

## Mxenge funeral

# Policeman MERCURY burns to death

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the back of his head and a small bundle of twigs and branches burning on his body.

At the funeral Mrs Mxenge's death was described as the work of South Africa's apartheid system. Speakers denounced the South African Government and Kwazulu Chief Minister Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi's Inkatha movement.

Mr Zac Yacoob de-

nounced anti-Indian violence in Durban last week, saying of Mrs Mxenge: 'She understood clearly the meaning of non-racialism and was prepared to die for it.'

'Who killed her?' he asked. 'Although we don't know exactly, we know this, whoever killed her must have been apartheid or its agents.'

'Let us tell these people that many, many more of us are prepared to die and that they can't kill enough of us.'

A message was read from jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, who was referred to only as 'Uncle Nelson' and by 'his Pollismoor prison number

Meanwhile police in Pretoria said a Mamelodi, Pretoria, man had been killed after a mob set a hostel and a business alight, causing damage of about R56 000. His body was set alight in public. — (Sapa)

### UPI sale

WASHINGTON—United Press International is completing a document offering the news agency for sale and plans to have it ready for potential investors within a week. — (Sapa-Reuter)

### Motorist killed

AN Indian motorist died at the weekend after a head-on collision between two cars on the R94 near Mount Edgecombe.



King William's Town—Pallbearers carry the coffin of the black human rights lawyer, Mrs Victoria Mxenge, to the cemetery at the Rayi township near here yesterday.

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# Inkatha patrols aid police in maintaining calm

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — Stick-wielding Inkatha patrols helped police maintain calm in Durban's townships last night and thousands of black children, filing past gutted ruins of businesses and homes destroyed in a week of violence, returned to school today.

Two more deaths yesterday added to the toll of 55 dead and more than 1 000 injured

A police spokesman in Pretoria said it was quiet in the three black townships of Inanda, Kwamashu and Umlazi last night

Township residents said Inkatha members patrolled the streets through the night. Today police patrolled the main roads

The class boycotts, which have paralysed black education and brought tertiary education to a halt in Natal, showed signs of ending today as thousands returned to classes

## SECOND WAVE

Concern that a second wave of violence might be sparked off by the actions of vigilante groups was voiced by PFP MP Mr Peter Gastrow (Durban Central) today

He said such groups, whether inspired by Indians from Phoenix or Inkatha in Umlazi, should not be allowed to operate outside of the law

On the question of bringing together various groups including Inkatha, the United Democratic Front and the Natal Indian Congress, for talks to defuse the situation in the townships, Mr Gastrow said he could not take any initiatives but would have to wait to hear from the other parties

## VIOLENCE

Meanwhile our Pretoria Correspondent reports that Mamelodi is tense today after a weekend of violence which saw two die, buildings in flames and repeated stonings.

A man was burnt to death by a mob in Mamelodi's Block D yesterday and a 12-year-old girl was shot dead in a clash with police yesterday

Pretoria businesses and industries reported a stayaway of up to 75 percent early today. But some reported they remained unaffected in the third day of the stayaway call by the Consumer Boycott Committee which has also been advocating a boycott of white businesses.

In Mamelodi, the area most affected by the boycott and stayaway calls, hundreds of workers were stranded at bus-stops and taxi ranks, but thousands boarded trains under the watchful eyes of police and troops

More than 100 troops manned entrances at Eerste Fabriek and Denneboom sta-

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## Mamelodi tense

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tions to guarantee commuter safety

The fight at the weekend was between Mamelodi residents and local single-quarters hostel inmates

Several people were injured in the violence which started on Saturday morning and continued until sunset yesterday. The unrest is a sequel to the death of a youth, Obed Matlala, who was allegedly assaulted about a week ago by a group of hostel dweller who accused him of robbing a colleague.

He later died at the Kalafong Hospital.

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# Picture of destruction as peace returns to township

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accompanied by the Mayor of Kwa Mashu, Mrs EG Africa, and the Mayor of Ntuzuma, Mr MC Harike, addressed Indian leaders, traders and doctors at Inanda yesterday.

Mr Conco assured them that the violence had not been a confrontation between Africans and Indians.

The relationship between blacks and Indians was good and elements of organisations which believed in violence had been responsible for the trouble.

Mr E Haffajee said four of the family's shops in

Inanda had been looted and burned by rampaging youths.

'Only the one opposite the Inanda Police Station remains intact because our filling station which adjoins the shopping complex was guarded by the police,' he said

Dr Ismail Mahomed, whose three surgeries were looted and burned, said he had been serving the people of Inanda for 11 years

'I am now walking the streets because I have lost my surgeries, equipment and medicines,' he said.

Mr Amichand Rajbansi, chairman of the Minis-

ter's Council in the House of Delegates and Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House, toured ravaged sections of the township yesterday.

Mr Rajbansi, accompanied by his wife, Ashadevi, spoke to Indian victims as they salvaged belongings with the help of the police

More than 4 000 students of the University of Durban-Westville decided yesterday to return to lectures today. Natal Medical School students decided to return tomorrow.

Mr Vasu Gounden, the

UDW student body president, said yesterday students challenged Mr Rajbansi to address them on campus and to repeat his accusations that students of the university had been responsible for causing the unrest.

Police confirmed yesterday they were investigating the death of two black men found shot in the head in a burned-out combi, NJ 22525, near Inanda.

On Sunday a black man was shot dead when he tried to break into an Indian house in Amatikwe at Inanda.

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## 63 killed in township violence which left trail of destruction

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Mercury Reporters

VIOLENCE which ripped through Durban townships last week claimed 63 lives, resulted in the destruction of 42 Indian-owned shops and forced about 500 families to flee the Inanda area, it was revealed yesterday as the situation appeared to be returning to normal.

Three doctors' surgeries were looted and burned down at Inanda and only one shopping complex was left intact, the Haffajee Trading Centre, opposite Inanda Police Station

Police confirmed the number of deaths saying that 37 had been the result of police action and

16 the brutal acts of mob murder.

More than 1 000 were injured and about 500 were arrested, mainly for looting

Peace and calm returned to the townships as thousands of black children returned to school after Inkatha, joined by residents, had

intervened patrolling the townships at the weekend and yesterday.

Mr SZ Conco, Chief Whip of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, who met Indian victims of Inanda and community leaders, urged them to return to the area.

'We need Indian doctors and businessmen to

go back to Inanda,' he said, promising that Inkatha would stop further violence.

But Indian businessmen said yesterday they would not go back until they had an assurance from the KwaZulu Government that they would be allowed to remain in the area after its incorporation.

They had been ruined by the unrest but would be prepared to return if they had an assurance.

Mr Conco, who was ac-

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## Durban unrest could cost R25m

**DAMAGE** to property in Durban's townships of Inanda and Phoenix — after last week's riots in which more than 60 people died — could amount to more than R25m, community workers estimated yesterday.

At Inanda about 100 houses, shops and businesses were destroyed and two schools burned down.

The violence is thought to have been sparked by the murder of Durban civil rights lawyer, Victoria Mxenge. She was shot dead outside her Umlazi home on August 1.

In an appeal to Indians and blacks to keep calm, Amichand Rajbansi, Chief Minister of the House of Delegates, said he was in close and constant touch with government and could assure families that police and army action was readily available should further unrest break out.

On Sunday, angry crowds mobbed Rajbansi, demanding help to recover goods from their burnt-out homes.

Rajbansi and his Minister of Housing, Baldeo Dookie, announced at the weekend government would be approached for an additional R22m to rehouse families that had lost homes and goods.

Rajen Dookie said his family had lost more than R1m in buildings and goods when their shop in Amouti, Inanda, was destroyed by fire.

All the Inanda Indian families whose homes were lost would be rehoused within a month, Dookie said. His department took over 58 new houses in Phoenix from the Durban City Council for allocation for the Inanda displaced families.

Rajbansi told Indians that those who could not afford deposits for new houses in Phoenix would be assisted by way of a special subsidy, estimated to cost the House of Delegates more than R10m.

Two doctors whose Inanda surgeries were destroyed had been offered employment in the House of Delegates administration, Rajbansi said.

The doctors were attending to Inanda refugees at the Greenbury Community Centre in Phoenix, he added. — Sapa.

# Armed vigilante groups condemned

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**Political Reporter**

SEVERAL organisations have condemned the formation of armed vigilante groups to restore order in riot-torn black and Indian areas around Durban.

A spokesman for the South African Police public relations division in Pretoria, Col Vic Haines, said the police were opposed to vigilante groups in principle.

However, the secretary-

general of Inkatha, Dr Oscar Dlomo, said in a speech at the weekend that Inkatha had 'taken full control' of public safety in Umlazi and Kwa Mashu

A spokesman for the UDF and Natal Indian Congress, Dr Farouk Meer, said the organisations viewed the formation of vigilante groups 'with the greatest disquiet'.

'We accept that individ-

uals have the right to defend their lives and properties

'But the formation of vigilante groupings by parties and organisations such as Inkatha is only going to lead to a situation where Inkatha will settle political scores against its opponents, as is already happening.'

Dr Meer said evidence of this was an attack on a senior Methodist minis-

ter, the Rev Wesley Mabuza, after which he was forced to flee his home last week, and the marching of 'impis' through Kwa Mashu, pulling people out of their homes and beating up youths on the streets.

The Progressive Federal Party spokesman on law and order, Mr Peter Gastrow, said that if peace was to be restored to Durban's townships, vigilante groups, whether

organised by Phoenix residents or Inkatha, should not be allowed to take the law into their own hands.

In a statement released yesterday, the secretary of the Methodist Church Conference, the Rev MS Mogoba, said Inkatha's 'show of muscle' had brought peace to Kwa Mashu.

But the methods used had been 'tough and in some cases shocking'.

## R100 000 boost for Inanda Relief Fund

**Mercury Reporter**

THE Inanda Relief Fund for Indian and black victims of the unrest was boosted last night by a pledge from Indian school teachers and pupils to donate R100 000.

Mr Pat Samuels, president of the Teachers' Association of South Africa, said the association had a tremendous response from Indian teachers and schools throughout the country to help the Inanda victims.

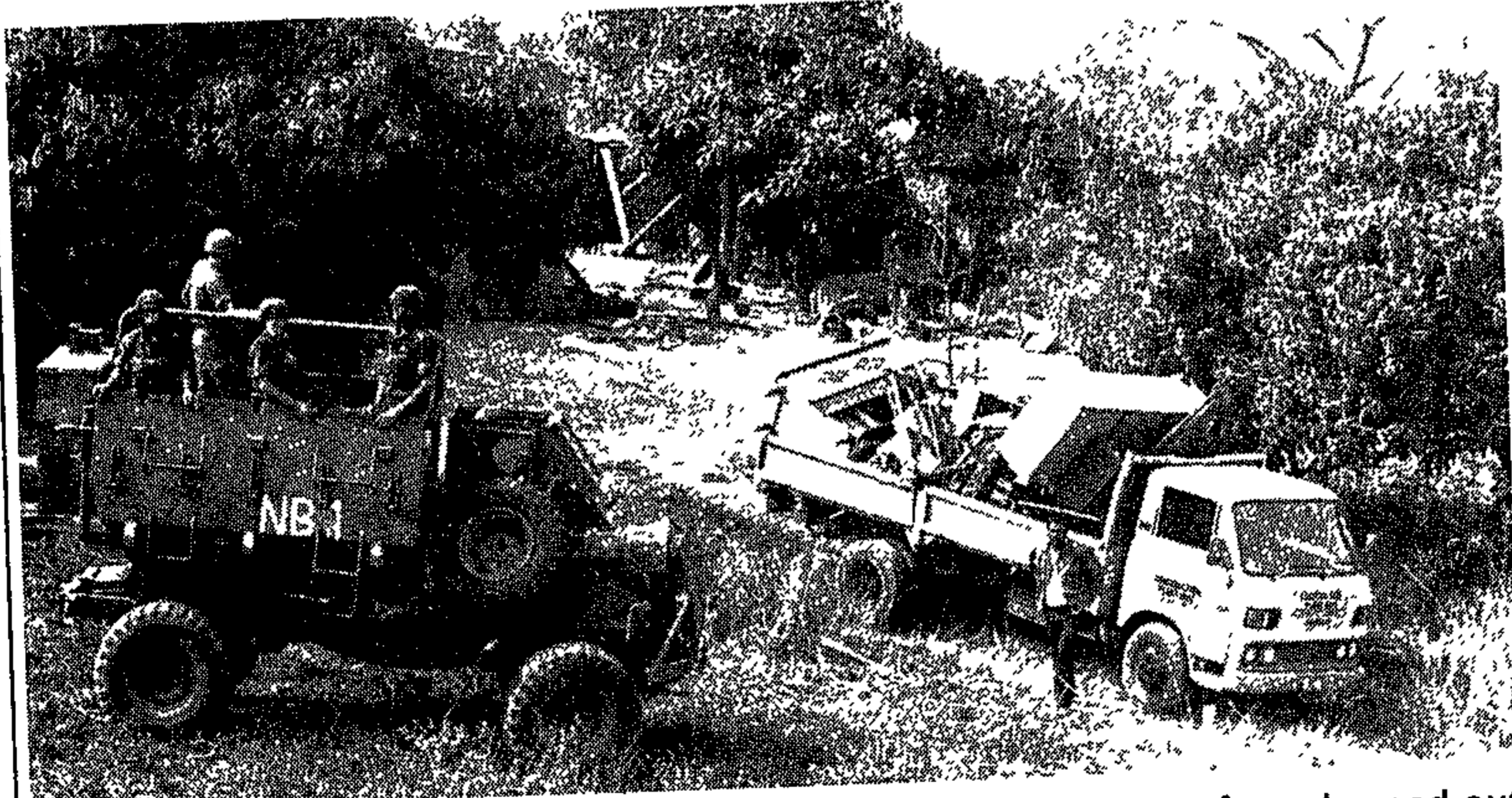
He said one of the pre-conditions attached to the donation was that the money be distributed only to Indian and African victims of the unrest.

'We are aware that blacks in Inanda need help but so do Indians who have had their homes and shops looted and burned,' said Mr Samuels

'At this stage we do not know whether Indian families will return to Inanda,' he said



Mr Amichand Rajbansi, chairman of the Minister's Council in the House of Delegates, addresses victims of the unrest at Inanda. His wife, Ashadevi is next to him with Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates third from left.



An Indian family transports some of their salvaged belongings from burned-out houses with the help of the army.



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**'Calm' as  
Inkatha  
patrols  
townships**

**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN. — Police yesterday reported that "peace and calm" had returned to the townships here as thousands of black children returned to school after Inkatha members, joined by residents, intervened and patrolled the townships at the weekend.

Small groups continued to patrol the townships yesterday.

Turnouts at schools in Umlazi and Lamontville ranged from between 50 and 100 percent, while in Maritzburg one school reported a total class boycott.

Two more deaths on Sunday brought to 65 the unofficial death toll — 63 officially — while more than 1 000 people have been injured, mostly in Inanda, KwaMashu and Umlazi.

**Looted and burnt**

Forty-two Indian-owned shops and three doctors' surgeries were looted and burnt down in Inanda during the past week of unrest. In that time about 500 families left the area in the face of rioting mobs.

Only one shopping complex was left intact. It is opposite the Inanda police station.

Community and social workers estimate damage to property to be more than R25-million.

About 500 people have been arrested, mainly for looting, police said.

Indian businessmen said they would not go back until they had an assurance from the KwaZulu Government that they would be allowed to remain after it was incorporated.

Cape Times 14/8/88

# Refused unrest duties — fined

Own Correspondent.

DURBAN. — A rifleman on a one-month army camp who is opposed to the use of soldiers to quell township unrest was yesterday fined R600 during a court-martial at Natal Command here for disobeying an order to go on a vehicle patrol.

Rifleman Alan Christopher Dodson, 25, had pleaded not guilty to disobeying a lawful command of his superior officer, Lieutenant David Haslett, to go on a vehicle patrol on the night of July 31.

Rifleman Dodson, who has a B Comm and LLB degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Natal in Maritzburg, was described by a partner in a Cape Town law firm as "possibly the best articulated clerk we have ever had".

Lieutenant Haslett testified that Rifleman Dodson had made it clear that he was not prepared to go on the patrol because of his beliefs. He confirmed under cross-examination by defence counsel Mr Chris Nicholson that he had received a message at the beginning of the camp that they should try to accommodate Rifleman Dodson in an administrative or guard-room position.

Presiding officer Colonel J Heyneke described Rifleman Dodson as a "fine young man of unquestionable integrity".

But, he said, "irrespective of the political views of other citizens on the use of the SADF in suppressing unrest, the force has a duty imposed by the legislature, and as a soldier it is your duty to obey all commands in this respect".

Mr Nicholson said he defied the court-martial to refuse a soldier the right to hold any political views. "I am not suggesting that what the army required was unlawful, but in Western countries it is not required of a soldier to play a role in civilian problems."

Passing sentence, Colonel Heyneke said it would be irresponsible of the court to contribute to the breakdown of effectiveness of the Defence Force or to encourage other members to disobey orders.

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## Crime Reporter

**THREE** Indian men died after being stabbed and set alight in the border area between Inanda and Phoenix yesterday, bringing to 70 the official death roll in Natal rioting.

A police spokesman said last night the men, all in their 20s, had been attacked about 2 pm

Their bodies had been thrown together and covered with tyres which had then been ignited.

Meanwhile police warned yesterday that all guns found during searches at roadblocks in areas affected by violence in the Port Natal district would be confiscated and tested to see if they had been used to commit crimes in the area

The Port Natal area includes the city of Durban and neighbouring areas, the spokesman said

Seven Indian men, arrested on Monday night when police stopped them at a roadblock at Inanda and allegedly found two petrol bombs in their car, will appear in court soon

Another Indian was arrested after allegedly trying to set fire to a library in Unit 11, Phoenix

Police arrived and put out the flames. Slight damage was caused

In Umlazi, superficial damage was caused to a butchery when a mob tried to set it alight on

Monday night

Free State police revealed yesterday that the Brandfort home of Mrs Winnie Mandela had been petrol-bombed during the night, killing her cat and causing damage to her bedroom and a workshop.

No one was at home during the attack Mrs Mandela, a restricted person and the wife of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela, was in the Johannesburg vicinity at the time, but left for Brandfort after hearing of the bombing

Her cat was found in an outside workshop, apparently overcome by smoke

## Explosions

Neighbours said petrol bombs were thrown at Mrs Mandela's bedroom and the outside room

Two explosions woke the neighbours about 2 am. They said they could not see the

attack came a week after police arrested 30 people who had been part of a noisy crowd gathered outside Mrs Mandela's home

On that occasion police had ordered the crowd to

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disperse and tear-gas was thrown into the house to root out some of the crowd who had hidden there.

Petrol bombs were later found in the house.

In Witbank townships two youths were shot dead and several others injured in two separate incidents yesterday.

One of the two youths was shot in the head outside the Asiatic Bazaar near Kwaghuka and died instantly.

According to a witness, an Indian, confronted by a group of youths in his shop, fired at them in self-defence.

In the other incident, a youth in a mob which surrounded a bakkie and stoned it died when the occupant opened fire.

A spokesman for Witbank Hospital said several youths had been admitted with bullet wounds and bruises.

Pupils yesterday staged a protest march through three Eastern Transvaal townships calling on parents not to go to work until detained pupils were released.

They barricaded streets with old cars and rubbish bins and set alight old tyres.

Buses were stoned and local taxis did not operate at all, in accordance with a demand made by the pupils. — (Sapa)

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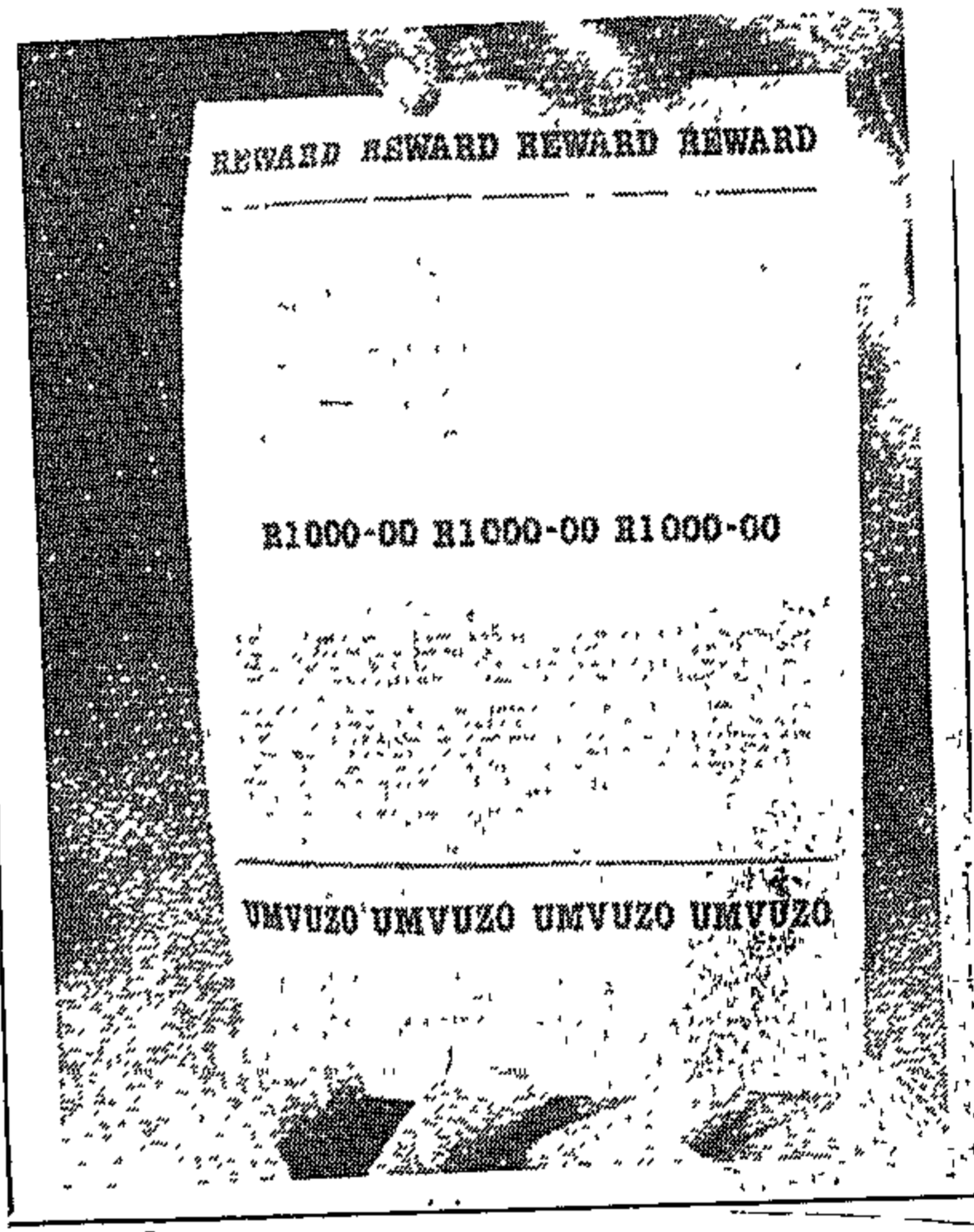


old girl, Keiko Kawakami, a survivor of the on a stretcher after being rescued yesterday. Another picture Page 11



## Pamphlet-drop on Guguletu

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A light aircraft drops about 50 000 pamphlets on Guguletu to publicise the R1 000 reward for information about Saturday's hand-grenade attack in the township. During the attack, which took place after the funeral of Sithembele Mathiso, eight people — including policemen — were injured. Right: The pamphlet.



Traders free to return to riot-torn township, says minister

# Uninsured Inanda Indians to be compensated for homes

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Mercury Reporter

**MOST** Indians whose houses or shops were looted and burned at Inanda will be compensated by the Government, Mr Boetie Abramjee, Budget Minister in the House of Delegates, said yesterday.

Mr Abramjee and Mr Amichand Rajbansi, chairman of the Ministers' Council, fly to Pretoria today for talks with the Minister of Co-operation and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, about the violence in Durban's black townships and the Indian victims from Inanda.

Recently forms were handed to Indians at Inanda in which they were asked to fill in the value of their properties, houses, and improvements, Mr Abramjee said. Many of the forms had not yet been returned.

The House of Delegates, in conjunction with the Department of Co-operation and Education, will decide on a formula to compensate those people who had not sent their forms but had lost their houses during the unrest, he said.

Mr Abramjee said that affected Indian traders at Inanda would have to motivate their own claims and submit them to the Department of Co-operation and Education for compensation.

He said some traders in the area were covered by insurance and would not be entitled to compensation from the Government.

Commenting on claims by Indians that they would return to Inanda if they were compensated, Mr Abramjee said the House of Delegates could not stop people from returning to the ravaged area.

'If the traders and families want to return they are entitled to do so,' he said. Meanwhile, the official

death roll from the riots stood at 70 last night, of which 37 were the result of police action, a police spokesman in Pretoria said.

He said calm had slowly returned to most black townships in Durban.

However, there were isolated incidents of looting and burning of houses and business premises in Kwa Mashu and Umlazi.

Diakonia reported that it had received several requests for help from people whose houses had been petrol-bombed yesterday.

Mr Rajbansi announced yesterday that many of the Indian victims of Inanda who were accommodated at two halls in Phoenix were being moved into better temporary accommodation.

## Rents

Several people told the Mercury yesterday that they had had offers of houses in Phoenix, but the deposits and rents were beyond their reach.

Mr Mohan Singh said he had been asked for a deposit of R1382 and was told that he had to earn R380 a month to qualify and would have to pay a monthly rent of R95.

Yesterday Indians were escorted by police to salvage their belongings from burned or looted homes in Inanda.

All of them were disarmed by the police before being taken into the township.

Many families retrieved some of their furniture and appliances from the homes of blacks who had taken care of the goods during the looting.

Mr Ram Mohan said he was surprised when a black man told him all his belongings were safe and that he had stored them.

The Haffajee family, which lost four of their shops at Inanda, have reopened the only Indian-owned shop in the area which was left intact. The shop — opposite the Inanda Police Station — was supported by blacks yesterday.

## Burned

Mr Mahomed Asmal, whose shop and modern home at Inanda were burned down during the unrest, claimed yesterday he was one of the lucky few who had both his shop and house covered by insurance.

'When trouble broke out at Kwa Mashu I asked my broker to insure the house and three days later he telephoned and said the house and shop were covered by insurance,' said Mr Asmal. Both were burned down the same evening.

In Umlazi the home of the chairman of the Umlazi Residents' Association, Mr David Gasa, was petrol-bombed.

Mr Gasa said he had returned from Mrs Victoria Mxenge's funeral in King William's Town late on Monday night and had just fallen asleep when a loud crash woke him.

He said his wife, Rosalia, had received a threatening telephone call before the attack warning her that Umlazi was going to be cleared of all United Democratic Front leaders.

In another incident in Umlazi, a butchery was attacked and set alight.

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# 'Plot' blamed for unrest

By EBRAHIM MOOSA  
Political Reporter

A "sinister plot" hatched by Inkatha under Chief Gatsha Buthelezi and the government was responsible for the unrest in Natal last week, sociology lecturer Professor Fatima Meer said last night.

Speaking at a UDF banquet for traders in Wynberg, she said the time had come to "expose" the "diabolical" role of Inkatha and Chief Buthelezi in last week's violence in Durban directed against Indians irrespective what the consequences would be.

At a memorial service for the slain UDF lawyer, Mrs Victoria Mxenge, in Umlazi last Wednesday, Inkatha "impis" attacked people, she said.

## 'Fringe elements'

Although "fringe elements" had been involved in arson and looting in Inanda, the police stood by without preventing the events from taking place.

Professor Meer said it was questionable why "selective" houses had been burnt in the largely poor township of Inanda where Indians and blacks had lived side-by-side for decades.

If last week's conflict had been of a racial nature against Indians, then a very affluent Indian suburb near Inanda would have been a target.

Inkatha's role had erroneously been portrayed as that of a peace-making group, she said.

Chief Buthelezi was "jockeying" for power against the jailed ANC leader, Mr Nelson Mandela.

She described last week's events as the result of a "sinister scenario" involving the "organized forces of violence of the government and Inkatha" to create conflict among the ranks of the opposition.

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# Blacks sheltered Indian woman, son

Own Correspondent

DURBAN.—An Indian woman told yesterday how she and her four-year-old son were sheltered by blacks for a week during the height of the violence in Inanda before being spotted by a helicopter crew and rescued by an army patrol.

Mrs Shanti Naidoo, interviewed at the Greenbury Hall in Phoenix, said blacks had been kind to her after Indians had fled Inanda.

She hid in a rented room in the heart of Inanda with her four-year-old son, Aniruth, and after five days of terror her frantic waving was

seen by a helicopter crew on Monday this week.

When attempts to land the helicopter near her failed, she was rescued by an army patrol, guided into the area by the helicopter.

"For five days I tried to attract helicopters which flew over the area several times a day but nobody noticed me and my little boy."

Although blacks had been good to her there had always been a fear that she and Aniruth might be harmed.

Mrs Naidoo said blacks in the area tied a scarf round her head to

disguise her. She and her son stayed indoors while they waited for help.

"It was a frightening experience especially when the rioting started on Tuesday last week.

"The people I had been staying with fled during the night and I was left behind with my son," she said.

Mrs Naidoo said the following morning she discovered all the Indians had fled and she was taken in by a black family.

She said the house she lived in was looted and all her belongings

were stolen.

● The three people who died after being stabbed and set alight in the border area between Phoenix and Inanda this week have been identified.

They are Mr Rooplall Ulassi, 42, his son Sanjay, 15, and brother-in-law Mr Anand Mudray, 42.

Their bodies had been covered with tyres which had then been set alight.

A spokesman for the police said that at this stage the motive for the killings was unknown and investigations were continuing.

Meanwhile, calm has returned to all the riot-torn townships in and around Durban.

The acting Chief Minister of Kwazulu, Dr Oscar Dhlomo, has condemned the burning, saying:

"The burning of bodies is foreign to the region. We have never had such gruesome spectacles before."

Dr Dhlomo said this "barbaric and inhuman" act was the first of its kind in Natal and Kwazulu and he hoped it would be the last.

He said the Kwazulu Government extended its condolences to the families of the victims.

Another Indian son safe after...

# Indian woman

## sheltered by

## black family

## for five days

Mercury Reporter

AN INDIAN woman told yesterday how she and her four-year-old son had been sheltered by a black Inanda family for a week as rampaging youths looted and burned Indian homes in the township.

Mrs Shanti Naidoo said she had eventually been spotted by a helicopter crew and rescued by an army patrol.

Mrs Naidoo, interviewed in Phoenix, said blacks had been kind to her after the Indian community had fled Inanda.

Shanti is a white woman in the heart of the township with her son Aniruth and after five days of terror her frantic

waving was seen by a helicopter crew on Monday.

Attempts to land the craft near her were unsuccessful but she was rescued later by an army patrol which had been guided to her by the helicopter crew.

'For five days I tried to attract helicopters which flew over the area several times a day but nobody noticed me and my little boy.'

She lived with the constant fear that she and her son might be found and harmed.

Mrs Naidoo said blacks in the area had tied a scarf over her head to disguise her. She and her son stayed indoors and waited for help.

'It was a frightening experience especially when the rioting started on Tuesday last week.

'The people I had been staying with fled during the night and we were left behind,' she said.

The next day she discovered that all the Indians had fled and she was taken in by a black family.

The house in which she had lived was looted and all her belongings stolen.



Mrs Shanti Naidoo hugs her son, Aniruth, four, after five days of terror in Inanda. Picture by ELIJAH ZONDI



region, particularly in view of the hostilities between Africans and Indians? And what threats, if any, did it pose to moves towards multiracial government in Natal (*FM* August 9).

Natal University's Professor Laurie Schlemmer is probably correct in observing that it is pointless to try to apportion blame. There were many, often conflicting, forces at work.

In retrospect the violence appears to have been prompted by the murder of UDF activist and lawyer, Victoria Mxenge (*FM* August 9), who was gunned down by unknown assailants outside her home in Umlazi. At her funeral in Ciskei last Sunday, speakers held Inkatha responsible. Mxenge's death led to calls for a school boycott and isolated stoning incidents in Lamontville and Umlazi. Finally the violence spread to other townships and became more generalised on a range of levels — some not political at all.

But what, in Schlemmer's view, can be concluded is that it was a setback for race relations and, if anything, it gave added impetus to the search for more equitable government at the local level in Natal. "This shows," he says, "how urgently we really need it."

At one stage the violence looked set to develop into a full-blown race war as Africans burned and looted Indian homes on the fringes of Inanda and Indians retaliated by setting African-owned shops and homes ablaze and forming armed vigilante squads. House of Delegates leader Amichand Rajbansi, sharing a platform with Inkatha's Oscar Dhlomo, joined in the appeal for calm.

Troubled by the dangers the inter-racial violence obviously posed to their carefully nurtured image of unity, the UDF and Natal Indian Congress (NIC) moved quickly to mend the fences. The movements formed a "crisis committee" and bought newspaper advertising space urging peace, unity and reconciliation between the races.

UDF spokesman, Dr Farouk Meer, admitted that the inter-racial violence had been a "setback." He claimed, somewhat implausibly, that the unrest had been orchestrated by the State and Inkatha with a view to sowing disunity among the UDF and its affiliates and paving the way towards joint regional government. But Meer saw the

NATAL UNREST

## Shattered illusion

The illusion that Natal might somehow be spared the kind of violence seen elsewhere in the country was shattered last week as unrest boiled over in the townships around Durban.

It was not so much the violence itself but the unexpectedness with which it took hold, its intensity (there were 65 confirmed deaths and hundreds injured as the *FM* went to press) and the ugly undertones of a Zulu-Indian race war, that were alarming.

Some wondered whether Inkatha's sway in Natal was as strong as had been assumed. Many urged government to deal seriously and soon with the moderate Chief Buthelezi.

However, by the week's end a semblance of normality began to return to township life. Boycotting school children were back in class, Inkatha supporters were patrolling the streets helping the police keep troublemakers in check and displaced citizens were returning to pick gingerly through the remains of their fire-bombed homes.

Inevitably, as the violence subsided and the arsonists' smoke began to clear, questions of culpability arose. *Agents provocateur*, allegedly linked to either government, Inkatha or the UDF, were accused by various interests of starting or tolerating the violence for different political ends.

How and why did it all start? What impact would it have on race relations in the

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damage done to long-term UDF objectives as only transitory. "The mood in the country today is one of growing unity. The incidents in Natal are not going to change the outcome of that," he maintained.

KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, also maintained the unrest was evidence of the need to find political solutions which would embrace all SA's people. He reiterated his warning to South Africans that they were inviting a violent reaction by pressing ahead with the tricameral Parliament at the exclusion of blacks.

It would, however, be churlish to construe the violence as "retaliation" for the participation of some Indians in the tricameral Parliament. The targets of township burning and looting outside Natal have to date been "collaborators in the system" and their property, notably community councillors, black policemen and alleged "spies".

The time had come, said Buthelezi, "now more than ever before to urge the State President to make a declaration of intent with black leaders which will enable black and white to work together for a future that all will be proud to share."

Expectations were that the State President may be preparing to do just that. Speculation was rife that P W Botha would use the occasion this week of the National Party congress in Natal (as the *FM* went to press) to announce major policy concessions for blacks. However, Education and Training Minister Gerrit Viljoen went out of his way to dampen wilder expectations of change and restated government's commitment to the fundamentals of separate development.

Although Nat Party officials were cautious, it was thought Botha's congress address might include a broad "statement of intent" that South Africans of all persuasions have been clamouring for. ■

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The unrest in Durban over the past week which left over 70 people dead and a trail of destruction has left observers mystified.

It does not fit into the pattern of unrest around the country. It has also left a lot of questions unanswered: What started it? Why? Who did the looting? and, most importantly why the Indians?

Natal, and Durban in particular, had been left completely untouched by the unrest which has afflicted the country's townships for almost two years. Initially, the two black campuses, the Medical School and the University of Durban-Westville came out in protest against the declaration of the state of emergency last month.

But an otherwise normal student boycott was rudely interrupted by the brutal slaying of Mrs Victoria Mxenge, well-known Durban lawyer on Thursday, August 1 at her Umlazi home. The murder introduced a new dimension into the protest and angered the student population, especially as Mrs Mxenge was a very popular and likeable personality.

**Protest**

On Friday, August 2 a large lunch-hour demonstration was held in central Durban to protest against Mrs Mxenge's killing and the state of emergency. That demonstration, which led to baton-charging of the students and the arrest of 31 of them, set the scene for the eruption of the township around Durban the following week.

Pupils in Durban and Pietermaritzburg decided to join a week-long boycott of classes to mourn Mrs Mxenge's death, and on Monday the first violence was reported from Lamontville. The following day, a person was shot dead in KwaMashu and a 15-year-old baby was burnt to death in Inanda.

But what really tipped



HEAVILY ARMED Inkatha members on their way to a meeting in Inanda last Sunday to stop five days of rioting in Durban.

# Why did it happen?

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## FOCUS on Natal riots

the scales to fullscale violence was the storming of the Umlazi Cinema, where more than 5 000 people were attending a memorial service for Mrs Mxenge, by about 300 men wielding sticks and spears and believed to be Inkatha supporters.

According to figures released in Durban hospitals about 17 people were killed on that night alone and many were injured. Former president

of the Azanian Students' Organisation (Azaso) said he had never been so scared in his life.

The impi, which arrived at the cinema in two buses and a kombi, came from Lindelani, a part of Inanda which is notorious for kangaroo courts and its brand of rough justice. The motive for the attack is still not known.

From there the violence spiralled and gathered its own momen-

tum, and by Thursday and Friday almost all shops in Inanda, Umlazi and KwaMashu — the three areas mostly affected by the unrest — were looted and burnt. Black organisations have been at pains to explain that there was no racial tension between Africans and Indians, especially in Inanda.

What did happen was that a peaceful protest by students and pupils was hijacked by hooligans and looters. Inanda is a depressed, squalid resettlement area where Africans and Indians have been living together for many years. Most of the shops in the

area are owned by Indian businessmen, and all these shops were looted and gutted.

But Dr Farouk Meer of the Natal Indian Congress said what people failed to realise is that all shops in all the areas affected by the unrest in Durban were looted and literally obliterated. In Umlazi alone, where all shopkeepers are African, more than 50 shops were burned down. The Inyanda, a Nafcoc affiliate, has now established a fund to help its affected members.

The looting of Indian homes and shops, and the retaliation from the

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# Funds to get riot victims on the road

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### Mercury Reporter

THE KwaZulu Finance and Investment Corporation has set aside more than R2 000 000 to provide bridging finance to its clients so that they can resume business without waiting for insurance payouts.

The executive director of the KFC, Dr Marius Spies, said that although the provision of the bridging could entail losses to the corporation, it felt it was imperative that businessmen be helped as soon as possible to get back on their feet.

The extent of the riot damage in Umlazi and Kwa Mashu could be gauged by the fact that a single insurance broker operating from Umlazi had already recorded insurance claims of almost R10 million.

The managing director of Aidec KwaZulu, Mr John Garnham, said more

than 80 claims had been lodged to date, the vast majority from businesses that had been looted or destroyed.

Mr Garnham said assessors had been appointed by the South African Special Risks Insurance Association (Sasria), which provided political riot coverage, and inspections of damaged premises had already begun, although they were being hampered to some extent by sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and intimidation.

One of the largest claims to date had been lodged by the owners of a shopping centre in Umlazi, which was likely to cost some R300 000 in structural repairs alone, with the replacement of stock and equipment likely to add significantly to this figure.

A nightclub gutted during the unrest would cost around R200 000 to re-

store to its previous condition, while an undertaker's premises was likely to cost even more to repair.

Dr Spies said the riots had had a depressing effect on KFC personnel, many of whom had worked in partnership with black businessmen for years. Much of this work had literally gone up in smoke, he said.



**The 'necklace' was there at Mxenge's funeral. . . for those who didn't 'belong'**  
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# R800 000 relief fund

INYANDA Chamber of Commerce has launched an R800 000 disaster fund for black owners of the 123 shops in Umlazi and KwaMashu damaged in last week's violence.

Inyanda president P Gumede said he had visited the townships and found that 60 percent of the businesses in KwaMashu had been gutted.

"The position in Umlazi is worse - even a funeral parlour was attacked," he said. Because businesses were not insured for riot damage, their

owners, mainly Inyanda members, had suffered huge losses.

Mr Gumede said the main aim of the fund would be to find temporary premises for entrepreneurs - so they could continue trading while they wait for their offices to be rebuilt - and to help them buy new equipment.

# Call for probe after police raid on students

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## Mercury Reporter

THE principal of the University of Natal, Durban, has ordered a full internal investigation into Sunday's pre-dawn police raid on the university's black Alan Taylor Residence.

Meanwhile, the university's SRC yesterday called for the administration to offer students 'support and protection'. It condemned the raid 'in the strongest possible terms'.

The principal and vice-chancellor, Prof Peter Booysen, said. 'We consider the matter serious

'We've called for complete information about what transpired.'

A large police contingent swooped on the 600-student black residence in Wentworth early on Sunday, ransacking rooms and breaking open doors when students did not open them quickly enough

## Confiscated

There were allegations that students had been assaulted and verbally abused.

Literature was confiscated

SRC president Richard Swart, reading a statement, said: 'We condemn these actions of intimidation while knowing they will continue as long as the basic injustices of apartheid remain.

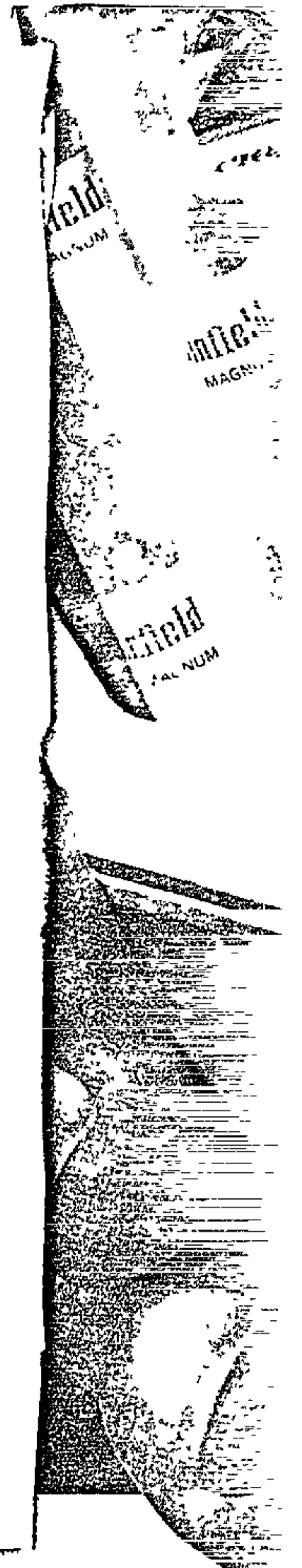
'We have seen an escalation of police activity on our campus, ranging from breaking up a music concert to gaining illegal access to an engineering building to spy on a meeting in the Students' Union hall'

He said the SRC called on the university administration 'to make its stand clear, to take positive action in restricting police activity on campus and to make this action known'.

Prof Booysen said: 'We will indeed be taking up the matter and looking into it in great detail.'

A police spokesman said yesterday he had nothing more to add about the raid

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# Minister assures Hurley over Umlazi

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Political Reporter

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has personally assured Archbishop Denis Hurley that no one will be allowed to take the law into their own hands in the Durban area.

Archbishop Hurley telephoned the minister after a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly for Umlazi, Mr Winnington Sabelo, had ordered UDF supporters in the township to leave by the weekend or face the consequences.

Mr Sabelo also said cars that did not have NUZ number plates would be turned away from the township.

At a Press conference yesterday Archbishop Hurley said he had telephoned the minister at the request of a meeting of churchmen at Diakonia earlier in the week.

'I told him of the fear and anxiety the people of Umlazi felt at Mr Sabelo's threats,' Archbishop Hurley said.

'He said he would communicate with the Commissioner of Police for the Durban area to make it clear that no one could



Archbishop Hurley

take the law into their own hands.

'He said that if that happened there would be the usual consequences. The police would make it absolutely clear that such conduct would not be tolerated.'

Meanwhile, Diakonia has been inundated with pleas for help from people left homeless in the recent township violence

around Durban, and from people afraid to go home because of threats.

The Mercury counted about 50 refugees gathered in the corridor at Diakonia yesterday.

A Diakonia staff member, Mrs Norma Money, said the organisation was providing food parcels and clothing to the refugees but its resources were being strained.

'We have hundreds of requests. We have lost count,' said Mrs Money.

'The Red Cross has been helping with provisions and clothing. The clothing has run out but we should be getting more on Monday.'

Diakonia has also found temporary accommodation for about 50 people, as well as for more than 100 people who have been living at the Gandhi Settlement at Phoenix before the complex was burnt down.

## Jorac member detained, then released

Political Reporter

A JOINT Rent Action Committee member, Mr Bheki Cele, was detained in Durban and later released by police yesterday, a lawyer acting for Mr Cele confirmed.

A former Cosas member from Wentworth, Mr Glen Goldstone was also detained by police, but it could not be confirmed whether the detention was under security legislation or not.

The lawyer also revealed several more unreported detentions over the past few days under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

According to the lawyer, who cannot be named for professional reasons, Natal UDF executive member Mr Ronnie Khoza was detained on

Tuesday and a Kwa Mashu Youth League member, Miss Cynthia Gumede, was detained on Friday.

The lawyer said police had confirmed the detentions were under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Four students, Sibonelo Ngubane, Joshua Nkabinde, Wiseman Nkabinde and Paul Mtolo, all of Kwamashu, were detained on August 7.

A spokesman for the Detainees' Parents' Support Committee, Dr Max Coleman, said the committee had received a report of the detention of Bongani Nganzi and Sibosiso Dlamini on Tuesday.

The publicity secretary for the black consciousness-oriented Azanian Students' Movement, Mr Gomolemo Mokahe, said the national organiser of Azasm, Mr Stanley Sgotyana, was detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act at Thabong near Welkom yesterday morning.

The Mercury could not confirm the detention with police in Pretoria last night because the office had already closed.

Mr Mokahe said the banning of the Congress of South African Students this week came as no surprise to Azasm.

The Mercury sent a telex to the police public relations division in Pretoria yesterday requesting confirmation of the detentions but a reply had not been received by last night.

## Diakonia asks for assurance on chaplains

Political Reporter

THE ecumenical organisation Diakonia has appealed to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to allow chaplains access to detainees being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Diakonia reminded the minister in a telex yesterday of correspondence in 1982 in which Mr le Grange had said security detainees would not be 'deprived of spiritual ministrations'.

The director of Diakonia, Mr Paddy Kearney, was detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act on Monday and a member of Diakonia's executive, the Rev Mcebisi Xundu, was detained the next day.

Yesterday, Diakonia asked Mr le Grange for an assurance that Mr Kearney and Mr Xundu be provided with priests on Sunday and on any subsequent Sunday on which they were still detained.

# Gasa family says police were reluctant to act

Political Reporter

**FAMILY** and friends of Umlazi community leader David Gasa have said police appeared to be reluctant to act when his home was being burned down by a mob at the weekend.

The PFP law and order spokesman and MP for Durban Central, Mr Peter Gastrow, has undertaken to investigate and draw up a report.

The S A P public relations officer for Port Natal, Capt Winston Heunis, confirmed that a formal complaint had been lodged and the matter was under investigation.

A friend of the family, who did not want to be named for fear of retaliation by the arsonists, told the Mercury he had argued with police at the Umlazi police station before they responded to his call.

Mr Gasa, who was in hiding, telephoned me at 4 50 p m on Saturday to

say he had been told his house was being burned down.

'He said he had telephoned the flying squad and a Sgt Pillay had assured him police would be at the scene immediately.'

There were no police when the friend arrived at the scene 20 minutes later so he went to the police station.

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'I found another friend there, complaining that he had been pleading with the police since 4 50 p m to go to the Umlazi stadium where members of Inkatha were gathered.

'He told the police he knew some of the people there who had participated in the burning of the house and the looting of his property but the police did not seem interested.

'He said they had asked him about Mr Gasa's political affiliation, whether he belonged to the UDF or Inkatha.

'A W O Jordaan said he was awaiting instructions from his superiors. I told

him he did not seem to appreciate the urgency of the matter.'

Eventually he followed police to Mr Gasa's home, where they found the house still burning.

'They told me they could not arrest the people in the stadium, which was about 2 km away, because there were about 100 people there and if they went in he feared there would be a war.'

Mr Gastrow said: 'For an as yet inexplicable reason the police appear to have been reluctant to intervene timeously.

'If this was because Mr Gasa was a supporter of the UDF then we have reached an intolerable state of affairs.

'I intend to obtain affidavits personally and draw up a report on this matter.'

A police spokesman in Pretoria said he could not react to hearsay evidence.

'Our first step is to investigate by approaching the parties concerned and only after the matter has been thoroughly looked into will punitive measures be taken.'

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### Bullets

The family said that about six petrol bombs had been thrown at the sitting room, kitchen and bedroom windows of their Ntuzuma about 2am yesterday causing damage estimated at about R1 600 by police.

Shots were also fired at the house and there were bullet marks on the wall above the window of a bedroom in which his wife, Daphne, had been sleeping.

Mr Dweba's father, Mr Albert Dweba, said police had found a piece of paper on his son's body with a "jumble" of names and car numbers and question marks.

"He had complained that he was always being followed," he said.

"We heard on Thursday that his body had been found near Mtunzini and went to identify him the next day.

### Mutilations

"There were bad cuts in his head that looked like they had been made by an axe or bush knife. His throat had been cut. His head was almost severed from his body.

"There were six stab wounds in his left side.

"His hands had been amputated. They were not chopped off but cut neatly into the wrist and the skin pulled back.

"The place where his body had been found had not been disturbed. It looked like his body had just been dumped there," he said.

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## Home of slain activist bombed

### Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The home of a UDF activist and Durban Freedom Charter Committee member whose mutilated body was found near Mtunzini last week, was petrol-bombed and shot at early yesterday.

Family and friends of Mr Roy Toto Dweba, 36, said yesterday that he had received telephonic death threats before he disappeared on Monday last week. His body was found several days later in a sugarcane field near Mtunzini.

His head had almost been severed from his body. There were gashes in his head, stab wounds in his body and his hands were missing.

Durban civil-rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge, husband of UDF leader Mrs Victoria Mxenge who was gunned down outside her home earlier this month, was murdered in similarly mysterious circumstances in 1981.

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# Kwazulu MP warns UDF

DURBAN. — A Kwazulu Legislative Assembly member warned United Democratic Front sympathisers to get out of the black township of Umlazi near here by the weekend or "face the consequences".

Mr Winnington Sabelo was addressing a meeting of residents and Inkatha supporters in the township yesterday.

"Vehicles without the NUZ (Umlazi) registration will be turned away unless motorists call at the township offices before entering Umlazi," he said.

People from "outside" had been responsible for instigating trouble in the township.

The Progressive Federal Party law and order spokesman, Mr Peter Gastrow, said Mr Sabelo might be "fuelling the flames of violence" and ought not to be allowed to go ahead with his plans.

Reacting to Mr Sabelo's statement, a police spokesman in Pretoria said police would maintain law and order.

The meeting resolved — without consulting the president of Inkatha and KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — to protect residents' lives and homes and the property of the Kwazulu government.

Mr Sabelo said the residents had planned to protect themselves — even if police were present — because they had suffered a great deal already.

He said: "If they (UDF sympathisers) refuse to get out by the weekend, then they will have to face the consequences."

The next move to prevent trouble starting in the township would be to close churches which were the "nests" of rival organisations. — Sapa

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# UDF warned to get out of Umlazi or else

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — KwaZulu Legislative Assembly member Mr Winnington Sabelo yesterday warned United Democratic Front sympathizers to get out of Umlazi township by the weekend or face the consequences.

Mr Sabelo gave the warning at an Umlazi residents' and Inkatha supporters' meeting in the township.

He also warned township residents whose cars did not bear the NUZ Umlazi registration to have them changed by the weekend.

"Vehicles without the NUZ registration will be turned away unless the motorists call at the township offices before entering," he said, adding that people "from outside" had been seen to be responsible for instigating the trouble.

"We have not consulted the president of Inkatha and KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, regarding the planned action."

Mr Sabelo said that during the height of the unrest a number of NJ, ND and Transvaal-registered vehicles, some of them driven by UDF men, were seen in Umlazi.

He claimed that the people of Um-

lazi were fed up with troublemakers, most of whom were known to Inkatha and the residents, and had vowed to get rid of them.

Mr Sabelo said the next move to prevent trouble starting again in the township would be to close down churches which were the nests of rival organizations.

He warned doctors and lawyers in Umlazi to be careful of their involvement with bodies such as the UDF.

Mr Sabelo denied that UDF members had been injured by Inkatha supporters at a funeral of unrest victims at the weekend.

He claimed that residents and Inkatha members had monitored the funerals after it was learnt that there had been trouble between blacks and Indians at the border of the cemetery.

"When UDF supporters forced mourners to sing freedom songs instead of religious songs and insulted Chief Buthelezi they were chased," Mr Sabelo said.

Reacting to Mr Sabelo's statement, a police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday that police would maintain law and order and would act against anyone who broke the law.

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# Zulu 'warriors' disrupt funeral

JOHANNESBURG. — A band of about 300 Zulus carrying spears, shields, clubs and pangas chased away and beat some of the 8 000 black mourners at a funeral of eight unrest victims in Umlazi on Saturday, witnesses said.

They said the Zulus chanted "Usuthu, Usuthu", a traditional battle cry, as they marched toward the mourners, who were singing freedom songs at the entrance to the Umlazi Cemetery.

The mourners dashed for their buses and cars, and banners supporting the United Democratic Front were hastily folded and hidden, said the witnesses.

Most of the mourners escaped, but about 70 were stranded by the quickly-departing buses, and attackers chased them down a hill and beat men and women alike. One witness, a reporter for a Durban newspaper, said he saw seven or eight mourners with serious cuts and club wounds. Police were not in evidence, he said.

## Kicked away memorial stones

Impi members kicked away the memorial stones that an hour earlier had been laid on the graves, the witnesses said.

As they marched toward the mourners, impi members chanted: "Only (KwaZulu leader Gatsha) Buthelezi can lead the people."

In a three-hour address at the weekend, Chief Buthelezi told an Inkatha youth meeting in Ulundi that jailed ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela must be freed unconditionally. But he stressed that ANC violence had not significantly helped the fate of blacks under apartheid. — Sapa-AP

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**mourn**  
**the fallen**

SEVERAL East London factories closed this week when thousands of workers attended a memorial service for the victims of the recent unrest in Duncan Village.

Nearly 10 000 people attended the five-hour service at Ezi-phunzana Stadium, and 23 civic, youth and worker organisations were represented

Speakers called for an end to "atrocities inflicted on the people". The service was incident-free.

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# Gasa lives in fear of the assassin

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FIRST they bombed his house, and now they're threatening to kill him.

That's the story of David Sponono Gasa, chairman of the Umlazi Residents' Association - a UDF affiliate - whose Umlazi house was petrol-bombed shortly after Victoria Mxenge's funeral.

He told City Press he had received death threats from unidentified callers throughout this week.

Mr Gasa, 54, said he report-

ed the bomb and death threats to the police, who in turn sent 30 of their men to search his house.

He said he received threats after arranging taxis to convey people to the Mxenge funeral.

When the mourners were ready to leave, a busload of armed, chanting impis marched on Mxenge's house.

He said he locked the gates and ordered the women to lock themselves inside the house.

"Since then, I have been living in fear for my life," he said, adding that he'd recruited men to guard his and Mrs Mxenge's house - "in case the impis come back".

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**Inanda deaths: Two charged**

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DURBAN. — Two Indians from Phoenix yesterday appeared separately in the Verulam Magistrate's Court on a total of seven counts of murder and six counts of attempted murder arising from the deaths of blacks and Indians during unrest.

Mr Dewlal Rambaran, 24, faces five counts of murder, and six of attempted murder and Mr Ray Harripersadh, 22, has been charged with two counts of murder

Mr Harripersadh's appearance arose from the deaths of two men who were stabbed and set alight between Inanda and Phoenix on August 13.

The dead men were Mr Rooplal Ulassi, 42, and his brother-in-law, Mr Anand Ramhorry, 42.

The accused were each granted bail of R1 000

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## Petrol bombs hurled at Durban home

Argus Correspondent

**DURBAN.** — Four petrol bombs were hurled at a house in Kwamashu today, destroying all the furniture in a children's bedroom.

Housewife Mrs. Enid Bolani said the family were asleep at 1.40am when the house was attacked.

"I saw the flames and I screamed," she said.

She and other members of the family tried to put the fire out.

A friend from Transkei who was visiting fired in the air to scare off the people who were still standing outside the house.

Mrs Bolani, whose husband was away, said the family had been threatened several times.

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# Indian refugees refuse to leave

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**DURBAN.** — A number of Indian refugees who fled last week from marauding mobs in Inanda are still occupying Greenbury Community Hall in Phoenix.

Almost all efforts by officials of the House of Delegates to persuade the Inanda refugees to leave the crowded hall and move to healthier school premises in Verulam, have proved fruitless. They are going to stay there until they get houses, they say.

The Phoenix-Inanda Relief Committee has been elected by the refugees to articulate their plight.

"The House of Delegates accuse us of persuading the people to stay for political reasons," says committee spokesman Mr Sham Maharaj. "This is not true. If the people want to go to Verulam, they can go. They will not be victimized."

Claims by Durban health officials and the House of Delegates that there is grave danger of disease breaking out in the overcrowded conditions in the hall have fallen on deaf ears.

Refugees accuse officials of the House of Delegates of being arrogant and high-handed. They claim they were not consulted about moving from the hall to Verulam. They want to speak to the Minister of Housing, Mr Baldeo Dookie, in the hall. — Sapa

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## REBUILDING BLACK BUSINESS

The heavy losses suffered by black businessmen during widespread unrest has prompted Natal's Inyanda Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to appeal to white business to donate to its disaster fund.

The most heavily hit areas, says ICC chairman Patrick Gumedde, are Umlazi and Kwamashu, two townships just outside Durban. He says 123 businesses, representing about 60% of the total, were razed, while the balance were heavily looted. He also says that by Wednesday last week insurance claims from the areas amounted to R10m.

Gumedde's appeal has brought in donations of R73 000, R50 000 of which came from the SA Sugar Association. He says Corobrik has donated 120 000 bricks for rebuilding work. "Although the re-

sponse has been slow, we have been able to make some progress," he says.

The Chamber has used the money to provide 10 temporary wood-and-corrugated iron structures in each township. These will be used for business while storage space will be provided in transport containers which are water- and fire-proof.

Gumedde says other businesses have said they may be able to freeze accounts or extend credit until insurance claims are honoured.

"The unrest has hurt black business psychologically as well as physically. Confidence is at an all-time low," says Gumedde. "But," he adds, "it's important to re-establish businesses as quickly as possible to boost that confidence."

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## Township still tense after tribes clash

# Peace mission prevents Zulu-Pondo bloodbath

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Mr T C Nyameni, the Pondo chief and branch chairman of Inkatha (third from left) in peace talks with (from left) Chief Calalakubo Khawula, Mr Steven Sithebe and Mr Cyprian Buthelezi, members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

### Mercury Reporter

SEVERAL people were hurt, a bus was damaged and an attempt was made to burn down a school at Inanda Newtown during a clash between Zulus and Pondos yesterday.

Quick intervention by members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, who met leaders of the groups, and Inkatha brought some calm to the area, but the situation was still tense late yesterday.

Mr Stephen Sithebe, a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, who was accompanied by fellow members Chief

Calalakubo Khawula and Mr Cyprian Buthelezi, said there would have been a 'bloodbath' had they not intervened.

'The situation is still tense, but we are hoping to bring the two groups together before there is more trouble,' he said.

They held talks with Pondo leader Mr T C Nyameni and Newtown Mayor Mr B J Khuzwayo.

Mr Khuzwayo, who addressed 500 angry residents yesterday, said trouble had been brewing between the Pondos and the Zulus for some time.

He said the Pondos discriminated against some

of the Zulus living in the shack area and there was an unprovoked attack on Zulus living on the border of the Pondo settlement.

'Angry Zulus retaliated by stopping the Pondos from using their water which is piped along the roads separating the two groups and which they pay for,' he said, adding that the Zulus claimed the Pondos lived free on dispossessed Indian-owned land and did not pay for water.

The Mayor said that when water to the Pondos was cut off, they hit back by stopping all buses

from entering Newtown and hundreds of people were unable to get to work yesterday. At least two buses were stoned.

Following the intervention, the bus service was resumed late yesterday.

Newtown residents demanded that the Pondos be removed, but Mr Khuzwayo said it was not possible.

Mr Nyameni, who is branch chairman of Inkatha, said he was prepared to resolve the problem, but if his people were attacked they would naturally retaliate.

Police confirmed there had been a clash

# Rampaging mob sets truck alight

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## Mercury Reporter

A MOB of youths went on the rampage in Chesterville, Durban, yesterday and set fire to a delivery truck in what police described as a brief outbreak of violence.

Otherwise no serious incidents of violence were reported from other Durban townships.

In the Chesterville incident, about 40 youths went on the rampage about 12 30 p m after being dispersed by police near Chesterville High School where they had gathered.

They then approached the driver of a soft drink truck, Ambrose Dladla,

who was offloading, chased him away and set the truck alight. No looting was reported and no arrests were made.

A police spokesman said no further incident were reported in the township.

Meanwhile at Umlazi, high schools principals reported a satisfactory at-

tendance after a class boycott earlier this week.

It was quiet at Lamontville as well but buses were not entering the township after a stone-throwing incident the previous day.

No acts of violence were reported at Clermont township, Kwa Mashu or KwaMakhutha.

# Relief fund to help all who suffered losses

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## Mercury Reporter

ALL Indian and black families who suffered losses when unrest swept through black townships and Inanda will benefit from the Inanda-Phoenix Relief Fund, Mr Yellan Chinsamy, the fund's chairman, said yesterday.

Mr Chinsamy said however that shop owners would not be helped in any way by the fund.

'Apart from the more than R500 000 in cash promised by the House of Delegates, the Teachers' Association of South Africa and various companies, we have received a little more than R13 000 in cash donations,' Mr Chinsamy said.

He said he feared that some money which might have been sent to the fund could have gone to other organisations collecting relief for the Inanda refugees.

He said he was aware

of a warning from Mr Amichand Rajbansi, chairman of the Minister's Council in the House of Delegates, to illegal collectors.

Mr Rajbansi has warned illegal collectors to refrain immediately from collecting and said police had been notified about people and organisations collecting without a welfare organisation number.

Mr Chinsamy said the fund had received many gifts of clothing and vegetables in the past week which had been distributed to affected people in the townships.

'Yesterday we received a truckload of onions, cabbages and potatoes from the North Coast,' he said, adding that more cash relief was urgently needed.

Meanwhile it is understood that more than 75 homes have been allocated to Indian refugees from Inanda.

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# Township remains quiet but tense after tribal clash

Mercury Reporter

THE situation at Inanda Newtown where Pondos and Zulus clashed this week was normal but tense yesterday, according to the Mayor of Newtown, Mr B J Khuzwayo

He said trouble was defused following talks between himself, the leader of the Pondos, Mr T C Nyameni, and three members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly

Mr Khuzwayo said although the situation appeared to be normal, the

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Zulus at Newtown still resented the fact that Pondos, under Mr Nyameni, lived free on land dispossessed from Indians and did not have to pay for water

Talks with members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly had been fruitful and the plight of the shack dwellers under the rule of Mr Nyameni was now in the hands of the KwaZulu Government.

'I am aware that the residents of Newtown can do little to move the Pondos out, but they resent them and it is now up to the KwaZulu Government to act,' he said

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unionist  
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hacked  
to death

A PROMINENT UDF trade unionist was hacked to death and many properties damaged this week when armed impis swept through Umlazi.

Thabo Mokoena, 34, was killed early on Wednesday morning outside his Umlazi V-Section home.

Shocked residents speculated that a hit list has been drawn up of all activists and UDF sympathisers in Umlazi.

Mr Mokoena, known by the community as "Morena", was an organiser of the UDF-affiliated National Federation of Workers' Unions.

His wife, Irene, 33, told City Press they had been woken up by loud knocks and people shouting in Zulu: "Open up, we want Morena." About 20 armed men dragged Mr Mokoena from his house where another 70 men waited.

The incident follows last week's warning by Inkatha leader Tom Sabelo that all UDF supporters should leave Umlazi or face the consequences.

On Monday Joseph Ngobane was seriously injured when armed impis attacked several homes in Umlazi.

Police confirmed houses in Umlazi were attacked.

★ THE homes of UDF activist Fatima Meer and Umlazi mayor James Ndlovu, an Inkatha member, were petrol-bombed early yesterday.

In both incidents little damage was done and no one was injured. Professor Meer was in her study at the time of the bombing.

## Inanda Indian refugees are rehoused

Mercury Reporter

MORE than 120 Indian refugees who lost their Inanda homes when violence swept the area last month had been rehoused in Phoenix, Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Delegates, said yesterday.

He said the other refugees, mostly housed at a Verulam school at the expense of the House of Delegates, would be allocated homes.

The Minister said that according to records, 950 Inanda families qualified for homes, but the number had increased to 1 047 since the violence.

Mr Dookie said unemployed refugees and others who had difficulty should see Mr Yellan Chinsamy, chairman of the Phoenix-Inanda Relief Fund.

## Fishing ban may be reconsidered after incidents

Mercury Reporter

THE Mayor of Durban Councillor Stan Lange is to call for further details on several alleged incidents of violence and misbehaviour involving fishermen on the Bay of Plenty groyne.

The possibility existed that the moratorium on the ban on fishing from the groyne would be reconsidered, he said.

There have been complaints of foul language

heavy drinking, the smoking of drugs, pollution and general unpleasant behaviour on the groyne by fishermen. According to a report, a fisherman was stabbed by another in a scuffle on the groyne on Wednesday night.

'If these complaints prove to have substance we will have to reconsider imposing the ban on fishermen on the groyne,' said Mr Lange.

Initially all fishing from Durban's groynes was to have been prohibited, but anglers were granted a six-month trial period to show they could co-exist with other users of beach facilities.

At present they are restricted to the Bay of Plenty groyne at night.

But, Mr Lange said, fishermen did have problems in finding suitable points from which to fish as areas were being closed off to them and he doubted if all fishermen were involved in the misuse of the groyne.

## S A to aid probe of comet

Mercury Reporter

SOUTH African astronomical researchers in the Cape Town area will provide vital data to enable a European space probe to be sent close to the nucleus of Halley's Comet next year.

Scientists at the South African Astronomical Observatory in Cape Town will provide information from observations of the comet to enable the probe already launched by the European Space Agency to be steered accurately to its target.

Dr Peter Mack, a research fellow at the observatory, said: 'The comet won't be seen very clearly from the Northern Hemisphere so we'll be making precise measurements of its position to be able to navigate th

# APOLOGY

The Natal Mercury wishes to apologise to the public, Toyota S.A. and all Toyota dealers for any inconvenience or embarrassment caused due to the incorrect advert that appeared in yesterday's issue.





Mrs Maria Khubheka, whose home was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, tries to salvage what she can from her house.

## Widow sleeps in veld after mob burns down home

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Mercury Reporter

A WIDOWED mother of two whose home in Kwa Mashu was burned down this week by rampaging hooligans says she is sleeping in the veld, as neighbours fear reprisals if they shelter her.

Mrs Maria Khubheka of Section G, Kwa Mashu, said her house, which she had recently renovated and in which she had had electricity and a telephone installed, had been destroyed.

'Yesterday I had to sleep in the bush because my neighbours feared that what happened to me would happen to them if they gave shelter to my family

We are considering leaving Kwa Mashu because there is no way we

could get help from the people there.'

It was relatively peaceful in all Durban townships yesterday after the week's incidents of arson and unrest.

Police said a Putco staff bus had been stoned by group of youths at Lamontville on Wednesday night. The youths had chased the driver away and tried to set the bus alight.

A Putco spokesman estimated the damage at R3 000.

# 2 die in Natal; PE boycott

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IS extended

TWO people died in Natal on Wednesday night and the consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in Port Elizabeth has been extended for two months.

A spokesman for the Boycott Committee, Mr Stone Sizani, said the committee had received a mandate to extend the boycott, originally scheduled to end on Sun-

day, to November 15 because demands, which include the immediate withdrawal of the SADF from the townships, had not yet been met.

● An 18-year-old woman, Ms Nonhlanhla Sikhosana, was shot dead and two others were seriously wounded when a policeman standing guard at a house in Mpopomeni township, near Howick, late on Wednesday night fired on a crowd of about 50 who surrounded him chanting that they were going to kill him, a senior police spokesman said.

Ms Lindiwe Ngcobo, 16, and Ms Bawinile Ngcobo, 18, are in a serious condition at Edendale Hospital.

● An Azapo member, Mr James Ngubane, whose name was report-

edly on a "hit list" drawn up by a vigilante group, died in Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale in Natal after being assaulted by seven stick-wielding men on Wednesday.

Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Imraan Moosa, said yesterday a band of vigilantes was terrorizing activists in the Natal region and it was known that some leading officials of a conservative black organization were involved.

Ten Azapo members — including the secretary-general, Mr Eric Mahlathi, and Eastern Cape regional chairman, Mr Ashraj Karodie — were arrested during a commemoration service for Steve Biko in Uitenhage on Wednesday night, Azapo's vice-president,

Mr George Wauchope, said yesterday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria could not confirm the arrests.

● In Uitenhage a petrol bomb was thrown yesterday at a shop in a white suburb.

The elderly manageress of a milk depot, Mrs Marie Marais, and her coloured assistant, Miss Fransien David, were alone when the petrol bomb was thrown into the shop at about 4pm.

Mrs Marais said a nearby pharmacist rushed in and doused the flames with a wet cloth.

## Messenger

In another incident, a messenger of the court was attacked by a group in Uitenhage's Rosedale suburb and his car was set alight.

A shocked Mr Caspar Labuschagne, 45, said he had been issuing summonses in the coloured township.

When he came out of a house he saw that his car was on fire and rushed to salvage his documents.

At the car he felt a blow on the head, and "everything went black".

A group of people began beating him and he fled to a shop where a coloured man took him to a temporary police station. He was admitted to hospital and received treatment for a head wound and bruises. — Sapa and Own Correspondents

# Lawyer flees as mobs attack homes

DURBAN advocate Mafika Mbuli and his family fled their KwaMashu home this week after groups of men went on the rampage, attacking and burning houses in the township.

The men burned down four houses and assaulted Samson Ngobese - owner of one of the houses. He was admitted to hospital in a serious condition.

Two journalists were also attacked. Police said Moses Mgubose was stabbed in the arms and chest. Their car was badly damaged.

Victims of the attacks are believed to be UDF supporters or members of its affiliate, the KwaMashu Youth League.

Mr Mbuli, who has represented many political prisoners, fled when his attackers returned on Wednesday.

His home was petrol bombed and shot at. Later, a group of about 200 people, chanting war songs, destroyed the house.

Umlazi superintendent Themba Bolani's home was set alight. It is believed a group of men demanded to see his son, who is a KYL member.

Armed men attacked and burned down Maria Kubheka's home. Neighbours said the men shouted: "We want Sibongile"

- Mrs Kubheka's daughter, who works for the SA Centre for Higher Education. She is believed to be a KYL member.

Police confirmed the attacks on the houses and said about 400 people had stoned a police patrol in KwaMashu. The mob was dispersed with rubber bullets, birdshot and teargas.

Eight people were injured.

## NEWS PLUS

★ A NATIONAL Federated Chamber of Commerce delegation has successfully negotiated the release from detention of six of its Tembisa members after two meetings with Deputy Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

They were released on Tuesday after Nafcoc president Dr Sam Motsuenyane, PS Ramakobya and Sy Kutumela met Mr Vlok in Pretoria to negotiate their release.

Jerry Morakile, N Khoza, M Nguni, A Dlangamandla, G Ncobongwane and V Siyothula were detained about three weeks ago after the consumer boycott was

# Lecturer in hospital after hooded men shoot and burn home

## Mercury Reporter

A NATAL University lecturer, Mr George Yengwa, and his daughter, Zinhle, 13, were yesterday admitted to hospital after a Lamontville home was shot at and set alight early yesterday

Police said a gang of about 10 hooded men attacked the home firing

shots and throwing petrol bombs

A spokesman for King Edward VIII Hospital said Mr Yengwa's condition was satisfactory

Zinhle underwent an operation to remove pellets from her body.

Mr Yengwa's wife, Willel, a former KwaZulu Legislative Assembly

member who resigned from politics in 1983, said the attack on the family's home lasted an hour.

Two cars were also burned

Mrs Yengwa said she did not know the reason for the attack, but 'the whole world knows who the attackers were'.

Mrs Yengwa, whose

house was completely destroyed, said she was left with only her nightdress and had to borrow a gown from neighbours to accompany her husband to hospital

Mrs Yengwa estimated damages at R60 000

A police spokesman confirmed the incident and said arrests had been made

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# Blacks choose Mandela

**DURBAN.** — Most Indians — and to a lesser extent coloured people — prefer President P W Botha to lead South Africa, but a large majority of blacks want Mr Nelson Mandela as national leader.

These are some of the findings of a survey into the recent Natal unrest by the Institute for Black Research, released here at the weekend by the institute's director, Professor Fatima Meer of the University of Natal.

The survey also showed that the Kwa-Zulu leader, Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi, has lost considerable support, with Mr Mandela emerging stronger than ever in the black community.

## 'Traumatic'

A report accompanying the survey findings said the unrest had had a "traumatic impact" on the political affiliations of people.

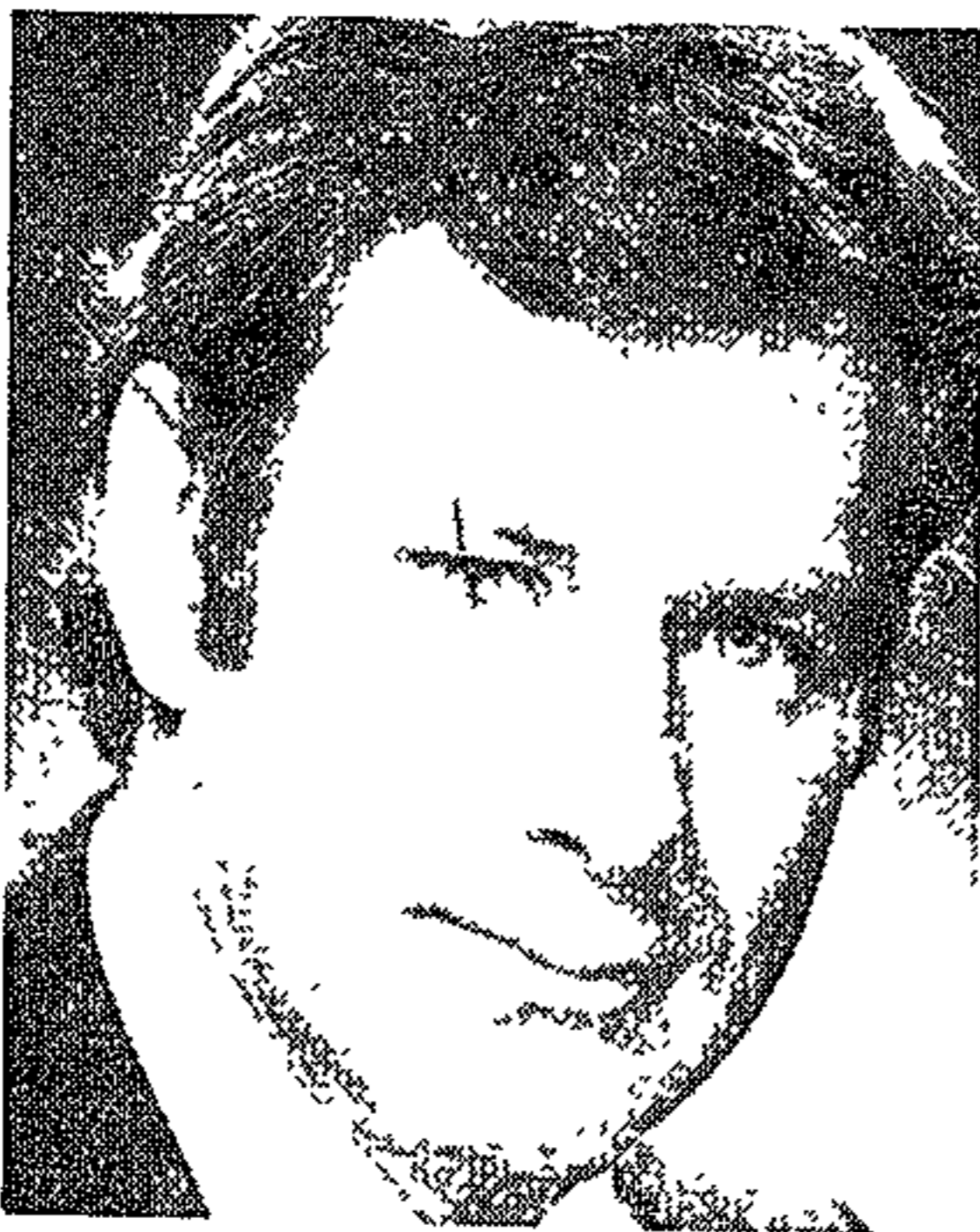
A total of 488 people in black, Indian and coloured townships in the greater Durban area was sampled after the unrest and riots early in August.

While there was radicalization of black political sentiment, there was a marked shift towards conservatism on the part of coloured people and particularly Indians.

More coloured people (25 percent) preferred the PFP leader, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, for the number two choice of national leader, while blacks chose UDF patron Dr Allan Boesak as the second choice.

While coloured people (11 percent) and Indians (3,7 percent) picked Mr Mandela as third choice, blacks picked the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Bishop Desmond Tutu.

The survey showed that support for Chief Buthelezi declined among blacks from 45 percent in a survey con-



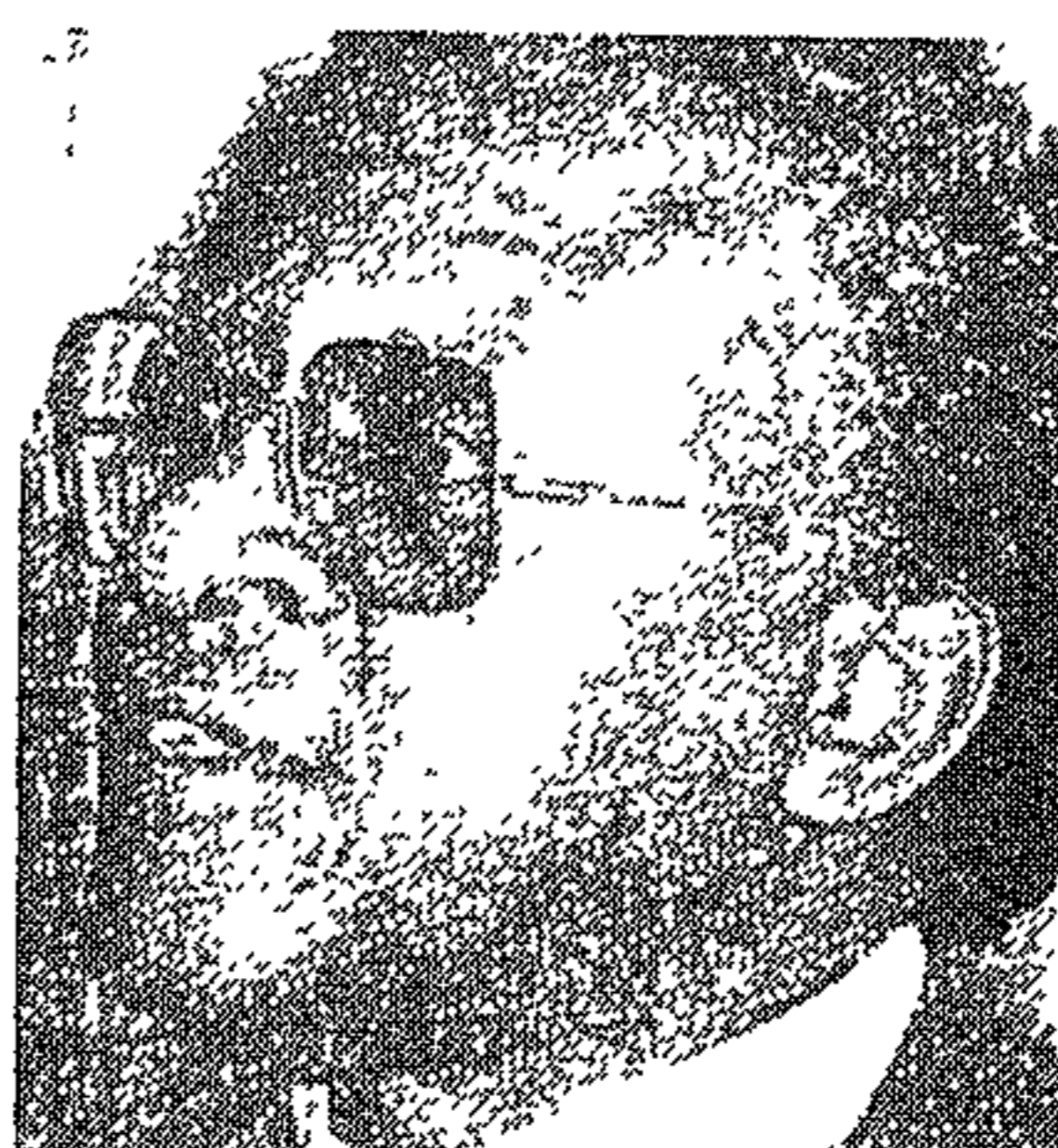
**Dr Van Zyl Slabbert ... 25 percent more support among coloured people**



**Mr P W Botha ... Indian and coloured peoples' number one choice for leader**



**Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi ... lost 'considerable support' among blacks**



**Bishop Desmond Tutu ... chosen by blacks after Mr Mandela and Dr Boesak**

ducted by the IBR in 1979, to 4,8 percent in the present survey.

Support among coloured people remained non-existent but where previously there had been no support for him among Indians, a 0,6 percent support was registered after the unrest.

Concerning Mr Mandela, the report said the last IBR survey conducted among blacks in 1979 showed only 2,5 percent of respondents even willing to express support for him because of fear, but in the present survey 54,2 percent expressed

support for him as leader.

The survey also showed that number one choice for South African leader was given to Mr Botha with Dr Slabbert taking second position. Others in order of preference were Bishop Desmond Tutu, Chief Buthelezi, Mr Mandela and Dr Boesak, the report said.

The report said that while there was practically no support at all for Mr Botha among blacks interviewed, 53,4 percent of Indian respondents and 31 percent of coloured people chose

him as the most popular leader.

The survey found that while the United Democratic Front increased its support slightly among Indians and coloured people after the unrest, the support for the UDF by blacks doubled.

There was also strong support for the House of Delegates and House of Representatives, the survey showed.

Support for the Natal Indian Congress dropped by half in both black and Indian samples with no support registering in the coloured community

for the NIC.

The survey also showed that support for Inkatha among blacks dropped from 19,8 percent before the unrest, to 5,3 percent after the unrest.

"There was and is no support for Inkatha in the coloured community, but there was no support for the Inkatha movement among Indians before the unrest and a support of 3,18 percent was registered after the unrest — which was higher than the 2,3 percent support shown for the NIC," the report said.

## Neighbourhood

● The report also found that Indians were caught in the riots in Durban's Inanda area last month because they shared a common neighbourhood with blacks and not because of their participation in the tricameral parliamentary system.

It said 43,6 percent of blacks interviewed in the survey said Indians "had just got caught" in the middle of the unrest, while 51 percent thought Indians became victims when blacks took the opportunity to steal.

Only four percent of blacks thought Indians were attacked because they had a parliamentary chamber while blacks did not, the report said.

On the other hand, the report said 26,7 percent of Indians and 31 percent of coloured people thought the main reason for attacks on Indians was their participation in the new political dispensation without blacks.

The survey also showed that more blacks saw Inkatha and the police as the "principal troublemakers" once the unrest had started, with students rated as the third element.

Most Indians and coloured people on the other hand saw blacks as the troublemakers, the report said. — Sapa

# Man burnt to death by mob

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Own Correspondent

**DURBAN.** — An unidentified black man burned to death after being set alight by a mob of youths in Clermont near Pine-town about 3.30pm yesterday afternoon. Police have made no arrests yet.

In further unrest the KwaMashu home of Mr Thulebona Mbatha, a member of the KwaMashu Youth League, an affiliate of the United Democratic Front, was destroyed by fire after it was attacked and petrol-bombed by armed men and youths late yesterday afternoon.

Mr Mbatha, who was in the neighbouring house when the attack took place, said the armed group shouting anti-UDF slogans asked for him, "saying that I was a ring-leader in the recent unrest".

They poured petrol on the house and set it alight, said Mr Mbatha.

Police said about 300 people had been involved in the attack on the house. They were investigating.

● Sapa reports from Umtata that 101 girls and 28 boys were arrested after students at the Nozuko High School broke windows at their school.

● Two women were seriously injured in Sada Village near Whittlesea, Ciskei, yesterday when police retaliated to stonings by firing on a crowd which had marched through the streets singing freedom songs.

# Lawyer flees before mob destroys home

*Mercury* (27.6) 12/9/85

## Mercury Reporter

A DURBAN advocate, Mr Mafika Mbuli, and his family fled their Kwa Mashu home yesterday after groups of men went on the rampage, attacking and burning houses in the township

The men burned down four houses and in one incident hacked the owner of one of the razed houses, Mr Samson Ngobese. He was admitted to King Edward VIII Hospital in a serious condition.

Two Ilanga newspaper reporters were attacked by the groups while trying to take pictures

Police said one of the reporters, Mr Moses Mgubose, was stabbed in the arms and chest. Their car was badly damaged

All victims of the attacks are believed to be United Democratic Front

sympathisers or members of its affiliate organisation, the Kwa Mashu Youth League.

Mr Mbuli, the Durban advocate who has defended many political prisoners and detainees, fled with his family when the group returned to his home for the second time yesterday

He said his home had been attacked with petrol bombs initially and several shots had been fired

Later a group of about 200 people singing war songs had completely destroyed the house

At Section G, Kwa Mashu, the men set fire to the home of the Umlazi superintendent, Mr Themba Bolani. It is believed that they wanted to see his son, who is a Kwa Mashu Youth League member.

In the same area, armed men attacked and burned down the home of Mrs Maria Kubheka

Neighbours said the men were shouting 'We want Sibongile,' Mrs Kubheka's daughter, who works for the South African Centre for Higher Education. She is also believed to be a Kwa Mashu Youth League member.

Mr Samson Ngobese's house, which is next to Mr Thulebona Mbatha's

home which was set on fire on Tuesday, was also burned down and his car was stoned. He was admitted to King Edward VIII Hospital after being stabbed

Police confirmed the attacks on the houses and said about 400 people had stoned a police patrol in Kwa Mashu. Police used rubber bullets, birdshot and tear-gas to disperse the mob

Eight people were injured

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## TUC call on strike dis

### Labour Reporter

THE Trade Union Council of South Africa yesterday called on the Government to introduce legislation limiting the rights of employers to discharge employees engaged in a legal strike

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demned the practice where employers are able to dismiss legal strikers even though these workers may have gone through all the relevant channels in pursuit of a settlement.

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# City centre march by women is cancelled

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Mercury Reporter

A WOMAN for Peaceful Change Now march planned for tomorrow in Durban's city centre — to protest against the Government's handling of the countrywide unrest — has had to be cancelled.

Durban's Chief Magistrate, Mr Pine Pienaar, yesterday refused permission for the march to go ahead on the grounds that permission had not been granted by Durban City Police.

The march organisers

were planning to hand a message for President Botha to the Mayor, Mr Stan Lange, at the end of the march from Broad Street to the City Hall.

WPCN spokesman Sylvia Gould said yesterday 'a lot of people' were expected for the march and she would now have to contact them to stop them from attending.

She said the reason for the refusal by Mr Pienaar was that 'in this day and age he was worried about the safety of the people marching.

'Mr Pienaar did not want to accept the responsibility for the safety of the people and then of course City Police also refused permission,' said Mrs Gould.

The march was to have been part of the WPCN's peace petition which includes an appeal for Mr Botha to meet the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and condemns the state of emergency and Mr Botha's speech at the National Party Congress in Durban.



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# Violence-threat seminary gets court aid

A SUPREME Court injunction in Pietermaritzburg this week has given the Federal Theological Seminary (Fedsem) a temporary reprieve from threats of violence.

The safety of students, staff and workers at Fedsem and the future of the seminary itself had been put in jeopardy last week by threats of violence from residents of the nearby township of Imbali.

Fedsem trains ministers for the Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian and the black Presbyterian churches.

Trouble started on Sunday August 25 when about 200 stick-carrying Imbali residents approached the seminary and informed senior staff members including the president, K Mgojo, that the seminary was the cause of unrest in Imbali.

The seminary was warned that unless the buildings and grounds were vacated by 6pm last Friday, August 30, "things could get worse".

In the crowd were the mayor of Imbali and a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, Patrick Pakkies, as well as the chairman of the local branch of Inkatha.

By CARINA LE GRANGE

This gave rise to the first allegations of Inkatha involvement. The Azanian Students Movement (Azasm) has since issued a statement to that effect - denied by Inkatha president Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, who attacked the seminary authorities for "spreading malicious lies against Inkatha" in reports sent abroad.

Buthelezi (a member of the Anglican church), had been asked by church leaders to intervene and attend a meeting on the matter scheduled for September 4.

He has said he was "only too happy in the past to play a reconciliatory role as a Christian" but now threatens not to play any such part unless the seminary authorities withdraw the allegations of Inkatha involvement.

This is not the first clash involving the church and Inkatha. In 1983, the annual meeting of the Alliance of Black Reformed Churches in Southern Africa (Abreca) fled KwaNzimela at midnight after a busload of what had been described as "armed impis" arrived.

By last Friday however, threats were viewed serious enough for the seminary council to evacuate everyone from the campus, although it was decided at the same meeting that the seminary would not close.

In the court injunction this week, the seminary sought to restrain Pakkies and Ndlovu from inciting people to attack the seminary. It has been set down for hearing on September 19.

As a result, this week's meeting between Imbali leaders, seminary officials and Buthelezi did not take place.

Buthelezi has since stated that he had in fact intervened and assured the safety of Fedsem and acknowledged that allegations of Inkatha involvement were not made by Fedsem authorities.

He has also stressed that his intervention should not be seen as an admission of Inkatha involvement (Imbali falls outside the jurisdiction of KwaZulu) and said it was absurd that he should be seen as "favouring violence".

Buthelezi has, however, since then launched a scathing attack on the UDF

# Inkatha goes on the rampage?

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SOWETAN

AT LEAST six people died in clashes between a rampaging gang, believed to be Inkatha members, and youths in Lamontville, Durban, at the weekend.

Three people were found dead when examined at King Edward VIII Hospital. The body of a fourth man, who had been set alight, was found lying in Road 5, Lamontville. Later, a hospital spokesman said reports had been received that two more men had been killed.

At least 12 people, including a three-year-old girl, were admitted to the hospital. Two of them had bullet wounds. According to hospital sources, one of the 12 was critically injured and "might not survive the night."

The clashes occurred as Inkatha supporters headed for Umlazi for the Shaka Day rally addressed by Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the Zulu monarch, King Goodwill Zwelithini.

Late in the afternoon, a Lamontville resident said, the gang launched a second attack and two more men were killed, bringing the number of

dead to six. The attackers were again driven away.

Three quarters of the way through Chief Buthelezi's speech, three busloads of Amabutho (warriors) — among them a top Inkatha official — in tribal dress and many of them armed, left the Umlazi Stadium where the Chief Minister of KwaZulu was speaking and crossed the freeway into neighbouring Lamontville.

## Police

Police at the scene said the Amabutho and township residents were involved in a skirmish. According to unconfirmed reports, an Inkatha man was killed and set alight. Several people were injured.

The body of one of the victims lay smouldering in the middle of the road almost an hour after he had been stoned to death and set alight. — Sapa.

# SCALE

LEADERS of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), which had arranged weekend meetings on the present schools crisis.

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# Terror wave in Durban as 'impis' purge UDF

By WEEKLY REPORTER  
Durban

AN unprecedented wave of terror is sweeping the Durban black townships of Umlazi and Kwa Mashu, where hordes of armed warriors are "purging" the townships of United Democratic Front (UDF) sympathisers.

At least three people have been abducted and brutally killed by the "impis" who roam the streets at night, forcing males to join them on their murder and destruction spree.

Last week two organisers of the National Federation of Workers, a UDF affiliate, were attacked at their Umlazi homes.

Thabo Robert Mokoena, 33, was abducted and killed, and his colleague, Mandla Ndlela, 37, had his house destroyed by about 50 men who critically assaulted him.

These are just some of the incidents that have followed a "warning" by the KwaZulu legislative assembly member for Umlazi, Mr Winnington Sabelo, that all UDF sympathisers should leave Umlazi or else they would be "dealt with".

Mr Sabelo announced this at a press conference about three weeks ago, but has since been repimanded by Dr Oscar Dhlomo, secretary general of Inkatha who said Mr Sabelo had not been mandated by either the KwaZulu government or by Inkatha to issue the "warning".

But despite Dr Dhlomo's assurances, the UDF has borne the brunt of the impi's acts of killing, maiming and destruction.

The impi were initially vigilante groups that were formed by Inkatha at the height of the recent unrest to "restore" normality in the townships.

Mr Sabelo who was in charge of these vigilante groups claims the impi now terrorising the residents are not his people — despite several claims that he has been seen with them.

Several people are known to have left the townships in fear of their lives. Among them is Rev Wesley Mabuza, a prominent member of Diakonia, an organisation of Christian churches in the Greater Durban area. Rev Mabuza was frog-marched by the attackers who forced him to chant anti-UDF slogans.

But chants were before the present reign of terror that has seen even journalists incurring the wrath of the impi when they tried to photograph them in action.

Police are investigating.

# Arson attack shocks former Inkatha man

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## Mercury Reporter

THE former secretary general of Inkatha and a professor at the University of Zululand, Dr Sibusiso Bhengu, said from Switzerland yesterday he was shocked to learn that his seven-roomed house in Esikhawini, near Empangeni, had been petrol-bombed.

Speaking from Geneva yesterday, Dr Bhengu said he had received a telex from South Africa about the bombing and damage to the house from the family which had been living in it at the time of the attack.

Dr Bhengu said he left South Africa in 1978 after resigning as secretary general of Inkatha following a difference of opinion with the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He said he now held a senior position with the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva.

'According to the telex message, the occupants of the house were woken in the early hours of last Saturday after two petrol bombs were hurled through the windows,' he said, adding the house had also been peppered

with shotgun pellets.

Dr Bhengu said he was no longer a member of Inkatha nor a follower of Chief Buthelezi.

He claimed that the damage to the house was estimated to be more than R20 000.

A police spokesman confirmed the incident but said no arrests had been made.

# Swart says terror reigns in many Durban townships

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## Political Reporter

SOME people from townships around Durban say they are living under a 'reign of terror' as opposing political groups wage war on one another.

The Progressive Federal Party MP for Berea, Mr Ray Swart, says the police appear to have lost control of the situation, but police have described the claims as 'rubbish'.

An advice bureau

opened last week by the PFP to take sworn statements about the violence has received many inquiries from township residents.

Mr Swart said that already a clear picture was emerging of 'an extremely serious situation of ongoing violence, intimidation, threats and counter-threats in townships in and around Durban'.

'I don't think whites in Durban know what is going on.

'There is a reign of terror in many townships. Both sides appear to be using hit lists.'

And there was no evidence that the police were effectively controlling the situation, he said.

The SAP public relations officer for Port Natal, Capt Winston Heunis, said this was 'absolute rubbish'.

'There has not been a single incident in the past week,' he said.

Mr Swart said people were living in 'abject fear' and few were willing to make sworn statements.

He said there were clear divisions among township residents and he had been approached by people from 'both sides'.



The bus which was set alight in Section M, Umlazi, yesterday.

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**Mob sets fire to furniture van in Umlazi**

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**Mercury Reporter**

A BUS and a furniture truck were set alight in Umlazi, Durban, yesterday.

Police said more than 30 people attacked the Morkels furniture truck, driven by Mr Vilakazi Ngcobo, and chased him away. They stoned the vehicle before setting fire to it.

A bus belonging to Stanger Transport was set alight early yesterday.

Police confirmed the incident. They said they did not know what the bus was doing in Umlazi or who the owner was.

Police said two youths were arrested in Umlazi for trying to stop pupils from going to school.

Meanwhile in Kwa Mashu, classes at the J.L. Dube High School and Umzuvele High School were disrupted when a group of pupils invaded

the schools and demanded that pupils in the classrooms join them.

A spokesman for the KwaZulu Department of Education and Culture in Kwa Mashu confirmed the incident and said he was still waiting for a full report.

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# as Zulu warriors run wild

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**JOHANNESBURG.** — At least six people died when Zulu warriors, some in full battle regalia, fought local youths in Durban's Lamontville township on Saturday. Twelve people, including a three-year-old child, were injured.

Lamontville residents said warriors took to the streets with fighting sticks and assegais, beating up people and smashing windows.

Many of them wore traditional Zulu battle regalia including skin skirts, beads and ankle rattles and carried cowhide shields.

Elsewhere in the country, police said they shot and killed a black man at Dordrecht, near East London, on Saturday when he fire-bombed a school and two whites were injured, when blacks attacked their car on a public highway near King William's Town.



Chief Buthelezi at the Umlazi rally.

According to a police spokesman, Mr V L Stotter and Mr R E Tooze fled when a crowd stoned them and set fire to their vehicle.

In KwaZakele outside Port Elizabeth on Friday night, two soldiers were injured, one seriously, when a petrol bomb exploded in a Buffel armoured vehicle.

A Defence Force spokesman said last night Rifleman A H Coetsee of Brakpan and Rifleman G Maree of Johannesburg were in a satisfactory condition in Port Elizabeth Hospital.

A man has been arrested in connection with the incident, police said.

At Cathcart, also in the Eastern Cape, police opened fire on a crowd of blacks throwing petrol bombs at a private house. One man was killed, a police spokesman said.

The new deaths were reported as South Africa entered the 11th week of a state of emergency aimed at crushing year-long unrest that has seen about 720 people killed.

Fighting erupted in Lamontville, outside Durban, as the Zulu monarch, King Goodwill Zwelithini, and Chief Gatsha Buthelezi addressed about 10 000 tribesmen at a rally in memory of Shaka, founder of the Zulu nation.

Chief Buthelezi arrived wearing a leopardskin headband and a necklace of lion claws and carrying a shield and fighting sticks.

He donned a leopardskin cape before he addressed the crowd in Durban's strife-torn Umlazi township where dozens of blacks died in internecine fighting last month.

"I do not want to leave this place if there is any doubt about my leadership," he said to cheering supporters.

Three-quarters of the way through Chief Buthelezi's speech, three busloads of amabutho (warriors) — among them a top Inkatha official — in tribal dress and many of them armed, left the Umlazi stadium and crossed the freeway into neighbouring Lamontville.

As he spoke, the warriors battled UDF supporters in Lamontville, stabbing four people to death, smashing windows and furniture in houses and injuring residents.

At least 12 people, including a three-year-old girl, were admitted to King Edward VII Hospital. Two of them had bullet wounds. According to hospital sources, one of the 12 was critically injured.

### Men stoned and burnt

Two dead men, believed to be Inkatha members, were burnt in the fighting.

The body of one of the victims lay smouldering in the middle of the road almost an hour after he had been stoned to death and set alight.

In further violence in the troubled region, about 30 black children were injured when a bomb exploded in a toilet at Umlazi's Executive Hotel about 5.30pm yesterday.

According to the manager of the hotel, Mr Peter Davidson, a loud bang shook the building, creating chaos among about 150 children who were attending a "children's day" at the hotel.

About 30 of them suffered cuts from the flying glass and were treated by nurses and parents on the scene — UPI, Sapa and Own Correspondent

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# Troops camp out in <sup>276</sup> <sup>10/10/85</sup> <sup>W. Mail</sup> 'civil-war' Lamontville

## WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER

SECURITY Forces moved into Durban's Lamontville township this week and set up a semi-permanent camp in the middle of the town following the clashes at the weekend between residents and invading Inkatha warriors that left 10 people dead.

The trouble broke out on Saturday morning, the day of the King Shaka Day commemoration rally addressed by the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, at the Umlazi Stadium.

A crowd of men armed with sticks, assegais and spears marched into Lamontville and were confronted near the entrance by youths who stoned them.

At about mid-day, senior Inkatha member and deputy chief whip in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, Prince Gideon Zulu, left the stadium during Buthelezi's speech with three busloads of armed supporters and travelled to Lamontville.

One group attacked a house, breaking the windows and the front door, and smashed a car in front of it.

A crowd of stone-throwing residents counter-attacked and scattered the group.

Eyewitnesses said youths caught one Inkatha supporter, killed him and placed a burning tyre on his body in the road.

Police and army units arrived in vans and armoured vehicles and fired teargas.

They briefly dispersed the crowd of residents with teargas and cornered the Inkatha supporters, who dispersed upon request.

Dr Oscar Dhlomo, Inkatha secretary general, said the contingent of Inkatha supporters had gone into Lamontville to fetch members to attend the Shaka Day celebrations.

Meanwhile, the new army camp this week provoked protests from residents, the Progressive Federal



Inkatha dancers at Umlazi Stadium. Later, violence broke out

Picture WENDY SCHWEGMANN, Reuters

party and the End Conscription Campaign, who have called for it to be dismantled.

One resident, who asked not to be named, said, "They are enforcing a virtual curfew on the township. Anybody out on the streets at night is stopped and questioned".

He said there were also house to house patrols by police and army personnel wearing balaclavas.

Members of the Lamontville Co-ordinating Committee, representing various community organisations, including the Joint Rent Action Committee, the Natal Organisation of Women and the Lamontville Housing

Action Committee said they did not trust the police and army to defend them.

A spokesman accused the police and the local development board police of aiding Inkatha warriors who came into the township on two occasions.

When residents gathered to rebuff the attack, the spokesman claimed, they were teargassed and dispersed. Police just laughed and joked with the Inkatha warriors, he claimed.

The spokesman said he believed it was the development board's strategy to divert the community's grievances against high rents, bad administration and unrepresentative councillors into

intra-black conflict.

He said the community in the township had a mass meeting last week and had decided that they were going to ensure their own safety, protect their homes and property.

A spokesman for the SAP said the police would move into unrest areas when and where they wanted to and would only leave when the killings and burnings in the townships stopped.



# Putco has no ties with 'impis'

CP Correspondent

PUTCO has lost almost half a million rands from damage to its buses during the unrest in Durban - but has denied its buses were stoned for allegedly carrying "impis".

Putco PRO Pat Rogers told City Press that four buses were completely burnt by arsonists, and 28 others were damaged during the last week alone. Damage amounted to more than R464 000.

But he flatly denied that the damage was a backlash by angry Umlazi residents at the company's alleged support of impis in the townships. Mr Rogers said his company did not support the impis or any other vigilante group. Putco saw the damage purely as part of the pattern of township violence.

But affidavits and statements by victims of the impis suggest that Mr Rogers' Durban colleagues may have kept him in the dark about events in the townships.

Umlazi residents claim Putco buses ferry the impis around the township, and say they have seen buses transporting the impis in the dead of night.

An Umlazi resident alleges in an affidavit that an impi which had planned to attack the home of slain UDF leader Victoria Mxenge was transported to the Mxenge home in a Putco bus.

Other residents claimed that an impi which attacked a group of residents at Umlazi Cemetery recently was transported in two Putco buses.

Tracks have number

# Petrol bomb thrown on freeway

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Mercury Reporter

A PETROL bomb was thrown at cars on the Outer Ring Road near Durban yesterday by black youths who also stampeded traffic by hurling stones on to the freeway from an embankment close to the Chesterville township, police said.

The petrol bomb missed the cars and burned out but six vehicles were damaged by stones.

A police spokesman said a group of about 20 youths was responsible for the attack.

When the stones started hailing down motorists on the northbound carriageway near the N3 turnoff risked damaging their vehicles' undercarriages as they ploughed through the ditch dividing the two lanes in a desperate bid to avoid the fist-sized projectiles.

One of the first people on the scene, Mr Mark Loudon, told of his concern when his bakkie stalled in the centre island.

After restarting his vehicle he was able to get through to the southbound lane.

Cautious motorists continued to cross the island and turn back for 10 minutes or so before venturing across the rock-strewn section below the embankment.

Armed police were on the scene and traffic flow was back to normal within 15 minutes of the first stones being thrown.

Policemen from Westville and members of Westville Protection Services have arrested five youths between the ages of 12 and 16.

They will appear in court on charges of malicious damage to property.

# Township residents turn to PFP to help ease tension

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## Mercury Reporter

RESIDENTS of trouble-torn Lamontville yesterday believed the PFP could help diffuse the tense and unhealthy situation in the township

The PFP spokesman on justice and MP for Durban Central, Mr Peter Gastrow, accompanied a delegation of township elders to present their grievances to the semi-permanent police base in the centre of Lamontville.

Mr Gastrow told the Mercury after meeting the commanding officer

that tension was rising in the township. 5/10/85

'Residents have a fear of attack from outside and there is anger about police interference with taxis and transport,' he said.

He said the police were often not seen by the com-

munity as the protectors of the residents, but the ones who were increasing tension.

Residents of the township clearly wanted the police protection, but they needed to be convinced that police were acting in an unbiased way, said Mr Gastrow.

# Bus drivers injured in Umlazi stoning

Mercury Reporter

TWO Putco drivers were injured and the bus service temporarily suspended after the stoning of buses continued in Umlazi yesterday afternoon.

A breakdown truck was set on fire by a group of

youths while it was towing a burned-out bus.

Bus drivers Mr S Hlophe and Mr E Thusini were both treated at Prince Mshiyeni Hospital for slight injuries following the stoning.

In Chesterville, rampaging youths robbed the driver of a municipal

bus before setting it alight. This incident happened on Wednesday.

Meanwhile in Lamontville, scores of illegal taxis were impounded following roadblocks mounted by the police at the entrance to the township.

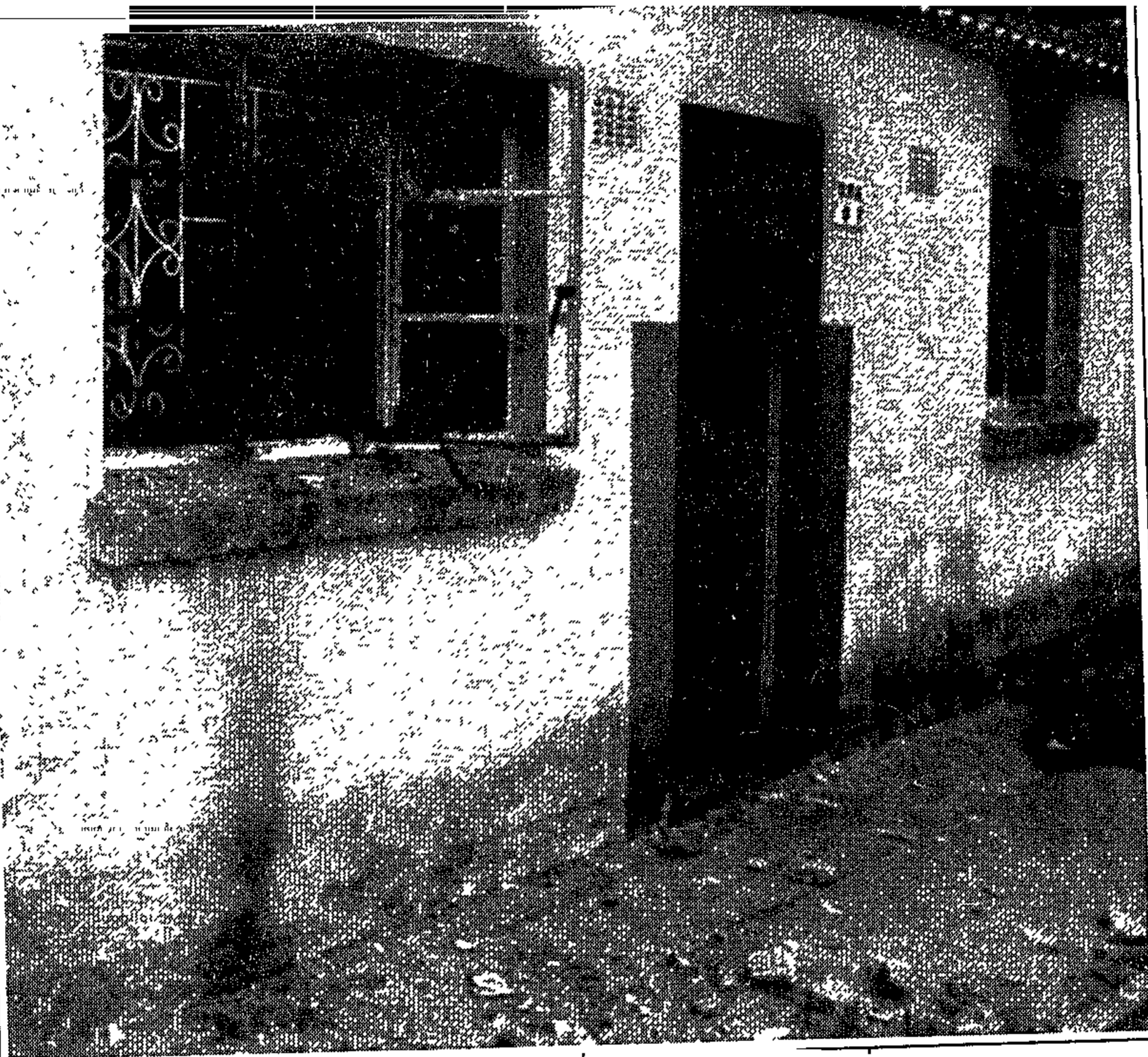
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The house of Natalia Development Board policeman Mr M Shandu which was petrol bombed by rampaging youths in Lamontville during the weekend.

## Seven dead in townships after weekend violence

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### Crime Reporter

THE violence in Durban's black townships at the weekend left at least seven dead and dozens more, including 30 children, injured.

On Saturday five bodies were found in Lamontville. A man was set alight and four others knifed after a small Zulu impi was allegedly ambushed and stoned by a crowd of youths.

Later during the afternoon the house of Mr Nthabeni Mhata, a member of the Natalia Development Board in the township, was set alight in Mpanya Road.

The house of Mr Khethani Nyinyani, 63, of V section Umlazi was attacked with petrol bombs, leaving a nine-year-old child injured and causing R2 100 damage.

On Sunday a Putco bus was burned out when petrol bombs were hurled at it in V section Umlazi.

In E section of the township a man was set alight and another stabbed to death.

Thirty children were injured on Sunday afternoon in a bomb explosion at the Executive Hotel in Umlazi.

Incidents of stone throwing, arson and petrol bombing occurred on Sunday night in areas of Lamontville and Umlazi.

# Young man is burned to death in Umlazi street

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2/10/85 STAR  
Mercury Reporter

A YOUNG man was burned to death in Umlazi after a group of people had stabbed him, poured petrol over his body and set him alight, police disclosed yesterday.

He was the second man to be burned in Umlazi and the third in Durban townships following the recent outbreak of violence which has left several people dead.

Mr Muziwandile Ngcobo, 23, of Section L 99, Umlazi, was attacked by three men as he was walking home from work on Monday.

His sister Zanele said someone had told her that her brother had been attacked at the taxi rank.

When I arrived at the rank I found my brother

burning and I was told that three people had been seen getting into a car after setting him alight,' she said.

'I have never seen anything like this in my life.'

She could not understand why her brother had been killed as he was a quiet man with no political affiliation.

Police spokesman confirmed the incident and said no arrests had been made yet.

Meanwhile, a Putco bus was set alight at Umlazi station yesterday and three others were stoned by youths at Section D.

A Putco spokesman said two men driving a white car had attacked a bus parked at the Umlazi station and set it alight. It was completely destroyed, he said.

# Shots fired at police, ambulances attacked

Cape Times 11/10/85 (276)

By TONY WEAVER, CHRIS BATEMAN and ANDRE KOOPMAN

FOR the first time during the current unrest in the Western Cape, shots have been fired at police, and yesterday two ambulances were among vehicles attacked by stone-throwing mobs on the Cape Flats.

Police headquarters in Pretoria confirmed yesterday that two shots had been fired from behind a barricade in Mitchells Plain on Wednesday night. No injuries or arrests were reported.

Late last night about six burning barricades stretching over a distance of 800m sealed off a large section of Eisleben Road, Mitchells Plain.

Most of the barricades were between the Morgenster and Highlands roads intersections. There were also isolated incidents of stone-throwing in the area.

## Hamburgers

Troops in Buffels and police and troops in a Casspir armoured personnel carrier patrolled the area.

In Belgravia Road, Athlone, a huge barricade blazed opposite the Wembley Roadhouse as patrons casually munched their hamburgers. People also gathered at another barricade further down the road.

Firemen escorted by police moved down Lansdowne Road extinguishing burning tyres. A policeman using a loudhailer ordered onlookers to go home.

At 5pm a bus was set alight in Old Klipfontein Road, Crossroads.

Forty minutes later, a St John's ambulance collecting a child who had been at the Sacla Clinic for treatment for paraffin poisoning was petrol-bombed on the same road. The fire was extinguished by the crew.

After another attack on an ambulance in which two ambulancemen were injured by rocks in Spine Road about 8.45am yesterday, traffic authorities advised motorists to avoid Mitchells Plain.

At 11am, railways police fired tear-gas in Belgravia Road, Athlone, after youths erected three large burning barricades.

Extensive damage was caused to the Belgravia Road branch of Barclays Bank after youths smashed the windows and hurled a petrol bomb, which did not ignite, through the door.

About 11.30am, a large group of youths throwing stones narrowly escaped injury when they attempted to stop a bus in Klipfontein Road, Athlone, as the driver accelerated.

● Three people died, one of them a three-week-old baby, in separate petrol bomb attacks on houses in Umlazi near Durban on Wednesday.

In one attack, in M section, Patumi Kambela, a three-week-old baby girl was killed when petrol bombs were thrown at her parents' home. Two women were also injured.

## Burnt to death

In the same incident a shot was fired, seriously wounding a 19-year-old man in the face.

In the second attack in N section three petrol bombs were thrown at a house. A 17-year-old girl, Ms Manza Mjeza, burnt to death and two other women were seriously injured.

In Chesterville, the body of an unidentified man was found burnt to death. He had a knife wound.

Police reported that a man was shot dead and a woman injured in Clermont when a vehicle raced through a roadblock.

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## killed Mercury in petrol 11/10/85 bombings

Crime Reporter

TWO people, including a three-week-old baby, were killed when petrol bombs were hurled at two homes in Umhlangeni.

Police said three petrol bombs extensively damaged a house in N Section on Wednesday night.

A 17-year-old girl, Manza Mjeza, was burned to death and two women were seriously injured.

In another incident, a three-week-old girl, Sindisiwe Khasela, was killed when petrol bombs were thrown at Mrs Rita Khabel's home. Two women were injured.

### Dragged

The baby's mother, Miss Hellen Khasela, suffered severe burns.

In the same incident, a shot was fired, wounding a 19-year-old man in the face. He was taken to Durban's King Edward VIII Hospital.

A man was shot dead and a woman was wounded when the driver of a mini-bus allegedly tried to run over a policeman outside Lamontville, Durban, yesterday.

A police spokesman said the vehicle was stopped at a checkpoint. The driver tried to drive past and a policeman put his hand through the window to grab the ignition key.

The driver wound up the window, trapping the policeman's arm, and dragged him for about 15 m.

The driver then wound down the window and the policeman shot a tyre.

The driver drove at the policemen and another policeman shot him in the neck with a shotgun. A passenger was slightly wounded.



# Mob destroys home of former Durban lawyer

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**Own Correspondent.**  
DURBAN — The home of a former Durban advocate, community leader and chairman of the Clermont Advisory Board, Mr Aubrey Nyembezi, was gutted after being petrol-bombed and shot at early yesterday.

Mr Nyembezi was not hit when the attackers fired two shots at him as he came out of the house after hearing a gunshot. The other five occupants of the house, including his wife, Merina, also escaped uninjured. The attack on Mr

Nyembezi's house was similar to others in Umhlanga and Kwa Mashu where houses have been petrol-bombed and shot at.

Mr Nyembezi said he suspected his home had been attacked because of his opposition to the incorporation of Clermont township into Kwa-Zulu.

He said everything he had been doing had been done with the community's approval.

Mr Nyembezi said he first heard shots being fired at the house and then petrol bombs were hurled from all sides about 1am.

"Two bullets were fired at me which miraculously missed. The bullets were followed by petrol bombs which set the house on fire," he said. More than 10 attackers were seen driving away in an Isuzu truck and Ford Granada.

Two petrol drums, more than 10 petrol bombs and several cartridges were found near Mr Nyembezi's bedroom and in the yard.

Mr Nyembezi estimated damage to the eight-roomed house at more than R100 000.

Meanwhile pupils at the two high schools in Lamontville boycotted classes yesterday while other black schools in the greater Durban area reported more or less normal attendances yesterday.

Spokesmen for the Lamontville Secondary School and the A J Mwehlase Secondary School of Lamontville said that no pupils had come to school.

KwaMashu schools, which have reported school disruptions in the past few months, reported no problems.

● Sapa reports that a man was killed and five others injured when members of the Defence Force opened fire on several vehicles in Soweto on Thursday night. Police said yesterday one man was arrested.

# Township home petrol-bombed

## Crime Reporter

A HOUSE and three outbuildings were gutted after being petrol-bombed and set alight in Chesterville, Durban, at the weekend.

In another incident, a grenade was thrown at a house and a bus set alight.

Nobody was injured in the attacks.

In Chesterville a house belonging to Mr I Mchunu and a minibus parked outside the yard were destroyed by fire during an attack by a gang on Saturday morning.

An outbuilding belonging to Mrs Sarah Mthethwa was set on fire and furniture valued at R10 000 destroyed.

Mrs Mthethwa did not know why her house had been attacked.

Other buildings at Road One and Road Six were petrol-bombed and extensively damaged.

In Clermont stone-throwers caused extensive damage to a bus and in a later incident arsonists set a bus alight. Damage was estimated at R2 000.

A grenade exploded outside the home of an Umlazi school teacher, Mr Basim Mdege, early on Saturday morning. Nobody was injured.

Our Cape Town correspondent reports that police are to increase patrols along Settler's Way and the N2 which have been subject to sporadic stone-throwing and petrol bomb attacks for weeks.

The stepping up of police vigilance along the busy highway — a 'corridor' through the Cape Flats' unrest-torn townships — follows widespread concern at the petrol-bomb attack of a Plumstead family on Thursday evening.

An eight-year-old girl, Sue-Ann Tappan, who was returning home with a friend and her grand-

parents from Onrus River, was burned on the arm in the incident. The occupants of the car narrowly escaped with their lives after it was forced from the road by youths who pelted it with stones and then petrol-bombed it.

Police are increasing patrols particularly on the stretch of the N2 near the D F Malan airport turn-off and the Guguletu and Nyanga entrances.

ARGUS 17/10/85 (776)

# Hand-grenade damages house

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A hand-grenade was hurled into the home of a school principal in Umlazi today, damaging furniture and shattering windows.

Police said that about 2am a grenade was thrown into the

lounge of Mr Patrick Sibisi, 48, in V section, Umlazi. It is not known whether Mr Sibisi, principal of St Augustine's School, Nqutu, was at home.

Police said no one was injured in the attack. No arrests have been made.

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Charred remains of two Umlazi Secondary School classrooms are inspected by the school committee chairman, Mr B Bengu (left) and the principal, Mr C N Mzobe. Stationery, books and more than 100 desks were destroyed. The classrooms were separated by a wooden partition.

# Petrol bombs damage school, two houses

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**Mercury Reporter**  
EXAMINATIONS at the Umlazi Secondary School were slightly disrupted yesterday because of the petrol-bombing of two classrooms, which were gutted.  
In Kwa Mashu, one person was slightly injured in a petrol-bomb attack on a house.  
A house at Ntuzuma,

near Kwa Mashu, was also petrol-bombed.  
Both houses were extensively damaged.  
Umlazi Secondary School pupils had to write their examinations crowded together and some were accommodated at a nearby primary school.  
Tables, books, stationery and about 100 desks

were destroyed. The principal, Mr C N Mzobe, estimated damage at more than R2 000.  
The school's security guard, Mr Shengwa Sivenene, told the Mercury there had been a big bang and then he had seen the school burning.  
Mr Mzobe said the motive for the attack might have been to disrupt the

examinations.  
This has destroyed the smooth running of things in the school and it must have had an effect on the minds of the pupils.  
Attempts were also made to set fire to the principal's office and the staff room.  
In Kwa Mashu's Section L, four petrol bombs were thrown at house No A 327. The owner of the house is Mrs Doris Dlamini, whose daughter, Patricia, 20, was slightly injured in the attack.  
Police estimated damage at R5 000.  
Damage estimated at R1 000 was caused to house E 1055 at Ntuzuma during a petrol-bomb attack.  
Police said they were investigating.

## Women are keen to meet Prof Meer

**Correspondent**  
KwaZulu Women's Brigade. Mrs Mchunu is prepared to make a meeting with sociologist Prof Meer.  
Yesterday on a statement by Mrs Mchunu, she said 'more than welcome' a delegation to clear up misunderstandings between the academic and the

president of Inkatha, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.  
Chief Buthelezi has disputed a survey by the Institute for Black Research which claimed that there had been a fall-off in support for the Inkatha movement and for himself.  
Mrs Mchunu said she did not know if Prof Meer, who is a leading member of the United Democratic Front, was aware of what she was doing to South Africa.  
She is supporting a group which stands for violence and she should not blame the situation, she said



Shattered windows and a ripped ceiling on the first-floor veranda indicate the force of the bomb blast that killed two people at Grosvenor Girls' High School in Durban.

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## Two die as bomb blasts school polling station

DURBAN. — Two men were killed when a bomb went off at a school to be used as a polling station in a parliamentary by-election on Wednesday.

The men had apparently just planted the device, police said.

The blast occurred soon after 10pm at Grosvenor Girls' High School on the Bluff. Police told reporters that a trail of blood suggested a third man may have been wounded and escaped.

Police were today using specially trained tracker dogs to follow the trail of blood.

### BLOWN TO PIECES

One of the men killed was blown to pieces, while the other was killed a few metres from the blast site when the force of the explosion caused a retaining wall to collapse on him.

Two journalists, Daily News Political Correspondent Bruce Cameron and Roger Smith, who were passing in a car, escaped unhurt because they were shielded by an embankment. Their car was blown to the wrong side of the road.

Afterwards the reporters drove to the

entrance of the school, where, in the car lights, they saw a black man wearing tattered shorts running through the school grounds away from the blast.

The reporters were the only people in the immediate vicinity for at least 10 minutes until police arrived.

The blast ripped through the north wing of the school, having detonated in a small three-sided courtyard.

Police arrived and were inspecting the damage by torchlight when one called that he had found a body.

In the light of his torch was a bloody bundle, barely recognisable as a mutilated human torso.

Police later found another body, partly buried under a wall which had collapsed.

The bomb had been placed against a wall of the corridor facing the courtyard.

Bloodstains streaked the walls up to one storey.

Masonry, bricks and glass were scattered over a wide area. — Argus Correspondents and Sapa-AP.

# Affidavits deny assaults on boy

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## Mercury Reporter

SECURITY police have submitted several affidavits denying that a 15-year-old schoolboy was assaulted during investigations of a public-violence charge brought against him

The denials follow allegations by Eugene Vusi Dlamini of Kwa Mashu that he was assaulted by members of the security police after his arrest in the township on August 27

His mother, Mrs Doris Dlamini, originally applied to the Supreme Court, Durban, in September for an order against the Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of Police

interdicting and restraining them from assaulting or interrogating her son

An interim order calling for a district surgeon to examine the youth was granted by consent

The Judge also ordered that a magistrate be authorised to visit the detainee and make certain inquiries

The return date was yesterday

The police in opposing the granting of a final order submitted replying affidavits yesterday to which were attached a number of photographs of spots at the house and yard where they say a struggle took place between themselves and Dlamini at the time of his arrest

Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange said in an affidavit that he and the Commissioner of Police had done everything in their power to see that all members of the force had been properly instructed as to the correct procedures to be followed regarding the detention and interrogation of detainees

Should members of the force disobey these instructions, their conduct would be considered inexcusable, he said

A letter from the station commander of C R Swart Square to the district commander contained allegations by Dlamini that he had been given electric shocks and that bands had been

placed around his wrist and upper arms

Dlamini said when he was arrested at Kwa Mashu and taken to the police station a rubber tube was placed over his head and he was kicked in the stomach. He awoke at C R Swart Square

Brig Ignatius Coetzee denied in papers before the Court that Dlamini had been assaulted in the manner in which he alleged

He admitted that Dlamini's house had been searched and a police dog had been used to look for weapons and explosives

The Judge yesterday extended the rule and adjourned the matter to November 6

Cape Times 26/10/11  
Bomb at  
Durban  
school

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The bomb which exploded at the Grosvenor Girls High School on Thursday night killing two men, would have caused carnage had it exploded during school hours instead of prematurely.

The bomb is believed to have been a Russian-made SZ 6 which contains seven kilograms of TNT.

It caused estimated damage of R100 000.

The deputy Director of Education, Mr Piet Mans, said: "Several pupils would have been injured if the bomb had exploded during school hours."

The blast occurred shortly after 10 on Thursday night at the school on the Bluff, ripping a terrorist apart and causing a wall to fall on another, smashing his head. A third fled and was still missing by last night.

# Girl burned as Umlazi house is petrol-bombed

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## Mercury Reporter

AN UMLAZI home was petrol-bombed at the weekend and a child was badly burned.

Mrs Winifred Nkomi, 59, said yesterday: 'We're dazed and confused at the moment. We've lost our house, all our clothes and most of our furniture.'

'I've got nothing to wear except a blanket and an old nightdress,' she said.

Her five-year-old granddaughter, Kholeka, suffered first-degree burns to a foot and was admitted to King Edward VIII Hospital. Mrs Nkomi is a senior nursing sister there.

She believes at least

three petrol bombs were flung into the house while five people, including two young children, were sleeping.

None of the family had been involved in politics.

'It's tribalism. There was a pamphlet going round which said Xhosa should get out of Natal. We also heard a rumour that about 20 houses belonging to Xhosa in our section of Umlazi were going to be burned.'

'We didn't believe it at the time but now it seems we were the first victims.'

Mrs Nkomi said she was woken about 2 a.m. on Saturday by the sound of breaking glass.

'I ran into the passage, leaving Kholeka sleeping, to find the diningroom burning.'

'I turned back and saw the bedroom was already on fire. The only thing I could do was to grab my granddaughter and run.'

There was a sound 'as if of shooting', she said. Later what seemed to be bullet-holes were found in the kitchen windows.

Mrs Nkomi, her aunt, Mrs Hilda Tshika, her 29-year-old son, Sandile, and another granddaughter, Vuyswa, four, fled out the kitchen door.

Outside the Umlazi U-section house, she said, were men who behaved

threateningly and 'told us not to run in their direction, but the opposite way'.

They appeared to be armed but she could not discern whether with guns or assegais.

Zulu neighbours later helped the family salvage their refrigerator and kitchen cupboards, their only possessions left intact.

The family is staying with friends elsewhere in the township.

Mrs Nkomi said her daughter Shirley, 34, had been working on night shift at St Augustine's Hospital when the attack took place.

She had handed a copy of the anti-Xhosa pamphlet to the South African Police.

Police said about R10 000 damage had been caused by the petrol-bombing. They are investigating.



# Police foil township attack by 100-man impi

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Mercury Reporter

A 100-STRONG impi tried to launch a new attack on people in Lindelani Township near Durban yesterday but was dispersed by the police.

This followed a clash on Sunday between people in Lindelani township and a group from Richmond Farm which left eight dead and several injured.

Lindelani and Richmond Farm are shack townships bordering Kwa Mashu.

A police spokesman confirmed that a group of

armed people from Richmond Farm had been dispersed at the entrance to Lindelani.

A Lindelani community leader, Mr Mandla Shabalala, whose car was fired at during the fighting on Sunday, said both parties had met earlier to resolve a dispute and it had been agreed that the fighting should cease.

Yesterday's abortive attack had come as a surprise.

The clashes are apparently the result of a dispute about getting water from a tank in the area.

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A fuller study can be found in "The Brotherhoods: Street Gangs and State Control in Cape Town" by Don Pinnock. (David Philip 1984).

# Children leave after home attack

Mercury Reporter

THREE children of slain civil rights leaders Griffiths and Victoria Mxenge have left their Umlazi home for the Ciskei following a petrol bomb attack on the house two weeks ago and continued harassment.

Mr Mxenge was killed in 1981 and Mrs Mxenge was gunned down outside their home in July this year.

No arrests have been made in connection with their deaths.

A relative who had been staying with the

three Mxenge children, Miss Mandisa Ntshona, said they had left for Ciskei where there were going to stay at Mr Mxenge's brother's home.

The children are Mbasa, 19, a law student at the University of Natal, Viwe, 13, and Namhla, 10.

Miss Ntshona yesterday said they were removing furniture and the home would be sold. 29/10/85

The decision to leave was taken in the interests of the children's safety, following threats that the home was going to be set on fire.

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## Kwazulu Assembly member killed

Argus 29/10/83

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — A member of the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly was gunned down and killed by a gang as he and his son fled their blazing house in Kwamashu early today.

Mr Francis Dlamini, 37, and his son Mr S Dlamini, were alone at their home in J section at about 1.30am when they were awakened by shots fired at the windows of the house.

The house was set alight when petrol bombs were thrown in

According to police, Mr Dlamini and his son were shot at as they fled from the home.

Mr Dlamini was hit several times before he collapsed and died on the road. His son escaped with a bullet wound in his shoulder.

A spokesman for the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly said Mr Dlamini was a member for Kwamashu and joined the Assembly in 1983. He was also a member of the central committee of Inkatha.

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Arson probe  
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attacked

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POLICE suspect arson after three fires damaged two Imbali homes and an Edendale house at the weekend.

They believe the attacks were not politically motivated but were the result of personal grudges.

29/10/85  
A spokesman said three black men had been arrested in connection with a fire which destroyed the home of Mr Thulani Ngubane at Sayeka, Edendale, about midnight on Saturday, causing damage estimated at R4 000.

The three are expected to appear in court soon to face charges of arson.

The spokesman said police were investigating the possibility of arson in connection with a fire which seriously damaged the home of Mrs Agnes Nzimande at Imbali on Saturday night, causing R4 500 damage.

It had been established that petrol was used to start the blaze, but it was not certain whether the fire was caused by petrol bombs.

Nobody has been arrested in connection with the fire.

A second home at Imbali, belonging to Mr Anley Mthlane, was attacked about 8 30 p m on Saturday and set alight, the spokesman said.

The home, valued at R6 000, was destroyed.

So far police have made no arrests.

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## KwaZulu Assembly man shot by gang

DURBAN. — A member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly was killed by a shotgun gang as he and his son fled their blazing house in KwaMashu early yesterday

Mr Francis Dlamini, 37, and his son, Mr S Dlamini, were woken in their home in J section about 1.30am by gun shots breaking the windows. The house was set alight by petrol bombs thrown inside

Police said the two were shot at as they fled from the burning home. Mr Dlamini died after being hit several times. His son escaped with a bullet wound in the shoulder. Police are investigating

A spokesman for the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly said Mr Dlamini, who was a member for KwaMashu, joined the Assembly in 1983. He was also a member of the central committee of Inkatha

● Three children of assassinated civil rights leaders Mr Griffiths Mxenge and his wife Victoria have left their Umlazi home for the Ciskei after a petrol bomb attack on their house two weeks ago and continued harassment, a relative has said

Mr Mxenge was killed in 1981 and Mrs Mxenge was gunned down outside their home in July this year

The children's grandfather, Mr Johnson Pinti Mxenge, has died in Cecilia Makiwane Hospital at 81.

— Sapa

# Nurse's house bombed

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PETROL-BOMBERS struck in Umlazi last weekend and their victims believe the only motive was "anti-Xhosa feelings".

Senior nursing sister Winifred Nkombi and her family lost everything they owned, and her baby granddaughter, Kholeka, 5, was taken to hospital with a badly burnt leg.

According to Mrs Nkombi, at least three petrol bombs were thrown into the house where five people were sleeping.

She ran into the passage and found the dining room in flames.

As she turned round, the bedroom also went up in flames - so she grabbed Kholeka and ran.

Then she heard shots being fired, and the whole family ran from the house.

Outside she came face to face with a group she believes were her armed attackers.

## CP Correspondents

They told her to run in the opposite direction.

Mrs Nkombi says she and her family are not politically involved at all and she thinks the motive was tribalism.

She had heard a rumour that 20 Xhosa houses in Umlazi were to be burnt, but she had dismissed it as nonsense until she became the first victim.

She also knew of a pamphlet which said Xhosas should "get out of Natal", and she has given a copy of it to the police.

If her attackers have "anti-Xhosa feelings", Mrs Nkombi's Zulu neighbours don't share them - they took the family in and helped them sort through the rubble to save their fridge and kitchen cupboards.

Mrs Nkombi estimates the damage to family possessions at R40 000. They had no insurance and are now destitute.

## NEWSPLUS

★ TWO MILLION rand has been set aside to build a "Children's Village" in Mame-

# Mxenge family knows no peace

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THE THREE children of slain civil rights leaders Griffiths and Victoria Mxenge have left their Umlazi home for the Ciskei following a petrol bomb attack on the house two weeks ago and continued harassment.

And this week the family was dealt another blow - Griffiths' father Johnson Pinti Mxenge, 81, died at East London's Cecilia Makiwane Hospital.

Griffiths Mxenge was killed in 1981 and Mrs Mxenge was gunned down outside their home in July this year.

A relative who had been staying with the three Mxenge children, Mandisa Ntshona, said they had left for Ciskei, where they were going to stay at Mr Mxenge's brother's home.

The children are Mbaso Mxenge, 19, a law student at Natal University, Viwe, 13, and Namhla, 10.

Miss Ntshona said the family was removing furniture and the home would be sold.

The decision to leave was taken in the interests of the children's safety, following threats that the home was going to be set on fire.

Mr Johnson Mxenge retired recently as treasurer of the Brownlee Congregational Church in King William's Town.



VICTORIA MXENGE: Gunned down in July outside her home in Umlazi.

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## Political death rate 'reduced'

JOHANNESBURG. — The death rate in political violence has been drastically reduced in the Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage area and on the East Rand since the emergency was declared on July 21, the South African Institute of Race Relations said here yesterday.

Natal and the Western Cape had replaced PE/Uitenhage and the East Rand as the epicentres of political violence, the institute said. It said that the death rate in PE/Uitenhage had been cut from an average of 0,56 a day in the pre-emergency period to 0,16 a day after the emergency. On the East Rand it had declined from 0,47 to 0,17.

The institute said the total number of deaths in the 14 months since violence erupted in the Vaal Triangle in September last year was 834. This compared with a figure of 700 in the 16 months after Soweto erupted in June 1976.

● The institute said the cost of living for blacks in the Vaal Triangle was higher than anywhere else in the country. It cited high inflation and rising unemployment among reasons for the disturbances. Last year, at least 30 petrol bomb attacks occurred against black town councillors.

— Sapa



# Fleeing Dlamini shot

A MEMBER of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly was gunned down by a hit squad as he and his son fled their blazing house in KwaMashu this week.

Francis Dlamini and his son, Sibusiso Dlamini, 17, were trapped in their home in J Section after the family was awoken by gunshots through the windows at about 1.30am.

The house was then set alight by petrol bombs.

According to police, Mr Dlamini and his son were hit by bullets as they fled from the burning home.

Mr Dlamini was hit several times in the back and collapsed and died on the road, but his son managed to escape with a bullet wound in the shoulder.

Mr Dlamini, a member for KwaMashu, joined the Assembly in 1983. He was also a member of Inkatha's Central Committee.

Police are investigating.

KwaZulu Chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi in a statement on Mr Dlamini's death said his political association with Mr Dlamini dated back over 30 years.

Chief Buthelezi said at that time they were both members of the ANC Youth League (under the provincial leadership of Natal) when the ANC was led by the late Chief Albert Luthuli.

Mr Dlamini's death "has been a big wrench because of his long, almost lifelong, association in politics," Chief Buthelezi said.

"His death is a great loss to the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly and Inkatha."

Chief Buthelezi said in the current climate "where killings for political purposes seem to have come to stay", it was "not difficult to conclude he was killed for political purposes".

Mr Dlamini's teenage son has described how he used an axe to fight his way past his father's killers while nursing a bullet wound in the back.

Sibusiso, 17, said the family, including his mother, Bonita Dlamini, were inside when they heard bullets and petrol bombs breaking through their windows.

The house caught alight and the rest of the family fled to a neighbour's home.

"But the attackers were at every corner of our house, throwing bombs and firing bullets," said Sibusiso.

His father hid under a neighbour's car, but was shot.

The attackers were armed with guns, spears and sticks.

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# Inanda rioting 'not caused by racial friction'

Political Reporter

THE rioting at Inanda near Durban which drove most of the Indian residents from the area in August was not a racial confrontation between Indians and blacks, two University of Natal researchers have concluded from a survey done there just before the unrest.

The two researchers, Dr Michael Sutcliffe and Dr Paul Wellings of the Built Environment Support Group, have called for an independent commission of inquiry to in-

vestigate what happened during the rioting and why.

They found that a massive 45 percent of economically active residents were unemployed.

In their report, Dr Sutcliffe and Dr Wellings mention rumours prevalent in the area of meetings held prior to the unrest to discuss the removal of Indian residents from Inanda.

They found in their survey of 327 household heads that the majority had no illfeeling towards their landlords.

And while 85 percent said they preferred to live next door to people of their own race group, only nine percent admitted hearing of any conflict between members of different race groups in the area.

'No deep-seated racist or anti-landlord sentiment existed in the Inanda area.

'Indian houses were generally looted only after the tenants had vacated them. And the violence and looting within Inanda was not confined to Indian houses.'

They also rejected the suggestion that the violence was largely between Inkatha and the UDF.

'The Inanda area contains no UDF affiliates and is not an area where an organised UDF leadership and membership could be attacked,' they said.

Some of the shack communities were controlled by 'shacklords' who often had their own private armies.

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# Police, 200 youths clash during funeral

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### Mercury Reporter

POLICE fired tear-gas and birdshot to disperse a crowd of more than 200 youths who stoned the police in Durban's Chesterville township yesterday.

One policeman was injured and windows of several police vehicles were damaged.

A police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed the incident.

The stone-throwers were part of thousands of mourners at the funeral of Mandlenkosi Ndimande, who was killed when a bomb he was apparently helping to lay at the Grosvenor Girl's High School

on the Bluff last month exploded

While the funeral was in progress, more than 200 slogan-chanting youths took to the streets and stoned police vehicles near the Chesterville High School.

Police fired teargas and birdshot, chasing the

youths down the streets of Chesterville.

No one was seriously injured

The chairman of the Umlazi Residents' Association, Mr David Gasa, who went into hiding after the burning of his house in Umlazi two months ago, made a dramatic appearance at the funeral.

He and Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter, Mrs Ella Ramgobin, addressed the emotion-filled crowd.

Mr Gasa told mourners

that no amount of suppression, killing and detention would deter them in the struggle for justice.

Mrs Ramgobin said the struggle for a free and democratic South Africa where all would have right to vote would continue until victory

'The majority of the people of South Africa cannot continue to see the minority keeping everything for itself. We want free, equal and compulsory education for all,' she said.

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# Clashes at Durban funeral

Own Correspondent

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While the funeral was in procession, a group of more than 200 youths took to the streets and stoned police vehicles stationed near Chesterville High School.

Police responded by firing teargas and birdshot, chasing the youths down the streets of Chesterville. No one was seriously injured.

## 50 Soweto heads await ruling by DET

THE fate of about 50 Soweto headmasters who "embarrassed" the Department of Education and Training, by declaring 1985 an examless year, is being considered by the department.

This was confirmed by its chief liaison officer, Job Schoeman, yesterday.

He said DET action against the high school principals involved in the "misconduct" would be determined according to the explanations contained in their letters sent to the regional DET office.

## Racial friction ruled out in Durban unrest

TWO Natal University researchers have ruled out friction between blacks and Indians as a cause of recent rioting in Durban's Inanda area in which more than 70 people died.

Drs Michael Sutcliffe and Paul Wellings, of the university's Built Environment Support Group, said a survey had shown no deep-seated racist or anti-landlord sentiments in the Inanda area before the August unrest.

"We believe one cannot build a model of the unrest which paints it as an African-Indian confrontation," they said in a report.

They added that there were clear indications Indian homes in Inanda were looted only after they had been vacated and violence and looting were not confined to these dwellings — Sapa

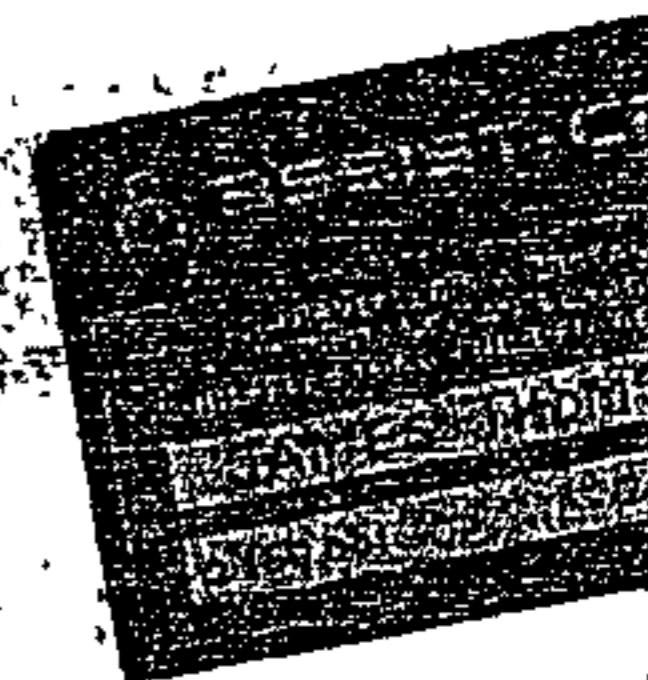


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## Report: Race wasn't cause of Inanda riot

DURBAN — Two University of Natal researchers have published a report here ruling out friction between blacks and Indians as a cause of the riots in Durban's Inanda area in August in which more than 70 people, mostly blacks, were killed.

Dr Michael Sutcliffe and Dr Paul Wellings, of the university's Built Environment Support Group, said a survey had shown that before the unrest no deep-seated racist or anti-landlord sentiments existed in the Inanda area.

"We believe one cannot build a model of the

unrest which paints it as an African-Indian confrontation," they said.

The report said there were clear indications that Indian homes in Inanda were looted only after they had been vacated, and violence and looting in the area were not confined to Indian homes.

One of the main reasons for the looting was the poor living conditions people endured, they said, adding that their survey had also shown that a startling 45 percent of the economically active black tenants were unemployed.

— Sapa

# Big turnout at Bechet College examinations

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Mercury Reporter

AT LEAST 90 percent of students of the Bechet College of Education in Durban sat their exams at the alternative venue in Mariannridge yesterday after disruptions on Monday.

More than 100 students demonstrated in the school grounds on Monday, demanding a postponement of the exams. They were joined by many others who were brought by buses well after the exams had started.

A spokesman for the boycotting students said there had been some confusion on Monday because some buses transporting students from various centres in Durban had arrived late

The latecomers and some of the protesters had been allowed to write the exams later

Boycotters arrived at the school yesterday but were ordered to leave by the authorities.

There was a strong force of police who stood guard as the students arrived and left in hired buses. Many parents accompanied their children.

Mrs Elizabeth Rose, chairman of the Mariannridge Local Affairs Committee, said she had organised women to be at the school to protect the students who wished to write the exams.

'We will continue to be on guard at the school to see that there is no trouble,' she said.

# Inanda riots: Researchers debunk race war theory

WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER  
Durban

NEW research by the University of Natal has exploded the myth that the August unrest in Inanda, near Durban, was "a race war" and the researchers have called for an independent commission of inquiry to establish who caused the unrest, and for what reasons.

The "race war" explanation — in terms of which the turmoil was attributed to anti-Indian hostility by Africans turning against their Indian landlords, and then against other Indians — has been given directly or by implication in the media.

Dr Michael Sutcliffe and Dr Paul Wellings were involved, at the time of the rioting and looting, in a project to discover the attitudes of Inanda residents to their Indian and African landlords.

Their report stresses they found no fundamental antagonism towards landlords by tenants and no evidence of "deep seated racism".

Instead, they found a poverty-stricken area, racked by violence, very high unemployment — as high as 62 percent in one district, and an average of 45 percent economically-active tenants out of work — with appalling living conditions for most of the 250 000 people.

They note that, generally, Indian houses were looted only after the tenants had vacated them, and that the looting was not confined to Indian homes. This suggests that it was not simply the expression of racial antagonism, and that "the desperate socio-economic, infrastructural and housing conditions found in Inanda must have played some part in forcing usually law-abiding people to loot shops and homes."

Sutcliffe and Wellings also reject as simplistic the impression created in the media that the black-on-black confrontations in the Inanda areas were between members of UDF affiliates and Inkatha members. They claim the Inanda area has no UDF affiliates and is therefore not an area where an organised UDF leadership and membership could be attacked. Also, they note, even some Inkatha representatives have been injured "by these marauding 'impis'".

The researchers point out that some of the Inanda regions are controlled by "shacklords", who often have their own private armies. These have been linked to much of the violence in Durban's shack settlements.

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## Six die in Pondo, Zulu faction fight

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — At least six people have been killed and scores injured in all-night faction-fighting in the black shackland of Malagazi, near Isipingo.

This morning the situation was tense and hundreds were fleeing the sprawling settlement.

Police said more than 2 000 Pondos and Zulus were involved in fighting that began just before midnight. By early today the bodies of six people had been found.

All had been stabbed to death.

### SHACKS BURNT

Three shacks belonging to Pondos were burnt, while four Zulu shacks were damaged.

Witnesses said the two groups clashed with kerries, knives and pangas.

Police reported that although the situation was quiet today, dozens of riot police were on standby. A meeting between the leaders of the two groups and police was scheduled to take place.

### CHIEF HURT

Hundreds of residents fled their homes. It is believed the two groups have been at loggerheads for more than a year and that an assault on the Pondos' Chief Chelisa sparked off the fighting.

Chief Chelisa has severe injuries and is in hospital.

Malagazi is south of Durban's Louis Botha Airport and about 20 000 Indian and black people live in the shackland.

# 8 dead as Zulus battle Pondos

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The death toll rose to eight yesterday in the Malukazi shack-township near Isipingo, where Zulu impis were involved in running battles with Pondos.

Six people were killed in fighting on Tuesday night and another two died in renewed fighting yesterday. Several people were injured and some residents said relatives were missing.

Among the dead was the leader of the Pondos, a Chief Chelisa, who died in hospital after being injured on Tuesday night in a fight with a Zulu believed to have sparked the clashes.

The area was tense yesterday afternoon as thousands of spear-wielding Zulus scoured the veld for fleeing Pondos. At noon, reporters witnessed a man, thought to be a Pondo, being hacked and stabbed to death after a skirmish.

The district police commandant, Colonel F Bruwer, spoke to the leaders of both groups early yesterday and the KwaZulu member of the Legislative Assembly for Umlazi, Mr Wimmington Sabela, and other top Inkatha officials tried to bring together both groups late yesterday.

Meanwhile, thousands of people fled Malukazi for nearby Umlazi.

# Bowlers in crossfire as gang hurls stones

## Mercury Reporter

A BOWLER was struck and a car damaged when a gang of black youths threw stones over the fence of the NMR Comrades Bowling Club in Durban, it was learned yesterday.

Police believe the gang were arguing among themselves and throwing the stones at each other when some of the missiles went into the club

grounds.

The incident ended when the youngsters ran off in the direction of the beachfront.

Woodlands bowler Mr Don Holtzhausen said: 'Luckily I was hit only a glancing blow, but when the stones started coming down we warned the bowlers closest to the fence to get out of the way.'

He said the gang had

come from the direction of Kings Park soccer stadium. Some of the bowlers scattered when the stoning started while others rushed to their cars to move them out of the way.

'But we did not respond because it could have caused a big thing,' said Mr Holtzhausen.

Said another Woodlands bowler, Mr Willie Botha: 'We heard this chanting noise and then all of a sudden we heard banging noises coming from the direction of the car park.'

'After that some of the stones started coming over the fence. We must have picked up four or five dozen stones afterwards.'

NMR Bowling Club competition secretary and tournament official Mr Angus McDonald said the stoning was over in less than two minutes.

'We could feel that something was not right, because they seemed to be agitated,' he said.

'There was absolutely no provocation. No one said a word to them but they appeared to be shouting among themselves.'

According to a police spokesman, no official complaint was laid by bowlers

'As far as we are concerned the blacks were throwing the stones at each other and that is how the stones went over the fence at the bowling club,' he said.

Asked to comment, Mr McDonald said: 'The stones were being thrown right over the hedge towards us. When the police got there there was nobody around.'

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# Stones were meant for us, say bowlers

Mercury Reporter

A GANG of black youths who stoned more than 50 Durban bowlers on Sunday were doing so deliberately, and not fighting among themselves, witnesses said yesterday.

They were reacting to comments by a police spokesman who said on Monday that the youths had been arguing among themselves and had thrown the stones at each other outside the NMR Comrades Bowling Club in Durban.

'There is no question of them fighting amongst themselves,' said Woodlands club competition secretary Stuart Leggott.

'What they did to us was wrong. It was a frightening experience. I believe what I actually saw.

'They deliberately threw the stones at us, not at each other. Our lives were in danger on the greens.'

Another bowler who telephoned to 'set the record straight' was Mr Ray Edwards of Umhlanga Rocks.

'There is no question of them throwing the stones at each other... I am just stating the facts, and it is a miracle that more people were not hit.'

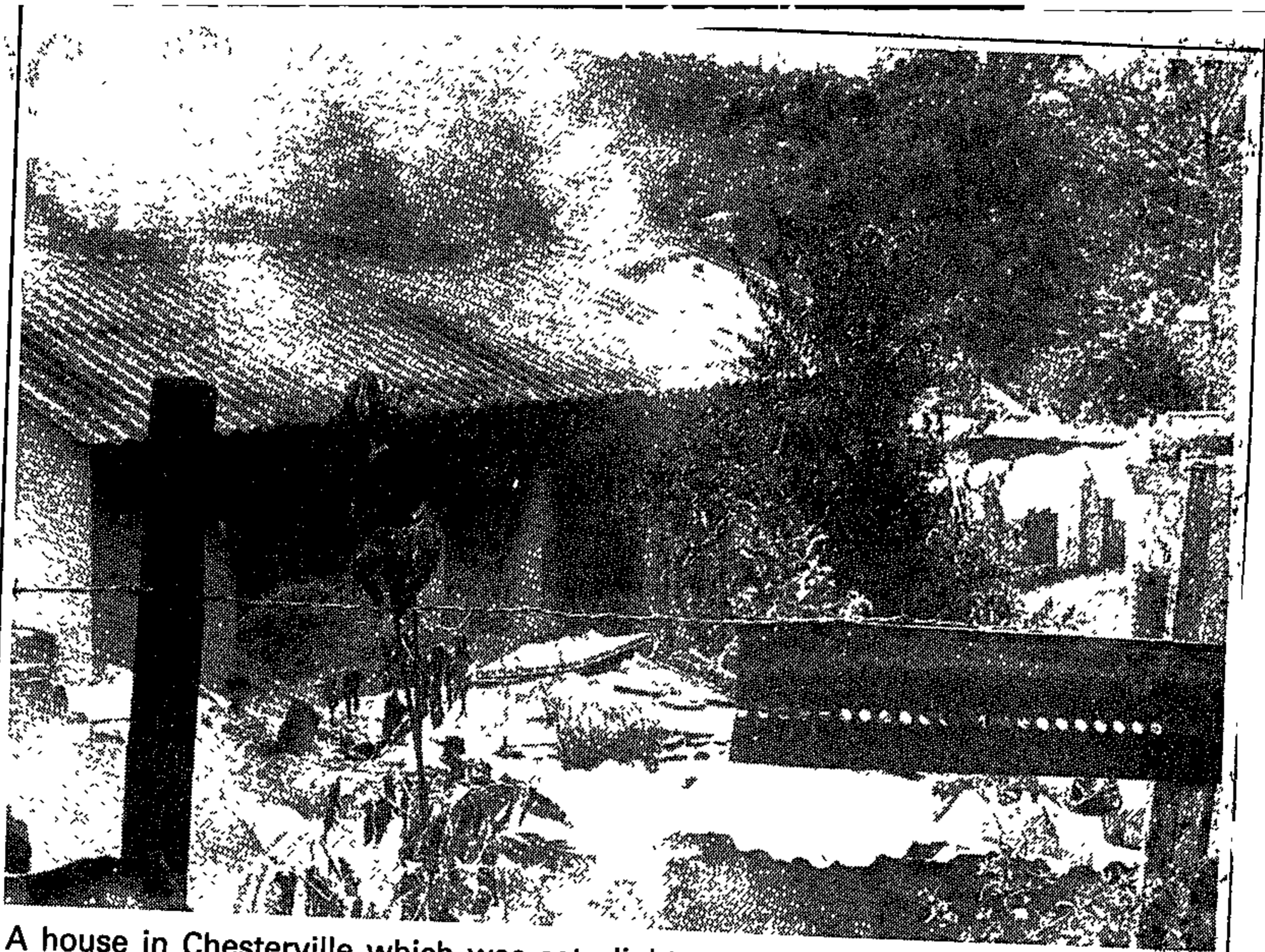
Woodlands bowler Don Holtzhausen was struck on the back by a stone the size of a half brick. Stones damaged the car of another bowler, Mr Malcolm Bibb.

NMR Bowling Club competition secretary Angus McDonald said: 'The impression we all got was that the stones were thrown deliberately at us.'

The manager of the NMR Comrades Association, Mr Eric Wadsworth, confirmed yesterday that after complaints by the bowlers, he had telephoned the police to inform them of the stoning.

A police spokesman said yesterday it was possible that the bowling club had telephoned the police to complain about the stoning, but no official complaint had been made.

Asked whether he could dispute the bowlers' account if no official investigation had been launched, the spokesman said police had yet to receive any statements from the bowlers.



A house in Chesterville which was set alight yesterday by a mob of about 100 youths. Police estimated damage at R20 000.

# Rampaging gang stabs youngster to death

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## Mercury Reporter

A GANG of youths went on the rampage in Chesterville, Durban, yesterday, stabbing a youngster to death, seriously injuring three others and burning down three houses.

In another incident, the youths stoned a teacher's car.

Langa Zondi was stabbed to death in Road 13. Another two boys and a girl were hurt in the attack and admitted to King Edward VIII Hospital.

A house in Road 13, which police said belonged to Mr B Mpanza, was gutted. Two neighbouring homes caught alight from the burning house.

One person is believed to have suffered severe burns at Mr Mpanza's house.

A witness said a group of more than 100 youths was seen attacking Mr Mpanza's home.

'They were armed with bushknives, stones and petrol bombs,' she said.

She said the youths stoned Mr Mpanza's house before pouring petrol on it and setting it alight.

Mr Mpanza was not at home during the attack and the members of his family refused to talk to reporters.

A police spokesman estimated damage at R20 000.

In other incidents, two buses were extensively damaged in Clermont on Monday night and a police patrol was stoned in

Chesterville later in the evening.

A police spokesman said a gang of youths set the buses alight about 8 p.m. Police arrived at the scene but the youths had already fled. The fires were put out by Pinetown Protection Services.

At 10 p.m. two police cars on patrol in Chesterville were stoned by a group of youths. Police fired one shotgun round and tear-gas to disperse the youths.

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## Family say hit-men murdered activist

THE family of missing political activist Hassan Solomon now believes he has been killed by a rightwing "hit group".

Solomon, 23, has been missing for more than three months.

He worked for the youth forum in Durban, an organisation set up by the Durban church agency Diakonia to coordinate youth activities in the city and to run leadership and training courses.

His family last saw him on the night of August 10. He had left the family flat to wait outside for a car to fetch him at midnight to attend the funeral of murdered civil rights lawyer Victoria Mxenge in Transkei.

He took no spare clothing or money and was not seen at the funeral.

"We feel frantic because it is not his style to disappear without any message. Even if he had gone away somewhere, he would have been in touch with us," his mother, Rookaya Solomon said.

She said the family feared that Solomon would be yet another name on the growing list of politically active people who disappeared without trace.

# Retaliation Warning

DURBAN. The general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, told a gathering of more than 1 000 worker representatives here last night any harassment or intimidation of workers by police

would in future be met with retaliation

"This is just the beginning," he said, announcing that some 25 delegates were held by police in the city offices of the National Federation of Workers. They were later allowed to leave for the meeting at the University of Natal. Mr Ramaphosa said that if the delegates had been detained, others would have marched to demand their release.

The new federation "was a victory for the working-class masses and would be in the forefront of the liberation struggle".

Escalating violence showed the government could not maintain control and therefore the State President, Mr P W Botha, should resign, Mr Ramaphosa said — Sapa

# 800 Inanda riot victims now resettled

Mercury Reporter

ALL 800 victims of the rioting in Inanda who had been housed at a Verulam school had been resettled, Dr M S Padayachy, Minister of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Delegates, said yesterday.

He said the families had been accommodated at the school since August 14 and free food had been provided by the House of Delegates at a cost of R2 000 a day.

Apart from the refugees at the school, hundreds of others who had been accommodated by friends and relatives had also been rehoused.

Mr S Chinsamy, chairman of the Inanda-Phoenix Relief Fund, said at least R150 000 had been paid out to more than 250 refugee families from the fund, which now

stood at R708 000.

'We are waiting for many black and Indian refugees to come forward and collect their vouchers,' said Mr Chinsamy. He said he expected the fund to be boosted by several more promised contributions.

He said that according to records 1 047 Indian families had lost their homes during the Inanda unrest, but most of them had not come forward to collect vouchers.

Dr Padayachy said many families had been reluctant to move out of the school when it was announced that food supplies would be stopped immediately; they were resettled.

'The House of Delegates is grateful to the many people and organisations who helped the refugees during their stay at the school,' he said.

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# Mob with knives loot and burn liquor lorry

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DURBAN. — A mob of about 50 men with knives and cane knives stopped and ransacked a liquor delivery lorry in Umlazi before setting it alight.

Police said Mr Amos Mbele, employed by a liquor store, was on his way to deliver liquor in the township yesterday when he was forced by the men to stop in M Section.

Mr Mbele fled and the mob looted the lorry, stealing liquor worth about R65 000. They then set the vehicle alight. Police arrested a man.

● A crowd of about 200 surrounded the Putco bus depot in Kwamakuta, on the Natal South Coast yesterday. They set fire to a motor car belonging to one of the bus drivers.

Riot police dispersed the crowd.

# Businessmen in KwaZulu put in claim for R7m

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Finance Editor

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KWAZULU businessmen have put in 120 claims for R7 000 000, following the disturbances earlier this year — but according to the Inkatha Finance and Economic Affairs sub-committee, no claims in the KwaMashu and Umlazi have been paid.

The committee made four requests to Mr Kent Durr, Deputy Minister of Finance, last week. They were:

□ A plea to investigate the delays in settling claims and find a way of speeding their settlement;

□ That insurance companies accept police reports on the time that damage occurred;

□ Attention to given to a clear definition of a 'riotous situation' to speed insurance company decisions;

□ A request for an interest-free loan, or grant, of R12m for those who are totally uninsured and to be available to the KwaZulu Finance Corporation and Small Business Development Corporation.

## Riots

The committee says the Durban riots have almost obliterated black business in the affected areas, which is a matter of concern: it employs people and is a stabilising factor.

It is also a 'host' for the informal sector which buys its supplies from these bigger stores and employs more people.

Estimates are that 30 percent of retail sales in the Durban area are

made by township dwellers and the shutdown of business means that the State is losing revenue.

The committee expects that a number of Umlazi and KwaMashu businessmen will go bankrupt even though they were insured for political riots.

Mr Durr was told by the committee of the problem areas in insurance.

The bombing of the Umlazi Bakery on July 31 and of the Executive Hotel in Umlazi had not yet been decided, by SASRIA (which handles all riot cover), whether they were a 'political riot' or otherwise.

The long delays between lodging an insurance claim and its settlement led to 'extreme financial exposure' and possible bankruptcy for the businessmen concerned.

## Records

Unsophisticated businessmen dealing on a cash basis have great difficulty substantiating claims, specially stock claims, while others kept customer records for only seven days.

The demand from SASRIA for the exact time of damage was 'not possible in a riot or siege situation.'

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# Social scientist blames Natal faction fights on recession

THE bloody Natal faction fights of the past three days stem from the economic recession, which has increased the influx of people to the region and aggravated tribal competition for land and water rights, says Natal social scientist Professor Lawrence Schlemmer.

At least 58 people were killed and at least nine injured in clashes between about 2 000 Zulu and 3 000 Pondo tribesmen rampaging through a wide area of the rugged Umbogintwini reserve south of Durban since Christmas Eve. Most of the dead were stabbed

More than 150 Zulus and one Pondo boy fled their homes as a result of the fierce clashes between the warring factions, who used shotguns, knobkieries, assegais, pangas, knives and sticks.

The refugees sought cover at the local police station and were transported by bus to Red Cross headquarters in Durban on Christmas Day.

Schlemmer told *Business Day* the fighting was a product of decades of feuding, which flared into serious confrontation several times this year in an area with a 16% growth rate — one of the

highest in Natal

Thousands of predominantly Pondo people from the Transkei have been moving into a region of Zulu tribal tenure in search of work in the Greater Durban area. While many Pondos have become naturalised in KwaZulu, many are considered interlopers

"We have a land invasion which has put pressure on available resources, with both sides wanting land and water in the same area," Schlemmer said yesterday

He believes the psychological release of the Christmas holiday — "the men are at home, liquor is consumed and exciting pastimes are sought" — contributed to the Christmas fighting

Schlemmer said rivalry, between Inkatha and UDF supporters probably contributed to the dispute — there was a definite UDF formation among the Pondos — but this would have been only a minor factor because feuding broke out in the region before the UDF emerged

While more specific causes would probably be put forward in the next few

days, Schlemmer said the root cause lay in the vested political and social interests of the groups concerned.

Sapa reported police saying yesterday that the situation had quietened, although it remained tense, and riot police were on standby

An SAP spokesman said yesterday that police had not yet established the cause of the clash

Refugees at the Red Cross hall said the fighting was a continuation of a feud between Zulus and Pondos who clashed over a woman in the shackland of Malagazi, south of Durban, last month

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AN ASSASSIN'S bullet ended the life of Chesterville's popular community leader and trade unionist Phumisani Zamisa while he was only in his early 30s.

His blood-stained body was found early on Sunday morning by residents who had heard a scuffle and a gunshot in the night but were afraid to investigate.

It is believed he was shot by gunmen from a group called the A-Team, posing as vigilantes.

An SRC member at the Chesterville High School, who asked not to be named, said his "close friend Phumi" had shared an altercation with a group of A-Team members the previous day.

"He was on his way home when he met the A-Team, who called him to come to them. He refused and walked away", he said.

The following morning Zamisa was found dead with a bullet wound in his chest.

A bachelor, he began as a volunteer for the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) in the 70s and became Pinetown branch organiser two years ago.

"No one could work so hard for SAAWU," said one of his colleagues. "He had decided not to take his

## Gang war deaths in Natal

Zulu bi-weekly, Ilanga, has given it favourable publicity.

Two weeks ago the paper reported in a front-page article the activities of the A-Team. The tenor of the article was that the team was a peacekeeping force.

Meanwhile, in Umlazi, heavily armed SAP members and local vigilantes swooped on a number of houses last week, detaining a number of youths and causing others to flee.

Already three young men have appeared in a local magistrate's court on a charge of murder, following the

burning to death of three members of a group known to be organised by Inkatha regional organisers at Wilmington Sabelo.

One of the youths is Nka Mdluli, 18. Both the other two are 17 years old. The residents have slated the police action which is seen to be aimed at those who are anti-Inkatha.

One Xhosa resident pointed out that no-one had yet been arrested for the bombing of her home three weeks ago or that of David Gaza, leader of the Umlazi Residents Association and an affiliate to the UDF.

Gaza's house was petrol bombed two months ago and he has since disappeared.

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December holiday, because he said workers would suffer".

The man who is rumoured to be the leader of the notorious A-Team has denied he had anything to do with it.

Mauser Isaacs, of 650, Road 13, Chesterville alleges he is behind a campaign to rout out youths who are said to be responsible for incidents of arson and murder.

The A-Team has openly declared war on "agitators" and other "murderers". And the Durban based

CAPE TOWN 19/12/85

## Putco withdraw buses, fire drivers

DURBAN. — Thousands of commuters from four black townships south of Durban were stranded yesterday as Putco withdrew its 65 buses from KwaMakhutha depot following the dismissal of 128 drivers yesterday.

A Putco spokesman said it was not certain when it would be possible for normal services to be resumed.

The spokesman said the dismissal of 128 of the depot's 166 drivers was due to a labour dispute over the introduction of a new timetable. Areas that would be affected included Isipingo, Amanzimtoti, Folweni and Umbumbulu.

### Precaution

The spokesman said drivers had twice previously ignored instructions and gone back to the old schedule.

Asked why the company had removed their buses from the KwaMakhutha depot, the spokesman said it was purely a precautionary measure.

— Sapa

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# Riot after UDF's 'Free-Mandela' rally

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VIOLENCE followed the launch of the UDF's national "release Mandela" campaign in Durban on Sunday.

Scores of teenagers stoned vehicles and broke shop windows. Riot police moved in with teargas and sjamboks.

Hundreds of people leaving the Curries Fountain stadium on the outskirts of downtown Durban scattered or piled into buses as teargas drifted into the crowd and police ran among them wielding sjamboks.

The rally, attended by about 4 000 UDF supporters, had proceeded peacefully in spite of persistent confrontation between members of the crowd and a security police television team trying to film the event from outside the stadium.

PETER HONEY

The spying eye was eventually obscured by supporters holding banners calling for the release of ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

Several speakers — UDF activists, Natal and Transvaal Indian Congress members and former treason trialists — called for black representation in government, an end to apartheid, lifting of the state of emergency and the removal of troops from the townships.

UDF national president Albertina Sisulu said there would be no peace until Mandela, other political prisoners and exiled black nationalists were permitted to take part in primary decision-making.

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# Job of youths stone cars after UDF rally

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Political Reporter

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Police use sjamboks to control crowd

stoned cars and buses and smashed windows at the intersection of Warwick Avenue and Old Dutch Road after a UDF rally at Fountains Fountain in Durban yesterday.

Stone-charged youths, several, and some coming out of the stadium to get into the cars.

A group of buses with UDF supporters got them to safety from the scene. A group of youths was thrown out of the stadium. A group of youths ran towards Currie Avenue bus terminus and then threw bottles at vehicles coming through the intersection.

Incidents occurred as vans drove past the intersection.

Some youths ran towards Currie Avenue bus terminus and then threw bottles at vehicles coming through the intersection.

Windows of at least one van were broken as youths tried to get through the road. One person was damaged by every window of the bus was

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Running youths towards Currie Avenue, police used sjambokking and forcing people to the waiting

Police spokesman said that a police officer had been injured. He said the officer had been brought to hospital but no arrest had been made.

A woman, Miss Gladness Sihlahla, broke down when she ran from the

crowd of more than 1000 people. It had been peaceful at the UDF rally, which was addressed by the former

trialists who had charges against them dropped last week.

The rally was held to launch a campaign to call for the release of ANC leader Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners and to celebrate the dropping of charges against UDF leaders in the treason trial.

## Blocked view

The former treason trialists present were UDF presidents Archie Gumede and Albertina Sisulu, Mewa Ramgobin, Curtis Nkondo, M J Naidoo, Frank Chikane and Cassim Saloojee.

Nelson Mandela's daughter Zinzi, who had been expected to speak at the rally, did not appear.

At the start of the rally one of the speakers called on police who were video-taping the proceedings from the perimeter wall of the stadium to 'be responsible and leave'.

He called on some of the crowd, who were jeering the policemen, to return to their seats. Later several youths held up banners to block the policemen's view of the inside of the stadium.

## Compensation

Speakers demanded the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners, the lifting of the state of emergency and the removal of the SADF from the townships.

UDF Natal executive member and former Robben Island prisoner



ation of political prisoners would mean the liberation of the people of South Africa from a wider prison.

He called on the Government to compensate the freed treason trialists for the ruin of their businesses and family lives while they were in detention and on trial.

He called on homeland leaders and coloured and Indian members of the tricameral Parliament to 'jump off the apartheid bandwagon and join the people'.

Mrs Albertina Sisulu, wife of former ANC secretary general Walter Sisulu, who is serving a life sentence in Pollsmoor Prison, blamed the Government for the

Shouting youths (above) run towards the Warwick Avenue bus terminus shortly before stoning vehicles and breaking shop windows in the area. (Below) Miss Gladness Sihlahla, whose leg was broken in the melée, is lifted into a car before being taken to hospital. At the far right is former Pietermaritzburg treason trialist Mewa Ramgobin. Police used sjamboks and tear-gas to control the crowd.



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2 shot dead in Chesterville

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two people, including a Natal trade unionist, have been shot dead in the Durban township of Chesterville, where two warring groups — the "Comrades" and the "A Team" are locked in battle.

The body of Mr Ian Phumuza Zamisa, a Natal branch organizer of the South African Allied Workers Union, was found with several bullet wounds near his home in Road Seven this week.

A spokesman for the union said Mr Zamisa was confronted early last week by a group of people who threatened to kill him and called him a "UDF spy".

A murder docket has been opened in connection with his death, a police spokesman said yesterday.

He also said Mr Patrick Blose, 40, was shot dead with a firearm in Road Thirteen this week.



# 58 killed in faction fighting in Natal

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**DURBAN.** — More than 58 people have died in two days of fighting in the troubled Umbumbulu squatter settlement on the Natal South Coast.

The final death toll could be much higher, police said, because the battles had taken place over a wide, rugged area. More bodies could be found once they started to search a nearby forest where many of the injured tried to escape from the fierce battles.

A spokesman for King Edward VIII Hospital said they had treated about 45 injured people, 17 of whom were admitted with stab wounds.

Police, who maintained a strong presence at the scene yesterday, reported that a tense calm had returned to the area after hundreds of people, mainly women and children, had left to seek shelter nearer Durban.

However, more than 300 angry Pondos armed with home-made guns and bush-knives were mobilizing at Umbogintwini's Number Five Shack township yesterday afternoon.

## Rivalry for land and jobs

Police said the cause of the battle was still unclear last night, but academics said the fighting in shack settlements around Durban had its roots in intense rivalry for land, water and jobs as Pondos streamed into the area.

Long-standing animosity between the Pondos and Zulus came to a head late on Tuesday resulting in a bloody battle between more than 5 000 warriors armed with home-made weapons, knobkerries and bush-knives.

A member of the Pondo faction said the fight was the continuation of the Malagazi fight between the two groups which claimed eight lives in mid-November.

A woman who witnessed people being hacked and stabbed said she had "never seen something as horrible" in her life.

## 'Dead bodies all over'

"Dead bodies were scattered all over the place and I do not think all the bodies have been discovered," said Mrs Nonsikelelo Vukushu.

More than 500 people had fled their homes yesterday. At Red Cross Hall in Durban more than 500 people were housed and 500 more took refuge at the nearest Charles James Santa Centre, near KwaMakhutha township.

but there were some Pondos and Xhosas among them.

According to Mrs Colleen Gwala, the fighting started on Christmas Eve when Zulus from Malagazi assembled along the Umbogintwini River, singing and calling Pondos out to fight.

## 'Fighting non-stop'

"They then crossed the river and since Tuesday both tribes have been fighting non-stop. They are armed with shotguns, knobkerries and other home-made weapons," she said.

Mr Johannes Mngonyama, another one of the few refugees willing to speak to the press, told of hundreds fleeing the strife-torn areas.

"I was nearly caught," he added. "I was trying to help people cross the road to get to a local hospital. They came just after I got through the fence."

He said the fighting began in earnest about 8.30am on Christmas morning and seemed to have had its roots in faction fighting in Malagazi some weeks ago.

Academics yesterday said the fighting in shack settlements at Malagazi and Umbogintwini had its roots in rivalry for land, water and jobs as Pondos streamed into the area at a rate which caused their population to rise by more than 16 percent a year.

## 'A Zulu hobby'

Professor Lawrence Schlemmer, director of the Centre for Applied Social Studies at Natal University in Durban, said: "With the economy in the state it is, it would be a miracle if there wasn't conflict."

Migration to areas like Umbogintwini and Malagazi had been increasing because rural families were finding it more difficult to eke out a living on the land as migrant breadwinners were squeezed out of their jobs by the recession, he said.

Professor John Argyll, professor of social anthropology at Natal University, said faction fighting was usually over resources.

The conventional view sometimes expressed by officials and police that fighting was "a Zulu hobby" was off the mark, he said. — Own Correspondent and Staff

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# Faction fight death roll could increase

## Mercury Reporter

THE death roll in faction fighting at the troubled Umbumbulu shack settlement on the Natal South Coast could rise beyond the official figure of 58 once police start a search of a forest near where the battle took place.

A police spokesman said yesterday that they were still 'mopping up' and could find more bodies because the battle had taken place over a wide area.

Animosity between the Pondos and Zulus came to a head late on Tuesday, resulting in a bloody battle between more than 5 000 warriors armed with home-made firearms, knobkieries and bush-knives.

A spokesman for King Edward VIII Hospital said they had received about 45 injured people, of whom 17 had been admitted with stab wounds.

A terrified woman who witnessed people being hacked and stabbed said

she had 'never seen anything as horrible' in her life.

She said some injured people managed to escape to a nearby forest.

'Bodies were scattered all over the place and I do not think all the dead have been discovered,' said Mrs Nonsikelelo Vikushu.

Yesterday more than 300 angry Pondos armed with home-made guns and bush-knives were mobilising at Umbogintwini's Number Five Shack township.

A member of the Pondo faction said the fight was the continuation of an

early battle between the groups which claimed eight lives in mid-November.

Meanwhile, more than 150 families and more than 500 people had fled their homes by yesterday.

More than 150 refugees were housed at Red Cross Hall in Durban and more than 500 people took refuge at the nearest Charles James Santa Centre, near KwaMakhutha Township.

Police maintained a strong presence yesterday at the scene of the fighting.

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# More tribal killing feared as peace talks fail

DURBAN — The threat of fresh tribal violence loomed in Umbo-gentweni yesterday as talks between the hostile Zulu and Pondo tribes failed to bring peace.

At least 58 people died in a Christmas Day battle between 2 000 Zulus and 3 000 Pundos. Police were yesterday still searching the dense bush for more bodies.

Urgent peace talks arranged by riot police officers yesterday failed to remove the threat of renewed hostilities as the local Zulu chief ordered Pundos to leave by tomorrow.

Chief Bhekizetha Makhanya told a Pondo delegation at an Umbo-gentweni community hall they had undermined his authority by

appointing their own chief.

He did not say what steps he would take if the Pundos ignored his ultimatum.

Police said five more bodies were discovered after the initial tally of 53 dead. It was impossible to determine when the five had been killed.

In another development, two people were injured in Durban when a mob of blacks stormed on to a beach reserved for Indians.

"They had all kinds of weapons and were hitting anybody who got in the way. Even children were trampled on," said Mr Krish Naidoo. — Sapa-Reuter—Associated Press.

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# Eight deaths reported by police

Three men were killed in Steynsburg and the bodies of another five were found at kwaMakuta near Durban yesterday.

A spokesman for the public relations division of the SA Police in Pretoria said last night that a large group had stoned and damaged a police vehicle in the black residential area of Steynsburg. Three men were killed and one wounded when police fired birdshot and tear-smoke.

He said the bodies of five men found at kwaMakuta "were probably due to the present faction fighting in the area".

In Soweto, a group stoned a house and then set furniture alight.

In the residential area of Sandbult at Burgersdorp, Eastern Cape, the private home of a nursing sister was set alight by arsonists.

At Cradock (Eastern Cape), offices of the Development Board were damaged by petrol bombs.

In Athlone (Western Cape), a police vehicle was damaged extensively by an unruly mob, the spokesman said.

In Cape Town, police have confirmed that four children

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were released from detention under the emergency regulations on Christmas Eve.

The released children are Ridwaan Karriem (14), Paulus Ramncwana (15) and Nkosial Manxin and Mathews Manxin, aged about. All are from Worcester.

Their detention was revealed after Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange had clarified a statement that there were no children under the age of 16 in detention in the Western Cape on November 30, by saying he was not referring to the Boland.

— Sapa.

## Natal faction clash death toll rises to 63 276

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DURBAN — The death toll in Malakazi, Umbumbulu, has risen to 63 after five more bodies were found in a forest near the scene of the vicious clash between Zulus and Pondos over the Christmas period.

The bodies were found on Saturday morning during "mopping up" operations by Amanzimtoti police.

Fifty-eight bodies were initially found after the two-day battle between the Zulus and Pondos.

Forty-seven people were seriously injured in the fighting, 17 of whom were admitted to King Edward VIII hospital.

Yesterday residents who had earlier expressed fears that there could be more undiscovered bodies,

said they would not be surprised if the figure rose above 63.

On Friday Chief Bhekizitha Makhanya, the head of the Umbumbulu reserve, where Malakazi is situated, ordered illegal Zulu and Pondo squatters to leave the area in an effort to prevent more bloodshed when Zulus returned from the Christmas holidays. But residents said few people had heeded the order to vacate the land.

And yesterday afternoon Pondos were still gathering at Umbogintwini No 5 shackland apparently waiting for the Zulus to attack. There was a strong police contingent in the area. — Sapa.

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Bullet wounds in body of trade unionist

# 2 die in Durban township violence

DURBAN — Two people, including a well-known Natal trade unionist, were shot dead in the Durban township of Chesterville where two warring groups are still locked in a fierce fight, it was revealed yesterday.

The body of Mr Ian Phumuza Zamisa, a Natal branch organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union, was found this week with several bullet wounds in it.

A spokesman for the union said Mr Zamisa had apparently been abducted and shot dead by

members of one of the two fighting groups in the township.

Mr Boyce Melifata, an East London organiser for the union, said Mr Zamisa had been confronted early last week by a group of people who had threatened to kill him and had called him a "UDF spy".

## Vigilante Group

Police confirmed that a murder docket had been opened.

A police spokesman said Mr Patrick Blose (40) had also been shot dead in the troubled township which had been plagued by

fighting between a vigilante group calling itself the "A Team" and another group called "Comrades".

Meanwhile a crowd of 200 was dispersed by police at kwa-Makhuta near Durban after they had set a car alight yesterday.

A group of Umlazi youths, armed with pangas, stole alcohol worth thousands of rands when they forced a truck to stop in the township this week.

The vehicle was stripped of its contents and set alight.

A man has been arrested in connection with the incident. — Sapa.

# Two die as township groups battle

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## ALCOHOL RAID

A crowd of 200 was dispersed by police at Kwamakhuta near Durban after a car was set alight yesterday. No arrests were made.

Umlazi youths with knives and pangas stole alcohol worth thousands of rands when they forced a lorry to stop in the township this week.

The vehicle was set alight.

Police later made an arrest in connection with the incident.

— Sapa.

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DWA Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two men were killed and eight people were injured when a gang of killers attacked two kraals at KwaNdengezi near Pine-town early yesterday.

Police believed the attack to be the latest incident in a feud.

A band of between five and 10 men, some armed with shotguns, attacked the Ndlovu family kraal.

The head of the family, Mr Zwelakhe Ndlovu, 55, was shot in the forearm with a shotgun but stabbed his assailant with an assegai. Later a man was found dead with a stab wound.

Shots were fired which injured three children, two men and two women.

The gang then moved on to the Cele kraal, where Mr Thulani Walter Cele, 24, was killed.



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## Man hurt in shootout

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A man was seriously injured in a shootout between members of the "A-Team" vigilante group and rampaging youths in Cherterville after the funeral of a slain trade unionist on Saturday.

A police van was also stoned, a police spokesman said.

After the funeral of unionist Mr Ian Zamisa, a group of youths stoned the home of a man said to belong to the A-Team.

Later the group clashed with people armed with bushknives and a shootout began between the groups.

A man believed to be a member of the A-Team was taken to King Edward VIII Hospital with bullet wounds.

# Man shot as vigilantes and youths clash

Mercury Reporter

ONE man was seriously injured in a shootout between the members of the A-Team and rampaging youths in Chesterville, Durban, on Saturday.

A police van was also stoned but little damage was caused.

A man believed to be a member of the A-Team, a vigilante group, was taken to King Edward VIII Hospital with bullet wounds after a shootout.

A group of youths who had been to the funeral of slain unionist Ian Zamisa

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took to the streets singing 'freedom songs'.

In Road 13 they stoned a private home believed to belong to an A-Team member.

A police spokesman said damage estimated at R50 was caused.

As they went down the streets the youths clashed with a group of people armed with bush-knives. There was an outbreak of stoning before shots were exchanged.

One man was injured.

A police spokesman confirmed the incident.