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Renewed fighting in squatter camp

CAPE TOWN — Two people were shot dead and scores of pupils have been injured in renewed fighting at the troubled Crossroads squatter camp, putting attempts to bring peace to the camp in the balance.

Concerned mothers said the violence had taken a uglier turn and small children had been hacking one another with pangas and other dangerous weapons on school premises.

Own Correspondent.

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Mangaung township still tense after riots

3/8/90 By Musa Mapisa

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The situation was still tense in Mangaung, Bloemfontein, yesterday after several days of violence when pupils took to the streets in the continuing crisis in Department of Education and Training schools.

The crisis allegedly started when the

pupils returned to schools after boycotting classes for a number of weeks in protest against lack of textbooks, stationary, broken windows, doors and the absence of effective schooling. They found these conditions still prevailed.

A pupil spokesman blamed the DET for the situation.

FW examines Goldstone report

St- 9/8/90 By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

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The Goldstone Commission's report on the Sebokeng incident was receiving President de Klerk's urgent attention, a spokesman for the President's office said yesterday.

He was not able to say when the findings of the report would be made public.

The judicial commission was established in March to investigate the circumstances leading to the clash between Sebokeng residents and police on March 26 which left 12 people dead and 300 injured.

The Sebokeng shootings took place after a 50 000-strong UDF gathering, intent on marching to Vereeniging, was halted by police near the Sondela Brewery.

The marchers had been planning to present a petition to the National Party offices.

The report, compiled by Judge Goldstone, is the first of several on commissions that will be debated by top officials.

Welkom miner found dead - 10 men held

Staff Reporters

Ten miners are being held for questioning in connection with the death of a miner whose body was found underground at President Steyn mine in Welkom yesterday.

This follows Tuesday's violent clashes between miners and security officials.

A police spokesman said today it was not yet certain

whether Nicolaas Jordaan (42) was murdered or had died in an accident, but 10 miners were detained for questioning.

Mr Jordaan's body was found on the 82nd level of No 4 shaft at 10 am. He had apparently died of multiple head injuries.

Police and the Inspector of Mines will conduct a joint investigation into Mr Jordaan's death and a post-mortem examination

will be conducted by the State pathologist from Bloemfontein.

Three miners were reported dead on arrival at the Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital on Wednesday after several skirmishes between toyi-toying mineworkers and mine security following a mineworkers' meeting at No 4 shaft in the afternoon.

Anglo American has put the number of people injured in the

clashes at 18, but the National Union of Mineworkers said more than 20 miners were hurt.

One of the injured was hostel manager Keith Whitfield (38), who was stabbed and wounded.

Police arrested 34 miners in connection with violence and arson after an administration block, beer hall and three hostels were looted and set alight by rampaging miners.

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4 die in Welkom violence

WELKOM. — Three men have been killed, 17 injured and 35 arrested in rioting which erupted on Wednesday night at the President Steyn Gold Mine near here, while the body of a miner was found underground at the mine's number 4 shaft yesterday afternoon.

The cause of death is not yet known.

Anglo-American Corporation said in a statement that a full investi-

gation by the SA Police and Inspector of Mines was under way.

The police liaison officer for the northern Free State, Major Johan Fouche, said a group of about 20 men began toyi-toyi dancing at the mine's number four shaft about 10pm on Wednesday.

The group grew to about 400 and set fire to a mine administrative building, a beerhall and

living quarters.

Mine security fired birdshot and rubber bullets and the police were called to control the riot, which they did by about 11pm.

Both the night and day shifts reported for duty yesterday.

The statement expressed management's regret at the death and injury to employees and deplored continued acts of violence. — Sapa

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Racial conflict is at root of mine unrest

By Helen Grange

Welkom's President Steyn mine, which suffered the closure of a shaft because of violent clashes last Wednesday, has long been a hotbed of racial conflict which has bedevilled the town.

Racial antagonism has simmered continually between white and black miners at President Steyn, occasionally erupting into heavy armed clashes in which several people have died.

At the core of the conflict is the mine's discriminatory hoisting practices and the fact that whites in lower management at mines are racist in their dealings with black miners, according to the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM).

"Black miners, who get paid only for the time they work, have to arrive hours early to queue for the shaft cages. White miners do not queue and the hoisting schedule is regulated according to whether there are

whites to be hoisted. The situation is discriminatory and leads to conflict," says Jerry Madjadladi of the NUM.

Anglo American's public affairs manager, Adrian du Plessis, confirmed that hoisting was continually under discussion at No 4 shaft.

"This issue has been raised at all the gold mines in the Orange Free State," he said.

Intimidation

Conversely, white miners have frequently accused black miners of intimidating whites and of provoking conflict by political sloganeering.

The spate of violence at President Steyn began in May, when two white miners were murdered at Shaft 1. Welkom's strong right-wing factions immediately declared there would be "bloody retribution". In June

there was an explosion at the NUM offices in Welkom, of which the right wing was suspected.

The fact that the right wing has immediately backed the cause of white miners has served to intensify the racial divide, both at President Steyn mine and among the black and white communities outside. In spite of five meetings between the NUM and mine management, violence has continued.

The clashes last Wednesday between toyi-toying mine-workers carrying the SA Community Party flag and mine security lasted over six hours and led to thousands of rands in damage to mine property.

The NUM has blamed mine security and police for attacking peaceful protesters, while Anglo American claims the mine-workers repeatedly attacked security and police with dangerous weapons.

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CP warns over black protest march

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White miners are told: Carry arms

By Julienne du Toit
and Brendan Templeton

Despite a peace deal at the President Steyn gold mine, Welkom remained tense today as the Conservative Party called for party members to form countrywide self-defence organisations and for white miners to carry arms while working underground.

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US pours in thousands of troops

NICOSIA — The United States' air bridge to Saudi Arabia moved into top gear today as up to 10 000 US paratroops already in the desert kingdom fanned out to frontline defences facing Iraqi-occupied Kuwait.

US warships accompanying the aircraft carrier Eisenhower in the Red Sea could in the next two

Saudi Arabian roads near the tense frontier with Kuwait were said to be choked with troops yesterday as US and Egyptian forces streamed in.

Across the border in Kuwait, Iraq's tank-led invasion army sat tight as the biggest US deployment since the Vietnam war raced on ahead of schedule.

Pakistan said troops to help defend Morocco is seen as a move to bring Syrian troops there from Lebanon.

Jordan's Crown Prince Hussein said last night his country would not join the coalition army unless it is against Baghdad. He said the invasion of Kuwait

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Earlier yesterday white miners refused to sign a truce undertaking drawn up by management and countersigned by black miners.

Mr Paulus said that since Piet Retief's time blacks could not be relied on to honour an agreement.

He asked for a solution from the crowd for whites being blamed by blacks for all racial incidents.

"Shoot them," bayed the crowd.

Mr van der Merwe warned that the proposed march by 5 000 black protesters through the town on Saturday was an invitation to bloodshed. "If one white person dies it will be on the Government's conscience. We will mobilise our people and stop them with violence."

Mr van der Merwe painted a picture of whites being forced to share their houses with two or more black families in the new South Africa, and said whites would suffer desperate poverty and stinking Third World conditions.

He thanked the hundred-strong AWB contingent and the Blanke Veiligheid (BV) for their protection and at the end of his speech quoted Winston Churchill: "We will never, never surrender."

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The Argus Correspondent

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Violent taxi 'war' starts

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — A "war" has broken out here between two rival taxi factions.

There has been simmering tension between Bloemfontein's long-distance taxis and those from the Transvaal and other regions.

On Tuesday morning a minibus with Transvaal registration plates was burnt out in Bloemfontein in one of the latest incidents in the war.

The incident occurred after three minibuses were seen at a taxi rank in the city, one loaded with heavily armed people and escorting the other two.

Weapons such as pangas and knobkerries were found in the burnt-out vehicle.

In Pretoria yesterday, the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association said it was appalled at the increasing violence directed at its members and commuters and called on the police substantially to step up security at taxi ranks.

In the past three months, bombs had exploded at four taxi ranks injuring numerous people and causing extensive damage, Sabta said in a statement.

Sabta condemned "such outrageous and barbaric behaviour in the strongest terms".

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday that police would continue to patrol taxi ranks as part of their normal rounds, taking special action when needed. — Sapa



Death toll in Welkom mine violence rises to four

The Argus Correspondent.

JOHANNESBURG — The death toll at Welkom's President Steyn mine, where violence lasting over six hours broke out on Wednesday, rose to four after a miner's body was found underground.

And late last night there was an unconfirmed report of one more man dead.

Three miners were dead on arrival at the Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital on Wednesday after several skirmishes between toyi-toying mineworkers and mine security following a mineworkers' meeting at Number 4 shaft in the afternoon.

Figures disputed

Anglo American estimated 18 people were injured in the clashes, but the National Union of Mineworkers disputed this, saying more than 20 were hurt.

Conflicting versions of the incident have been given, with the union accusing the police of opening fire on an "unarmed crowd of peaceful protesters".

Anglo American has stated that members of mine security and the police were attacked with petrol bombs and dangerous weapons.

Police reported that the conflict began when a group of 18 mineworkers, which later swelled to about 400, gathered at a hostel where they were toyi-toying while carrying an SACP flag.

The mine security used rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse the crowd, said Lieutenant Peter Brandt. When these attempts failed, they called in the police about 10.30 am.

He said on arrival the police were attacked with stones and pangas and retaliated with buckshot.

Fired buckshot

Police fired buckshot into the crowd after they had surrounded and stabbed a mine security officer.

Lieutenant Brandt last night confirmed the deaths of three men after the incident and said another body had been found underground yesterday.

A post mortem will be held to determine the cause of death, but Lieutenant Brandt said it appeared the man had been hit on the head with a blunt object.

He said it was pure speculation to link the death to the rioting at the mine.

Welkom tenses up for protest march

By CHARLES LEONARD: Welkom

TENSION is mounting in Welkom as the town braces itself for the protest march tomorrow by residents of neighbouring Bronville township.

But, says Bronville Civic Association organising secretary Lionel Beukes, it is "no more or less (tension) than usual". "Since the killing of two black people at the beginning of the year by right-wingers, the atmosphere in our town has been very tense."

Threats from the right-wing have been building up since Monday night's warning from Conservative Party Member of Parliament Koos van der Merwe that the party would resort to violence "if one white person died".

Van der Merwe told a CP protest meeting in the town: "We will mobilise our people and stop them (the marchers) with violence."

Beukes and fellow BCA members have been encouraging residents to take part *en masse* in the protest march through the centre of Welkom to the local police station, where they plan to deliver a set of grievances and demands to the station commander.

At the CP meeting on Monday a mo-

tion of no-confidence in the National Party members of the Welkom City Council was passed and demands were made for their resignation.

On Tuesday Van der Merwe met with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe and senior deputy commissioner General Mulder van Eyk, to discuss the Welkom march.

At that meeting Van der Merwe demanded the suspension of the march. On Wednesday, at the CP Free State congress in Bloemfontein, he told the delegates that Van Eyk telephoned him that morning to tell him that the police were not able to cancel the march, but that they promised to scale it down. The general also told Van der Merwe that police reinforcements would be sent to Welkom.

The congress accepted Van der Merwe's proposal to send a telegram to State President FW de Klerk, demanding the immediate cessation of black marches through white suburbs.

"They try to instil fear in our people," Beukes said. "But we will be there in our numbers."

"The irony of Van der Merwe's threat

is that we are in any case in the white suburbs every day because that is where we work," he told *The Weekly Mail* in the office of the Congress of South African Writers in the industrial part of Welkom.

Apart from the large police presence expected tomorrow, the BCA has also organised 800 marshalls to see that march is held in a disciplined manner, Beukes said: "It would mean about one marshall for every eight marchers."

The marchers would not be allowed to carry weapons, including mock AK-47s. (277) (S)

"We asked the police to make sure that the right-wingers — we expect a lot of them at the march — are also unarmed," he said.

Major Johann Fouche of the Welkom police issued a stern warning that no interference in the march would be tolerated.

A spokesman for the CP in Welkom, Hennie Kemp, told *The Weekly Mail* that, although they opposed to the march being allowed to take place, the party did not plan to take any action against the marchers.

Whites warn of violence at today's Welkom march

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THE potential for conflict during today's march through the centre of Welkom has been addressed by the South African Police in a stern warning issued soon after the Conservative Party threatened to resort to violence if one white person dies at the march.

Major Johan Beukes of the Welkom police has said the SAP will not tolerate any interference and are determined to ensure the maintenance of law and order during the march by about 5 000 black residents of Bronville township.

Permission for the march has been granted by the Welkom Town Council, but it will take place in a delicate climate of racial conflict which has the potential of turning bloody if the right-wing tries to intervene.

Koos van der Merwe, CP MP for

SUE OLSWANG

Overvaal, has warned that today's march is an invitation to bloodshed.

"If one white person dies it will be on the Government's conscience. We will mobilise our people and stop them with violence," Mr van der Merwe said during a stormy CP meeting held in the Free State mining town on Monday night.

At its annual Free State congress held in Bloemfontein earlier this week, the CP passed a unanimous resolution to demand an immediate end to protest marches through white areas. The party also stated the Government would be directly responsible for loss of lives or damage to property caused during black political protest.

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March fears

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Today's march, organised by the Bronville and Thabong civic associations, is a protest against high service charges and inadequate housing in Bronville.

March organiser Lionel Beukes has said the marchers will stick to the 5 000 limit on numbers imposed by the Welkom Town Council.

They will be unarmed and subject to the discipline of 800 marshals.

The CP's Mr van der Merwe has, however, said Welkom whites will "simply not allow these people to

march through the town carrying ANC banners, Communist flags and singing Nkosi Sikelele i' Africa".

The march will begin at Thabong Township and proceed to the Jan Hofmeyer Police Station, in Welkom, where a memorandum of grievances will be handed to police for forwarding to council authorities.

● Blanke Veiligheid (BV), a right-wing movement, has also threatened to disrupt today's march.

On July 30, the Citizen newspaper reported that BV spokesman Mr David Naude said: "We won't allow the march to take place.

We have warned police there will be bloodshed and that they should get ambulances ready."

Rightists deployed for demo

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WELKOM. — Hundreds of armed rightwingers are being deployed in gardens and houses along the route that a protest march is due to take place through Welkom today.

The khaki-clad men with AWB insignia are carrying rifles, pistols, batons and whips — and a crossbow was seen — but AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanch told the Press they were not seeking confrontation.

He said more than 600 men from the Western Transvaal and Ermelo were being used to protect residents. Of the 800 houses along the way, 80 occupants had given written requests for protection.

SA Police spokesman, Major Johann Fouche, said police were taking every precaution and had sealed off every side road along the route. — Sapa.

WEATHER

Welkom keeps calm

By DESMOND BLOW

C/Press 19/8/90
SEVERAL hundred heavily armed AWB members taunted 5 000 black demonstrators who legally marched past white homes in Welkom yesterday.

Only a strong police presence and well-disciplined demonstrators prevented any major incidents. One demonstrator was wounded in an arm by an arrow fired from a crossbow.

AWB members arrived early in Welkom from other centres in the Free State and Transvaal and took up positions in the grounds of many of the 73 houses along two kilometres of Constantia Ave-

nue - the only white suburb along the six-kilometre route from Thabong to Welkom police station, where the demonstrators handed in a petition.

The AWB men claimed the residents had begged to be protected from the demonstrators. But a householder who was not being "protected", said the AWB had canvassed the houses, offering to protect them and saying the demonstrators intended to attack them.

After the demonstrators had returned to Thabong, the AWB gathered in the streets but were warned by police that the meeting was illegal and dispersed.

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AWB face ANC crowd in Welkom

Own Correspondent

WELKOM. — AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche was taunted with shouts of "ANC, ANC ..." and black-power salutes on Saturday as thousands of ANC supporters marched through a white residential area saturated with armed

AWB members.

In the only violent incident, a 16-year-old youth was shot in the arm with a crossbow-bolt painted in the ANC colours. No arrests were made.

A crowd of between 3 000 and 3 500 protesters marched from the entrance of Thabong township to police headquarters where a memorandum demanding action on community grievances was handed to the deputy district commissioner.

The demands included one city council for Welkom, an end to evictions, affordable housing and service charges and the resignation of councillors and the management committee.

As marchers formed up, 300 to 400 heavily armed AWB members positioned themselves in white-owned residential properties along the route. Mr Terre'Blanche cancelled his scheduled address to the HNP's annual congress in Pretoria to head "his commandos at Welkom".

Mr Terre'Blanche said his men, who had driven in from around the country, had been asked to guard 80 houses



Mr Terre'Blanche

along the street.

Police cordoned off the surrounding area with razor wire, and told the right-wingers, who were armed with rifles, shotguns, pistols and batons, they would not be allowed to venture off the properties.

Police and soldiers stood at 50m intervals along the street.

Protesters began marching at 10.30am. They stopped briefly in front of a stern-faced Mr Terre'Blanche who stood surrounded by AWB guards.

After delivering their memorandum the marchers returned through the suburb flaunting ANC colours, dancing and chanting ANC slogans.

AWB members responded with flat-handed salutes and loud shouts of "AWB, AWB ..." One dog was encouraged by its owner to bite yellow, green and black pieces of cloth, the ANC colours.

● The Conservative Party declared itself irrevocably committed to "the third freedom struggle" at the weekend.

Opening the eighth Transvaal CP Congress, leader Dr Andries Treurnicht asked if the government realised what it meant when it claimed it was "irrevocably on the way to a new, fair South Africa".

Did the government want to hand over the power or share it before they lost it, he asked the 1 500 delegates.

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WELKOM STAND-OFF ... Members of the Afrikaanse Weerstandsbeweging surround their leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, during a confrontation with ANC supporters in Welkom on Saturday. ● Report c opposite page.

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AWB upsets meeting

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PRETORIA. — Another National Party meeting has been disrupted by the use of teargas by right-wingers.

At Brandfort in the Free State more than 100 Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporters threw eggs at National Party members including the guest speaker, the Deputy Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Andre Fourie, on Wednesday night.

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When police evicted the rowdy group, a teargas canister was thrown into the hall.

Several elderly people had to be treated.

Last week a meeting due to be addressed by President F W de Klerk in Northern Natal was disrupted when two teargas canisters were thrown into the hall in which he was to speak. The president eventually spoke outdoors. — Sapa



TEARGAS ... Police fire teargas at residents who fought Zulus in Kagiso on the West Rand yesterday.

Picture. REUTERS

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**Guard shot in
neck 'stable'**

BLOEMFONTEIN. — A white security guard was shot and wounded in the neck when between 8 000 and 10 000 marchers returned to Mangung black township here after a lawful protest yesterday morning.

He is Mr J G du Plessis, employed by Coin Security. Authorities said he was in a stable condition in Universitas Hospital.

Police said full details of the shooting were not available, but it had been said that the shot had come from the crowd. He was shot near the firm's premises. — Sapa

11 arrests after 4 whites killed, 277 mutilated

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Eleven people have been arrested following the killing of three white men and a woman in a township near Odendaalsrus.

The bodies were found on Saturday night near a burned out car at the Mechongoville squatter camp adjoining the Kutloanong township.

The victims were: Mr Basie van Niekerk, 32, of Rheeders Park, Welkom and Mr Michael Belelie, 33, Mrs Shirley Basson, 32, and Mr Anthony Casey, 32, all of Ross Street, Odendaalsrus.

The bodies were badly mutilated with stab wounds and injuries from other weapons. The attackers also poured petrol on the bodies and set them alight.

Patches of blood near the car showed where the victims had fallen. Three bodies were found lying next to the car and the badly charred body of Mr van Niekerk was found about 50 metres down the road, indicating he tried to escape.

VISITED SHABEEN

Police Liaison officer Major Joahn Fouche said the four victims had apparently visited a shabeen in the township about 4pm on Saturday.

About 10pm police in Odendaalsrus received a telephone call informing them of about the killings.

Police have arrested almost a dozen men from the squatter camp and confiscated many weapons like knives, pangas and fighting sticks.

Two of the suspects are to appear in the Odendaalsrus court tomorrow and the other nine on Wednesday.

Major Fouche said no motive had been established for the killings.

Four whites die in Free State township

THE severely mutilated and partly burned bodies of four white people — three men and a woman — were found in Khutloanong township near Odendaalsrus in the Free State late on Saturday night, police said yesterday. *BIDUN 1/10/90*

Three of the bodies — the woman and two of the men — were found next to a burned out car, while the third man was about 50m further down the road, SA liaison officer Maj Johan Fouche said.

Police yesterday arrested two men in connection with the killings.

Fouche said the four people had apparently visited a shebeen in the township at about 4pm on Saturday afternoon. Police found their bodies at about 11pm.

The names of the dead could not be

revealed as relatives had not been informed yet, Fouche said. They were reportedly from Odendaalsrus and Welkom.

THEO RAWANA reports police yesterday confirmed three necklacings in Evaton near Vanderbijlpark at the weekend.

The three men were taken to their parental homes by a group of youths, were stabbed in the street and necklaced, police spokesman Capt H van Deventer said.

He said the dead men were: Isaac Mokoena, 18, Daniel Nogie, 19, and Albert Lesia, 16. All lived in Smallfarms, Evaton.

In Crossroads, outside Cape Town, three people were shot dead, two were left for dead and at least two more seriously injured on Saturday. — Sapa.

Four whites burn to death

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ODENDAALSRUS. — The mutilated and partly burnt bodies of four whites — three men and a woman — were found in Khutloanong township near here at the weekend.

They were among eight people burnt to death at the weekend in township violence.

Two men have been arrested in connection with the discovery of the four bodies late on Saturday night in Khutloanong and police confirmed yesterday that more arrests were expected by today.

Welkom police spokesman Major Johan Fouche said the bodies were badly mutilated, with numerous stab wounds and also injuries caused by other unidentified weapons.

Three of the bodies — a woman and two of the men — were found next to a burnt-out car with a Welkom registration number, while another man who had apparently tried to escape his attackers was found about 50m down the road.

Two of those killed have been identified as Mr Basie van Niekerk and Mr Michael Frederick Belle. The names of the third man and the woman would be released when their next of kin had been informed.

Petrol had been poured over them and they had been set alight, he said.

Major Fouche said the four, all apparently from Welkom and Odendaalsrus, had apparently visited a shebeen in the township about 4pm on Saturday.

Police found their bodies about 11pm on Saturday after receiving a message from a Kuttoanong resident that "four whites had been killed".

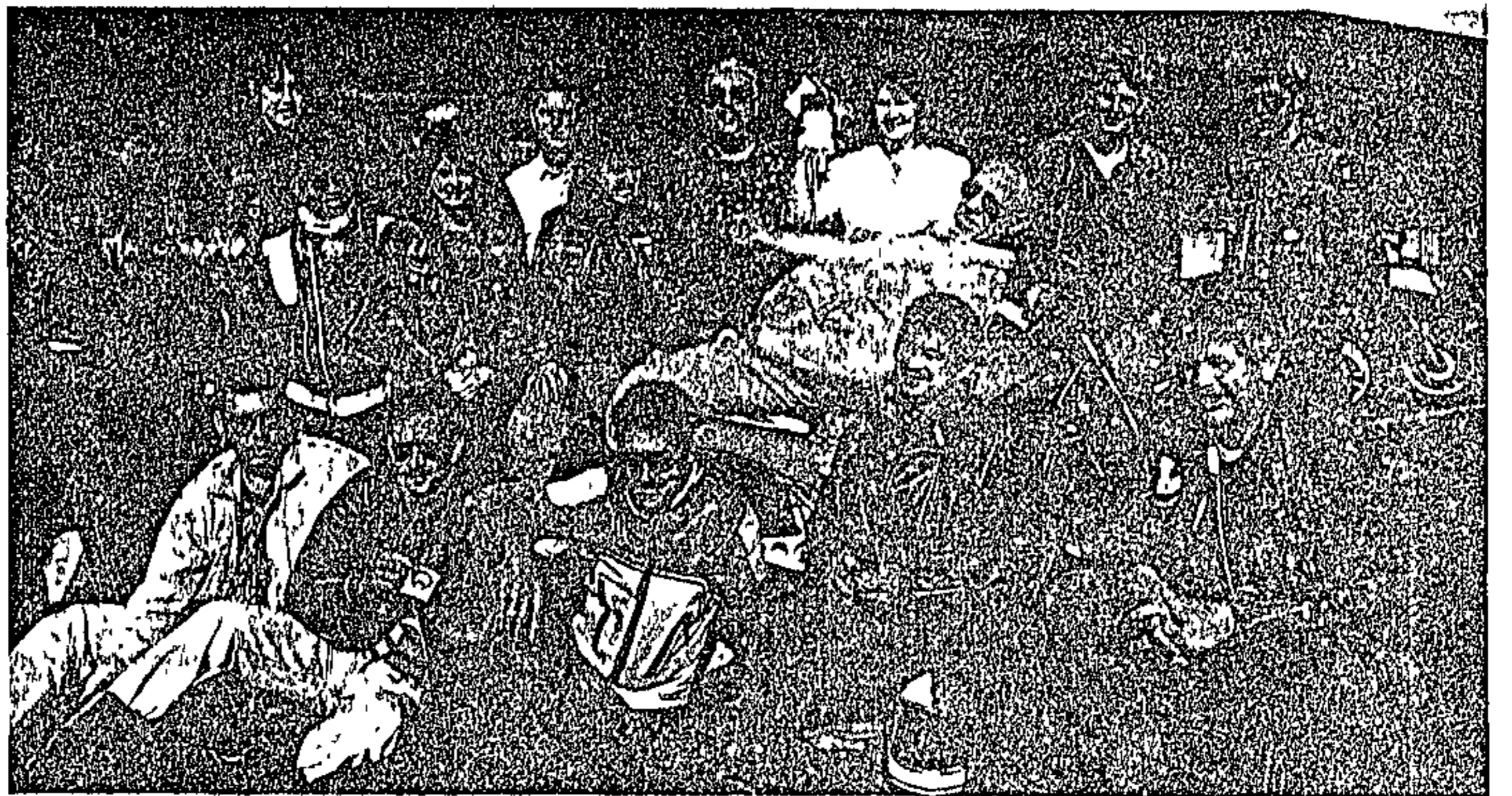
Immediately after the discovery of the bodies a "large number of police officers" under the command of a Captain Van der Merwe of the Odendaalsrus police started investigations. They arrested the two suspects yesterday morning, police said.

Although nearby Welkom was the scene of violent racial clashes earlier this year, Major Fouche quickly emphasised that he did not believe the slayings were politically motivated.

"These people (the victims) normally visited the

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Bikers join blood shortage blitz



BIG BLEEDERS . . . They may be tough, but they bleed just like everyone else. Sister Heather Money takes blood from biker Mr Brian Stopford, of Ottery, at the Medipark building on the Foreshore yesterday during a "bleed-in". Several bike clubs took part in the event, which will help to establish a haemophilia centre in Cape Town. *Picture: ALAN TAYLOR*

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shebeen, so if it was a racial attack it would have taken place on one of their earlier visits," the police spokesman said. He declined to speculate on other possible motives.

Major Fouche said he personally believed that travelling to the township was a risk.

AWB area secretary Mr Blikkies Blignaut told Sapa in a telephone interview from Welkom that the AWB had not formulated any definite statement on the incident as yet. If the four whites had been taken against their will to the black area, it would consider further action.

He said, however, that it appeared the victims had simply been trying to get liquor from an Odendaalsrus shebeen. White people had no place in black areas "in times such as these", he said.

Police last night described the situation as quiet.

In the other two incidents at the weekend:

● Police reported that three men were taken from their homes in Evaton, near Vanderbijl Park, by a large group of youths.

They were stabbed in the street, whereupon rubber tyres were placed around their necks, filled with petrol and set alight, police spokesman Captain H van Deventer said.

He named the dead as: Mr Isaac Mokoena; 18, of Smallfarms, Evaton, who was necklaced at 5am; Mr Daniel Nogie, 19, also of Smallfarms, necklaced at 6am, and Mr Albert Lesia, 16, of Smallfarms, who was necklaced at 8am.

● The body of a man who had been necklaced was found at the Sebokeng hostel. Police released no other details. — Sapa, UPI and Own Correspondents

Man drowns in ski-boat drama

Staff Reporter

A PAARL man drowned while trying to swim nearly eight kilometres to Dassen Island to alert rescuers that two fishing companions were stranded on an overturned ski-boat in rough seas.

The ski boat capsized about 1 30pm yesterday. Mr D Carstens, one of four men on the boat, had then tried to swim to alert the lighthouse keeper at Dassen Island.

A second companion, who was wearing a life-jacket, swam after him and made it to the island just before 4pm. He told rescuers he was swimming about 25 metres behind his friend and saw him bob up and down and then disappear.

The other two men were airlifted from the hull at 5pm.

The boat was presumed to have capsized after taking water from astern while at anchor.

The NSRI, and a fishing trawler, searched for the ski-boat until dark, while the helicopter searched the area until sunset for the missing man.

The three survivors of the drama were taken to hospital and treated for hypothermia last night. They are Mr D F Osborne, Mr R Veber and Mr G Lambrechts, all of Paarl.

Mighty head of hair pulls a Boeing 737

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Stunt man R Letchmanaah used his hair yesterday to pull a Boeing 737.

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Violence after march refusal

JOHANNESBURG. — A boycott of white-owned businesses and alleged vigilante violence have torn apart the CP-controlled Free State town of Edenburg after the black community were refused permission to hold a protest march.

Residents of Edenburg's small township allege that in response to their boycott, local businessmen used a vigilante group against them, with the support of the police.

This has been denied by police and the businessmen. — Sapa

MULTIPLE MURDER: Four jollers in the wrong place at the wrong time

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In a place where hell broke loose...

Next week 28 people are due to appear in court following the shocking murder of four whites in a Free State township.

IVOR POWELL visited Kutloanong where the killings occurred

It was more than 10 days ago that the killing of four whites in the township of Kutloanong outside the Orange Free State town of Odendaalsrus took place, but even so there is something chilling about the sense of indolent

normality which pervades the scene. Little groups of men sit on rickety chairs in the sun or in the little pools of shade the corrugated iron shacks create, and use time with the care that only the unemployed — who understand how long it can be — are capable of.

Some of the women are washing clothes in buckets and hanging them out in the sun to dry. Others sweep the dry sand into patterns to mark out yards. One is bathing a small girl with a massively protruding navel in a tub hardly bigger than a cooking pot.

Mangy township dogs snuffle and a couple of small children are playing among the broken bottles and rusty tins of the rubbish dump which is the closest you come in the squatter camp to a playpark. As children do, they test the treasures they find there by taking them from hand to mouth. Nobody seems to take that much notice, the kids have to take their chances, it's the only place there is to play in Kutloanong's squatter camp.

And as for the rubbish it is there, like the heavy stench of old excrement, because, despite promises from the provincial administration, neither sanitation nor refuse disposal has been laid on in the approximately 1 000 shacks which sprang up on the borders of Kutloanong township in the weeks after State President FW de Klerk promised a new South Africa on February 2.

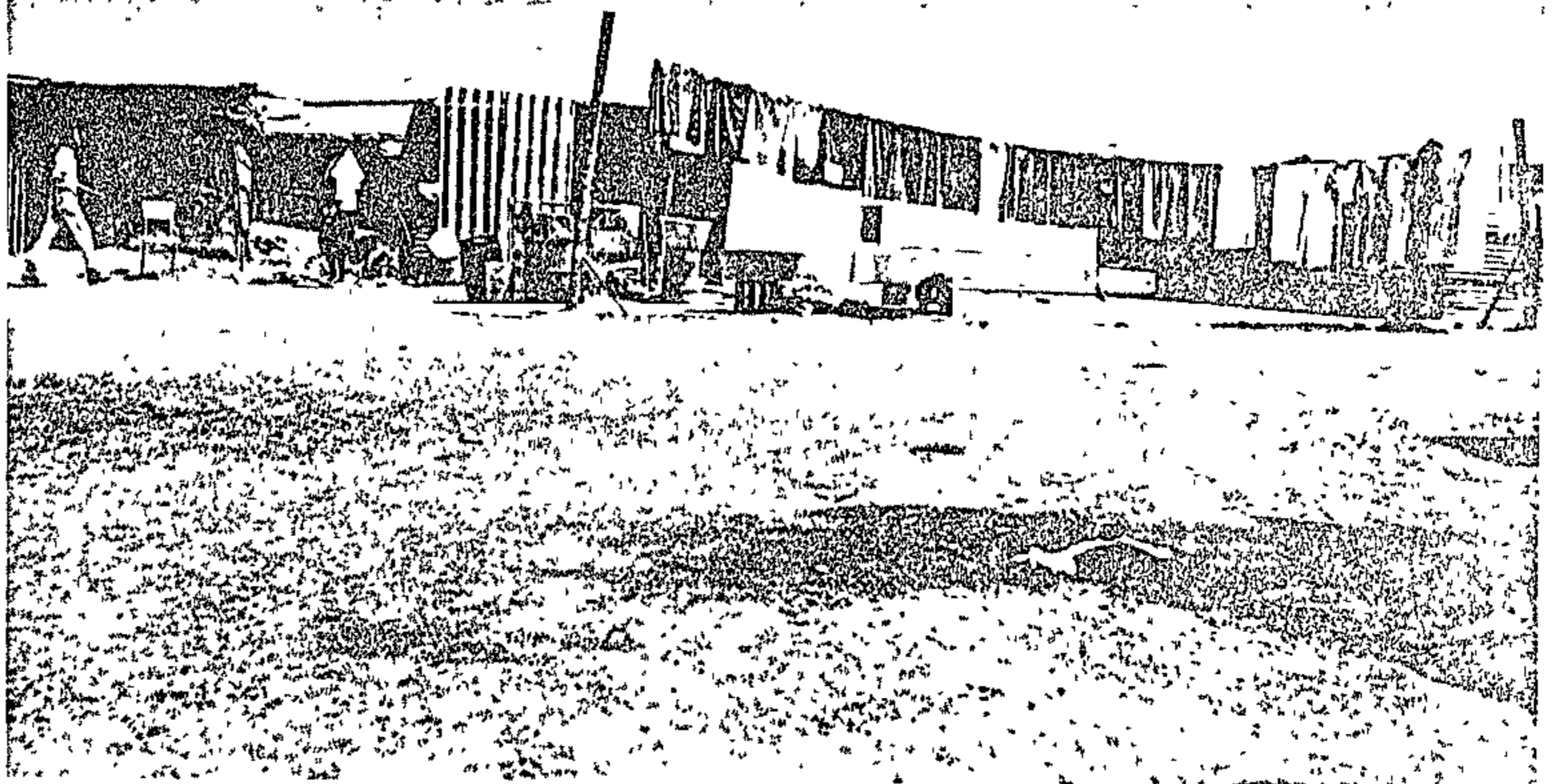
In those weeks the many thousands of tenants in the already overcrowded township decided to make their own new South Africa, to cease paying at the same time the R60 to R100 rentals their landlords were charging, to finally give up on township administration promises that houses would be erected for them to move into. And they simply took possession of all the unused council land to create their own town out of corrugated iron and mud.

But this is history. For now, beside the rubbish dump, there is only a small blackened patch of earth, criss-crossed with the wispy skeleton of a burnt out motor car tyre to serve as any kind of clue to what happened there on Saturday, September 29, when four whites from the adjoining towns of Odendaalsrus and Welkom, drunken and unwitting, stumbled into something they never got out of.

What exactly happened to Basie van Niekerk, Shirley Basson, Michael Belelie and Anthony Casey, described by acquaintances as four "very ordinary whites, jollers" on a weekend drinking binge, who, when they ran out of alcohol at home, took a trip to the other side of the tracks in search of township drinking holes and forbidden thrills, will probably never be known in its entirety.

But two things seem certain: they never intended to go into the squatter camp, and they got caught up in something which had nothing to do with them personally and everything to do with the political system they were defying by going into the township in the first place.

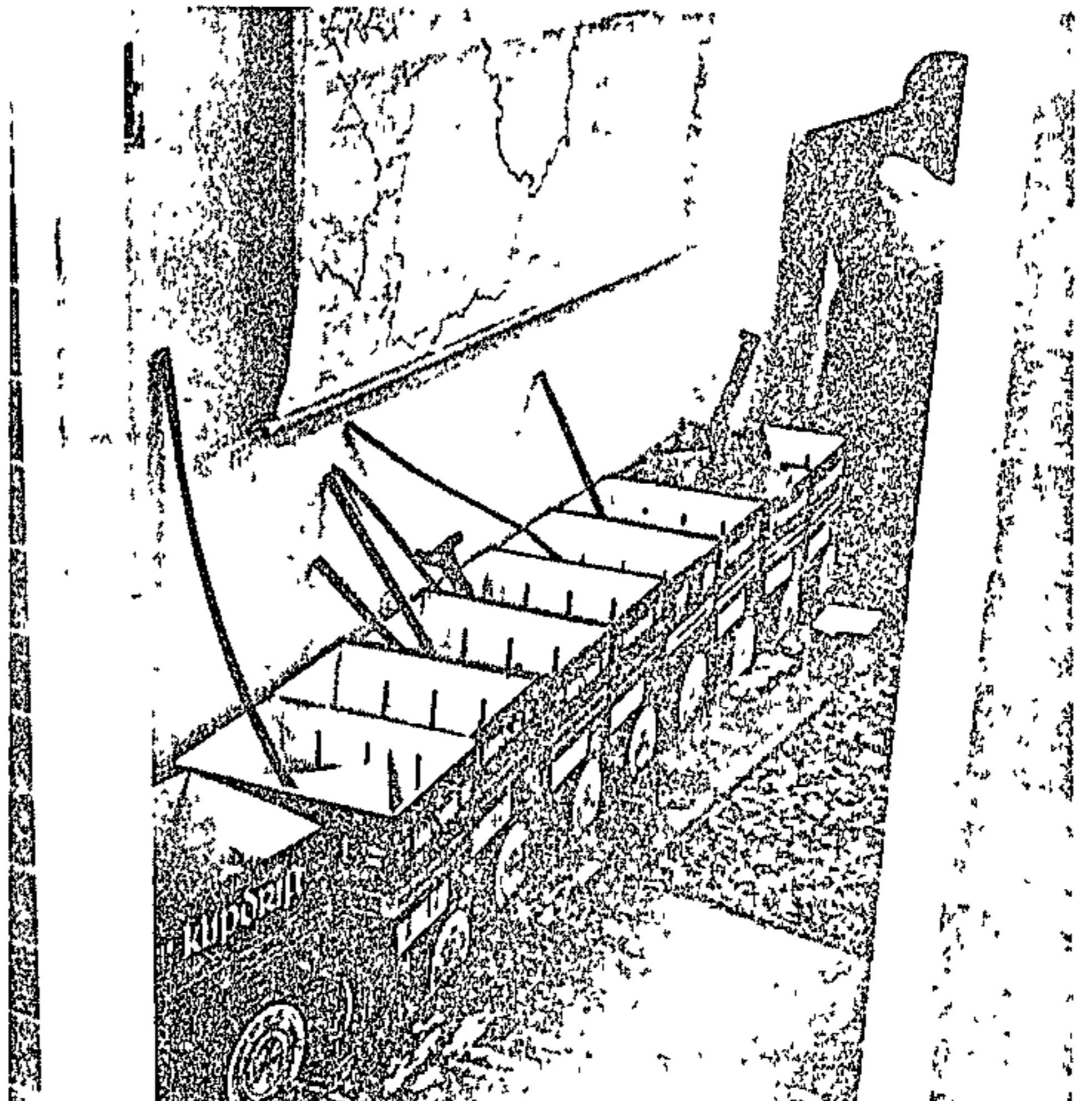
Kutloanong was ready to explode and



Scene of the crime ... a blackened patch of earth marks the site of a multiple killing in a small Free State township



Revealing ... a garden ornament which says much about the attitude of Odendaalsrus whites



Murder weapons ... filed (somehow significantly) in Klipdrift brandy boxes, are the instruments used to kill four people looking for liquor

they just happened to be there, in the proverbial wrong place at the equally proverbial wrong time

The brutal killing took place some time around 8pm on the Saturday night, but tensions had been building up since early in the previous day. According to Simon Menong, assistant general secretary of the Kutloanong Civic Association, groups of men believed by local comrades to have been members of the notorious Russians — the Lesotho-based equivalent of Zululand's Inkatha — had been seen massing in the area early on the Friday.

Believing the Russians to have been planning an attack on the township, the comrades called urgent community meetings, the result of which was they took up arms in order to patrol the area in self defence.

In the early hours of Saturday morning, Menong said, he and a number of other community leaders were hauled out of bed to investigate allegations of late night disruptions in the squatter camp, where individuals, believed to have been Russians, had been banging on doors and issuing threats, before disappearing again into the night.

Some of the people seen in the area, Menong claims, were known to have police connections and had been involved in earlier incidents of violence

against township residents.

But for the remainder of the night, though the situation remained tense, nothing further happened.

On Saturday again, large movements of suspected Russians were reported in surrounding areas. Residents' forces — mainly drawn from Congress of South African Students activists — again grouped and self-defence patrols were intensified.

This, the residents feared, would be the night when the Russians — mainly migrants from Lesotho, living in informal squatter camps on or around farms in the area — would descend. According to township residents, these Russians have on numerous occasions been mobilised by whites in order to break up squatter camps and to incite violence in the townships. Now, it was feared they would be used again, by some third force, to disrupt the township and wreak revenge in the face of a consumer boycott of white-owned business in Odendaalsrus.

The boycott, organised by the township's civic association, had been in progress since the week before in order to demand, among other things, the introduction of a bucket waste disposal system in the squatter camp, the desegregation of the whites-only hospital, and an end to the system of black local

authorities.

Ironically, township dwellers were buying necessities in the Afrikaner Wêrestandsbeweging stronghold of Welkom — only recently recovered from its own consumer boycott — which lies a mere 10 minute drive away in order to avoid sponsoring Odendaalsrus business.

And the whites of Odendaalsrus did not like it.

"They're used to calling the tune, you know," one township resident said. "They like to have things their own way. You know, even without wanting to buy things, I wouldn't go into the town after the boycott was called. Maybe I'd never come out again. It's that kind of place."

What kind of place? It is hard to say, but we picked up a few clues along the way.

One was the fact that, although, according to township residents, many whites visit the townships on a regular basis, usually in pursuit of black women, and although there are numerous children of obviously mixed parentage running around its dusty streets, the township remains a kind of geographical taboo.

One white who has broken the taboo is an Italian South African who wants

to be known as Spencer in order to protect his family. Spencer, together with his lover Dikahli or Martha, ("I met her and I fell in love. Maybe I'm colour blind, I don't know,") has lived in an unassuming little township house in Kutloanong for some three years. They moved there after their life together in white Welkom — where Spencer owned a non-racial disco until he closed it in solidarity with the consumer boycott — became untenable as a result of intimidation by right-wing whites.

"I still get resistance from the whites of Odendaalsrus," says Spencer with a shrug. "Occasionally trouble comes looking for me and then, well, I have to handle it."

"I've learnt to handle it fast," he adds with meaning.

But Spencer's real concern is for Martha.

"It's not easy for her to even go into the white town these days. I'm scared about what could happen. For myself I don't mind. If my time comes, it comes. But I don't want anything to happen to her."

But Spencer is, to say the least, a rarity. One Odendaalsrus white we spoke to summed up the general feeling about the township killings when he said

a mother bathes her child



Bathing beauty ... innocence and love not far from the spot where four people were murdered and burnt.

Pictures: JUSTIN SHOLK

Look, what can you expect if you go into the location at night? It's not a place for white people. I mean it's terrible, but that is all I can say."

In one shop we happened to walk into, the owner was delivering a tirade against the consumer boycott. "This f...ing ANC is not going to close down my f...ing shop. I'd rather let my f...ing mother-in-law close down my f...ing shop than this f...ing ANC," he said in part.

Perhaps unsurprisingly the shop was empty except for the speaker and his interlocutor, another fat khaki-clad white.

Perhaps the most revealing — if obscurely so — of the clues was in the seemingly innocent form of a garden ornament. A grotesque racial stereotype of a black child, complete with swollen, painted lips, cut from wrought iron and holding up a street number, it said as much as was needed about the attitude of the whites of the town the blacks call "O.D." towards their neighbours in the township.

It was in the neighbouring township that in the late evening of Saturday, September 29, around 8pm, there was a commotion in the depths of Kutloanong's squatter camp. Two cars, one in hot pursuit of the other, came careening out from the established township and

into the squatter shacks. Threading headlong paths through the rows of corrugated iron structures, bumping over the makeshift roads, desperately pursuing and desperately trying to elude pursuit.

Finally the fleeing car found its path blocked and could go no further. As the pursuers leapt from their car and confronted the four shaken whites who emerged, pleading, from theirs, a party of comrades, guarding the camp, happened to come on the scene.

Whether the local self-defence unit really believed that four whites — one a woman — begging for their lives and offering money, their car, every possession they had if only their lives would be spared, could really be thought to constitute any kind of third force inciting township violence (as has been claimed) remains doubtful.

It seems far more likely that the response of the armed comrades was of a more atavistic order: the squatter camp had been at flashpoint for two days, and here was the spark required.

For all hell to break loose. People living nearby reported seeing a great blaze of fire lighting up the sky as the car driven by the whites was set alight. There were screams and howls as the bodies were hacked and stabbed and mutilated, then, according to some re-

ports, set alight.

People, including members of the self-defence units, were running in all directions to get away from the horror. The whole thing reportedly continued for something like a half hour before the police arrived, and gradually all went still again, save for the smoke, the dying flames, the smell, according to witnesses, of burning flesh.

The occupants of the car which had started all this and their vehicle were nowhere to be seen; they had left while the going was still good, and their identity as well as their motive remain — if our sources are to be believed — still a mystery.

But many of the comrades have been arrested — 30 to date — and police investigations are continuing apace.

Standing there, interrogating that little patch of blackened earth surrounded as it is by the flat grey earth of the squatter camp, it is all but impossible to imagine what happened there.

Nor did it help, when, visiting the police station, we saw a row of exhibits relating to the case ranged neatly along the wall of a bleak office and filed (somehow significantly) in Klipdrift brandy boxes.

Here were the murder weapons: a panga clean, shiny, free of blood. a

sjambok, a knobkierie, a beaded rod, an almost pathetically thin switch with a sharpened point, a couple of African National Congress and South African Communist Party badges. It was impossible to divine in these poor weapons the story they could tell.

The residents of Kutloanong township and the squatter settlements which surround it remain nearly as bewildered by the incident as we were. And to a person, the scores we spoke to roundly condemned the killings.

"Whites come into this township all the time. We welcome them," said one of the township's leading taverners and characters who goes by the name of Javas. "These are the whites we want to know, the whites who also want to live in a new South Africa. I just cannot understand how a thing like this could have happened.

"I just don't understand," he said again and poured me another beer.

Johannes, a young mineworker, who had come on the scene of the killing within minutes, was equally uncomprehending: "You couldn't see what was going on. It felt like madness, like the whole world was drunk. It was a terrible thing."

The again the "drunkenness" might extend beyond the shifting borders of Kutloanong

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Nine killed in fights at OFS mine hostels

Staff Reporter

Nine workers were killed in fighting between hostel dwellers at Rand Mines' Harmony gold mine near Virginia at the weekend, a mine spokesman said today.

A special investigation committee would meet worker representatives today to determine the causes of the violence, which also left 37 in hospital — one critically injured.

The fighting had broken out late on Saturday night and continued sporadically into Sunday morning.

Racial tension raised its head at the mine earlier this year when a white employee, Steve Buitendag, was killed in fighting after a worker meeting.

Since then workers have gone on strikes over wages and the arrests of workers in connection with Mr. Buitendag's death.

A passion for soccer and anti-communism

FEW South Africans have heard of the Eagles clubs but there are 500 of them nationwide, held together by a team of 80 members of the organisation's staff and consuming finances which run to more than R1-million a year.

The clubs concentrate on recruiting youth from the townships. They are anti-communist and pro-Christianity and they favour the strategy of negotiation, the institution of equal social rights and advancement by education.

That's how the deputy director of the Eagles, Lexon December, outlines his Bloemfontein-based organisation.

December, a former rugby player from the Eastern Cape and former senior clerk for the Development Board, has travelled the world on behalf of the Eagles. He has attended Youth Action Training in Taiwan and has also been trained in Israel. This has provided valuable experience for the training courses he co-ordinates for Eagles members, he says.

The Eagles enterprise, adds December, has nothing to do with the government and is privately funded. It was founded by a political scientist with a passion for soccer, Dr Dawid Marx, who is director of the or-

ganisation.

December and Marx began their working relationship on the sidelines of some playing field back in 1981 and have remained together since.

"Every year we'd go overseas with Dr Marx and there we would get to talk to various firms about funding."

Elize van Vuuren, who is responsible for fund-raising as public relations officer for the Eagles, says much of the support comes from abroad although international donors prefer to keep their names confidential.

"I believe that big business gives us money because we are against communism and for democracy," says Van Vuuren.

December agrees that opposition to communism is one of the Eagles corner-stones — but it is not the only facet of the organisation.

He holds strong personal views on communism. "I've seen with my own naked eyes what has happened with communism in China."

Have his travels extended into the People's Republic of China? "Well, in communist China I went as far as the border," he replies.

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Just a nice bunch of kids



Political activists or political innocents? ... Eagles members in Harasebei township in the Free State Picture: KEVIN CARTER

... fighting an ugly war

ONE day in Harasebei township the Eagles and the comrades went to "war".

It was in early September but it could have happened on any day, so long have these antagonistic forces lived cheek-by-jowl in the stunted offshoot of Edenburg in the Free State.

Signs of fighting — grids of broken window panes in mud-brick walls and heads crossed with scars — suggest that remote Harasebei might not be so different from other centres of political conflict — the war-torn areas of Natal and the Reef.

Harasebei is a settlement where poverty seems almost to have made time stand still. Where, for instance, years after the great Free State floods people still live in tents provided when their homes were swept away by the waters.

The comrades in Harasebei (Tambo Township, to them) are part of the African National Congress, the South African Youth Congress and the Congress of South African Students.

The Eagles are more difficult to pin down. They were founded as a youth group in the early 1980s by a Bloemfontein political scientist and achieved brief fame last year for their support for the Mike Gatting rebel cricket and for intermittent clashes with rival groups.

The recent September "war" began when ANC-aligned organisations declared a consumer boycott because they had been refused permission to conduct a legal protest march in Edenburg.

According to local Sayco secretary Teboho Sikisi, once an Eagle himself, trouble began when the Eagles flouted the boycott. "These Eagles intended to disturb the whole thing without even having a need to go to the shops in town," he said.

They ignored appeals from the students to observe the boycott "and went again to town, coming back with weapons supplied by the shopowners. We saw that they were not interested in talks and this resulted in war".

In the aftermath both Eagles and comrades houses have been attacked in the dead of night. Sikisi reckoned that five comrades homes had been hit recently and eight belonging to Eagles members.

He alleged that Eagles members were often seen in the company of the police in the townships at night. "We call them the Inkathas because they are doing the same things as Inkatha," he added. "The moment we can relax our opposition to them in this town they can grow dramatically."

Leading Eagles member Johannes Stuurman rejected the label Inkatha, and said Harasebei was divided into comrades and other residents. "Non-comrade people don't believe it's yet time to hold a boycott here."

He was aware that people believed the Eagles were funded by the government. "I really don't know if it is. Eagles organisers have explained to us it is sponsored by the private sector."

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The members of the 'Eagles' youth group are confident that their group stands for Christian principles. They're less certain why it is that they're engaged in a war with the local comrades

By JO-ANNE COLLINGE

Eagles member Mirriam Seeko had been a member for five years, but she was not clear what the organisation's principles are.

After attending training courses and youth camps, she knew little about the Eagles. "We have now told the organisers we want to know more about it. We are busy finding out what is its main objective. The answers are not so clear, but we are keeping up."

Seeko recalled that the Eagles were on their way to "a holiday camp in Transkei, near Warrenton" when a fight with the comrades took place in January. But she is not sure why the comrades dislike the Eagles:

"Our principles are education, Christianity and negotiations," she recited.

Despite their objections to being identified with the government, the Eagles have certain things in common with it. Chief among these is their antipathy to boycotts.

Their opposition to school and rent boycotts had already been established in townships of the Free State and Vaal when they became nationally known for their support of the rebel cricket tour in January.

The Eagles were conspicuous in the

stands in Bloemfontein, Kimberley and at the Wanderers in Johannesburg. A group of the Eagles was to have been bused from Edenburg to Kimberley for the test. Comrades tried to stop them leaving — and more than a score were detained under the Emergency as a result.

Youth Congress leader Sikisi is a dropout Eagle. He was recruited in 1985 and got off to a promising start at a training camp held at Roodewaal, he said. The reward for his good performance was a free holiday at Umgababa holiday resort on the Natal coast.

"They played films on communism and the like at Roodewaal. We were warned against communists and told to be friends of the SADF. We were expected to serve as an example to other students and pass on the knowledge we had gained."

He said physical training extended no further than normal school-style PT. It was not military in any way.

The South African Communist Party button winked from Sikisi's T-shirt as he spoke. It was hard to imagine that he had been part of an anti-communist grouping. He shrugged.

"In 1985 I was still young. The promises the Eagles made were hard to resist. Promises of bursaries and of leadership certificates that will get you any job."

Political innocence seems to be a hallmark of the Eagles. It explains Mirriam Seeko's belief that being bused to the cricket was "going on holiday" and the uncertainty as to what the organisation is about.

The Eagles themselves do not know why they fight the comrades. Are there other, more knowing people lurking behind?

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Bloem black boycott over

BLOEMFONTEIN — The six-week-old black consumer boycott here was lifted yesterday morning after an agreement was signed and a forum established on Wednesday night to negotiate on further problems of mutual concern. Salient points of the agreement are that the Bloemfontein city council will supply water in the squatter areas in Manguang and will test faulty electricity meters. A technical committee will be formed to investigate the problems with water and electricity. — Sapa

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reiyenbach andling complaints.

TWO sisters have lost their sons and more than 10 people have died in Kroonstad's Mookeng township as a local gang continues its reign of terror.

Residents fear the killing will go on because the police have not been seen to discourage the activities of the "Three Millions" gang - who see this as a licence to carry on their blood-letting.

Residents say the gang leader has warned some people they are on a hit list. They say he has openly vowed to wipe out all political activists in the area.

Sisters Paulina and Elizabeth Rantde told City Press how their sons Solomon and Tsietsi were both hacked to death by members of the "Three Millions" gang.

"Solomon came running from school and demanded to know where his brother Papi was because he wanted to warn him to hide because he had seen the gang running towards our area," Paulina said

with tears in her eyes. "I told them to hide in the yard. They ran out of the house, but soon came running back, telling me the gang was too close.

"Some heavily armed members of the gang spotted them and came towards our house.

"They wanted to know why my sons had run away. I explained that my sons were scared of them."

Solomon, who was panicking, opened the front door and tried to run away when another group of the same gang approached and attacked him.

"I stood by helplessly as they hacked him with pangas, axes, swords and all kinds of sharp instruments. My screams and pleas to the gang to show mercy on

my defenceless son fell on deaf ears. "I looked on helplessly as he died."

The Rantde family buried their son on October 20 not knowing that a week later the gang would strike again and kill Solomon's cousin, Tsietsi.

Paulina said Tsietsi was kidnapped on October 27 by the gang from a local tavern where he works as a security guard.

His body was found in open veld the following day.

Frans Mollahame said he and Tsietsi were both forcefully removed from the tavern by the gang, which travelled in two minibuses.

"We were both driven to a suburb known as Troubou where we were pushed out by the gang who started stabbing us," Mollahame said.

"By God's grace I managed to break loose, leaving Tsietsi behind.

"I ran into a nearby house where I found the door open. I locked myself in.

"When I realised that the gang had lost track of me, I explained to the owner of the house what had happened. Because I was badly injured, he called an ambulance.

"After I was discharged from hospital, I heard that Tsietsi had died."

Residents have complained to Deputy Defence Minister Wynand Breytenbach, who is also MIP for Kroonstad.

A spokesman at his office this week said Breytenbach was "attending to the complaints" and had already communicated with the mother of a child who was killed.

The newly-elected Kroonstad ANC branch recently asked SAP district commander Captain J Coetzee to intervene and restore peace in the township.

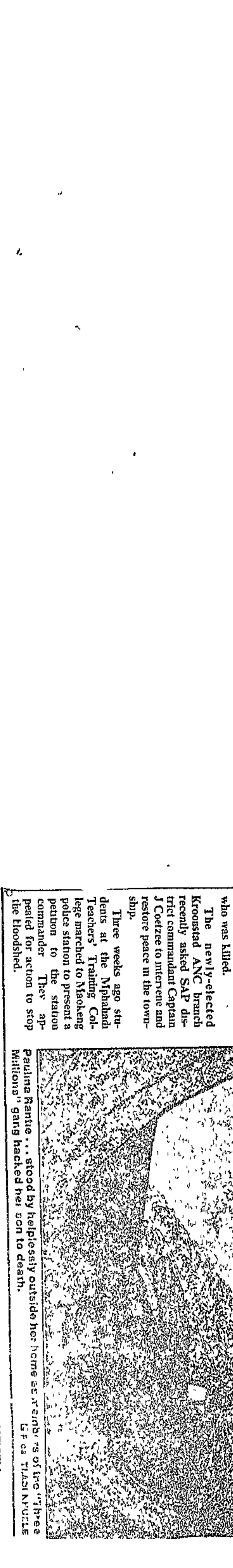
Three weeks ago students at the Mphahadi Teachers' Training College marched to Mookeng police station to present a petition to the station commander. They appealed for action to stop the bloodshed.

Paulina Rantde ... stood by helplessly outside her home as her sons of the "Three Millions" gang hacked her son to death.

Left as Tsietsi Mollahame

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Eight more die in Free State taxi war

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By SOPHIE TEMA

MANDELA PARK – a squatter camp near Odendaalsrus formed recently by homeless families – has become a war zone of feuding taxi operators.

Eight people were killed last weekend after fighting broke out between the Mohahlaula and NI Speedy Taxi associations in Kutlwanong, bringing the death toll in the township to 11.

Political and civic organisations in Kutlwanong plan to give the dead a mass burial on a date still to be decided.

Residents claim "Russians" – blanket-wearing Basotho men – assisting one of the feuding groups were responsible for attacks on homes, including that of activist Joseph Mayekiso.

Mayekiso escaped by hiding above the ceiling of his house while his wife and child locked themselves in the bathroom as a group of men smashed windows and attempted to raze the house.

Representatives of the ANC's Odendaalsrus branch, Sello Dithebe and Simon Menong, said there had been a vilification campaign against Mayekiso after a smear pamphlet mentioning his name was circulated in the township.

Dithebe and Menong said they had received reports that some of the people who raided Mayekiso's home were wearing dresses. Mayekiso and his fam-

ily have temporarily left Kutlwanong.

Fighting among taxi people has claimed more than 50 lives in the past two months throughout the country.

Dithebe and Menong said people were killed after a white minibus was seen driving towards the area on Sunday at about 1.45am.

They alleged the victims were dragged from their homes and shot and hacked to death outside the squatter area.

Mandela Park residents this week told *City Press* people had formed "neighbourhood watch groups" to keep unruly elements out of the area.

Dithebe said: "The people at the camp are terrified and we cannot understand why they are affected by a war which started among taxi people.

"We suspect there is a 'third force' working to get them out of the camp."

Those who died last weekend were David Mokoena; Petrus Segoe Moalaht; Zabiya Khoza; Elias Mazibuko; William Mothai; Molefe Ramakau and Wellington Matsawane.

The eighth name and those of two taxi drivers who died during the fighting were not available.

There are rumours that the leader of the "Russians", whose name is not known, has also been killed.

Teacher missing after pupils, vigilantes clash (277)

By WALLY MBHELE

FEARS of a vigilante hit squad are mounting in the Free State township of Lephoi near Bethulie, following the disappearance of a school teacher after violent clashes between pupils and police last week.

Tisetso Tsuelle was last seen on Tuesday last week. Witnesses said police had opened fire on schoolchildren who were fighting a group of armed men — allegedly vigilantes — who had launched a surprise attack.

Pupils of Wongalethu Secondary School, where Tsuelle teaches, claim to have seen him running amid a group of fleeing children. They say he was bleeding profusely.

Pupils and activists fear Tsuelle, who is the chairman of the local African National Congress branch and of the civic association, may have been abducted by vigilantes.

A Bloemfontein police representa-

tive, Lieutenant J van der Merwe, said police were not holding him.

In a police swoop that followed the clash, four people — among them a teacher and a school pupil — were detained, according to another teacher. Van der Merwe did not comment on the alleged detentions.

It is also alleged that a policeman accompanied a group of vigilantes who invaded Wongalethu school last week.

The vigilante group, called the "Peacemakers", stormed the school, armed with pangas, axes, knobkerries and shotguns — disrupting examinations.

An angry crowd of pupils cornered their attackers in one of the school offices, and set it alight. A contingent of police arrived on the scene and opened fire. Nine pupils, including a nine-year old who had eight bullet wounds, were injured and taken to Pelenom hospital in

Bloemfontein.

Van der Merwe said that "a group of people known as 'Peacemakers' went to the school and were attacked by pupils ... they were locked inside the schoolyard and the school was set alight".

Police tried to tell the group to disperse and, when they refused, rubber bullets were fired, injuring nine pupils, she said.

The attack came a week after the children of police and councillors were ejected from the school by Congress of South African Students activists.

Pupils from the local school claim to have seen the "Peacemakers" holding long meetings at the council's administration offices since Friday last week.

Tension in this township has also intensified since the launch of a consumer boycott against white-owned businesses last month.

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Memel meeting to break boycott

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

A POLICE delegation backed by members of the conservative Memel Town Council met local civic leaders to resolve mounting tensions between police and residents in the north-eastern Orange Free State township this week.

Memel residents called for an indefinite consumer boycott of businesses in the verkrampte town on Monday alleging that police were harassing and intimidating residents.

Residents said Memel town was practicing segregation despite the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act by the Government early this year.

Memel town is the only and nearest provider of consumer goods to the nearby township.

The local ANC Youth League president, Mr Themba Thela, said police had allegedly assaulted a number of youths in town and several had been charged and fined R30 "for no apparent reasons".

In the meeting Thela lashed out at the Police whom he said were "serving conservatives and were not neutral".

The allegations were denied by the police who said they were in the township to maintain law and order.

Police said youths who were charged and fined had thrown stones at them.

Thela asked for all charges against the arrested youths to be withdrawn.

Appealing for cooperation and mutual understanding between police and residents, the head of the Bethlehem security police, Captain Colin Robertshaw, said: "Let us forget about the past".

AWB attacked us union

WELKOM. — About 400 members of the National Union of Mineworkers were attacked by members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging at a meeting here on Sunday, union members alleged.

The union said four NUM members, including the regional chairman of the union, Mr Jan Selepe, were injured and had to receive hospital treatment. Police are investigating.

The AWB yesterday denied any involvement in the alleged attack.

Mr Selepe said about 30 "khaki-clad men, wearing swastikas" had arrived on motor bikes and motor vehicles and attacked them in front of the NUM regional office.

The assault was allegedly carried out with sjamboks, pickaxes and shotguns.

A police spokesman denied allegations by NUM members that they had recognised policemen among the khaki-clad attackers. — Sapa

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Maokeng tense

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MILITANT youths in Maokeng township in the Free State have taken to the streets and burnt two vehicles as tension continues to mount after water was cut off last Friday by the National Party-controlled Kroonstad town council.

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"This place is full of youths. Anything can happen at any moment," Mr Dennis Bloem, organiser of the ANC-allied Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee, told Sapa yesterday morning.

NUM
to act
over
attacks

By MATSHUBE
MFOLOE (277)

THE National Union of Mineworkers is to petition the Minister of Law and Order following weekend attacks on its members in Welkom by alleged members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

Several union members were injured and national executive member of the union Mr Jan Selepe was stabbed in the face when 50 AWB members dressed in khaki uniforms pounced on a union meeting on Sunday.

Selepe has been admitted to the Oppenheimer Hospital.

NUM press officer Mr Jerry Majatladi said the attack occurred while members were attending their regional meeting.

Police spokesman Major Johan Fouche said they would investigate only when the union laid a formal charge.

Tumahole protests against switch-off

By SOPHIE TEMA *2/12/90*

IRATE residents of Tumahole Parys, renewed a consumer boycott on Friday while members of the Tumahole Civic Association (TCA) staged a sit-in at the local National Party offices to protest against water and electricity cuts.

A stayaway has also been called for tomorrow

The protesters vowed they would not budge until water and electricity had been restored to the township.

A memo was handed to the NP's vice-chairman in Parys, JF van Pletzen, who promised to take the matter to a government Minister - "once I know which Minister to talk to".

TCA official Archie Tlhobelo said in a statement that earlier talks with the Parys Town Council had led to the lifting of a six-year-old rent boycott.

An agreement was reached that residents pay a flat rate for services of R18,50 from September this year.

"However, on Tuesday this week the Parys Town Council decided to cut off the water supply - including the temporary supply the TCA installed in the four squatter areas." Tlhobelo said the cuts stemmed from arrears owed by a previous committee - The Tumahole Town Committee - which had since resigned.

He said the Parys Town Council demanded repayments of R25 000 a week, which was later reduced to R20 000 a week.

In the last payment the committee could only make up R13 000, which resulted in the drastic action.



Kiddies from Tumahole hit the road in search of water.

■ Pic: BONGANI MNGUNI

Maokeng violence looms

CHANCES of a negotiated settlement to the crisis in Maokeng, Kroonstad, slipped further away on Friday when the ANC Youth League announced plans to launch a "militant" mass action campaign next week. *2/12/90*

An extremely tense Maokeng has been without a normal water supply for the past three weeks, after the Kroonstad municipality cut off water and electricity because of a services

boycott by residents.

"We are now going to take this matter up with a mass campaign," said executive member Daniel George.

White businesses in the NP-controlled town have also been hit hard by a consumer boycott, which according to local businessmen has resulted in an average 70 percent drop in business.

Next week's planned mass action campaign could include a stayaway, George said, but re-

fused to divulge details. *277*

Kroonstad treasurer At Odendaal made it clear this week that his council would only switch on water and electricity after payment by the Maokeng Council.

"If we can get the people of Maokeng to pay an amount arranged with the town council of Maokeng, so that they can pay us, we will reconnect."

But violent confrontation looms as residents are adamant they will not pay.

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Union urges strong action on terror

BLOEMFONTEIN — The Government could no longer ignore its responsibility to act firmly against those responsible for the "terrorist" murders of innocent citizens, Free State Agricultural Union president Dr Pieter Gous said yesterday.

Compulsory death sentences were the only acceptable punishment for these "barbaric and abhorrent terrorist attacks", he added.

Gous said it was with shock and alarm that the Free State farming community had noted the attacks on innocent partygoers in the eastern Cape and on another Free State farm family at Marquard.

He said it was to be hoped that "these blatant and cold-blooded murders and assaults" had finally killed the doubts of many organisations



Dr Pieter Gous . . . Government must act firmly against "terrorists".

and individuals that these were really politically inspired attacks on whites.

For more than a year, while attacks and murders of farmers had become common, the union had warned that these assaults would escalate if the

State did not act firmly and with determination.

Throughout, the targets were innocent and defenceless and often elderly civilians. With almost every attack, the barbaric nature and level of cruelty had increased.

The attackers were clearly trained and armed terrorists who were conducting a reign of terror to drive whites from their land. However, the union had been publicly rapped over the knuckles on several occasions by spokesmen who contended it was the criminal element and the unemployed who were responsible.

Gous said that, in the light of the latest attacks, the farming community called urgently on the Government to act firmly before more families died or people started to take the law into their own hands. — Sapa.

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18 wounded in Free State strike

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EIGHTEEN people were wounded at the Central West Co-operative at Viljoenskroon in the Free State on Friday morning when striking workers and security officers clashed. (277) (15)

The SABC said the strikers apparently attacked the co-operative's security offices with sticks and stones and the guards retaliated with firearms.

The police arrived at the co-operative shortly after the incident and were also attacked with stones. Five police vehicles were damaged. (17)

Police, army hunt grenade attackers

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FICKSBURG. — Police and army units are searching for four attackers responsible for a grenade, petrol bomb and gun attack on the home of a Ficksburg police widow.

Bloemfontein police said Mrs C G Roos and her two daughters, aged 12 and six, were awakened soon after 10 last night by their barking dogs and people running past their house.

Moments later the house was shaken by several explosions and gunfire.

Mrs Roos, a police warrant officer's widow, and her daughters were unhurt and fled to their neighbours for safety.

A police patrol, manning a roadblock on the nearby Ficksburg bypass to Lesotho, heard the shots and explosions and rushed to the scene.

On their way, shots were fired at the police vehicle and Sergeant O Coetzee was wounded in the left knee.

Shots were also fired from

the road side at a passing minibus taxi on its way to the nearby Lesotho border post.

A passenger, Mrs K Tsotsetse, 44, was hit in the back and seriously wounded.

Other policemen who had arrived at the Roos home also came under rifle fire. Police returned fire and the attackers fled.

Four people had apparently been involved in the attack on the Roos home, police said. They also confirmed that a handgrenade had been lobbed through the bedroom window of one of the Roos children. The house had been peppered by rifle fire.

Near the house police found several exploded and unexploded petrol bombs and a number of spent R4 or R5 rifle cartridges.

The injured policeman and the wounded taxi passenger were taken to the Bethlehem hospital where their conditions were described as serious.

Two killed, guards hurt in Welkom mine shoot-out

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Security guards at the Free State Geduld mine near Welkom shot dead two people in a pre-dawn shoot-out yesterday, mine owners Anglo American Corporation and police said.

Both security guards were wounded in the shooting.

Adam Prinsloo and Michael Mogloto noticed a suspicious-looking vehicle near the mine's No 1 shaft at 3 am.

The vehicle sped away as they tried to stop the driver to investigate. The security guards chased the car in their own vehicle and forced the driv-

er to stop, police said.

Mogloto walked towards the car. The driver jumped out and fired at Mogloto, police said. One of the bullets grazed his head.

Prinsloo jumped out and was also shot at. He returned fire, and two men in the car were shot dead. A third was wounded.

Prinsloo is in a serious condition at the Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital in Welkom. Mogloto is in a stable condition.

A revolver was seized and the wounded suspect is being held by police.

ANC, DP pact on intimidation

THE Democratic Party said yesterday it accepted that the leadership of the ANC in the northern Free State were not involved in intimidation and violence against DP members. (27)

Both parties agreed that while DP members were being intimidated and assaulted, the ANC leadership was not involved, a statement said.

● A war of words erupted earlier this week between the ANC and the DP over the violent break-up of a DP public meeting in Khayelitsha. CT 19/12/92

Cops rushed to border areas after farm attacks

A TEENAGE girl was killed and five people wounded in two separate attacks on whites in remote areas of the country at the weekend.

Although police could not connect the two attacks, on a farm near Ficksburg in the Free State and on a bakkie travelling on the Queenstown-Dordrecht road inside the Transkei, police spokesman Captain Steve van Rooyen said yesterday it seemed as if whites were again being singled out for attacks.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the attacks which came less than a month after the Azanian People's Liberation Army said it was responsible for two attacks in the Border region which killed five whites.

Following the handgrenade and gun attack on a farm near Ficksburg during which 14-year-old Leonie Pretorius was killed late on Saturday

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■ Ficksburg attack is second on white farms in 10 days:

night, police have launched a massive manhunt to track down the attackers.

Request assistance

Foreign Affairs Minister Pk Botha said yesterday he had requested the assistance of the Lesotho Government in a bid to find the attackers who hurled a handgrenade at the house before firing shots into the room where Leonie, her brother and a friend were watching television around midnight.

The attack was the second on white farmers in the area in less than 10 days.

Nobody was injured during the first attack when a Ficksburg home was damaged in a handgrenade, firebomb and gun attack.

Botha has said Lesotho promised to assist in the search for the attackers.

Sapa reports that police were yesterday being rushed to the South African border with Lesotho to protect white farmers after Saturday's armed attack.

Major-General Tertius Calitz, Commissioner of Police in the Free State, said police would be sent to farms between Clarens and Zastron immediately.

There are about 200 farms along the Lesotho Border.

South African police have also mounted roadblocks on the Queenstown/Dordrecht road in the wake of a gun attack in which five people were wounded on Saturday afternoon - Sapa

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Lesotho joins manhunt

LESOTHO's government had given SA its full co-operation in tracking down those responsible for a gun and handgrenade attack on a Free State farm on the Lesotho border on Saturday night, Foreign Minister Pik Botha said yesterday.

He said he had been in contact with Lesotho's government and that joint SA/Lesotho police operations had been launched to hunt down the attackers.

Leonie Pretorius died in the attack, the second in the Ficksburg area.

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Police sent to protect border farms

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Police are being sent to the border with Lesotho to protect white farmers after Saturday's attack on a Ficksburg farmhouse in which Leonie Pretorius (14) was killed by gunmen.

And after a weekend attack in Transkei, police have warned motorists to avoid the area or enter it at their own risk.

Free State Police Commissioner Major-General Tertius Calitz said last night that policemen would be sent immediately to farms between Clarens and Zastron.

There are about 200 farms along the Lesotho border.

Police said the three men who launched the attack had fled across the border.

Free State Agricultural Union president Dr Pieter Gous has warned that farmers would take the law into their own hands and root out attackers.

He was commenting after the farmhouse attack and a second attack on whites in Transkei earlier on Saturday.

A joint SA-Lesotho hunt was launched after the attack in which Leonie died. The gunmen had fired shots into the room where she, her brother and a friend were watching TV.

Police Commissioner General Johann van der Merwe has of-

fered a R100 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.

The second attack took place about 7 km inside Transkei when a man in a bakkie opened fire with an automatic rifle on a Dordrecht family, wounding J D Coetzer (78) and her son, L Coetzer (52), his wife (43) and their son (22).

One of the Coetzer family returned fire and, in the ensuing gunbattle, the driver of a passing truck, I J Schutte from Dordrecht, was wounded.

Police warned motorists to use an alternative route.

● A 56-year-old man was found stabbed to death on the Border farm, Oaklands, yesterday morning.

● Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday condemned the attack on motorists on the Queenstown-Dordrecht road in Transkei, but added that "the whole thing is becoming suspicious".

"I fail to understand that if it was Apla (that carried out the attack) why they would be concentrating these things in and around Transkei."

Apla is the Azanian People's Liberation Army, which has claimed responsibility for two recent attacks on whites in the Border area. — Staff Reporter and Sapa.

- 23 districts declared unrest areas
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SECURITY CRACKDOWN

The Argus Correspondent

FICKSBURG. — This small town is poised on a knife edge today after yet another bloody attack on a white farm.

The enraged community is heading for a war of words with cabinet ministers who are in the area today.

Farmers are furious and the temperature in this tense community, which is beginning to resemble an armed camp, is close to boiling point, promising a bleak and black Christmas.

Rightwingers are talking of taking the law into their own hands and there are fears of revenge attacks.

Last night farmers were still mourning the "senseless" death of popular schoolgirl Leonie Pretorius, 14, in a weekend handgrenade and gun attack when they heard of two more deaths in nearby Theunissen.

The spate of attacks has drawn international media attention. The gruesome killings have completely overshadowed Christmas festivities.

Yesterday, gunmen shot and killed 70-year-old Mr Koos Ward and his 32-year-old daughter Amy when they responded to a knock at the farmhouse door. Mrs Anna Ward, 68, is in a critical condition in Bloemfontein's Universitas Hospital.

Farmers and rightwing groups are adamant they will take the law into their own hands unless Law and Order Minister Herms Kriel and Justice Minister Koble Coetzee announce steps to protect the 200 farms along Lesotho's border.

A fiery exchange of words was expected to take place at the meeting attended by a strong force of Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members.

Some farmers yesterday expressed concern that today's meeting would degenerate into a political point-scoring event instead of focusing on how to stop the killings of farmers.

Some residents fear the situation could slide out of control. If revenge attacks are launched against soft black targets such as taxis and buses, others said they were "set up" and wanted the killers tracked down and shot.

Police spokesman Captain Jolene van der Merwe said members of the Internal Stability Unit had been mustered from across the Free State and rushed to protect farms and patrol the Lesotho border.

The Lesotho Government also called an urgent meeting today to discuss the attacks on farmers.

Farmers' fears, however, have not been allayed because they know policemen stationed on their land to provide protection cannot remain there indefinitely.

"Who is going to be killed next?" asked Mr Felix Sourour, chairman of the Ficksburg District Farmers Union.

"Last week farmers met police to register their disgust at an attack on the home of a police widow. Her house was petrol-bombed and attacked with hand grenades and automatic weapons.

"Luckily she and her two children were in another part of the house.

"Only four days later Leonie Pretorius was killed and now this attack," he said.

"We demand a return to law and order before this gets out of control."

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Early today bakkies plastered with anti-government posters ferried the rightwing and khaki-clad farmers through Ficksburg to the town hall.

Their early arrival signalled that Mr Kriel and Mr Coetzee would be in for a tongue-lashing.

"You have only one choice — have communism or the peace we used to have when De Klerk was not in power," read one of the posters.

"We are going to tell the government that this is the beginning of another Rhodesia and it is De Klerk's fault," said one of the farmers outside the hall.

Angry people crowded into the packed hall long before the meeting was due to begin.

One resident said: "The hall is packed. They are all waiting for the meeting. The ministers have not arrived yet, but everything appears to be on a short fuse.

"There are lots of armed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging men ~~spreading~~ all the doors of the hall."

Only one block away, scores of black shoppers went about their business

● Mr Gerhard Pretorius, the distraught father of Leonie, did not wish to speak about the killing of his child.

A Free State police spokesman said Leonie, a pupil at Ficksburg High School would be buried tomorrow.

She was described by the sportsman as a good all-round sportsman who achieved distinctions in her final examinations this year. She would have gone to Standard 9 next year.

Tough measures in parts of E Cape and Free State

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Twenty-three magisterial districts in the Eastern Cape and Free State — the scenes of most of the alleged Apla attacks on farmers — have been declared unrest areas.

The move, announced in a Government Gazette by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, today, came hours before he and two other ministers were to address an emergency meeting in Ficksburg.

In effect the notice, in terms of the Public Safety Act, throws a "security blanket" over the buffer strip between Ciskei and Transkei and along the eastern Free State border with Lesotho, leaving only a "corridor" between South Africa and Maseru, Lesotho's capital, through the Ladybrand magisterial district.

According to the gazette, the magisterial districts of East London, Komga, King William's Town, Stutterheim, Queenstown, Cathcart, Indwe, Wodehouse, Sterkstroom, Aliwal North, Maclear, Elliot, Barkly East, Lady Grey, Bethlehem, Fouriesburg, Kestell, Ficksburg, Clocolan, Wepener, Zastron, Rouxville and Bethulie are unrest areas following a

spate of attacks on farmers.

Security forces are given sweeping search and seizure powers and wide powers of arrest in an attempt to combat the rising tide of violence.

An Army spokesman confirmed that members of commandos throughout the Transvaal, and especially the platteland, had been put on 24-hour stand-by to help the police.

However, he emphasised the alert was "nothing extraordinary" but was part of the normal operation of commando forces in rural areas.

The alert has fuelled fears that the situation in rural areas could get out of hand.

An Army source said the "fear psychosis" among farmers and an increase in armed forces in the area was a recipe for disaster.

"We could soon have full-scale civil war if members of farmers unions or political groups take the law into their own hands," he warned.

The Ned Geref Kerk has condemned recent terrorist attacks in the Eastern Cape as part of a "sick" onslaught against innocent whites. It has called on the government to consider the death penalty for perpetrators.

NEWS Free State farmers want to mete out revenge after attacks

OFS wants justice

Ministers are booed and heckled

GOVERNMENT Ministers were booed and heckled at a meeting of Free State farmers in Ficksburg yesterday.

The meeting, called by the Orange Free State Agricultural Union security and border committee, followed attacks on farmers in the area.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Hennus Kriel told the meeting police had arrested two people in connection with the attack which claimed the lives of Theunissen farmer Koos Ward and his daughter Ammie.

He also announced measures taken to protect farmers in the Lesotho border area, including the deployment of police on farms and the declaration of several border towns as unrest areas.

Speakers from the OFS Agricultural Union security committee threatened to take the law into their own hands if nothing was done. - Sapa.



Mourners pay their last respects to former Sebokeng school teacher Shakespeare Mochela at a funeral service attended by hundreds of people.

PICTURE BY LEN KUMALO



Ficksburg farmers in grip of fear and fury

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Hundreds of angry Free State farmers and their frightened families flocked to Ficksburg Town Hall to voice their concern about the spate of murders in the area.

Women, children clutched to their sides, said it had become nerve-racking living on the remote farms and they were concerned about the safety of their little ones.

Worried farmers, who had gathered around bakkies lining the streets, said the situation had become dangerous and extreme measures needed taking.

Most agreed they had to adopt the "agric-alert" system used by Rhodesian farmers during the bush war, where farmers linked up with one other via radio. They said that way they could keep in constant contact with neighbours, check up on each other regularly and communicate easily with police.

Farmers also want each household to be issued with an automatic weapon.

Mrs Laura Naude, who lives with her husband and five young children about 5km from the farm on which 14-year-old Leonie Pretorius was killed a few days ago, said: "We have farmed here all our lives and we will just have to adapt to these violent times."

Mrs Naude, who supports no political organisation, said she carried her gun everywhere. But, she said, it would be useless against terrorists armed with automatic rifles.

Mrs Naude said farmers were also responsible for protecting their workers, who were also terrified by the recent attacks.

She said she fretted constantly about the safety of her elderly in-laws, who, she did not want to name for security reasons. They lived alone on a farm outside Cloocolan, and their nearest neighbours lived more than 6km away, she said. Their immediate neighbours



PROTEST! Free State farmers show how they feel as they march to attend a meeting at Ficksburg's community hall.

were bludgeoned to death in August.

More than 200 policemen, who were deployed in the Ficksburg area at the weekend, surrounded the hall during the lively meeting.

While police barricaded surrounding roads, farmers ended the four-hour meeting and marched to the police station to call for better co-operation between police and farmers.

In the volatile atmosphere, heavily-armed local Afrikaner Weerstandbeweging members seized the opportunity to recruit new members. They carried flags which said: It could be your child.

The heavy police presence prevented a nasty incident during which a right-winger claimed that a black person, standing safely behind two policemen, had threatened to kill him "very slowly."

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Trio in custody ⁽²⁷⁾ over killings

Staff Reporters

Three men were arrested yesterday in connection with the murder of a farmer and his daughter in their home at Theunissen in the Free State on Monday night.

Free State police spokesman Captain Johnene van der Merwe said the three men — aged 26, 30 and 31 — were arrested at Meloding in Virginia for the attack on Koos Ward (70), his wife Anna (68) and daughter Ammie (32) on their farm Emmaus.

She said police had originally believed two men were responsible for the attack. One gunman was killed by Miss

Ward, and police believed his accomplice escaped.

Although the political Right and agricultural unions immediately linked the killings to recent attacks in the Ficksburg area near the Lesotho border, Van der Merwe said investigation since the arrests confirmed the police's belief that the attack was "definitely" an attempted robbery.

The elderly farmer was shot dead after he had answered a knock on the door. His daughter killed a gunman before she died. Mrs Ward is in hospital.

The body of the intruder was found outside.

Angry farmers call for beefed-up security

By Monica Oosterbroek

Hundreds of angry Free State farmers and their frightened families yesterday flocked to the Ficksburg Town Hall to voice their concern about the spate of murders in the area.

Women, clutching their children closely to their sides, said it had become nerve-racking living on remote farms, and that they were very concerned about the safety of their children.

Agreed

Worried farmers who had gathered around bakkies lining the streets told The Star the situation had become very dangerous, and that extreme measures had to be taken.

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More than 200 policemen, who were deployed

in the Ficksburg area at the weekend, surrounded the hall during the lively meeting, and police barricaded surrounding roads.

When the farmers ended the four-hour meeting, they marched to the police station to call for better co-operation between police and farmers.

In the volatile atmosphere, heavily armed local Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members seized the opportunity to recruit new members.

Carried

They carried flags saying: "It could be your child" and "FW has blood on his hands".

While farmers returned to their farms, uniformed AWB members gathered outside the town hall, chatting and cleaning their guns before wandering across the road to a pub.

The heavy police presence prevented any violence when a rightwinger claimed that a black, standing safely behind two policemen, had threatened to kill him "very slowly".

NEWS Suspects are arrested in connection with family killings

Apla didn't murder Free State family

By Mzimkulu Malunga

ANC gives categorical denial of intention to co-operate with the AWB, the police or the army.

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THE arrests of three suspects in Virginia in the Free State on Tuesday in connection with the murder of a white family has quashed reports that the Azanian People's Liberation Army was responsible.

Contrary to speculation, a representative of the Free State police, Captain Johlene van der Merwe, said intensive investigations had established that the motive for the killings was robbery. Three men, aged 30, 31 and 26, were arrested in Meloding township near Virginia for the murder of 70-year-old Mr Koos Ward, his wife and daughter early this month.

Theunissen is far from the border, so the killings that took place cannot be linked to any cross-border attack, Van der Merwe said.

The Theunissen killings was one of the incidents which sparked anger among white farmers and right-wing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging to com-

militants in the Free State. Some have even threatened retaliatory attacks into neighbouring Lesotho.

Meanwhile, the African National Congress office in the Free State has denied reports in two leading Afrikaans newspapers attributed to the region's chairman, Mr Sekhopi Malebo.

He had allegedly said the ANC would join hands with the police, army and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging to com-

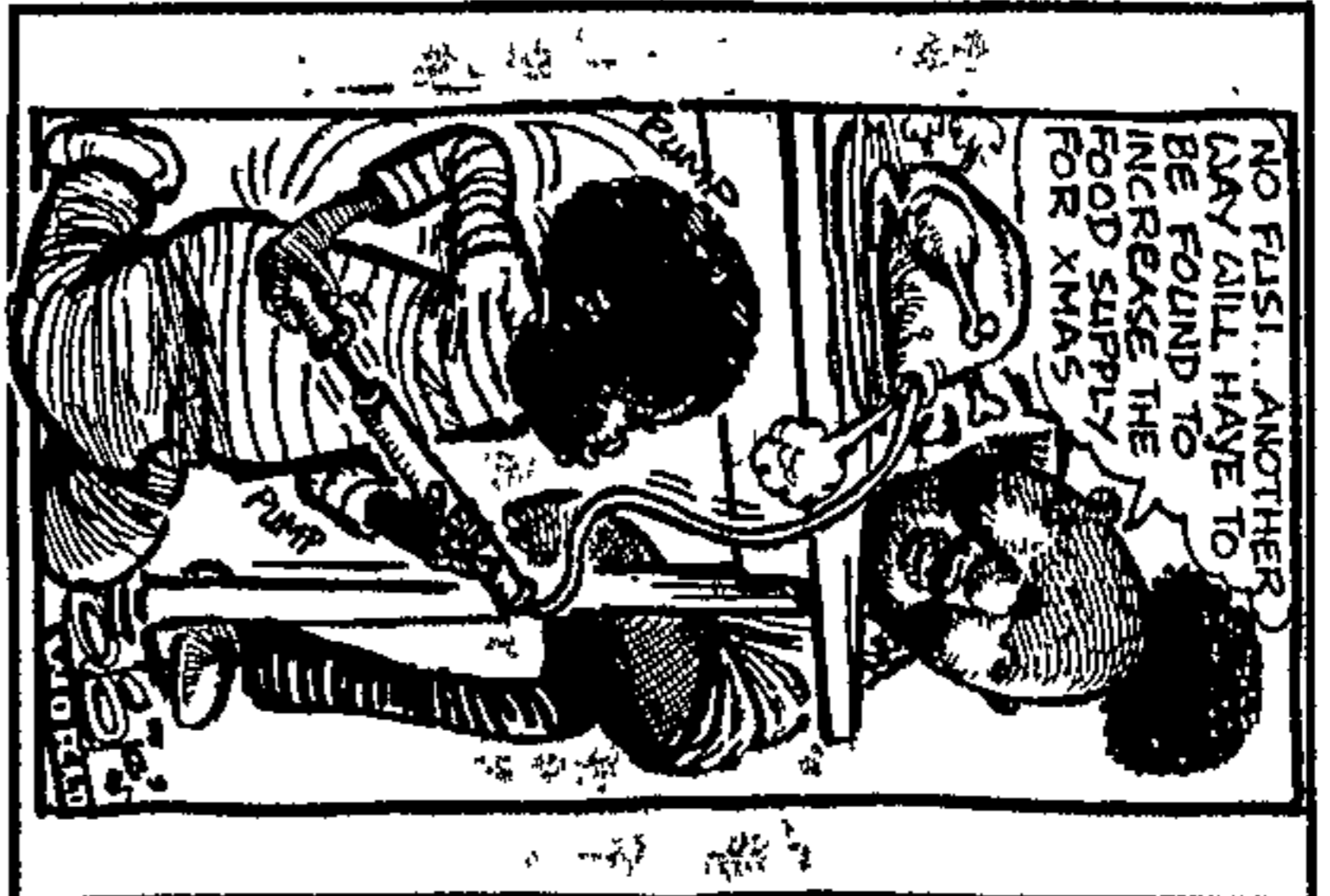
bat attacks by Apla in the Eastern Free State.

In a revised statement sent to Sowetan yesterday, Malebo categorically denied having ever made such an utterance.

"We wish to state categorically that no co-operation exists between ourselves, the AWB, the police or the army.

"Under no circumstances could the ANC or any of its structures collaborate with a disreputable organisation like AWB," he said.

He reiterated the ANC's opposition to random attacks on white farmers.



Huge manhunt for taxi man killers

STRAW 27/12/92

By PETA KROST

TOP police investigators have been drafted to the tense Free State border with Lesotho to support a massive manhunt for the men who fired on two black taxis in a possible revenge killing.

And, in the latest bid to calm rising tempers, 100 policemen were this week-end flown from Pretoria to the border region.

A taxi driver was killed and three people wounded when unknown white gunmen in a red bakkie opened fire on black taxis in two separate incidents on Thursday.

The attacks followed a public meeting of white farmers, right-wingers and townspeople at Ficksburg at which some members of the public warned they might start random attacks on black taxis in revenge for the recent murder of white farming families in the area if the government did not protect them.

One person in the crowd shouted: "One settler, one taxi."

Just after midnight on Thursday the occupants of

a red Nissan bakkie opened fire on a crowded minibus on the road between Ficksburg and Fouriesburg. Three people were injured.

In a second attack at 1.30am on the road between Clocolan and Marquard, 12 passengers were slightly injured when a minibus overturned after being shot at, again from a red Nissan bakkie.

Suicide

Meanwhile, in the rest of the country murder, suicide and accidents took their toll this weekend although police and road officials reported a quieter than usual Christmas.

Two armed robbers were wounded and another shot himself during a shootout with police in Wilbank on Thursday evening.

Two policemen were shot dead in Vosloorus near Alberton, south-east of Johannesburg, on Christmas Eve while investigating a housebreaking.

In Hillbrow, the body of Mrs Marlane Dudley, 44, was found with her hands tied, a towel round her

neck and a plastic bag over her head in the flat of her sister, Mrs Caro Barber.

An Edenvale man, Mr Robert Rainey, 72, was found murdered in his home on Thursday.

Constable Jacques Andre Cronje, 20, who was shot on duty on Thursday, died in the Garden City Clinic in Johannesburg on Friday.

East Rand police arrested a man on Thursday after confiscating an arms cache of 16 AK-47 rifles, one sub-machinegun, 12 AK-47 magazines and more than 1 200 rounds of ammunition from a house in Springs.

Attacked

In Krugersdorp, Phyllis Croucamp, 45, and her two domestic workers were overpowered by five armed men who made off with items worth R50 000, including three firearms, on Thursday morning.

An elderly couple, Mr HJ Botha, 76, and his wife, Maria, 71, were attacked in their home in Petite, near Benoni, on Thursday.

In George, Cape, Mrs Jennifer Carelse, 21, and her year-old daughter Kaylene were shot and killed on Thursday.

A man is under police guard in George Hospital. He is being treated for a bullet wound to the head.

At least 27 people have died violently in the Cape Peninsula since midnight on Christmas Eve.

A man was shot and killed in Khayelitsha early on Friday.

A 39-year-old woman was raped by three knife-wielding men in Kraaifontein on Friday night.

A 55-year-old woman was murdered on the farm Kraaivlei near Philippolis.

Four people died in car accidents, 16, after being assaulted, two when shacks were burnt and two in train accidents in the Cape.

Three young women were gang-raped at Mnandi Beach in False Bay.

Drowned

A Brackenfell man, Mr Andrew William Dryton, 25, drowned while diving at Rooi-Els.

In Natal, where accidents and violence claimed the lives of 22 people over the weekend, a 35-year-old woman is expected to appear in the Durban magistrate's court tomorrow in

connection with the death of Mr Harvard Reuben De Liar, 30, who was stabbed in Malvern on Friday.

A man has been arrested in connection with the death of Mr Dan Naicker, 55, whose body was found in a Durban cemetery on Christmas Day.

Durban schoolboy Craig Brelant, 11, died and his parents and another child were admitted to hospital with minor injuries after an accident near Queensburgh.

Funeral

The driver of a minibus died and 15 of his passengers and four people in another vehicle were injured in a collision in Durban.

Five children drowned on Christmas Day when a motorboat boat carrying 14 passengers capsized in the Chelmsford Dam, Newcastle.

A mass funeral will be held today for nine members of a family killed in a Christmas Day collision near Dundee in Natal.

The dead are Mr Dindy Naicker, his wife, Kogie, their children Renita, Rameshwari and Kavitha, Mr Naicker's brother, Tony, relative Mr Sivi Dhaver and his two children, Ashlen and Malcolm.

Durban service station owner Jan Schoeman was shot dead by armed robbers who escaped with more than R7 000.

Attacks reward offer

JOHANNESBURG. — The police are offering a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for two attacks on minibuses in the eastern Free State last week.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe announced the reward after the attacks in which one person was killed and 15 injured.

It is believed right-wing extremists are responsible.

Free State police spokeswoman Captain Johlene van der Merwe said three men were wounded when gunmen in a red Nissan bakkie opened fire on a packed minibus between Ficksburg and Fouriesburg.

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In the second attack, the driver of a minibus was shot dead on the road between Clocolan and Marquard when attackers, also in a red bakkie, opened fire. At least 12 passengers were slightly injured. (277)

The attack came days after militant Free State farmers demanded the resignation of Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel at a meeting following the murder of a teenage girl in an attack on a Ficksburg farm.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus condemned the minibus attacks and repeated the ANC's condemnation of the earlier attacks on the community of Ficksburg. — Sapa

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SADF alleges Apla terror plot

BLOEMFONTEIN — As tensions remained high in the Free State and soldiers continued to hold positions along the eastern border, the SADF claimed yesterday Apla was planning to use army uniforms and weapons to attack soft targets.

The officer commanding Free State Command, Brig Andre Bestbier, said Apla wanted to discredit the SADF and link it to so-called third force activities, and called on residents to report any suspicious actions to the SADF or police.

The SADF was preparing to counter any further Apla actions, Brig Bestbier said. Parabats were deployed by air to secure the eastern border area on Christmas Eve and would remain there as long as necessary, a Free State Command statement said. Soldiers from the crack 44 Parachute Brigade in Bloemfontein might be deployed along the Lesotho border, the statement also said.

Meanwhile, Free State Agricultural Union security committee vice-chairman Danie Claassen yesterday denied allegations that a meeting in Ficksburg, at which Cabinet Ministers were booed, was political.

Claassen said the meeting on December 22 had been organised by the union to discuss the security situation with government and interested parties. It was not, as alleged by Law and Order Minister Henus Kriel, a political meeting.

Ministers were heckled by the audience — many of whom wore AWB uniforms — who packed the hall to discuss an attack in which a white teenage girl was killed.

The union and the Ficksburg community were waiting for Kriel to tell them what government intended doing about the situation, Claassen said. In another development, Claassen said it had been noted with shock that apparently a schoolboy had been run

down deliberately by a taxi in Ficksburg on Sunday.

Danie Keis, 15, was struck while jogging with his sister, and was discharged from hospital after being treated for concussion and bruises.

In Johannesburg, CP defence spokesman Willie Snyman said Transkei's supplying of arms to Apla and Umkhonto we Sizwe must be seen as an act of aggression by a neighbouring state.

The CP urgently requested the government to carry out its threat of hot pursuit operations across the Transkei border.

The Boere Weerstandsbeweging (BWB), meanwhile, said yesterday its members had been put on standby after an attack on a BWB member in Kimberley a week ago.

BWB leader Andrew Ford said the BWB would not hesitate to take the law into its own hands to restore a Boer state. — Sapa.

Recession buffets sports clubs

THE recession has left sports clubs in SA struggling to sustain memberships and revenues.

The Wanderers Club, one of the oldest and best known in the country, stated in its latest magazine that 1992 had been a difficult year for it and for most other clubs in SA, Sapa reports.

Members were not using the club's revenue-producing facilities, on which it is largely dependent — including what is reputed to be the longest bar counter in the world — anywhere near as much as in more normal times, the magazine's editorial stated.

"It is, of course, like that in clubs throughout the country, and the whole hospitality industry is in dire straits," it said.

"We have only to take note of what has been happening lately in some of the country's leading hotels to realise

ADRIAN HADLAND

how serious the situation has become."

Wanderers chairman Trevor Stubbs said the club had embarked on a new drive to halt the steady decline in membership over the past five years.

The club had also recently undertaken a survey to determine how members felt about the club's present and future offerings and facilities, Stubbs said.

Inanda Club committee member Conor Doak said he was optimistic the club's fortunes would improve next year.

Additional facilities had been provided to encourage members to make more use of the club and younger members were being taken in, he said. "The waiting lists, though, are nothing like they used to be."

Order on Beuthin

SUSAN RUSSELL

A RAND Supreme Court judge yesterday ordered that three psychiatrists assess bodybuilder Gary Beuthin to determine if he was capable of conducting a proper defence against charges of kidnapping and attempted murder.

Judge MJ Strydom said there were indications that Beuthin might not be able to follow proceedings due to some mental defect or illness.

Beuthin, 28, is accused of kidnapping Jill Reeves of Melrose on May 12 this year and of attempting to murder her by jumping on her head. He also faces nine other related charges, including attempted extortion, robbery, theft and bilking.

Beuthin has pleaded not guilty to all but the five counts of theft and bilking.

The trial was postponed until January 29.

Tempers flare in OFS

■ White schoolboy knocked
down by taxi: (277)

TEMPERS are again nearing boiling point in the Free State border region after a white schoolboy was knocked down by a black taxi driver near Ficksburg on Sunday.

Police are investigating the possibility that Danie Keis (15), who suffered head injuries and concussion, was deliberately knocked down while jogging with his sister. *So weter*

The driver of the taxi, which hit Keis from behind, did not stop.

Police are investigating charges of attempted murder, reckless or negligent driving and failure to stop at the scene of an accident. *30/12/92*

The Department of Law and Order has appealed to residents of the area to stay calm and not to be provoked into seeking retributive action.

Mr Dame Claassen, vice-chairman of the Free State Agricultural Union's security committee, said the community was shocked and angry after Sunday's incident. - *Sapa*.

'Apla in plot to pose as SADF'

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Political Correspondent

APLA cadres planned to masquerade as SA Defence Force members in attacks on soft targets in the eastern Free State, the Defence Force claimed yesterday.

Brig André Bestbier of the Free State Command said he had information that the PAC's military wing was planning to use SADF uniforms and weapons in attacks on civilians.

He did not say how Apla got the SADF equipment. He said the planned attacks were part of an effort to discredit the SADF and to link the force to so-called third force activities.

Meanwhile, AFP reports that a top Apla commander, Mr Sabelo Phama, this week refused to confirm or deny responsibility for a farmhouse attack that killed a 15-year-old white girl in Ficksburg on the Lesotho border.

Mr Phama said Apla was not waging a war against whites in South Africa, but was targeting "the security services". But he included in "the security services" conservative farmers in the Free State, which he labelled a "reactionary province".

● Sapa reports that soldiers from the crack 44 Parachute Brigade in Bloemfontein might be deployed along the eastern Free State border with Lesotho. Free State Command said on Monday their deployment is under consideration.

● The government had been indecisive about taking drastic steps to counter Apla violence, the Herstigte Nasionale Party said yesterday.

Tempers flare in OFS after taxi hits boy

STAR 30/12/92

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

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Tempers are again nearing boiling point in the Free State border region after a 15-year-old white schoolboy was run down by a black taxi near Ficksburg on Sunday evening.

Police are investigating the possibility that Danie Keis, who suffered head injuries and concussion, was deliberately knocked down while jogging with his sister on the shoulder of the Ficksburg-Fouriesburg road, a police spokesman confirmed yesterday.

The taxi did not stop.

Police are investigating charges of attempted murder, reckless or negligent driving and failure to stop at the scene of an accident.

The Ministry of Law and Order has appealed to residents of the area to stay calm and not to seek retribution.

Danie Claassen, vice-chairman of the Free State Agricultural Union's security committee, told Sapa that the community was shocked and angry after Sunday's incident.

He called on the SAP to offer a reward for information that could lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for it and other attacks.

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze yesterday appealed to the community to co-operate with existing security structures.

"It is vital that people do not

allow emotions to swell as this would be playing into the hands of the Azanian People's Liberation Army," Kotze said.

He said South African security intelligence was working overtime to track down the perpetrators of all recent attacks in the region.

Last Sunday, 15-year-old Leonie Pretorius was killed in a grenade attack on her parents' Ficksburg farmhouse and on Thursday, a group of whites attacked two black taxis, killing a driver and injuring three other people.

Farmers believe they are being terrorised by Apla insurgents from Lesotho.

● The SADF has information that Apla intends using SADF weapons and uniforms in attacks on "soft" targets in the eastern Free State, according to the officer commanding the Free State Command, Brigadier Andre Bestbier.

Bestbier claimed yesterday the action was being planned in an effort to discredit the SADF and to link the SADF to so-called third-force activities.

● Sapa reports that three men from Meloding at Virginia appeared in the Theunissen Magistrate's Court on Monday in connection with the murders of an elderly Theunissen farmer and his daughter on December 21.

The three men, Johannes Leabi (31), Stephen Masala (30) and Sankie Solomon Dassie (26), were not asked to plead and were remanded in custody to January 25.

CP mobilises home guard units

CP HOME guard units in the Ladybrand area announced yesterday they were to establish camps to train communities in self-defence and weapon skills after recent attacks on whites.

This decision was taken by the leadership of 14 CP home guard units in the Ladybrand area at a meeting in the southern Free State town of Marquard yesterday.

CP MP for Ladybrand Charl Hertzog said yesterday's meeting was part of a nationwide mass mobilisation. Local home guard units would improve and extend the existing neighbourhood watch system, he said.

Training camps would instruct communities in weapon proficiency and self-defence against attacks on pedestrians or motorists.

Hertzog encouraged all countrymen (volksgenote) to involve them-

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Yesterday's meeting follows two further incidents in the border area this week. A 15-year-old white teenager, Daniel Keis, was knocked down and slightly injured by a black taxi on Monday while jogging.

On Tuesday a white motorist was forced off the road by two black taxis while driving between Ladybrand and Hobhouse.

The SAP has assured the National Transport Policy Forum it will provide maximum protection to taxis and other vehicles after attacks on two black minibuses last week left one person dead and three others injured.

Two black taxi minibuses were shot at on Wednesday and Thursday last week, days after 15-year-old

Leonie Pretorius was killed in a grenade attack on her parents' Ficksburg farmhouse.

The transport forum, representing all SA taxi associations, met the SAP in Ficksburg on Tuesday to discuss the situation.

Forum road safety campaign coordinator Molefe Rapodile said yesterday the forum had complained about unlawful roadblocks manned by bogus police personnel, and the negative attitude of some traffic officers.

Rapodile said the SAP had told them extra policemen and soldiers had been deployed, and a helicopter and two aeroplanes were on standby.

"The police dealt with our problems most satisfactorily and assured us that roadblocks would be clearly marked and would be staffed by identifiable police officers," he said.

Police officer beaten to death

STEPHEN COPLAN
JOHANNESBURG policeman Jerry Tlou was beaten to death by a group of 50 taxi drivers and their accomplices in Hillbrow on Monday night, Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said yesterday. B/DAY

The policeman, who was off duty and not wearing a uniform, approached a man suspected of theft in order to arrest him when the group surrounded him and beat him to death, Pieke said.

He said two men had been arrested for murder but had subsequently been released.

Taxi drivers questioned by the police alleged that the policeman attempted to rob one of the taxis, sparking off the incident, Pieke said. He said the police hoped to clear up the details of the attack soon, and had questioned 18 people so far. 31/12/92.

Pieke said the gun carried by the policeman could have reinforced the perception that he was a robber. He added that the SAP strongly condemned all vigilante activities.

Tlou was rushed to hospital in a police vehicle after waiting for an ambulance for more than two hours and was pronounced dead on arrival, Pieke said.

He said he hoped that the group was not aware that Tlou was a policeman, because the attack might then be interpreted as one directed specifically against a member of the SAP.

Police hope arrests end Pretoria train attacks

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THE arrest of three men, allegedly responsible for a spate of killings and robberies shortly before Christmas, could put an end to train attacks in the Pretoria area, police believe.

Four attacks on Pretoria Metro trains — the first train killings in the area this year — took place on December 18, 19 and 24 and left three men dead and one injured.

The first arrest was made on Monday this week at the Belle Ombre station outside Pretoria, and was followed by two more arrests at the Pretoria station on Tuesday and at Mabopane yesterday, Northern Transvaal police said.

"All indications were that the motives for the attacks were robbery and not political, and we therefore believe the arrests will put an end to the incidents," a spokesman said.

Sapa reports police also announced a man had been arrested in connection with the deaths of two policemen on Christmas Eve in Vosloorus.

East Rand police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweek said the arrest of a 21-year-old man on Monday followed the shooting of a municipal

STEPHANE BOTHMA

policeman and a fingerprint expert who were gunned down after responding to a housebreaking report.

The suspect was due to appear in Boksburg Magistrate's Court yesterday. A second man is being sought in connection with the incident.

And in Durban, police arrested a man yesterday in connection with the death of a man who was abducted and shot and whose legs were hacked off with a bush knife before he was buried in a shallow grave in Tongaat, on the Natal North Coast.

The arrest ends a month-long saga which involved the abduction and alleged abuse of two boys by six men at the beginning of December.

The suspect, along with three others arrested in connection with the incident, are due to appear in court shortly.

Two youths who witnessed the killing and mutilation of the man were abducted by the six men and held captive in a shack at a Tongaat refuse site for nearly two-and-a-half weeks.

Women and dogs shot on smallholding

WEST Rand police discovered the bodies of two women and the carcasses of six dogs on a smallholding near Randfontein after a worker found a note on the door asking that the police should be called.

The body of Myrna Barnard, 59, was found on her bed with a bullet wound in her head. Her elderly mother, Florence Cherry, was also shot in

the head.

One of the dogs was shot and killed next to Cherry, and five others were killed in the bathroom.

Police have seized a firearm and a note claiming responsibility for the murder and are searching for a Gideon Barnard, who could assist in the investigation. — Sapa

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Right-wing to mobilise units in Free State

MEMBERS of the Conservative Party, the HNP and the AWB are to mobilise their "home guard" units in the Free State after alleged acts of aggression against whites by drivers of minibuses this week.

The decision was made at a meeting in Marquard yesterday, attended by 14 community

leaders in the Ladybrand constituency.

Conservative Party MP Mr Charl Hertzog said the mobilisation would include training camps for "right-wing-supporting Christians".

A 15-year-old visitor from New Zealand, Daniel Keis, was

knocked down by a taxi outside Ficksburg on Monday and on Tuesday Ms Ryna Blignaut, 21, had a firearm trained on her after her vehicle was forced off the road by two taxis on the road between Ladybrand and Hop-

house, he said.

The men fled after Ms Blignaut summoned help on a citizen

band radio in her vehicle.

Police were prepared to deal with any threat in the Lesotho border area, Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harholdt of the SAP internal stability unit told a news conference in Ficksburg yesterday.

Police would set up road blocks, patrol border roads and post policemen on farms, he said.

There has been tension in the area since the terror attack on a local farm by men who then, it is believed, fled across the border into Lesotho.

Police yesterday assured minibuses taxi drivers and motorists they would provide maximum protection in the Free State

border area.

This was the outcome of a meeting held in Ficksburg between the National Transport Policy Forum representatives and the head of the SAP's operation in the area, Captain Viljoen, who met to discuss recent attacks on minibuses taxis. — Political Correspondent, Sapa

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Free State right wings to mobilise

FICKSBURG (217) Members of the Conservative Party, the Herstigte Nasionale Party and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging say they will mobilise their followers to combat terror attacks in the eastern Free State.

At a meeting in Marguard yesterday, attended by 14 community leaders in the Ladybrand constituency, Conservative Party MP Charl Hertzog said the decision to mobilise along the Lesotho border was in line with CP policy.

He said training camps would be established for right-wing-supporting Christians.

The SAP's Internal Stability Unit chief, Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harrald, said more than 200 policemen had been deployed in the area, with each farmer receiving a 24-hour police guard.

● The SAP has assured Ficksburg taxi operators that it will give them maximum protection. This follows two attacks by whites on taxis on Christmas Eve, in which a driver was shot dead and three people were injured. — Staff Reporter, Sapa.



Security check . . . police and troops search a motorist at a roadblock in the Ficksburg area yesterday. The strong police presence is in response to recent attacks, allegedly by Apia, from across the Lesotho border. Picture: Joao Silva

Free State men shot at from car

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NORTHERN Free State police are investigating charges of attempted murder and arson after two men were wounded in a shooting incident in Virginia at the weekend.

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A police spokesman said Mr Cedric Venter and Mr D Phelembe, both of the Merriespruit Mine hostel, were among a group of people standing outside a hotel early on Sunday morning when a white man fired shots at them from a passing car. Mr Venter was hit in the chest and Mr Phelembe in the stomach.

After the shooting incident, the hotel owner arranged for the people still outside the building to be driven home in his truck. One of the occupants allegedly set the vehicle alight. - Sapa

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2 women hurt in protest

Sowetan
By SUSAN MILLER

TWO elderly women were seriously injured by police during a picket in Bloemfontein on Wednesday, the ANC has claimed. **(277)** ANC Women's League organiser Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa said yesterday the women, one 65 years old and the other aged 70 years, were taken to hospital with fractures. The picket was part of a countrywide mass action organised by the

league and ANC Youth League to protest against continued violence and demand the release of all political prisoners.

A police spokesman in Bloemfontein, Major Johan Fouche, denied the allegations and said the women fell while trying to climb steps outside the security police building.

A total of 505 people

long-term imprisonment and corporal punishment were not a solution to crime. (015191)
were arrested during marches, pickets and sit-ins at Government and police buildings in Pretoria, Bloemfontein and Durban.

Mapisa said more than 30 000 women marched in demonstrations in the Western Cape.

She said the women would continue the action until they received further instructions from the ANC national executive committee.

Huge ANC march in Free State

Soweto 17/6/91.

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By IKE
MOTSAPI

SOME 60 000 people gathered near Welkom for one of the biggest marches ever seen in the Free State.

The march, organised by the Welkom branch of the ANC, was part of the organisation's nationwide "peace, freedom and jobs" campaign.

It started at the Thabong Stadium at noon on Saturday but did not proceed to town as planned because permission to do so was refused. Instead, the crowd marched to the local police station.

There was a heavy police and army presence at the entrance to the town-ship.

After a three-hour service at the stadium, the marchers moved on to the police station.

During the march, Sergeant M du Plessis told the *Sowetan* he was happy that "nothing provocative" had been done.

Later, the marchers surrounded the police station while dancing and singing freedom songs.

Police let only three people enter the station.

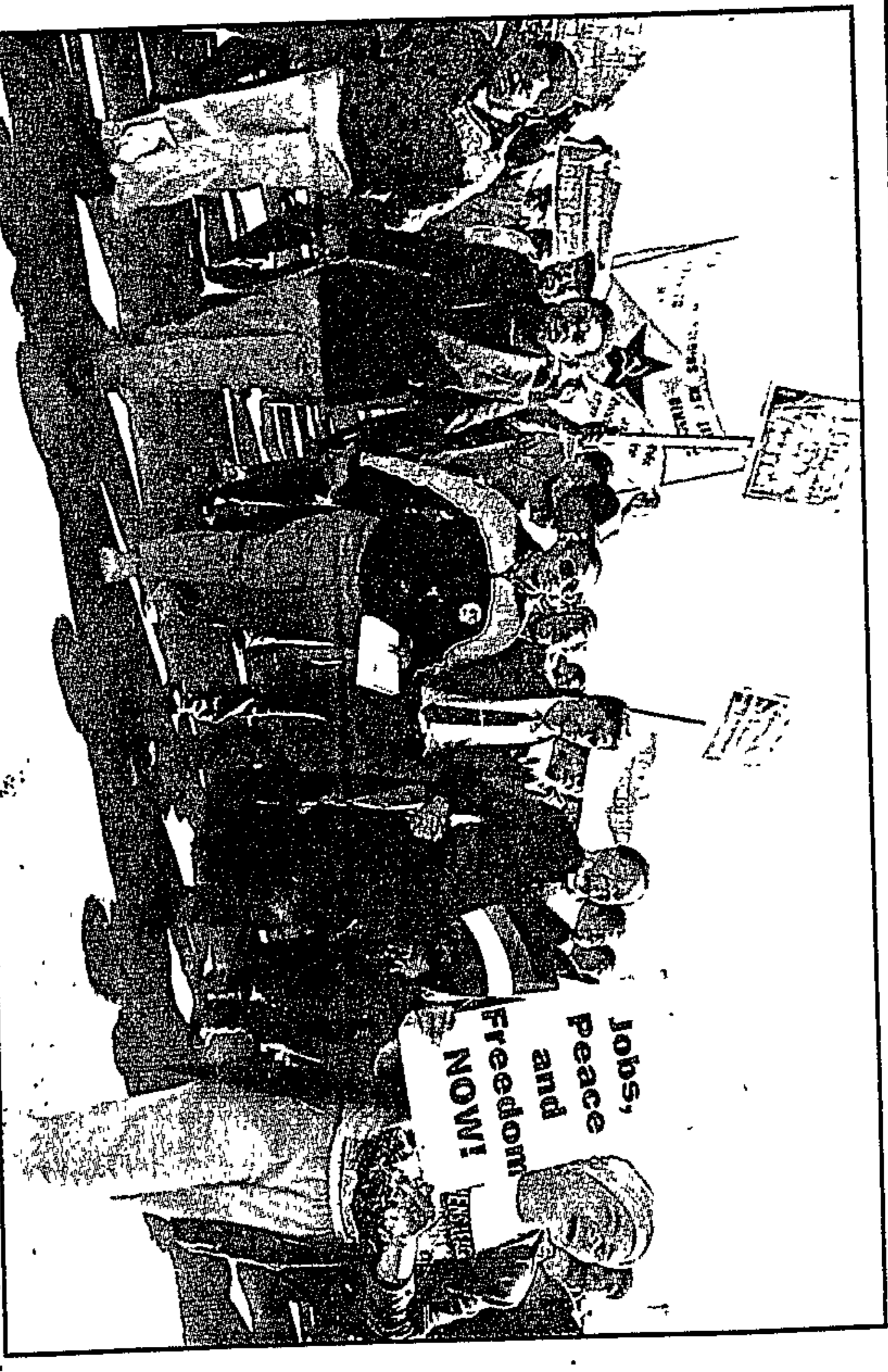
The three-person delegation handed in an ANC memorandum that has been circulated throughout the country.

The memorandum called for an end to "state-sponsored violence", the release of remaining political prisoners and a binding code of conduct for security forces and politi-

cal parties.

Acting station commander Colonel D Thobi promised he would present the memorandum to State President FW de Klerk.

One of the three delegates told Thobi that if De Klerk did not respond positively to the memorandum, the ANC would embark on a mass action campaign "which will cripple the economy of Welkom".



ON THE MARCH FOR FREEDOM: Placards-carrying members of the ANC march through Thabong, Welkom, at the weekend.

Pic: SELLO MOTSEPE

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Fears of violence in OFS over stalled talks

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ANC and Democratic Party representatives in the Free State fear violence may erupt if dialogue between the local civic association and Bethlehem Town Council does not get under way soon.

Mr Patrick Lekota, ANC leader in the Free State, Dr Rhett Kahn of the DP and Mr Robert Swan of the Bohlokong Civic Association issued this warning after a planned meeting failed to take place.

They said the Bethlehem Town Council management committee had refused to see Kahn and Lekota, who were invited to the meeting as advisers to the Bohlokong Civic Association.

The DP and the ANC representatives had been trying for more than a month to organise the talks on Bohlokong's R1,6 million rates arrears - and the alleged

threat by the Bethlehem Town Council to cut off the township's water and electricity.

"The Bethlehem Town Council was only prepared to negotiate with the three former (black) town councillors.

"This was a dangerous approach because it threatened essential services for community life and heightened tensions between black and white and could easily lead to physical confrontation," they said in a statement.

The three men demanded the OFS Provincial Administration "get discussions on track between political and civic structures in Bohlokong and the white town councillors as a demonstration of the Government's desire to resolve issues through negotiation". - *Sapa*.

Clashes with Inkatha blamed for stayaway

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE (237)

RESIDENTS of Thembalihle, near Vrede in the Free State, have embarked on a consumer boycott and a stayaway following clashes between alleged Inkatha and ANC supporters. *Journalist 25/4/91*

Mr Zacharia Phori, an ANC executive member in the Welkom region, said several people were injured during weekend clashes, including a 12-year-old boy who was stabbed with a spear.

Initially, the conflict had been between ANC and Inkatha supporters, but it now included residents.

The alleged Inkatha members arrived in two minibuses from Sebokeng and Sandton.

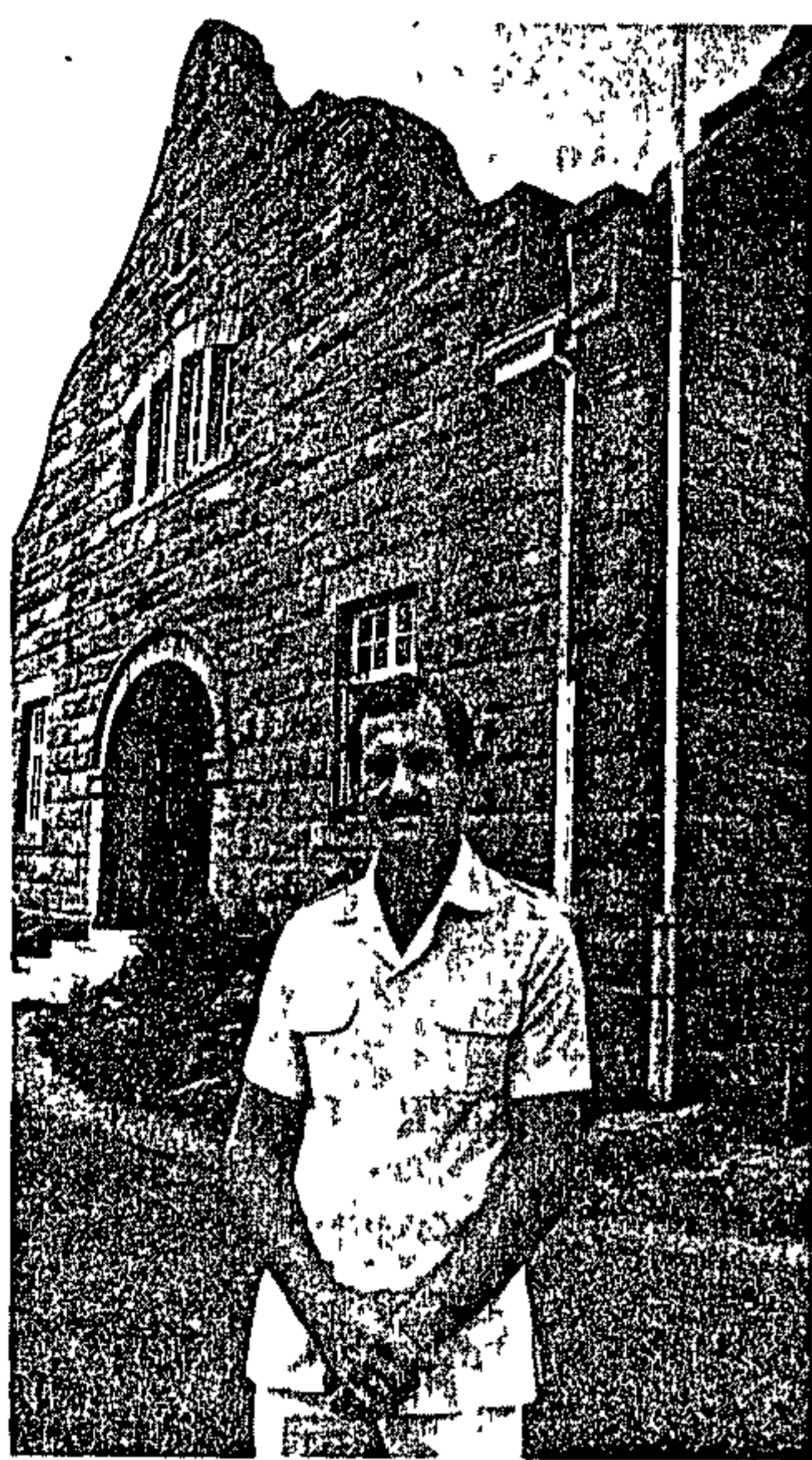
Police officials

Transvaal chairman of Inkatha Youth Brigade Mr Themba Khoza said he was not aware of events in Thembalihle. However, if the boycott and stayaway had been called because of Inkatha, then it was "unfair and uncalled for".

Khoza said Inkatha had the same right as the ANC to organise wherever it pleases.

Phori said they had also received reports that more Inkatha supporters were to be bussed into the township this week.

The ANC in Welkom was due to meet police officials in Vrede yesterday.



Mashaeng town clerk ... Hennle Venter



Facing the future ... a toddler steps out warily in Fouriesburg

Photographs: KEVIN CARTER

Red badge over Fouriesburg

THE majestic granite hills and deep green fields that surround the eastern Free State town of Fouriesburg have been fought over before.

This exquisite land was both the battleground and the prize for a decisive war between Boer and Basotho way back in 1865. The black people, whose land it was, were driven eastwards towards the Maluti mountains and into what is now Lesotho.

"They wouldn't stay on their side," says Henry de la Harpe, whose forebears staked out the farm Grootverwulf soon after that war of conquest was complete. "They kept coming across and stealing cattle the way they do today." De la Harpe now leases his farm out and spends time writing a history of the district which he hopes to have published.

He has no sons, no certainty that the farm will remain in De la Harpe hands. But despite government changes to the Land Acts, set out in a White Paper this week, De la Harpe doesn't expect Grootverwulf to be bought by a black farmer, not for a while anyway. "There are no big black farmers in the area, and while a man in Johannesburg may have the money he won't last long," De la Harpe says.

"Even the blacks here are too slow to learn and too set in their old ways. There is more to farming than milking cows and driving tractors. Even a guy from Hillbrow can do that."

Back in Fouriesburg, the 500 whites in the town aren't bracing themselves for black neighbours either. For a start, nobody in the adjacent township of Mashaeng has the money, be assured of that. And besides, this little town right now has more new bodies arriving than it has bedrooms.

After years of watching the agriculture on which the town depends being slowly sapped by inflation, drought and spiralling debt, the people of Fouriesburg are getting ready for a nice little boom. And the lifeline they are being thrown, oddly enough, comes from the descendants of the people whose land their own forebears forcibly seized.

At the end of this month, international funds for the Highlands Water Project in Lesotho are being released and work on the scheme, already un-

derway, will begin in earnest. Fouriesburg's farmers won't see any of the water, drought or not — some will be used for irrigation in Lesotho and the rest piped north and west for use on the Rand. But it's been good news for the town.

"We've got beautiful growth here, a nice good bloom," says BD Saayman, Fouriesburg's town clerk for the past 17 years. The road to the expanded new border post at Caledonpoort has been tarred, 16 houses have been put up to house engineers and supervisors working on the water scheme, and another 11 are to be built. "If you wanted to come and live in Fouriesburg now, I couldn't help you. There is not a house available," Saayman says.

New quarters for the South African Police are being built, in anticipation of more traffic and therefore more traffic offenders and a new bank is under construction. "The old one won't be big enough for the money that is coming in," Saayman says with a chuckle.

Fine times ahead for Fouriesburg, it would seem, so much so that one resident has been asking R270 000 for a tatty thatched house. The young man from Madeira who runs the local cafe says he has bought a Mercedes in the eight months he has been here, even if he has paid a price for it in being bored witless. But just across the road from the town clerk's office, in earshot of Saayman's cheeriness, is a man with a problem.

Hennie Venter has a wall full of certificates in his office, including one that came with his Pro Patria medal for "defence of the Republic and the prevention and suppression of terrorism", earned while serving as a lieutenant on the border. But despite the personal touches, Venter is irritated by his surroundings — he is, after all, town clerk of Mashaeng; until last

JOHN PERLMAN visited Fouriesburg and found the town booming because of the Highlands Water Project but struggling because of a township boycott.

week he had his office in the township.

"Last week I was blocked from entering the township. They had put up a barricade this high," Venter says, standing up and pointing to his chest. From the start of the year township residents had refused to pay service charges and a consumer boycott of the town was under way, but this was the last straw. Venter packed up the offices and took tractors and office equipment out of Mashaeng.

This boycott, he says, has him baffled. Mashaeng, until now, was completely self-funding — it now has arrears approaching quarter of a million rand. "They have everything they need — tarred roads, electricity, exactly the same standards as the white town. For this they paid R32 a month, compare that to a white area," he says.

"We got the white kids to play cricket against them, we made them a boxing ring, we gave them mini cricket and we arranged netball. All of that is now dead," he says, "all stopped by politics".

Fouriesburg has convened a forum, including businessmen, to try and deal with the problems. The consumer boycott, after all, has already put one shop out of business. But Venter seems resigned to "just letting the blacks themselves sort it out. I sometimes wonder if we do too much for them anyway. Every time they get in trouble we are there to sort it out," he says.

"They will spend money on rubbish, but they don't want to pay for their priorities. And now they are

mixing in politics with questions of municipal services. These are basic services, they have nothing to do with one man one vote. What has local government got to do with apartheid?"

Venter says channels have been opened to the local ANC. "Last week we dropped some pamphlets on the township from a plane," he says. The pamphlet begins "PEOPLE OF MASHAENG!! THE SUFFERING come to an end!! You can buy again in Fouriesburg. BUY and be sure that there IS MONEY to pay salaries." It goes on to say that a committee has been formed to listen to grievances. "Come to your townclerk, he will arrange these talks," it concludes. "THIS COMMITTEE LIKE TO TALK AND LISTEN!!" (Sic).

Venter says he too will listen, but his final point is given emphasis by the revolver-shaped bulge in his beige safari suit. He glances at another framed certificate, this one thanking the "Fouriesburg Friends of Rhodesia", signed by a wrinkle-free Ian Smith and says "They think this is like Rhodesia or South West but it isn't. The platteland will stand strong whatever happens. They are not just going to run away with us."

The Mashaeng comrade who takes us to his leaders insists that isn't their intention. "We have a serious problem with the whites here because they think we want to kill them," he says. "The other problem in the small towns is that the security police do what they want because there is nobody to stop them."

The township, which houses some 10 000 people, appears quiet again. There are two boys putting up posters, but it's only to advertise a showing of "The Daring Dobermans".

The Mashaeng branch of the ANC Youth League, formally launched

less than a week ago, is meeting in a small little hall. No names, no pictures, please — 14 of their members have already been detained, youths have clashed with police before and 15 of them are up on charges of public violence. Each person with a point to make addresses it to their chosen spokesman, wearing a South African Communist Party badge, who delivers the cobbled-together consensus view.

"We dispute Venter's view that we have 'everything they need'," says Red Badge. The electricity he talks of — which has now been cut off — street lights, no more. "About 500 people have electricity in their own homes," he says. "There are very few households with taps — we share taps in the street that are about 25 metres apart. And we still have the bucket system for sewage."

Red Badge says the service charge boycott was embarked on in January because people simply could not pay. "The average salary here is about R80 a month, because most of the people are domestic workers. How can people pay R32 out of that?"

The consumer boycott was the result of an all-too-familiar cycle. Forty-five residents were summoned to appear in court for not paying their bills. "We felt we should show solidarity by marching to the court," says Red Badge. The police disagreed and clashes followed in which teargas and rubber bullets were fired and policemen's houses were burned.

"Then we applied for a legal march so that those higher up could see our grievances," Red Badge says. They set strict conditions — only 500 could march and we had to put R20 000 deposit with the town council. But there are more than 500 of us with grievances and of course we don't have R20 000. So we launched the consumer boycott."

The ANC Youth League is prepared to negotiate, Red Badge says. But the public violence and non-payment charges must be dropped first. The town council — what's left of it — must resign, and "all services must run effectively while negotiations continue." That would just about do it, says Red Badge, then almost as an afterthought adds "And we don't want Venter to come back. He used to talk about us as his people. What does he think this is? His farm?"



Patrick "Terror" Lekota . . . handed over a memorandum for Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and the Kroonstad police commissioner.

No revenge in ANC's name, warns Lekota

By SOPHIE TEMA

PATRICK "Terror" Lekota of the ANC has warned residents of Maokeng in the Free State against the use of violence in the township, while giving a stern warning to "comrades" about taking the law into their own hands in the name of the ANC.

The warning came after an incident in which a house was set alight by a group of comrades who claimed that sons of the family were involved with the Three Million gang.

Lekota gave his warning this week in an address to about 50 000 Maokeng residents who had marched to police headquarters in Kroonstad to protest against violence in the township where at least 15 people have been killed in the past few months.

The marchers, led by Lekota and ANC leader Dennis Bloem, handed a memorandum to Lieutenant J Coetzee which was directed to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Kroonstad's Commissioner of Police.

Lekota slammed comrades who took revenge on innocent people, especially parents of children involved in gangster activities.

He said it was unfair of comrades to take revenge on parents, who were not responsible for the actions of their children.

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 However, several people listening to him replied that parents were responsible for the deeds of their children.

An angry Lekota warned them: "You are the ones who mislead other comrades into taking the law into their own hands. If you want to go about killing and burning people's houses in revenge, do it - but not in the name of the ANC."

"The ANC does not encourage violence of any form, especially where innocent people are involved. Members of the ANC will not have blood on their hands because we believe that our struggle is a clean one."

"Our policy is one of non-violence and we have to follow this policy. If any of you feel that you can't do this, go and start your own organisation."

One of the demands contained in the memorandum to police was the arrest of the Three Million gang, which residents claim has disrupted schooling and transport and made life unbearable in Maokeng.

Residents also demanded that all alleged crimes committed by the gang be investigated by a special detective unit in collaboration with the community.

They called for an independent commission of inquiry into all cases which had not come before the courts for "lack of evidence".

Free State town quakes under reign of terror

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LIFE is no longer normal in the northern Free State township of Maokeng, where residents live in constant fear for their lives.

Tension reigns on the streets, where people stare pointedly at any stranger in their midst, and at the main taxi rank in town, where taxi drivers have seen their colleagues harassed, beaten up, stabbed or even shot, and their vehicles hijacked.

This is as normal as life can be in Maokeng, home of ANC northern Free State convener Patrick "Terror" Lekota.

The source of the widespread terror? A notorious criminal gang calling itself "ama-3 million" which, according to residents' accounts, has embarked on a reign of terror in the township with absolute impunity.

'Collusion'

Some residents, including Mr Lekota, have gone as far as alleging police collusion in the gang's activities, pointing out that although most of the gang's members were known to, and had at times been identified by, residents they remained free to roam the streets and terrorise people as they pleased.

Gill Marcus of the ANC's publicity department this week took members of the local and international press on a tour of Maokeng and Tumahole, Parys, to talk to residents about their problems. The press contingent was met by Mr Lekota in Parys, and briefed before being taken on a tour.

Mr Lekota said the ama-3 million gang had been in existence in the township for some time. It was not until Maokeng residents demanded the resignation of town councillors in December last year that "violence suddenly exploded and the gang attacked with a ferociousness never seen before".

The gang's targets, according to Mr Lekota, were members of the community, taxi drivers, workers in Parys and ANC-aligned activists.

Mr Lekota said the gang accounted for at least 15 murders in the township since November. Each time gang members were arrested they were released on bail and returned to townships to resume their activities. This further eroded people's confidence in both the police and courts, he said.

Mr Lekota said he had personally taken the matter up with both the police and the Parys chief magistrate, who told him there was insufficient evidence to justify refusing gang members bail.

"Because of the apparent inability of the police to deal with the gang, there has been a growing perception among the people that the police are in collusion with the gang.

"People's perception is that

A "ferocious gang" is terrorising residents at Maokeng near Kroonstad in the Free State. Political writer KAIZER NYATSUMBA, who toured the area with an ANC delegation, reports.

the Government, through the police, has not kept its part of the promise in terms of the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes," Mr Lekota said.

He said the security police were more co-operative and easier to work with than the criminal police who needed to be re-educated to change their hostile attitude towards the community. However, he said, there were some policemen "who have the potential, once they understand the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes, to play a very positive role".

Mr Lekota took the press around the township to meet people who claimed to have been victims of the gang.

In one instance police were said to have taken more than five hours to come to a tavern less than 500 m away from the police station, where gang members had just stabbed a man to death.

A police spokesman has denied any collusion with the gang.

Water

Another kind of battle is raging in Tumahole, where residents have been without water for the past two weeks. This, Tumahole Civic Association (TCA) members told the press, was in spite of the fact that residents had been paying a monthly R28,50c for services since September last year.

The water supply was re-connected on Monday, hours before the press got there, and local activists suspected that the move was an attempt by the Parys Town Council (PTC) to avoid bad publicity.

Some township residents had already received eviction notices from the Tumahole Town Council, which activists said owed a lot of money to the PTC which supplied the township with water.

Mr Lekota said negotiations at regional and provincial levels will soon take place to discuss issues such as debts owed by townships to various white town councils as a result of rent boycotts which started in 1984. These negotiations will take place once a regional civic organisation such as the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal. □

TUMAHOLE Civic Association member Ephraim Dabi was awarded R1 500 damages last week in a claim against a Parys policeman who called him a "kaffir" and threatened to assault him.

A Pretoria Magistrate's Court awarded Dabi damages and costs in his civil claim against the Minister of Law and Order after the Attorney-General declined to prosecute the policeman involved.

The case resulted from an incident at the Parys police station in January last year, where

'Kaffir' awarded damages

Dabi - general secretary of the Tumahole Civic Association (TCA) - and other officials were called to discuss a protest march by their organisation.

A Warrant Officer Blignaut repeatedly called Dabi a "kaffir" and threatened to assault him.

Dabi laid charges of crimen injuria.

At an identity parade Dabi was told to place his hand on the shoulder of the person who had insulted him.

When he tried to point out the policeman in this way, Blignaut said he would knock him flat if he touched him.

The matter was referred to the Attorney-General, but he declined to prosecute.

Dabi, well-known in the community as a counsellor at the TCA, launched the R10 000 civil claim against the police with the help of the Johannesburg Legal Resources Centre.

Police dismiss gang allegations

WILSON ZWANE

THE police yesterday dismissed as "totally untrue" allegations by a Free State branch of the ANC Youth League that police were giving assistance, including remuneration, to a local gang.

Local ANC Youth League education officer Meshack Moeketsi said his organisation had obtained information that the Three Million Gang, which "terrorised" ANC supporters in Maokeng, near Kroonstad, was being backed by the police.

Moeketsi said a person, whom he did not want named, who defected last week from the Three Million Gang had made allegations of police collusion with the gang to the local ANC leadership.

"This person alleged that the 60-member gang was being provided with a weekly remuneration of R500 by the police," he said, adding that because gang members were still at large despite their attacks being reported showed the gang was working in collaboration with the police.

More than seven people had been killed in the township since September.

Police liaison officer Lt Johlene van der Merwe spokesman denied police were giving any assistance to gang. "Allegations that the police are providing the gang with a weekly remuneration of R500 are totally untrue. It is also untrue that the police are not doing anything against the gang. Over the weekend 14 members of the group, most of them in possession of dangerous weapons, were arrested."



United Distillers executive director Pierre Meintjies yesterday announced the launch of a new golf tournament — the Bell's Cup — worth R280 000 to be played at Cape Town's Mowbray course next month as an addition to the PGA's Sunshine circuit.

Picture LINDEN BIRNS

ANC hunger striker moved to hospital

A HUNGER-striking ANC detainee was probably transferred from a Klerksdorp prison to a hospital as a result of talks between Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu, an ANC spokesman said yesterday.

Jouberton Civic Association chairman Henry Moleme and three other civic association officials began a hunger strike on December 31, the day after they were detained.

According to the ANC spokesman, Sisulu spoke to Vlok on Sunday about Moleme's condition, which had deteriorated to such an extent that two independent doctors feared he might lapse into a coma.

"We believe it was the intervention of Sisulu that resulted in Moleme being transferred from the prison to a hospital," the

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spokesman said.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brig Leon Mellet could not confirm that Vlok had spoken with Sisulu at the weekend.

Police spokesman Lt Nina Barkhuizen said Moleme had been transferred from prison to a hospital, but as far as she knew his condition was not critical.

The three other detainees who were arrested with Moleme on December 31 under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act were maintaining the hunger strike but were in a satisfactory condition.

A fourth detainee who had also gone on a hunger strike on December 31 had begun eating, she added.

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Bloody mine battle leaves 22 dead

S Times 10/11/91
A BATTLE at Welkom's President Steyn gold mine left at least 22 dead this weekend.

The attack appeared to be in retaliation for an outbreak of violence last Sunday night which left 15 dead — mostly Xhosas — when a group of predominantly Xhosa-speaking miners supporting Cosatu's anti-VAT strike tried to stop Basotho miners from going to work.

By late yesterday the unofficial death toll for the week's clashes was 42.

At least 90 have been injured — 51 on Friday night — and more injured men were making their

By DAWN BARKHOIZEN

way to the Ernest Oppenheimer mine hospital yesterday, said hospital superintendent Dr Brian Brink.

Most injuries were caused by knives and pangas.

Yesterday hundreds of terrified miners fled the compound of shaft No 4, seeking refuge in other hostels or Welkom's Thabong township.

Police and mine security personnel who searched the 16 blocks comprising shaft No 4 compound yesterday morning removed four truckloads of weapons — mostly

pangas and knives, but also some guns, sources said.

A number of bodies were found in the hostel block.

Distraught Xhosa-speaking miners hiding in another hostel said they had been attacked by Basothos shortly after 10pm on Friday.

Many of the Basotho miners had gone home for the weekend, but the few Sotho speakers left on the mine yesterday said Xhosas armed with sticks and pangas had stormed into their hostel.

NUM general secretary Marcel Golding, called to the scene by Freegold South regional manager

Jan Rossouw, said no Inkatha supporters appeared to have been involved.

Only a few Zulu speakers are resident at No 4 shaft, sources said.

Anglo American Gold and Uranium Division spokesman James Duncan said the standing commission on public violence and intimidation, headed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, had been asked to investigate last Sunday's violence.

It was possible that this weekend's violence would also fall within the ambit of the investigation, he said.

Late yesterday the mine had been sealed off.

the crash revealed two and a half years them at all times.

Two suspects arrested over Welkom slaying

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TWO men had been arrested as the death toll from violence at Welkom's President Steyn mine rose to 25, Free State police spokesman Lt Col Johan Fouché said yesterday.

Violence between Basotho and Xhosas broke out at the mine's Number Four Shaft on Friday night. Fifty-one miners were injured, two seriously, in the incident.

"Two men were arrested on Saturday in connection with the incident and further arrests could be expected," Fouché said.

He would not give details on the arrested men.

This is the second incident of violence at President Steyn's Number Four Shaft in seven days. The first incident occurred last Sunday when a group of predominantly Xhosa-speaking miners supporting Cosatu's anti-VAT strike tried to stop Basotho miners from going to work.

Fifteen miners were killed and 39 injured in the incident.

Anglo American spokesman James Duncan said the mine management and the NUM held talks with the leaders of the warring factions at the weekend in a bid to defuse the situation.

He would not, however, disclose results of the talks, saying that would be prejudicial to investigations by the Standing Commission on Public Violence and Intimidation headed by Mr Justice Goldstone.

Anglo has asked the commission to in-

vestigate the November 4 incident. "The situation at the mine is tense but calm and the management has refused access to the scene because it is believed that the tense situation could be exacerbated by the presence of journalists and cameramen," he said, adding that mine management was investigating the cause of the incident.

Mine security backed by police were at the scene and it was hoped that miners would report for last night's shift, he said. The NUM could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports two people were killed and 22 wounded or injured in unrest-related attacks on minibus taxis since Friday night.

Police said eight people were wounded on Saturday morning on the old Warmbaths/Nylstroom road when shots were fired at a minibus from a yellow Nissan Skyline.

Two people died and 14 were injured or wounded in an attack on a minibus on the N3 highway near the Glencoe/Nigel off-ramp near Johannesburg on Friday night.

Ten people were injured when the vehicle was fired on from another minibus before overturning and catching fire.

In another incident, three minibus taxis were burnt out in a confrontation at the Bellville taxi rank on Saturday morning.

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DP delegates allege ANC intimidation

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CAPE TOWN — ANC supporters had burnt down houses belonging to black DP members, attacked them and prevented them writing exams in Transvaal and Free State townships, delegates to the DP's national congress said at the weekend.

Despite the public tensions within the party over some MPs' links with the ANC, the DP emerged from its two-day national congress convinced that it should remain an independent force and that it would grow next year.

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Hillbrow MP Lester Fuchs said he had seen how DP members were prevented from writing exams at Mashasheng near Lydenburg because they belonged to the DP. Also, the DP chairman's house had been burnt down.

Welkom delegate Rhett Kahn said DP members had been attacked in Thabong in Welkom and the houses of two members'

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DP delegates

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had been burnt down in another township nearby.

The group of MPs strongly opposed to closer links between the party and the ANC suffered a setback at the congress.

Although the congress discussions were free of blatant tension, it was clear that these MPs had little support.

Delegates made it clear they had had enough of the public conflicts between MPs and that they rejected alliances or coalitions with other political groupings at this stage.

On Saturday morning Fuchs threatened to bring caucus tensions out into the open. Fuchs said he was "most perturbed" by

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his colleagues' statements that "the aim of the DP should be to take our membership into the ANC, that the DP should be in alliance with the ANC, that DP members should be at liberty to accompany their spouses or children to ANC functions and that the DP should join the ANC in asking the US to threaten to reimpose sanctions."

DP leader Zach de Beer said in his closing address: "The DP comes closer than any other substantial political group to being able to achieve trust to the left and to the right. Here lies the unique nature of our contribution to peace and to recovery." Delegates gave him a standing ovation.

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Second probe into Welkom violence

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A SECOND investigating committee has been named by the Commission of Inquiry into Prevention of Violence and Intimidation to look into the unrest at Welkom's President Steyn gold mine earlier this month, chairman Mr Justice Goldstone said yesterday. *B/Day*

More than 70 mineworkers died in violence which broke out on November 3 at the mine's No 4 shaft. *21/11/91*

Mr Justice Goldstone said in a statement the three-member committee, headed by commission member Gert Steyn, would hold its first meeting in Welkom on November 29. The venue still had to be finalised, he said.

The committee would investigate the relevance of the hostel system and the national anti-VAT stayaway in the violence and the reasons why the violence escalated after November 3.

It would also look at identifying the influence — if any — of political and other organisations in the violence; mine authorities' reaction to the stayaway and their communication with workers, as well as the NUM's reaction and its communication with members at the mine.

Mr Justice Goldstone said the terms had been established in consultation with the NUM, mine owners Freegold and the SAP.

He added that investigations by the committee would not influence the normal police investigations of events at the mine or any resulting prosecutions by the attorney-general.

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Miners have been moved from a hostel at the No 4 Shaft of the President Steyn Gold Mine near Welkom following weekend violence which claimed eight lives, management has confirmed.

Anglo American spokesman James Duncan said the 400 hostel residents were moved to a hostel at another mine to ensure their safety.

Eight people died and 17 were admitted to hospital after the latest unrest, which involved a number of isolated attacks on individuals by small groups.

Some of the victims were still in a critical condition last night.

Mr Duncan said an intensive investigation into the causes of the renewed violence was being conducted and the injured and other witnesses to the attacks were being interviewed.

Discussions between management, National Union of Mineworkers representatives and other employee representatives were in progress yesterday in an effort to find a permanent solution to the problems at the hostel.

Returned

Earlier this month, clashes at the Free State gold mine claimed the lives of 76 workers and left at least 180 injured.

About 5 000 miners from the No 2 and No 4 shafts were sent home to Lesotho and Transkei to "cool off".

Mr Duncan said most of the inmates of the No 4 Shaft hostel had returned to the mine by yesterday.

Police said the earlier clashes were between Xhosa and Sotho factions.

Anglo refused to comment on the cause of the previous unrest, saying the matter was being investigated by the Standing Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Violence and Intimidation chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone.

Anglo to probe latest violence

ANGLO yesterday announced an in-depth probe into the latest outbreak of violence at its President Steyn mine in Welkom in which eight people died and which the NUM said was caused by outside elements.

The latest deaths bring to 84 the toll on the mine in recent weeks. Anglo management yesterday met the NUM and other miner representatives in a bid to find a permanent solution to the violence.

Eight miners were killed and 17 admitted to hospital yesterday following violence at the mine's No 4 hostel, which Anglo said involved a number of isolated attacks on individuals by small groups.

NUM media officer Jerry Majatladi said yesterday workers not on night shift were attacked by unknown people while asleep in their hostels. This was after management had introduced a new identification

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system on the mine, he said. (277)
"Forces which have no business on the mine are being allowed by security to enter the premises," Majatladi said, adding that there was no tension along ethnic lines and no fighting between groups of miners. Anglo announced an intensive investigation into causes of the renewed violence. Interviews were being conducted with the injured and witnesses, and management had moved 400 hostel dwellers to another hostel as an interim safety measure.

However, other mine sources said up to 1 500 workers were being moved.

An earlier outbreak of violence is being probed by the National Commission of In-

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quiry into Violence and Intimidation, established in terms of the national peace accord.

Anglo said order had been restored on the mine yesterday, and mine security and the SA Police were on standby.

Majatladi said some workers, fearing inadequate security, had decided not to go to work yesterday. The NUM was calling for miners not wanting to remain on mine

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premises to be given sleep-out allowances. SAP Free State spokesman Capt Johlene van der Merwe said last night the killings had been done "silently and quickly" and were not the work of "big gangs"

She said although it was too early to say exactly what had happened, investigating officers said there was no doubt that the latest attacks were "ongoing" from the last spate of violence at the mine.

IFP is opposed to Maokeng boycott

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party has issued pamphlets opposing the consumer boycott and stayaways in Kroonstad.

A Maokeng Civic Association spokesman, Mr Dennis Bloem, said the pamphlets were issued by the IFP office in the Orange Free State on Sunday.

An IFP spokesman, Mr Thabiso Chomane, yesterday confirmed that the pamphlets had been issued by their office after they were asked to do so by their members in the Kroonstad township of Maokeng.

He said: "We have members in Kroonstad. We even held a meeting on Sunday after we distributed pamphlets attended by executive members of different branches in the Free State".

The pamphlets called on Maokeng residents to refuse to align themselves with boycotts and stayaways.

The pamphlets read in part: "Are we to lose our jobs by being stopped from going to work? Are we to expose ourselves to hunger by not going to work or buying?"

By NKOPANE
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"We are tired of being forced to do senseless things. Let us stand together. We want no stayaways and boycotts. We of Inkatha shall not allow it".

Bloem condemned authors of the pamphlets, saying they were trying to start an outbreak of violence in the area. He said the people of Maokeng stood together and "no evil force" would break their unity.

He said: "We are surprised that Inkatha has the

audacity to issue such pamphlets when it does not exist or have any support in Maokeng.

"The civic association want to make it very clear that nobody was ever forced to support the consumer boycott and we shall never force anyone to do so," he said.

Farm raids: OFS police ⁽²¹⁷⁾ pledge peace

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The police have pledged to do everything possible to ensure "peace, harmony and stability" in Verkeerdevlei — a hotbed of racial tensions after recent attacks on white farmers and a retaliatory strike against suspected robbers.

Free State regional commissioner Major-General Tertius Calitz said he wished to assure the people of Verkeerdevlei and surrounding areas that the police were there to look after the interests and safety "of all communities and individuals".

The general's statement follows an attack by four men on Hans Pienaar, 77, and his wife, Johanna, 66, on Grootgewaag Farm on January 5.

Galvanised by the slaying of four family members in the district two weeks earlier, neighbours converged on the Pienaars' farm and accosted three suspects. One died of his injuries and two others were beaten up, prompting police to open murder and assault dockets.

The two survivors appeared in court on an armed robbery charge, but the case was postponed to February 14.

General Calitz "appealed to all population groups not to harbour ill feeling towards each other as a result of a few unfortunate events.

He said: "The hand of friendship must be extended towards each other."

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THE once-peaceful Free State town of Verkeerdelei is in turmoil.

The good neighbourliness between the white and black community of this small dorpe has turned sour.

The people of Verkeerdelei - called because Wrong Valley water flows from west to east - are now sworn enemies.

Since 1936 when the people started moving into the area, black and white people of the town have regarded each other as brothers and sisters.

About 70 white families stay in town while their 300 black counterparts live in the neighbouring township of Tshpong.

Trouble started in 1990 when whites believed to be members of the rightwing Afrikaner Weerstandbeweging started to assault blacks in the town for no reasons, according to senior citizen Mr Samuel Mothibi (78).

Tenstons heightened in December last year when one of the most respected and likeable farmers, Mr Bennie Engelbrecht, his wife Bety, daughters Lizelle and Mrs Lena Smit were killed by a black man at their Grootvlei Farm. One of Engelbrecht's daughter feigned death and lived to tell the tale of the killings to relatives and police.

The alleged killer was arrested and later reported on television as having said he mowed down the four because he was "killing apartheid".

This infuriated the white community which believed the killings were planned in the township by members of the local African National Congress branch.

About 10 days ago another farmer was killed but the suspect was allegedly killed before the police arrived on the scene.

On January 10 this year farmers and the local white community held a meeting in the Verkeerdelei Town Hall to discuss ways of protecting themselves.

A local white bottlestore owner said: "Ons is baait kwaard (we are very angry) that this is happening to us.

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Once Verkeerdelei was peaceful - or at least as peaceful as any South African town may be. But things have changed. The close relationship between the black and white community has soured and at times, hostilities flare out in the open. The town is empty as black people fear they might be attacked while white people are debating how to defend themselves. IKE MOTSAPI went to investigate.

We have been living peacefully with the blacks here without problems and now this."

Mothibi said he was also surprised at the "sudden turn of attitudes of whites" against black people in Verkeerdelei.

He expressed shock at the hostilities between the two communities which has resulted in what he described as unnecessary assault and injury of blacks whenever they went to town.

"The police are doing nothing about the matter. They in turn assault you when you go to report about the bad treatment blacks receive from the whites."

Local ANC chairman Mr Neo Banyana said the problem with their white friends started in 1990 after the organisation objected to the Eagles Youth Club which was formed and funded by whites.

He said when they queried the status of the club they were told that action will be taken against them.

"The police have been harassing us ever since. We have ignored this and tried to meet the police to state our case but in vain.

"What is happening now is that our township is invaded by police and members of the AWB at night are firing wild shots in the air.

"The people are now scared to go out at night because they fear they will be killed."

Banyana said what worries residents of Tshpong is what he described as a planned attack on them by their white neighbours.

"We are not responsible for the death of white farmers in our area. We do not even know the people who are responsible for killings. Why attack us?"

School teacher, Mrs Jeannette Moroane, said: "All what we want is peace and nothing else."

But there is hope for peace. Police in the Free State are doing their best to normalise the situation.

Captain Jolene van der Merwe said they would do their best to ease the tension in the area.



Mr Samuel Mothibi ... AWB members were indiscriminately beating up black people. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU



The sleepy town of Verkeerdevlei has now become a site of racial tension. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Elsie mourns death of boss, 'friend and father'

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ABOUT a month after the anger sweeping Verkeerdevlei after the death of farmer Bennie Engelbrecht last December, Elsie Mogotu is left baffled and helpless.

Friend

Domestic worker Mrs Mogotu mourns because "they have killed my friend, boss and father".

Mogotu's boss, his wife and two daughters were victims of a man who said he did it because he was "killing apartheid".

By IKE MOTSAPI

Engelbrecht, his wife Betty, daughters Lizelle and Mrs Lena Smit were gunned down in their Grootvlei farm in what is described in the area as the "senseless killing of an innocent family".

He was loved and respected not only by whites but also by the local black community of Tshepong in Verkeerdevlei.

Mogotu said on Decem-

ber 22 last year she and her husband asked Engelbrecht to help them with transport in order to attend a church service in Tshepong.

She said: "He did not hesitate and he said we should use his panel van

Soldiers

"We left about 9am and returned at 2pm only to be greeted by a lot of people, police and the soldiers

"This baffled us because we did not expect any problems at the farm

~~When~~ (277) "When the police told us Bennie, his wife and two daughters had been killed I collapsed with shock.

"I could not believe what I was being told I only believed the story when I was later shown their bodies"

Mrs Jeannette Moroane, who teaches at a farm school built by Engelbrecht said. "They have killed a Mosotho who was a peace-loving person

"This is really bad and I will not forsake the person who did this horrible thing"

Black township folk living in fear

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NEO BANYANA

THE 300 black families of Tshepong, at Verkeerdevlei in the Free State, are living in fear of their lives following threats from the neighbouring white community.

On January 10 the white community of Verkeerdevlei met in their town hall to plan an attack, according to the chairman of the Tshepong ANC branch, Mr Neo Banyana.

The threats follow the harassment and killing of white farmers in the area since December last year.

About six black families have fled to relatives in neighbouring towns.

Tension started to build up after the December killing of farmer Mr Bennie Engelbrecht, his wife, daughter and two grandchildren by

IKE MOTSAPI

a man who claimed he was "killing apartheid".

Engelbrecht was known among blacks who described him as a "white Sotho" for his kindness and association with the black community.

Two weeks after his death, another farmer was attacked but a suspect was allegedly killed by the white community before the police arrived on the scene.

Banyana said the Tshepong black community had been warned that it would be attacked at any time.

"We now fear for our lives. What worries us is that we are not responsible for what is happening.

"We do not even know the man who was shown on television pro-

claiming that he killed Engelbrecht because he was killing apartheid.

"Here in Tshepong we know each other very well and I want to state that we are not responsible for what is happening to the white community.

"What angers us most is that we are being subjected to bad treatment and assaults whenever we go to town."

Free State police spokesman Captain J van der Merwe said residents of Tshepong need not fear anything.

She said police were doing their utmost to restore the good relationship between the two communities.

"Free State regional commissioner of police, Major-General Tertius Calitz, will be addressing both communities tomorrow in an attempt to solve the problem," she said.

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Groups meet to talk ^{27/11} Sowetan peace

21/11/92
By IKE MOTSAPI

THE much-awaited peace meeting between the police, residents of Tshepong and the white community of Verkeerdvlei in the Free State takes place today.

The meeting, scheduled to start at 5.30pm, will be held at a soccer field in Tshepong.

Free State police spokeswoman Captain Jolene van der Merwe said the aim of the peace meeting was to allay the fears of Tshepong residents that their white neighbours were planning to attack them.

Tension

She said Free State's regional commissioner of police, Major-General Tertius Calitz, would address the meeting on the need to "continue to keep the good relationship between the two communities".

Van der Merwe appealed to all residents of Tshepong to attend the meeting because "it will be important to them".

Tension between the two communities started to build up after the death of a farmer, Mr Bennie Engelbrecht, his wife and two children.

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Police offer township patrols

(277) By IKE MOTSAPI (280)

MORE police are to be posted at Verkeerdevlei's black township of Tshepong in the Free State to ensure the safety of residents.

This was said by Free State regional commissioner of police Major-General Tertius Calitz yesterday at a gathering of about 400 of the township's residents.

He said the decision was taken to ensure that the residents of Tshepong were "not threatened by anybody".

Although the police had investigated rumours of possible attacks on the residents and found them not to be true, increased patrols would be introduced where necessary to ensure that everybody felt safe, Calitz said.

He made an impassioned plea for peace and good working relationships between the black and white communities of Verkeerdevlei.

He urged people to join the police reserve force unit to help combat crime in the area.

Maokeng mums to march

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE women of Maokeng, near Kroonstad, have had enough of gangsters and violence.

To publicly demonstrate their anger, they intend to stage a protest

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march to the Law and Order Minister's offices where they will hand over a memorandum detailing their problem.

They will also hand over a separate memorandum listing their complaints about rent arrears and water and electricity switch-offs.

Charlotte Tilo, who spoke for the women, told City Press that schoolchildren had been killed by

the 'Three Million' gang who have been terrorising the township since last year - yet not one gangster has been convicted.

In the northern Orange Free State the Tumahole community near Parys has voted to start a three-month consumer boycott of white-owned businesses if their complaints about continuous water cut-offs are not dealt with.

OFS farmers vow to fight murderers

STAR 20/2/92

By Peter Davies

There is "an undeclared war situation" in the Free State farming community, with farmers poised to take the law into their own hands after Theunissen farmer Thys Maartens became the 15th victim of 11 separate attacks on farmers since December 1 last year.

Dr Pieter Gous, president of the Free State Agricultural Union, said yesterday: "We must look at the reasons for these attacks.

"They are nothing to do with economics or survival, but are gruesome, brutal, planned murders. They are a planned effort to scare farmers from their land. And the political forces are trying to play down

the seriousness of the situation."

Police on Tuesday arrested three suspects in connection with the killing of Mr Maartens — one of whom allegedly shot himself in the head as detectives closed in, said a police spokesman.

The man, aged about 26, is in a critical condition in the Welkom Hospital. He also had a bullet wound in the right leg, allegedly inflicted during the shootout with Mr Maartens (48) and his wife, Maria Jacoba (43), on their farm Groothoek.

Mr Maartens was killed in the exchange.

A second suspect, aged 23, was later arrested in the Theunissen district, said Lieutenant-Colonel Johan Fouche.

By evening, police had picked up a third man on his way to Bultfontein.

Dr Gous said: "We are in an undeclared war situation. These guys are

trained killers and can handle weapons better than most farmers.

"I can't stress it enough that the farmers are tired of being hunted like wild animals. If the law can't help it'll take just one more murder for this situation to explode."

Koos Pienaar, chairman of the Theunissen farmers district union and brother-in-law of Mr Maartens said: "We are more ready than ever after this attack.

"We'll fight for our lives. We are more determined to protect ourselves and criminals must take note of this."

There will be a top-level conference on farm security in Bloemfontein on February 25 attended by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel, Agriculture Minister Kraai van Niekerk and Deputy Defence Minister Wynand Breytenbach.

Eight guilty of horror killings

C/Pren 23/2/92
By DAN DHLAMINI

SPINE-chilling events at the Mshenguville squatter camp in Odendaalsrus, where four whites were murdered and set alight, unfolded this week in the Virginia Circuit Court.

Judge DJ Lombard sitting with two assessors heard how a white woman was stripped naked and begged for mercy while her eyes were gouged out with a knife and one of her breasts cut off, before her private parts were chopped with an axe.

This was the evidence against Phillip Matela, 25; Mandlakapele Dlamini, 28; Dick Nhole, 18; Monare Moikabi, 26; Thami Hlobo, 26; Justice Segopa, 28; and three 16-year-old youths, by State witnesses whose identities were protected following a successful application by the prosecutor, Advocate Andre Becker.

The accused, who are defended by advocates Mike Naidoo and Essop Patel, chose not to give evidence under oath and eight of them were found guilty on all four counts of murder.

In convicting the eight accused, Justice Lombard said the manner in which the four Odendaalsrus whites were murdered in Kutlwanong township, was atrocious and barbaric.

He convicted Matela, Dlamini, Nhole, Moikabi, Hlobo, Segopa, and two 16-year-old youths, all of Kutlwanong, on all four counts of murder.

Matela, Dlamini, Nhole and Segopa were also found guilty of malicious damage to property following the burning of the victims' car.

Another 16-year-old youth, who was not seen by any of the State witnesses at the scene of crime, was found guilty of common assault following his own confession, that he was under duress when he sjamboked one of the whites.

Cornered

The incident occurred on September 29, 1990, at Mshenguville squatter camp where the accused and others cornered Shelly Erica Basson, Anthony Marc Casey, Johannes Petrus van Niekerk and Michael Frederick Belelie and started assaulting them for no reason.

Initially, 33 accused, mostly youths, and a woman had been charged.

A male witness said he saw Dlamini and Segopa hold the white woman while Moikabi gouged her eyes with a knife while she screamed in agony.

He said she was still alive when Dlamini cut off one of her breasts and Segopa chopped her private parts with an axe before they hurled her body on top of a burning car.

He said another witness tried to help the driver of the car escape but the driver tripped and fell and was set alight by the mob.

Advocate Becker told the court he would oppose the defence application for extension of bail pending sentence.

Advocates Patel and Naidoo told the court they would call an expert witness to testify in mitigation of sentence tomorrow. Patel told City Press he was going to appeal against the conviction.

ET's back in business

By LEN KALANE ^{27/11}

THE Mshenguville Crisis Committee has resolved its differences with the family of former Soweto mayor Ephraim Tshabalala - whom they had earlier accused of infiltrating Inkatha members into Mshenguville.

The solution means the boycott on Tshabalala businesses has been lifted, the committee confirmed in a letter.

The businesses include the Eyethu Cinema, a butchery, a dry-cleaning outlet, a cafe and a number of other outlets in the Tshabalala business complex in Mofolo.

The Tshabalala family has been living in fear since August last year following allegations that Tshabalala betrayed Mshenguville squatters by importing Inkatha warriors.

Tshabalala is the president of the Sofasonke Party, founded in the 1940s by the late James "Sofasonke" Mpanza. The party holds a majority of seats in the Soweto Council.

At one stage when things were tense, the family said Mshenguville - named after the clan name of former Soweto



ET TSHABALALA . . . The boycott of his Soweto businesses has ended following talks.

mayor ET Tshabalala - was not under Sofasonke influence any more as the party's supporters had moved on to Orange Farm.

They also denied family links to Inkatha attacks on Mshenguville residents, saying the ageing Tshabalala patriarch had been sick in bed at the time.

The attacks coincided with the launch of Inkatha's Mshenguville branch.

A series of protracted meetings went unresolved - until recently.

This week Tshabalala Business Enterprise spokesman and family member Dombolo Tshabalala announced that the boycott against them was over.

Dombolo said: "We are delighted that certain people have now come to their senses."

As a gesture of goodwill Dombolo announced on Friday that the Eyethu Cinema and a number of social organisations would launch a charity session later in the month for the benefit of the Othandweni Home.

Murders not 'work of ANC'

Sowetan 3/3/92

THE ANC had nothing to do with any violence or murders taking place in the Orange Free State, says Mr Nelson Mandela.

He was speaking at a media briefing in Welkom on Monday at the start of his visit to the Northern Free State.

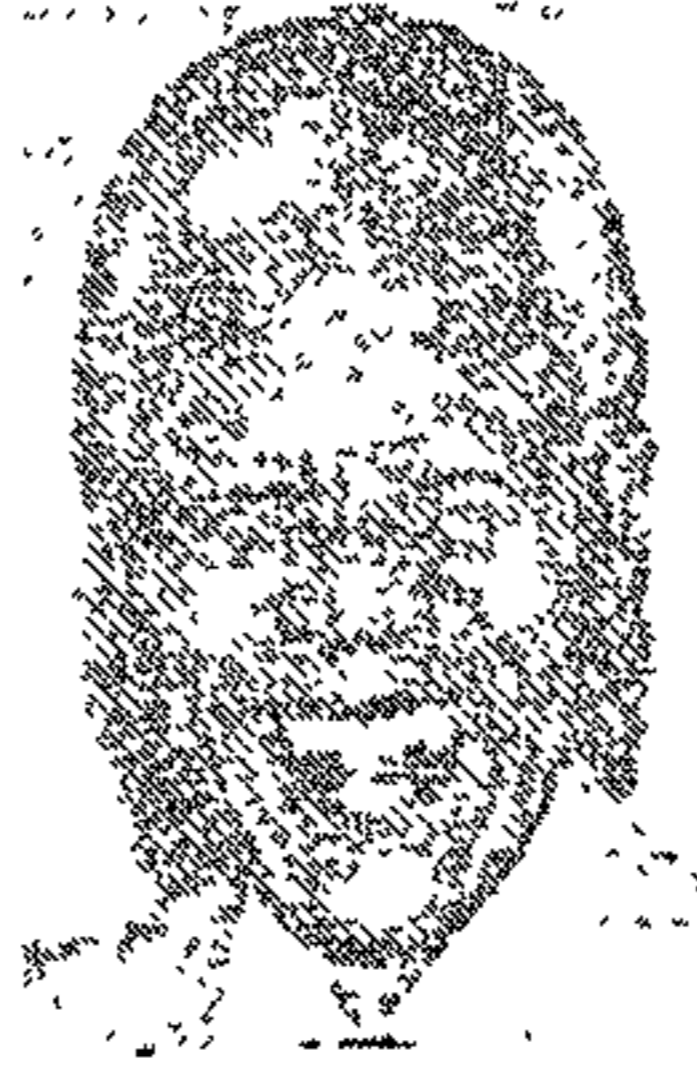
The visit kicked off a campaign to visit the 14 regions of the ANC in South Africa to ascertain the state of the organisation and to ensure that the ANC was ready to participate at all levels - national, regional and local - in the peace process.

Mandela said he felt everyone should be involved in the campaign for a peaceful democratic South Africa. This was one of the main reasons for his visit.

He said the ANC was prepared to give any help it could to put an end to violent crimes.

The ANC was also prepared to help people and organisations affected by the drought.

Mandela said the ANC



NELSON MANDELA

had been shocked by recent murders in the Free State.

"The killing of any human being is a tragic event, especially when the killing appears to be systematic," he said.

He said the media had presented these murders as only affecting white farmers, but in the Welkom township of Thabong three businessmen had recently been murdered.

"It affects all population groups. The focus by the mass media is not accurate," said Mandela.

It was regretted that valuable people like businessmen and farmers were be-

ing lost. The ANC expressed sympathy to the next-of-kin of those who had been killed.

Mandela said the ANC could not be held responsible for any form of violence. The SA Police had stated clearly that the farmers' deaths were not acts of any political organisations but purely criminal.

He had been appalled, on a recent visit to the Northern Transvaal, by the destruction caused by the drought.

Food prices were rocketing because of crop failures. This placed an enormous strain on a community which had fought poverty, disease and the lack of basic facilities for several years.

Mandela said the ANC was prepared to help wherever it could. It would not make promises it could not keep. It was in contact with a number of charitable organisations and was prepared to help them focus their attention on areas which most needed aid. - Sapa.

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Right wing stops president speaking on OFS campus

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Students teargas FW

BLOEMFONTEIN
President de Klerk and his wife, Marike, had to be rushed to safety by bodyguards after a teargas "bomb" was thrown into the Free State University cafeteria where he was preparing to address students last night.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee was slightly injured in the attack.

Mrs de Klerk was clearly shocked by the incident, but Mr de Klerk, who received encouraging calls from students as he was escorted to his car, gave a "thumbs-up".

Mr de Klerk was to have addressed the UOFS students at the last stop of his referendum tour of the Free State, but was persistently shouted down by rightwingers.

He had, however, been enthusiastically received elsewhere in the Free State.

One of the organisers said he believed the teargas had been thrown by a right-wing student to force Mr de Klerk to leave.

The cafeteria was packed with students. Several hundred stood outside on the lawns.

Mr de Klerk arrived at about 9.10 pm and was greeted by cheers and boos as he entered the cafeteria.

A large body to the right of the makeshift dais began to yell "Ka-Pee, Ka-Pee".

They then broke into song with "Bobbejaan klim die berg".

As the master of ceremonies started to welcome Mr de Klerk and assure him of a welcome on the Kovsie campus, the rightwingers shouted "Nee, nee, nee", and lifted "Nee" signs.

There were a few "Yes, yes, yes" shouts, but the "no" mob out-yelled them, with "Huis toe, huis toe, veraaier, veraaier" (go home traitor).

This was followed by singing of "Die lied van Jong Suid-Afrika".

Bodyguards

About 20 minutes after the presidential couple had arrived, the teargas was thrown and they had to be rushed out of the cafeteria by bodyguards.

They were escorted to a nearby lounge, where they spent a few minutes before being taken to their car and leaving.

Earlier in the evening, Mr de Klerk addressed 1200 supporters in the Bloemfontein City Hall.

He said the Conservative Party should take a stand against the fascists and Nazis in its ally the AWB.

Mr de Klerk said the National Party was sick of being accused of espousing communism while negotiating a constitution that was its very antithesis.

"I say let us fight communism, but let us also fight fascism and Nazism — and I challenge the CP to take a firm stand on this."

The NP did not believe that the South African Communist Party had a future.

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Cowabunga dudes . . . mutant red-nosed Johannesburg City Council employee Wynand du Preez enjoys some comic Saturday's Red Nose Day when organisers hope to raise millions of laughs and rands for Child Welfare. Picture: F

Fairland watchmaker stabbed to death

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Staff

A watchmaker in Fairland, Johannesburg, was stabbed to death at his shop yesterday when he innocently opened the door of his shop to two "customers".

Louis Fourie opened the security gate to his shop, in a townhouse complex in 11th Avenue soon after 8.30 am, but his "customers" overpowered him and stabbed him several times.

Police, with the help of local shopworkers, arrested two men shortly after the attack. One of the arrested men told police he was an SAP assistant constable, but police could not confirm this.

Johan Eloff, who works at a hardware shop across the road from the townhouse complex, said he heard a terrible scream coming from the townhouses.

"As I got to the corner of the building, I saw a man lying on his side on the



"It was crazy" . . . Johan Eloff points out where the murder occurred. Picture: Etienne Rothbart

the stabbing looked up at me," he said. "I realised that I was completely unarmed and for a moment I was really scared."

Mr Eloff said he chased the pair for a little way, but a group of workers took over the chase while he tended to the victim.

when his employees chased the man down Davidson Street, he pulled out a knife and threatened them with it.

"But one of my men picked up a stone and threw it. It hit the suspect on the forehead and he dropped the knife, so my men grabbed him," Mr Eloff said.

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South Africa and are
strongly represented in the
AWB.

"You only need to read its
constitution and look at its
insignia. The difference is
that the AWB is in an official
alliance with the CP."

Earlier in the day, at
Kroonstad, Mr de Klerk said
the "winner take all" consti-
tutions of Zimbabwe and Na-
mibia were recipes to be
avoided.

He said the constitutions
negotiated in those countries
did not have the checks and
balances he had spelt out for
a future South Africa.

Mr de Klerk's campaign
moves to Kimberley today.—
Sapa.

(Report by Enid Rhodes, 404 Old Mutual
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Police probe after teargas attack

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POLICE have intensified their search for the perpetrators of Monday night's teargassing incident at a referendum meeting addressed by President F W de Klerk, which left Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and several students injured.

No arrests had been made by yesterday afternoon, but all leads were being followed up, a Bloemfontein police spokesman said.

De Klerk, his wife Marike and Coetsee's wife escaped unscathed but shaken from the Free State University cafeteria where the President and Coetsee had addressed students.

NP organisers said they believed the teargas canister was thrown by AWB sympathisers who sang and chanted as De Klerk entered the canteen. Sapa-AFP reports that De Klerk yesterday blamed the CP for the "cowardly" teargas attack.

He said: "When a party reverts to such tactics it is a clear indication of bankruptcy."

"It doesn't help the CP to try to distance itself with nice sounding words from incidents such as this."

"It is exactly the misrepresentations by the CP in their speeches, publications and posters which create the climate for such reprehensi-

ble and cowardly actions."

De Klerk's office said there were no plans to step up security for the rest of his referendum campaign. Coetsee was temporarily blinded and sustained light injuries in the melee, and was admitted to the Universitas Hospital for treatment.

His engagements yesterday were cancelled but he is due to return to the university today to deliver an academic lecture.

Justice Ministry spokesman Nic Grobler said Coetsee had suffered bruised ribs and a bruised hand, Sapa reports.

The CP yesterday condemned the attack. Natal leader Carl Werth said he deplored any form of violence to achieve political or other goals. During a referendum debate with DP MP Roger Burrows in Durban, he said he was "disappointed and distressed by what happened in Bloemfontein".

He said he believed every party should have an opportunity to state its case and that voters should have the chance to assess the message from various sides.

"I state unequivocally that my party and I are absolutely opposed to

these events and have been involved in no incidents of this nature. We will continue to hold that stance," he said.

AWB spokesman Piet Rudolph told Sapa yesterday that De Klerk should expect a repeat of the attack if he continued to liken the movement to Hitler's Nazis. "He is reaping the whirlwind he has been sowing."

Rudolph denied the AWB was responsible for the attack.

The university apologised to the President for the incident. It said it was conducting its own investigation and noted that an assault charge had been laid.

The university SRC said witness reports, videos and photographs would be studied to find out who was involved in the teargas attack. It said it would recommend that the AWB's right to operate on the campus be withdrawn.

De Klerk's referendum campaign organiser Sheila Camerer said a local NP official had identified the perpetrators as AWB members.

"It means the CP may begin to find the AWB harmful to their cause," she said.

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Witness to attack on FW punched

Crime Staff **STAR** 18/3/92

A female student at the University of the Orange Free State (UOFS) was assaulted and warned at the weekend not to testify about last week's tear gas attack on President de Klerk in the university cafeteria.

Students' Representative Council chairman Coenraad Jonker said the woman told him she had received a note on Saturday night, which enticed her out of the hostel.

Outside, a man punched her in the face and warned her not to testify about the attack.

She has since been moved from the hostel to a place of safety and says she is too frightened to make a statement to the police.

Several other students also allegedly received threatening notes after the attack.

The police investigation into the March 9 tear-gassing, which has been condemned by the UOFS Board of Trustees, was "advancing rapidly", a police spokesman said yesterday.

Rightwinger admits parcel bomb killing

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Rightwinger Lood van Schalkwyk yesterday pleaded guilty to murdering a Durban computer consultant with a parcel bomb, to attempting to kill two people with a bomb in Pretoria's Bloed Street, and to two counts of malicious damage to property.

Mr Justice Curlewis is expected to sentence him soon in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

Dr van Schalkwyk, who claims to have embarked on a hunger strike, arrived at court in a wheelchair.

Last year, Dr van Schalkwyk and two co-accused, Henry Martin and Adrian Maritz, went on a disputed "hunger strike" in an attempt to force the authorities to grant them indemnity from charges related to the Bloed Street and Durban blasts.

Mr Martin and Mr Maritz fled the country last October and are now in Britain.

Dr van Schalkwyk admitted that on October 2 1990 he murdered Nicholas James Elvin Cruise, a trainee computer consultant, with a bomb hidden in a computer.

He also confessed to the attempted murder of George Balozi and James Allan Petrus Barton in Bloed Street, Pretoria, on August 11 1990. The men were injured when a bomb, with a timing device, exploded next to a taxi rank.

A total of 20 charges were withdrawn against him in terms of the Government's indemnity arrangements for certain types of crime.

Police investigations revealed that commercial explosives, used for mining, had caused both explosions. — Sapa-Pretoria Correspondent.

Stand down, Botswana's government is urged

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GABORONE — Botswana's opposition yesterday called on President Quett Masire's government to resign within six months and call an election.

They also called on President Masire to clear himself of association with several allegedly corrupt companies.

At a joint news conference, Kenneth Koma, leader of the Botswana National Front, and Knight Maripe, leader of the Botswana People's Party, condemned Cabinet Ministers Peter Mmusi, Daniel Kwelagobe and Mlcahel Tshipinare, who resigned over allegations of land deal irregularities.

The two leaders called on President Masire to dismiss them from Parliament.

They also called for a purge of civil servants implicated in the scandals and for the cancellation of a R60 million contract for the construction of new headquarters for the Botswana Housing Corporation.



OFS cops kill two suspects

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men were killed in a follow-up operation yesterday after a policeman was killed and another wounded near Bethlehem on Thursday.

The men were killed in the Ficksburg area in the Free State. (277)

Constable Lourens Oosthuizen was killed and Constable Hermanus Joubert seriously wounded in Thursday's incident when they went to assist a couple being attacked at the Bally Duff Smallholdings. CT44/92

A large-scale follow-up operation began and a suspect was shot and killed, allegedly when he tried to lead the police into an ambush early yesterday. A second suspect was killed, apparently when he tried to flee.

Arrest of MK man

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The arrest of a member of the ANC's military wing in connection with the killing of a policeman in the Free State last week could have serious consequences for the process of negotiations at Codesa, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said on Saturday night.

"This matter cannot be left to rest," Mr Coetsee said in a statement.

"In fact, it reflects on the veracity of Codesa itself and could have serious consequences for negotiations.

"As leader of the National Party in the Free State, I wish to leave no doubt as to the serious light in which I view this matter," Mr Coetsee said.

The continuing loss of life around the country left him with no alternative but to consider "strict action" at Codesa's working group one, which is dealing with security matters, and where Mr Coetsee is the Government's representative.

He would also recommend to the Government that it "take further drastic steps to contain the violence".

Police said on Saturday that six men had been arrested in the Ficksburg area of the eastern Free State in connection with last Thursday's attack on the police.

Constable Lourens Oosthuizen was killed and Constable Hermanus Joubert was seriously wounded in the incident near Bethlehem.

Two unidentified men were later killed in confrontations with the police, and two others are still missing.

The regional commissioner of police in the Free State, Major-General Tertius Calitz, confirmed that one of the suspects arrested on Friday was a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe.

"I wish to honour the late Constable Oosthuizen, and Constable Joubert, who was injured in the incident..." Mr Coetsee said in his statement.

**Claim of 'political'
design in farm death**

THE shooting of two policemen in Bethlehem proved there were political undertones to the recent wave of violence in the Free State, the province's Agricultural Union president, Dr Pieter Gous, said yesterday. In last week's farm attack a policeman was killed and another injured. Sapa (27)

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'Politics behind killings'

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THE shooting of two policemen in Bethlehem proved there were political undertones to the recent wave of violence in the Orange Free State, the province's Agricultural Union president, Dr Pieter Gous, said on Tuesday.

Constable Lourens Oosthuizen was killed and Constable Herman Joubert was wounded in a gang attack last week.

Gous said it seemed that the target of "these terrorists" was, once again, the farming community.

He said the men were apparently heavily armed and well trained terrorists.

This was in glaring contrast to the image which "spokesmen outside agriculture" tried to create at the union's security congress in February and after the congress, said Gous.

The image had been created that it was solely economic conditions that forced hungry black people to rob and assault farmers and that there were no political undertones. Various attempts had been made to strongly criticise farmers who held a different view, said Dr Gous. - Sapa.

Cops called to quell court demo

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RIOT police were called to quell a protest by about 300 blacks outside the Bloemfontein Supreme Court yesterday after they were refused entry into the building to attend a "racially-motivated" murder trial.

The crowd demanded to be allowed into the court building in Fountain Street to support Verkeerdevlei resident Mr Gabriel Mahakoe (43), who allegedly killed four whites "to cut off the hand of apart-

heid".

"You people are saying the book of apartheid is closed.

"But why are you refusing us entry to the court, while allowing white people?" one of the crowd shouted at the policemen.

"We are aware that by not allowing us to enter you are intending to destroy the vibrant spirit of Mahakoe," he added.

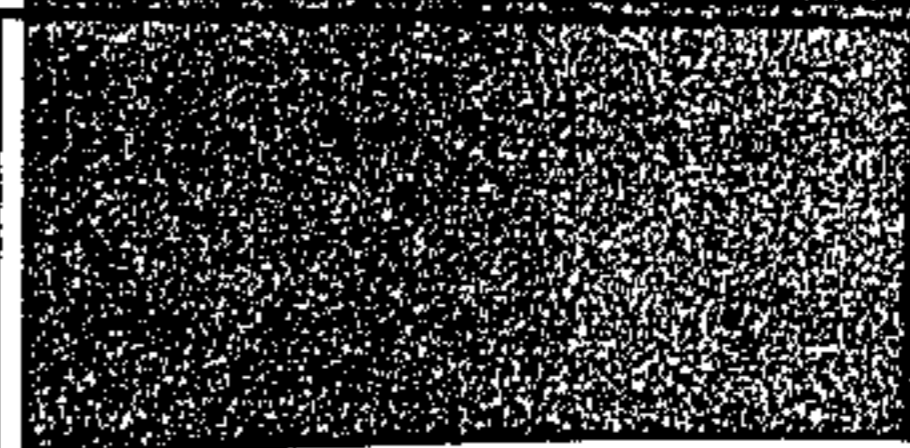
The protest ended without incident and the crowd eventually dispersed.

For two days in succession this week Mahakoe interrupted his trial to tell

Mr Justice D Kotze he wanted a black judge and a black prosecutor.

Kotze adjourned the proceedings to allow Mahakoe to confer with his lawyer, after telling him there were no black judges in the country and that the Attorney-General had the authority to appoint whoever he preferred to prosecute.

The trial was postponed to next month. - SA Press Association.



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'Racist' trial protest

STAR 24/4/92

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Earlier this week, Mr Mahakwe told Mr Justice Kotze he wanted a black judge and prosecutor. The judge informed Mr Mahakwe that there were no black judges in the country and that the Attorney-General had the authority to appoint whoever he preferred to prosecute.

The hearing continues. — Sapa.

PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK visits the frightened Free State where murder has become common and whites talk of revenge

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THE bakkie sped past in a cloud of dust and the driver signalled to us to pull over. It was Nick Pretorius, whose 82-year-old mother had been murdered in her farmhouse three days before. We had just talked to him back at the farm but he wanted to add something.

"I just wanted you to know she had no enemies," he said.

Pretorius got back in the bakkie and we saw him drive towards the cemetery to supervise the digging of a grave for his mother.

We had been driving slowly back towards Verkeerdevlei, the kind of place where TS Eliot could show you fear in a handful of dust.

Earlier, we found the town almost deserted. The only activity was a gathering of cars outside a derelict town hall for an Afrikaanse Protestantse Kerk bazaar. The people looked like they belonged in some mutant American Gothic painting and they eyed us with a faint air of menace.

Verkeerdevlei built both its cemetery and its black location a half a kilometre from town, removing the white dead and the black living to share the same flat empty vista.

Now death in the form of black men had come to visit their farms with a vengeance.

The widow Jani Pretorius was the seventh white to be murdered on a Free State farm since December and the sixth in Verkeerdevlei alone. Nothing was stolen, except a pistol.

The mystery of the motive for the killings touched a sore spot of enmity and insecurity that is as old as white occupation of the Free State, a mystery that is personified in the saga of Gabriel Mahakoe.

According to his own account, Mahakoe walked into the farmhouse of the Engelbrecht family on the farm Grootstry three days before Christmas, located the farmers' gun and ammunition, loaded the gun, tested it by shooting out a window and sat down in the lounge — "the holy room where a kaffir never sits" — to wait for the family to come home.

When they came in, Mahakoe told a magistrate in Brandfort: "I said to them 'Mauloje Afrika' That means Africa is back. Then I went on with my work."

"What do you mean when you say you went ahead with your work?" asked magistrate F van Deventer, as the stenographer scrawled away.

"I wanted to chop off the hand of apartheid but I only succeeded in chopping off the fingertips. We are tired."

"How did you go about your work?" The magistrate persisted.

"As I began to shoot I said: 'I am not shooting you, I am shooting the name dog, baboon' — this is what we are called. They kill us."

Despite his protestations that it was his intention to kill the four ("I could have killed 20 to 50") and not to steal, attorney-general Tim McNally insists that the motive was robbery and Mahakoe has been dispatched for psychiatric observation.

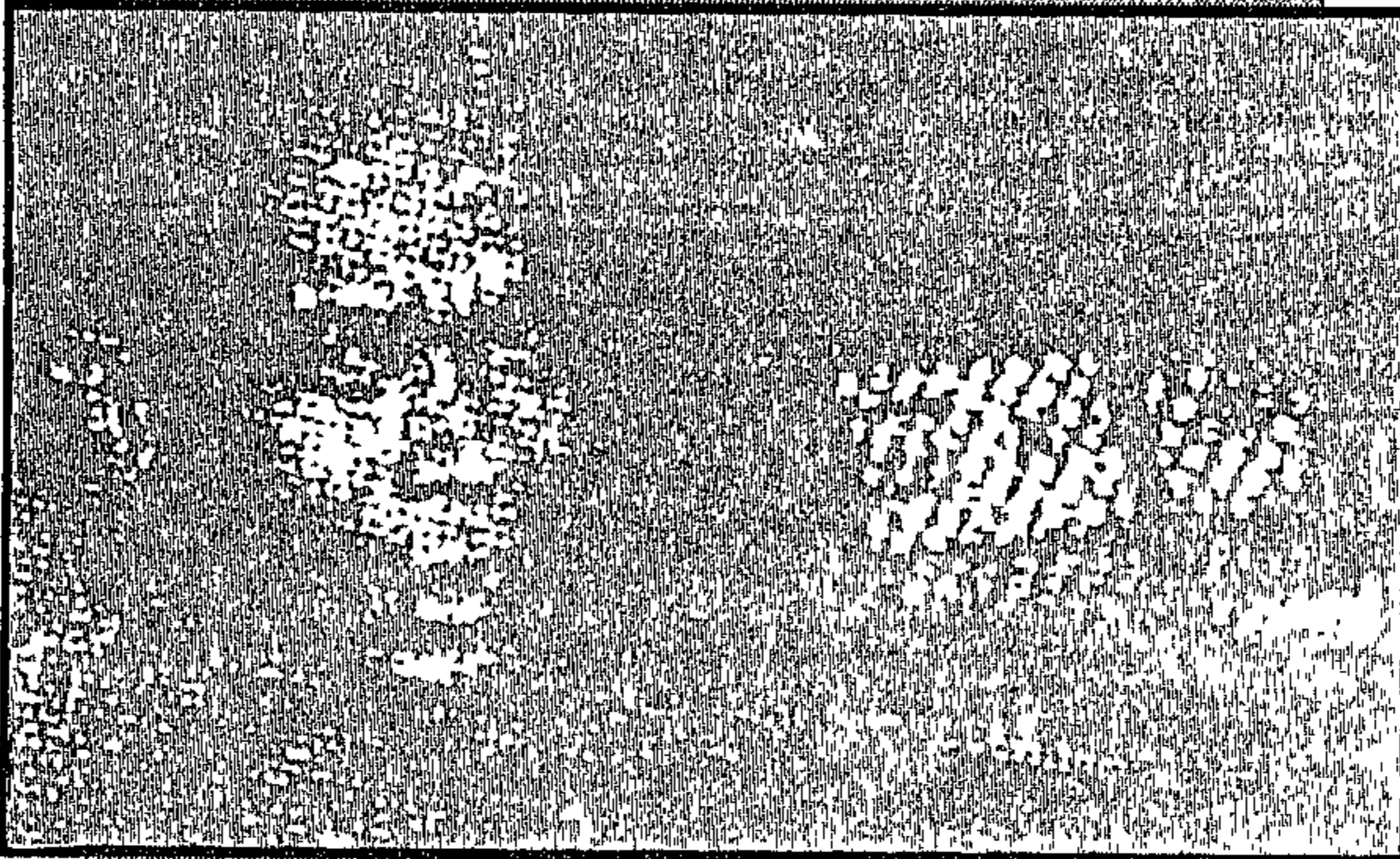
Major A van Deventer, of the Bloemfontein police, said this week that no political motive could be found in any of the seven murders.

Yet there is a curious synchronism between Mahakoe's testimony and the primordial fears of the white farmers.

"It's very clear they are not coming here to steal," said local Conservative Party chairman Chris Roux, whose brother Hansie found Jani Pretorius' body. He believes the killings have political overtones.

The Free State is "getting like Rhodesia", said Roux. There, farmers were "utgemoor" — murdered to drive them off their land.

Gabriel Mahakoe may well be mad



But in his madness, he has struck a chord

Among the platteland's impoverished farm labourers, Gabriel Mahakoe, who murdered a white family 'to cut off the hand of apartheid', has become a legend. But among the white farmers, he is the personification of an ancient fear.

"All because of (President FW) De Klerk's reforms, the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress and all the bandit organisations are in the townships now," he said.

"The educated ones who are not so stupid come and talk and the others listen to them. It's very clear that these killings are not just accidental."

In the Free State politics and revenge are a strong brew. Paranoia swept the province following a spate of murders and attacks early this year, fuelling Ku Klux Klan-style vigilantism.

The local community's natural reluctance to talk to strangers has turned to stony silence since the incident on January 12 after a break-in at the Grootgewag farm, in which the elderly Pienaar couple were shot and beaten by four intruders.

Even those farmers that will speak to the press leave out the bit about how an armed posse of farmers and townspeople captured three of the four suspects, and lynched them. One man died.

Police said they were opening a murder docket, but — even though prominent leaders of the community were implicated in the mass lynching — four months later no-one has been charged. The matter has been referred to the attorney general.

Last week the killers of Jani Pretorius made sure they got far away.

She was murdered on Tuesday but by Thursday police were saying they had extended their search to Thaba'Nchu and Botshabelo — which is like searching for a needle in a huge black squatter settlement. Once you have got that far it is very hard for the white man's law to follow you.

With fear and racial tension reaching breaking point, an emergency congress of the Free State Agricultural Union was held in Bloemfontein in February.

The upshot was an attempt to turn the Free State farming districts into virtual war zones with tough influx control and anti-squatting measures aimed at draconian controls on the movement of blacks.

One of the resolutions was a call to pull white policemen out of the townships to leave "feuding black political and ethnic groups" to their own devices and protect the isolated white farms instead.

It is probably a small footnote in the history of the saga, but residents of the Verkeerdevlei black location complain of a crime wave and say the police seldom patrol their township or even deign to come out when a crime has been committed.

The ANC has done its bit to ease the paranoia of the farmers. On April 8 South African Communist Party chief Chris Hani met senior police officers and farmers and assured them

that it was not ANC policy to nationalise farms by killing farmers.

Hani took the police to task for the groundless charge that ANC guerrillas were responsible for the murder of a young policeman in Bethlehem last month, a statement that predictably fanned the paranoia.

The ANC headquarters in the Verkeerdevlei location is marked by a milestone with the shield and colours of the movement painted outside. Local chairman Neo Banyane preaches the gospel of reconciliation, even as the township braces itself for another revenge attack from white farmers.

The Mahakoe myth has grown and been embellished as it reaches into the platteland. In Verkeerdevlei, they believe he is calling for the judge to exhume the unnamed graves of farmworkers killed by white farmers.

In fact, he does claim that he knows of a grave on a local farm where a friend of his who was beaten to death is buried.

But the myth, given wings, has turned into a demand that Judge Richard Goldstone come to Verkeerdevlei to exhume the anonymous bodies of farmworkers out of the red Free State dust.

Whether or not Mahakoe is mad, his plea strikes a chord.

"I wanted to show the tribe of Africa that we can do it, that we are tired of being slaves," he told the magistrate at Brandfort.

At the supreme court hearings in Bloemfontein last month, the courtroom was packed every day. At the adjournment blacks came to shake Mahakoe's hand and wish him well.

At Verkeerdevlei, there are old people, lifelong farmworkers, who talk of inhuman treatment, of being jailed and beaten for nothing and farmed out as convict labour for no wage, of being set on by dogs, but mostly of working a miserable job for a few rand and half a sack of mealie meal at the end of the month.

One old man has worked in the farms around here for decades. "We grew big under the white people," he says. He talks about which employers were *kwaai* (ferocious) and which were good people — Baas so-and-so was good but Miesies so-and-so poured porridge over us. He knows the murdered ones.

This is where the understanding of politics diverges. White farmers such as Chris Roux blame it all on big conspiracies — De Klerk's reforms, ANC machinations — in which the farmers are always innocent victims.

But in their fear that the land will be taken back from them lies a deeper insecurity. Verkeerdevlei is part of what is still referred to as the conquered territory — land stolen from Basutoland in the second Boer-Sotho war in 1865.

The once plentiful inhabitants of the farms in this entire swathe have been swept up and dumped in Botshabelo and Thaba'Nchu, so that all that remains on the farms are permanent workers.

There are two types of blacks in the Free State platteland today — the totally marginalised in the camps and the totally dependent on the farms.

Mahakoe's appearance in the supreme court was the ultimate rejection of the white man's domain. He refused to be tried or to testify before a white judge.

"I have a lot of things in my heart that I want to say," he said. "But I want to say them to a black person — an African that looks like me."

Back in Verkeerdevlei, the drought has hit so hard that the fields have been burnt yellow, the way they should look at the end of winter. Rain has hardly fallen this year.

You leave, knowing that it's going to be a bad winter.

Mahakoe found the farmer's gun, tested it by shooting out of the window, sat down in the lounge — 'the holy room where a kaffir never sits' — and waited. When the family arrived, he greeted them with the words: 'Africa is back'

Dennisville residents on a collision course

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RESIDENTS at Dennisville township near Sasolburg are on a confrontation course with the authorities after the arrest of six civic leaders for staging a sit-in at the council offices.

Police in Casspirs were yesterday patrolling the township while residents held a mass meeting.

The arrest of the offi-

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cials, who were subsequently charged with trespassing and fined R30 each payable by the end of the month, follows the alleged failure of the Dennisville administrator, Ms Roselle de Jager, to meet the community leaders to discuss residents' demands.

Dennisville residents,

according to community leader the Reverend Thabang Skhosana, are demanding additional sites promised to them by the administrator this year.

"The attitude of the administrator is quite arrogant," said Skhosana. "Instead of agreeing to meet the leaders she decided to send police to arrest them.

"This angered residents

who have vowed to take the matter up while resolving problems on their own," he said.

De Jager could yesterday not be reached for comment. Residents demand that the charges against civic members be withdrawn, the immediate occupation of the sites by residents and the withdrawal of the police from the township.

The rebel poet, the activist ... and the dead gang leader

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DENNIS BLOEM and Antjie Krog haven't spoken for four months. He is the firebrand vice-chairman of the African National Congress in Kroonstad, Terror Lekota's right-hand man, adored by the young lions and reviled by the South African Police. She is Afrikanerdom's renegade poet, an elegant wordsmith and eloquent conscience, one of only two white ANC members in town. She teaches in Brentpark, the bleak coloured township behind the power station, and Bloem's daughter is one of her students.

Before February 25, Bloem and Krog were effective, if unlikely, comrades; white poet and black revolutionary worked well together, as symbols and as activists.

But then there was a murder and now Bloem is the accused and Krog is, according to the state, one of its witnesses.

On February 25, Kroonstad's most notorious gangster, George Ramasimong, known as "Diwiti", was gunned down at the taxi rank. As the leader of the notorious Three Million Gang, he had unleashed an 18-month reign of terror upon Moakeng, Kroonstad's gritty and violent agglomeration of townships.

The night of the murder, Bloem was arrested along with three comrades, a

businessman named Joseph Tumisi, a schoolteacher named Hankan and Kroonstad's other white ANC member, Cecile Antonie. After a night of interrogation, Tumisi and Hankan were released. Tumisi has laid an assault charge which police say is "being investigated". Charges were also dropped against Antonie but, a week later, three of Bloem's cousins were arrested and charged.

When bail was granted for Bloem,

it was announced that Tumisi and Hankan — along with Krog — would be state witnesses, and that he was to have no contact with any of them. His lawyer Oupa Matsipe claims that "this was absurd. These people work with each other every day. So we challenged this condition, and we won".

Bloem, who has pleaded not guilty and is adamant that he had nothing to do with the murder, believes there is only one reason that the SAP is using his three comrades as state witnesses: "They are trying to divide us."

According to Free State deputy attorney general Andre du Toit, the police already have a full confession from one of Bloem's co-accused. But the Kroonstad activist maintains that "the police see me as the ringleader here. They've been trying to pin something on me for years, and this



Antjie Krog, left, and Dennis Bloem ... The tannies say "see what happens when you mix up with THEM"

Brentpark see Diwiti's murderer as carrying out the work that the town's uniformed law enforcers have refused to do. Why, they are asking, is Dennis Bloem on trial while Three-Millions go free?

Bloem's trial will take place in November or December, in the Bloemfontein Supreme Court. Meanwhile, ANC activism in Kroonstad remains all but paralysed, and hysteria around killings and hit-lists and vengeance seems to have overtaken the kind of grassroots support-building the ANC so critically needs.

The murder of Diwiti does not seem to have "liberated" the people of Kroonstad. If anything, it has stirred up a toxic brew of politics.

Witness the fact that one of Bloem's co-accused, a cousin named Isaac Petrus, was killed in Brentpark in late June, and that all the other accused have received death threats. Witness the nervy backward glances of township comrades.

Witness white Kroonstad, where the tannies prattle about Krog and Antonie: "See, we told you so — that's what happens when you mix with THEM. You get caught up in murder."

Witness the fact that Bloem and Krog have not spoken to each other in four months. Bloem maintains, however, that "the community still loves Antjie. She's done so much good work here. She's been an activist here since she was 12. She's our sister. She's my sister and, whatever happens, I will not hold it against her."

Krog, at this moment, is saying nothing, and the state has yet to issue detailed charge sheets to the accused. The circumstances of the murder — along with the consequences of the trial — remain as murky as the northern Free State horizons during a winter dust storm: ugly and impenetrable.

latest charge is just another attempt to frame me and implicate Antjie"

One rumour circulating Kroonstad, however, is that Diwiti's murder was in revenge for the death of Simon Bloem, Dennis' apolitical cousin who had been killed by the Three Millions at the same taxi rank the week before. But whether or not the Bloem family killed Diwiti in revenge, one thing is certain — the whole township celebrated his death. At the time, an unnamed community leader was reported as saying that "it isn't the ANC or the civic association or any individual who planned and executed the murder. It is the Moakeng community that has been suffering for so long under the Three Millions"

The Three Millions managed, figuratively and literally, to stop life in Moakeng. You couldn't find a taxi, you couldn't go to a shebeen and, claims the local ANC, more than 100 people were randomly killed at their hands. The Three Millions allegedly

conducted their reign of terror with the help of Inkatha and the blessing of the SAP. Local activists and lawyers say they have piles of evidence to this score, but a police spokesman says that, after investigation, "no proof could be found that there is any collusion between the police and the Three Million Gang."

Bloem is adamant that an SAP special investigator, Captain Deru, "told me that Dewiti had confessed to 19 murders. Why, then, was he never charged?" Kroonstad police dispute this — "Dewiti never confessed to committing any crime".

Matsipe estimates that about 50 deaths have occurred at the hands of the Three Millions, and less than 20 at the hands of ANC-affiliated youth. But while there are already five ANC members behind bars, and four murder cases (Bloem's included) pending against ANC-affiliated people, there appears to be little action being taken against the gang.

Residents of Moakeng and

THE ANC on Friday criticised police action at Phiriton township near Heilbron on Wednesday when two people were killed and four injured. The ANC said in a statement that "despite an undertaking by the SAP that they recognise that members of the public have the right to demonstrate peacefully", police opened fire on unarmed and peaceful demonstrators in Heilbron. (277)

The ANC said the police had caused panic by opening fire on people assembled to march to the local magistrate's court. *C/PRES 26/7/92*

Kiki Tshetshei, aged 14, and Champaign Ra-
debe, 22, were shot dead.

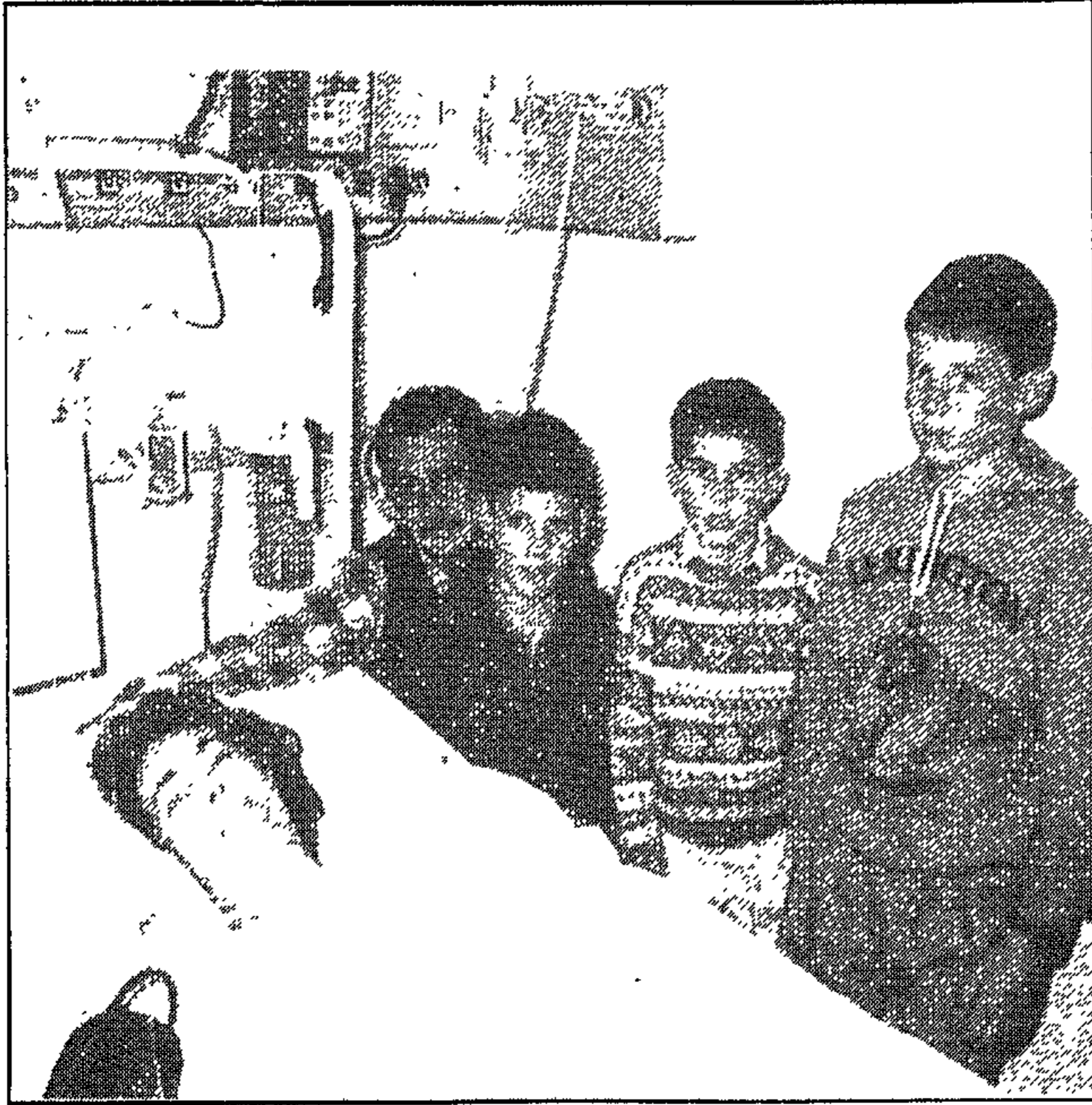
Stone-throwing slammed

THE Tripartite Alliance campaigns committee in the southern Free State region has apologised for stone-throwing incidents in Manguang township near Bloemfontein on Friday morning. (277)

A committee spokesman the alliance had immediately convened a meeting at the local ANC office to assess the situation. CP/ren 9/8/92

"We will not allow hooligans to destroy our organisation with their criminal behaviour," the spokesman said.

NEWS Man on shooting spree then commits suicide



Captain Bettie van Wyk, an injured victim of the shooting, is visited in hospital by her husband Warrant Officer Carlo van Wyk, and her children.



Killer Constable LS Hasabeng.

Pics courtesy Beeld

Cop runs amok, kills 8

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COLLEAGUES SLAIN Four other policemen and a girl of four among victims:

A POLICE constable turned Goedmoed Prison Farm on the banks of the Orange River into a slaughter house yesterday morning when he shot eight people dead, and then shot himself through the head.

In a two-hour drama, he shot up two police homes and the police station at the prison before committing suicide in the charge office.

The policeman, identified as Constable LS Hasebeng, was under investigation for allegedly raping a colleague's daughter.

A policeman, his wife and three daughters were killed in the shooting.

Intensive care unit

Four other people were wounded in the attack. They are all in a stable condition in the intensive care unit at the Hydromed Hospital in Bloemfontein.

The wounded were identified as Constable TL Musi, Captain Bettie van Wyk, Police Assistant PC Ramarumo, Police Assistant VR Tyu, and the girl Thobeka Dumayi.

One of the victims was named as the prison police station commander Warrant Officer Chris Schutte.

The hero in the blood letting was police Sergeant Kobus Kruger (22).

Kruger said last night he had been woken at 5am by a victim who had been shot in the shoulder.

"I went immediately to the police station. I called Captain Jannie Swanepoel, a medical officer, who brought an ambulance and asked a colleague, Bettie van Wyk, to come and assist him.

"While we were there we heard shots at the police living quarters about a kilometre away. The officer commanding the prison, Brigadier Harry Dunwoody, arrived with several warders and we went up to the houses."

Warders gave Sergeant Kruger cover as he entered the first house, and stumbled on a child of about five who had been shot dead.

"There was blood all over the place. A girl of about six lay dead with a chest wound. A man and a wife had been shot dead, also through the chest.

"I was horrified by the mayhem, but I still had to find the killer," he said.

"I then heard shots at the police station and drove back there.

"The station commander, Adjutant Chris Schutte, lay dead on the ground near the ambulance, also shot through the chest.

Kruger now stalked his man at the police station.

As he moved down an outside passage, the man suddenly opened fire.

Ran towards me

Kruger said: "He fired four shots at me and then ran towards me. I shot him in the leg and twice in the arm and he dropped the pistol.

"He pulled another pistol out of his belt, fired one shot and ran around the corner behind the police station.

"I then heard him enter the police station. He fired at a cordon of prison warders outside.

"Finally there was a dull shot and I heard a body falling.

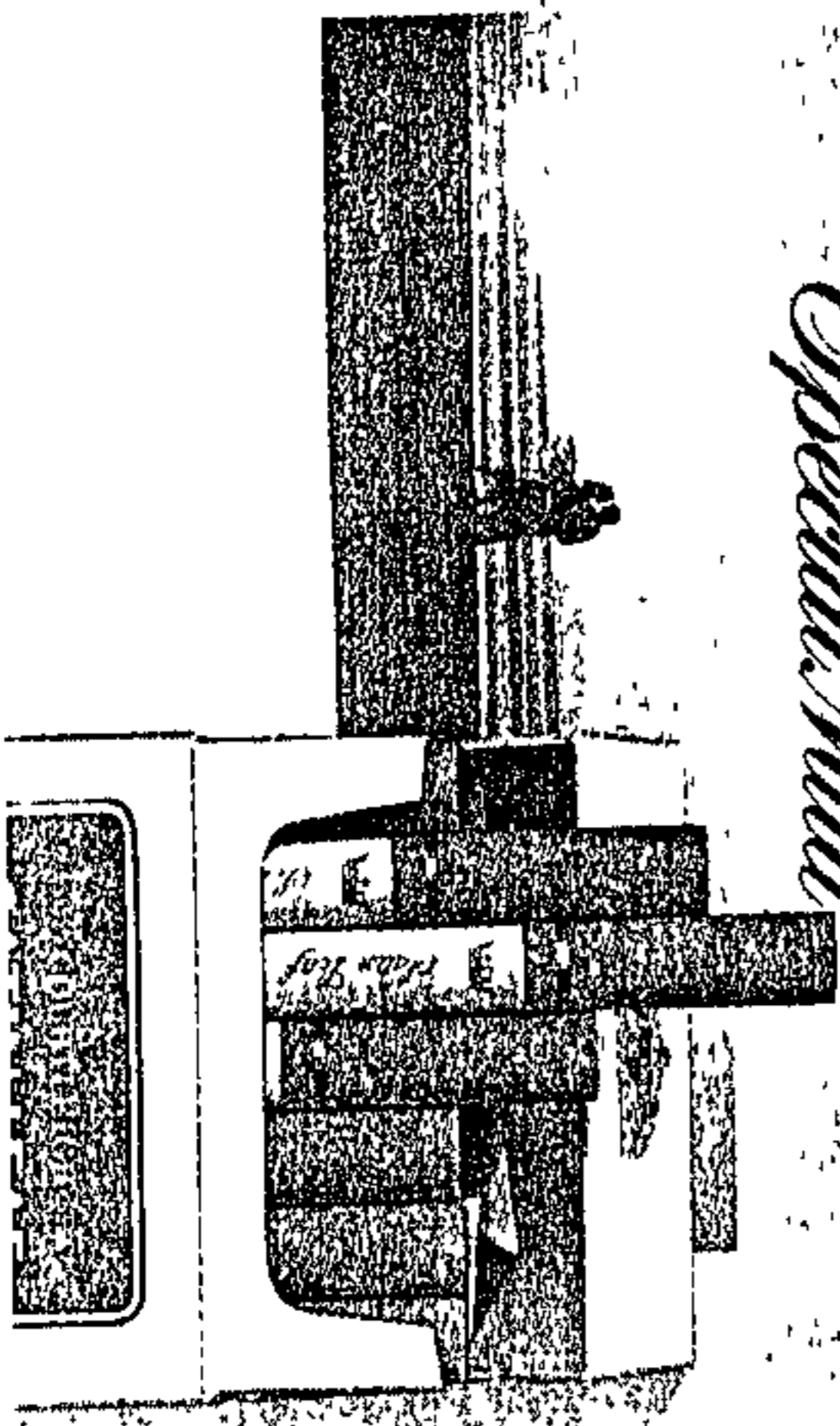
"Colonel le Roux called me to the charge office where the man lay dead, the pistol still in his hand."



Police try to wrench an advertising board from employees who are on strike at Brilliant Signs at Industria West, Johannesburg, yesterday. The board had apparently been removed from the company's premises by the strikers.
Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

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Special Mild



Crazed cop

Kills eight

SOLE SURVIVOR Little girl survives slaughter

of family as beserk constable kills seven people:

A BLACK constable went berserk in Goedemoed in the Free State yesterday morning and killed eight people. He then shot himself dead. Free State Police Commissioner General Tertius Calitz said the constable killed himself after a shootout with staff of the Department of Correctional Services, who had surrounded the police station on the premises of the Goedemoed prison complex.

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One big family who lived together



Washing out the bloodstains ... Cynthia Lekhula's mother and sisters



Diens en Plig ... Police work is a tradition in the family of slain Goedemoed station commander Chris Schutte

and, one bloody day, died together

ON Monday there were 10 officers on duty at the South African Police unit on the premises of the 7 000ha Goedemoed Prison farm. On Tuesday, following the rampage of Constable LS Hasebeng, there were three

In just over an hour, Hasebeng shot and killed 19-year-old Ernestina Mile, who had accused him of rape a day earlier, her mother, stepfather, 17-year-old sister and four-year-old step-sister. Hasebeng's station commander and two police assistants

Once Hasebeng's madness was ended by his own self-inflicted death there were, on the grounds of Goedemoed, eight dead and three wounded. All this at a quiet dawn on a quiet bend in the Orange River

"I suppose you could call it a family murder," says a visibly shocked Sergeant Kobus Kruger, 24 hours later. Kruger, who is only 22 years old, has been thrust not only into the role of hero, but into the shoes of his murdered station commander, who was killed, unarmed, as he tried to load his wounded men into an ambulance. "There are so few of us here, and we are so isolated, that we are very much a family."

How does he feel? "Well, how do you feel after a family tragedy? It's a big thing, a family murder. You've been attacked by one of your own. It's difficult to work through."

Family Duty Service. Even love. The words are formed and reformed in the mouths of the people who serve here, words grasping to explain the inexplicable, as if by merely being said they can recreate the sense of mission shattered by the pre-dawn dementia of one of their own.

At the residence of murdered station commander Chris Schutte, his oldest son, Deon, says that "at least we know our father was killed in the course of duty."

The Schutte family motto might well be "Diens en Plig." Deon is a for-

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Goedemoed is an idyllic, close-knit community in a bend of the Orange River. This week a policeman went berserk and shot dead eight of his colleagues and friends. 'I suppose you could call it a family murder,' says a shocked Sergeant Kobus Kruger

MARK GEVISSER and GUY ADAMS visit Goedemoed

mer policeman, the second son, Nico, is a policeman in Pretoria, the third son, Niekte, is a warden at Goedemoed Prison, the youngest son, Morné, is a Std 9 pupil in Alwal North. "My duty is to become a policeman," he says. "I feel it even more strongly now after watching my father die." Is the subtext revenge? It's difficult to tell in a 17-year-old who has lost his father only 24 hours previously.

Nico is "proud to be a policeman" but despondent. "You give so much to them and what do you get in return?" The Schutte boys are confused and uncertain. But of one thing they are sure — the grimace of betrayal, frozen into their father's features as he died. "I saw it in the morgue at Alwal North," says Deon, who gave up the SAP himself when he shot and killed two black youths in the course of duty in 1985. "I saw in his dead face the look of shock and disbelief that he had been killed by a fellow policeman, one of his own."

Colonel Gawie le Roux, second in command of the prison that shares the premises with the police station, emphasises this point. "Yes," he says, "that's what the trauma is about. The fact that policemen died, not at the hands of adversaries, but from a colleague they expected to protect them. That's what makes this whole thing a family crisis."

Like Kruger, Le Roux extols the familial virtues of this close-knit rural community. "It's idyllic. If I were to go to jail this is where I would want to be sent. Sure, it's isolated, but we joke

that people cry twice when they are stationed here, they cry the first time that they hear their posting is Goedemoed, and they cry the second time when they hear they've been relocated."

But the point about Goedemoed is that if it's a family, it's an artificially constructed one, made up of prisoners behind bars and staff from other places, posted to a rural settlement where they are forced into intimacy.

And that, perhaps, is where the problem began. Hasebeng went berserk after his good friend Constable SG Lekhula laid charges against him for the rape of one of his adopted daughters. Hasebeng killed the Lekhula family — his incriminators, his betrayers — and he killed the police officers who could subsequently incarcerate him.

"It must have been a matter of pride," says Kruger. "Imagine a proud policeman who sees himself, suddenly and violently, separated from his colleagues — his family — and condemned, like the bad son, to the darker side of a police cell's bars."

And so Hasebeng killed his black house mates, he killed his white commander. "There was nothing racial in it," adds Kruger emphatically. "It was one policeman going for other policemen." As with so many "family murders", issues of race and politics are sublimated, difficult to extricate and identify, buried as they are deep beneath intense personal anguish. There is no evidence that Hasebeng was motivated by anything racial when he murdered eight people



Sgt Kobus Kruger. Attacked by your own

six of his vic-tims, after all, were black. A sense of racial inferiority or rage may not have motivated Hasebeng directly but, listening to the language of those southern Free State Afrikaners he serves, one realises that it must have played a significant role in his psychosis.

Witness the words of a neighbouring white farmer: "You know, these kaffirs, this black nation. What can you expect?"

Witness the words of a mechanic in the nearby town of Rouxville: "If only it had been a white policeman who had gone crazy. Then he would have taken out eight kaffirs."

What motivated Hasebeng will never be known. He is dead, and so are most of those who knew him. One survivor who knew

him well, professionally at least, is Kruger. "He was a good policeman. Meticulous, a perfectionist, disciplined, always perfectly dressed." This last comment is echoed by others who barely knew him at all, from the neighbouring kaffir-baiting farmer to the staff at the prison.

His friend and incriminator, Lekhula was, according to Le Roux, "a fine man, a leader. Everyone turned to him. His wife was a teacher and she ran the school on the premises. They were much loved, much respected."

Up the hill in the police barracks the home of Lekhula and his wife, Cynthia, is filled with their extended family, who have come from Alwal North and Bloemfontein to wash the bed-sheets of their blood and to empty the house of its personal effects and return it to its regulation issue shell.

Marjorie Oaqane, Cynthia's sister, knew of the Lekhulas' close friendship with their murderer. "I just don't understand it. The policemen were all one big family, and my sister's home was their gathering place."

Like the Schutte family, the Lekhula family can find answers only in Divine intervention, invoking God and fate. Like the Schutte family, the Lekhula family has in its numbers policemen. Lekhula's older brother, Tebogo, is a sergeant in Bloemfontein.

Like Nico Schutte, Tebogo Lekhula will continue to serve in the police force, motivated further by the death of his relative. Family Duty Service. The words sound hollow, as hollow as Goedemoed itself, which means Good Hope, an ironic name for a prison complex. But these words are repeated anyway, a credo of police force camaraderie masking deep resentment and pain, a dirge to the new South Africa moaning through the late winter silence of a quiet afternoon, of a quiet bend of the Orange River.

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Piet 'Skiet' met 'n pen

By SERUTHU SERUTHU

PIET "Skiet" Rudolf, the fearsome AWB bomber who refused to stand trial under a black magistrate, led a convoy of seven vehicles into Malebogo township near Hertzogville in the western Free State this week.

His aim? To present a memorandum penned to the local ANC branch insisting that the black boycott of Hertzogville be called off.

The memo was handed over to branch chairman Sam Mokgobo by local farmer Faan Malherbe.

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The memo stated that the tense situation and alleged intimidation by liberation organisations would not be tolerated any longer.

However, Mokgobo took a dim view of Piet's letter. He said his organisation viewed the contents of the memorandum as nothing more than a threat against democratic organisations.

He said that the consumer boycott in the area would continue as long as the farmers were not prepared to discuss problems in an amicable way.



'We will build together'... Jan Groenewald and Anthony Nakedi in front of the burnt-out shopping centre

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Life's a burning hell for the white knight in a little platteland dorp

JAN GROENEWALD is the only white African National Congress member in the Free State dorp of Petrus Steyn — and is paying heavily for his beliefs.

Last Sunday his shopping complex, worth R1,11-million, was gutted by fire, after months of threatening telephone calls and letters.

The blaze, which bears all the signs of arson, took place against the backdrop of violent upheavals in the neighbouring township of Mamafebedu and claims of a "dirty tricks" campaign against ANC activists.

Groenewald said mystery callers had accused him of turning the town, a Conservative Party stronghold, into "a black shopping centre". Besides the complex, he owns a butchery, a restaurant, a gas centre and land near the town.

Last Thursday a caller warned him: "We will see you right. We are not happy that you are selling out Petrus Steyn to the blacks."

At about 4.50am on Sunday, Groenewald was telephoned by the police who told him the complex was on fire. By the time he reached the fully stocked shops, the building was a write-off.

Suspicious that the blaze was a result of arson hardened when it was discovered the mains which powered the alarm had been switched off. He locks on an outside window and the store-room had been broken off, indicating the building had been forcibly entered before the fire.

A stoic Groenewald described the complex as the first place in the Free State where blacks

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An Afrikaner who believes the dorps won't survive unless they adapt to the 'new' South Africa has been punished for his beliefs.

By **PAUL STOBER**

could go along and do their own shopping". His restaurant "was the only place in town where they could sit and eat their meals like human beings".

His racial tolerance is striking in this dorp of 300 whites deep in the heart of the Free State platteland. He waves black customers to the table in his roadside restaurant and beckons to his English wife, Olly, to bring them coffee and *vetkoek* which he serves himself.

Describing his membership of the ANC in very non-political terms, Groenewald said: "My relationship with blacks goes back decades. We were very poor but when we started we always dealt with people fairly and honestly when we did business on their behalf. They built up a business with us. When the new dispensation came along I could not resist joining them."

Besides signing on with the ANC, Groenewald has been instrumental in launching a number of development programmes for Mamafebedu. These include a knitting project for women and a vegetables co-operative for the unemployed. The chairman of the civic association, Anthony Nake-

di, said of Groenewald's participation in the projects: "Once he talked about it, he wanted to be part of it."

Groenewald has plans for the development of the township based on a partnership of white skills and finance and black contacts in the township markets on strictly business lines. "If the platteland dorps are going to survive, they have to go our route. The whites are not ready but they are going to land in the water and will have to swim or drown."

Those whites who aren't ready to test the water have made life difficult for the Groenewalds. Smiling at his daughter he said: "Her life is hell at school, but I tell her to give them hell back."

Although showing no rancour to those who "think differently", he smiles wryly when telling of the death threats he has received: "I tell them bullets are expensive and if they miss, I won't." But the family no longer strolls around the town at night. Groenewald, 58, displays typical Afrikaner doggedness in standing by his beliefs. "There are things in your life which force you in a certain direction, whatever the obstacles are."

Groenewald's participation in the political struggle in Mamafebedu has been rewarded with acceptance in the black community. "We had a meeting and the community decided to help him get back on his feet," said Nakedi.

"We will build it together, and if we can get it right here in the heart of the platteland, then the rest of South Africa has no excuse," said Groenewald.

Home petrol-bombed

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — Two petrol bombs were thrown through the window of a house in the Free State town of Ficksburg in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Police later found in front of the house a carrier bag with 35 petrol bombs and pieces of wood with nails to prevent pursuit by vehicles.

Mrs Christina Koen, 35, was slightly hurt in the blasts and damage of about R5 000 was caused.

Police said Mr G L Koen had seen six men in front of their house about 2am just before the bombs were thrown.

About the same time in Ficksburg a grenade was thrown into a car, blowing it apart. — Sapa

The good, the bad ... and the ugly

Three unlikely dudes

'Shootin' from the lip

HEY man, this place is really getting to be a FREE STATE after all. I thought to myself as I dismounted in deep CP country recently.

And what strange unions I encountered there, in the dorpie of Petrus Steyn.

There's the stolid wit Afrkaner, the local black entrepreneur, the former local black coooper... and ah ANCI.

They serve on the executive of the newly-launched ANC branch in Mamafubedu township on the outskirts of this CP-controlled dorpie.

Jan Groenewald, Anthony Nakeeli and Raphael Motung are characters in the classic vein of the GOOD, the BAD, and the UGLY. But they do not belong in the same headspace as the spaghetti-western movie going by that name.



NO REGRETS ... Jan "Com Popeye" Groenewald is a proud ANC official.

People poured out of their homes to celebrate in the streets and, after much toy-toying in the township, we felt we should stretch the celebrations a bit. We decided to march into town.

Since then Mamafubedu has been the hotspot of resistance in the Free State.

Yet it's such a tiny place: three schools, a bare patch of ground to play soccer on, a booze store (owned by Nakeeli), three shebeens and a supermarket.

There's no cinema, no

Reitz) and no hospital. Residents, most of whom are ANC members, are waiting for a reply to their recent petition.

They asked the provincial administration for a sewerage system; affordable rent (at R24,50 - but they will only pay R18,60); a living wage for domestic workers (R50 a month is slave wages); safe working conditions; ambulance and fire services; more houses; and, hell, why not one council you old diehards!

Features Editor **LEN KALANE** looks at strange happenings in the Free State dorpie Petrus Steyn and the once-dorpie township of Mamafubedu.



NEW BREED ... ANC leaders, former cop Raphael Motung (left), and businessman Anthony Nakeeli have awakened pride and confidence in the formerly subservient township of Mamafubedu. Residents are demanding decent living conditions in CP-controlled Petrus Steyn. **M PICAL EVANS MBOVWENI**



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and the man scorned by his white community for "selling out".

Groenewald is the only white card-carrying member of the ANC in the dorp and was elected as the branch's first treasurer.

He runs businesses in white Petrus Steyn - including his restaurant which is mostly patronised by blacks.

His supermarket was gutted by fire in August at a time when whites in the town were whipping themselves up over his friendships with local blacks. The attack set him back R1,1-million.

The BAD: That must be young Anthony Nakedi, 29, the popular ANC branch chairman. But, in the slitted eyes of the white authorities, he is the local "noisemaker" who stokes up protest.

In 1983 the young entrepreneur left QwaQwa and settled in the sleepy hollow. Mamafubedu has not been the same since.

Nakedi motivated the little township community to get up and noisily demand decent living standards - like those enjoyed by the whites.

THE UGLY: This is former cop Raphael Motaung, the prodigal son of the "struggle" who, in 1989, resigned from the force after eight years and "joined the people".

"I was always a comrade-cop deep in my heart," said the 29-year-old deputy chairman of the ANC branch who, in eight years' service, can't remember having ever arrested anyone!

No wonder he "fell out" with his superiors!

Then of course we have the radical "Young Lions" - teenagers Percy Melato and Mayoyo Mofokeng. Melato was elected secretary general and Mofokeng was made deputy.

They have been at the forefront since the student rebellion of 1983-84 and have endured stints in detention. If anything, they are the ones who really brought the struggle to Mamafubedu.

On February 2 1990, the day ANC president Nelson Mandela was released, the two led the first ever protest march into town at Petrus Steyn.

Melato recalls: "There was a lot of jubilation.

three shebeens and a supermarket.

There's no cinema, no library, no dry-cleaner, no creche, no ambulance, no fire-brigade, no surgery (available 35 km away in

vices; more houses; and, hell, why not one council you old diehards!

Of the fighting talk, Nakedi says: "It's the only language they understand."

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Sowetan
Bomb injures kids

18/11/92

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TWO CHILDREN of a Free State ANC official sustained injuries when an explosive device extensively damaged their room early yesterday. The explosion occurred at about 2am yesterday at the house of Mr Makhwenkwe Fizolo, the local ANC branch chairman in Rockville, Bloemfontein. Police spokesman Captain Jolene van der Merwe confirmed the incident, saying police were still conducting forensic tests.

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Non-smokers put foot down

NON-SMOKERS would no longer meekly tolerate muggy working conditions, a seminar on puffing in the workplace heard in Johannesburg yesterday. Dr Gillian Baddeley of the Heart Foundation of South Africa said there was general acceptance that smoking was harmful to both smokers and passive smokers. She said it was encouraging to note companies' willingness to discuss smoking complaints with their workforce.

Prayer for peace

A NATIONAL day of prayer for peace in South Africa will be held at the World Trade Centre near Kempton Park, on November 29, the Inter-denominational Prayer Woman's League announced yesterday. League spokesman Mrs Masechaba Mabaso said invitations had been sent to various leaders in the country, including the Government, to pray together.

Klipplaat leads way to new SA

City Press 29/11/92
THE ANC, AWB and Conservative Party in the Karoo town of Klipplaat are planning joint protest action to register widespread grievances against the municipality.

The protest march, which could see the flags of these traditional enemies flying together for the first time on Wednesday, is scheduled to coincide with the court appearance of 15 coloured families on rental arrears

charges.

"This will be the first joint action of its kind and could see the occupation of the court buildings," said Klipplaat civic leader Amos Byasi.

"Yes we will support the protest," was the response of Klipplaat AWB commander Johannes Human.

"We are trying to work out a solution for all the residents of Klipplaat and the country in general," he said. - Pen



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Lamontville in August 1990.

Council hit list gets no from Vlok

City Press 29/11/92
By MOSES MAMAILA

IN a dramatic disclosure this week, the Petsana Civic Association in Reitz, Free State, revealed a document asking former Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to "remove" the township's radical elements, responsible for violence and boycotts, from society.

Correspondence leaked to City Press disclosed that the white Reitz Council and the black Petsane Council held a meeting in April 1990 during which they decided to jointly apply to Vlok for permission to "remove" eight ANC-supporting individuals.

In a letter to Vlok dated May 8 1990, the councillors requested that Vlok provide the Petsana municipality police with their own station commander so municipal police could "remove" the radical elements.

The letter - which was drafted by former CP senior official, advocate CH Pienaar - also stated that the radicals had to be removed because they organised blacks in Petsana under the banner of the ANC.

In his response dated July 30 1990, Vlok refused to grant the Petsana Town Council its own station commander to facilitate the removal of the "radicals" but gave an undertaking that more police would be deployed in the area.

Town clerk Harry Theron said: "We did not mean that people should be killed or made to permanently disappear from the surface of the earth."

However, one of the "lucky" eight, Joseph Makhoba, was adamant that the councillors meant to kill them.

"It was obvious that had Vlok granted them permission to remove us they would have killed us.

"I must confess that we owe our lives to Vlok who played a vital role in saving us," added Makhoba.

RIOTS & DISTURBANCES — O. F. S.

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'M sitting in the slanting, sweaty, afternoon sun in front of the Ficksburg Post Office, waiting on Eddie von Maltitz, well-known heavy farmer, and self-appointed leader of the Resistance Against Communism (RoC) movement.

He arrives dressed in shorts, boots, a holstered pistol, and a T-shirt with a printed camouflage pattern on it. On the back of his Isuzu two-wheeled legends proclaim: "Ek is bly ek het nie 'n Toyota gekoop nie" (I'm happy I didn't buy a Toyota) and "Save the Rhino and the Farmer".

He didn't want me to meet him at his heavily fortified farm. Now he doesn't want to go the local hotel where we can sit down and talk. "Jong — the integration there is terrible," he shudders. Nor, it seems, are there any other places in town where a white man can sit down without bumping into the same terrible integration. But at last he succumbs and we are off to the hotel, him leading in his bakkie.

He waves regally from behind the wheel, returning the continuous greetings of other farmers, businessmen, children on the sidewalks, and yes, black people.

Inside the lounge four farmers are discussing business. "Hello, Eddre," they say. "What have you been up to?" Von Maltitz laughs but does not want to sit in the lounge.

The staff knows him well and they greet each other profusely in fluent Sotho. Using the same language he organises for us to talk inside the closed dining room, ordering bottled Fanta as we sit down. The waiter is not allowed to open his condrink. Von Maltitz prizes the cap off with a

'Our enemies are in parliament'

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The rightwing is mobilising in Ficksburg to defend the Apla threat. JAN TALJAARD went to the Free State and found a mass of contradictions and paranoia

Why then the attacks on farmers in the Ficksburg area? "Burn our cities and leave our farms and tomorrow the cities will bloom, but burn our farms and tomorrow grass will grow in the cities," he says in reply.

To counter these attacks, he claims he has mobilised the whole of Ficksburg, organising patrols and conducting training sessions on his farm. "Look at this," he says, pointing to a bullet wound above his elbow. He jiggles the flesh where he says the bullet is still lodged, explaining it was a ricochet from an R1 rifle during a training session in "firing and movement". Men, women and children are being trained in defensive and offensive tactics.

Six months ago it would not have been possible to organise the community in such a way, he says. But things have changed. Just the other day, he recalls, a shopkeeper told him: "Eddie, you were right all along. From now on I am biting the bullet with you."

The farmers are still talking when we leave.

the scenery go by: a field of yellow sunflowers, with the Maluti mountains forming the sort of backdrop Van Gogh could not even hallucinate about.

Thirty kilometres on, the bakkies are parked in front of the Koranna Hotel in Clocolan. In two of the vehicles, labourers are patiently waiting on their masters. A trailer behind one of the bakkies carries a heavily laden sow. She decries her discomfort with little squeals and snorts.

Inside the bar, the bearded and khaki-clad masters are assembled. They talk desultorily about cattle straying on to other peoples' property and of the drought. "Die steekgras wat nou uitkom beteken f-kol. Ons gaan nie voer hê hierdie winter nie. (The new grass means f-all. We won't have fodder this winter.)"

A bow-tied barman sidles in behind the counter to relieve the open-necked, white, daytime barman. "Naand, baas," he greets everyone in turn. "Amstel?" he asks of someone who had just come in. "Jy onthou goed. (You have a good memory)."

"These kaffirs have long memories," someone else supplies in English.

The barman, whose name is Jan, smiles and opens the beer. In an adjoining room, four red-faced, pistol-packing youngsters are raucously playing pool.

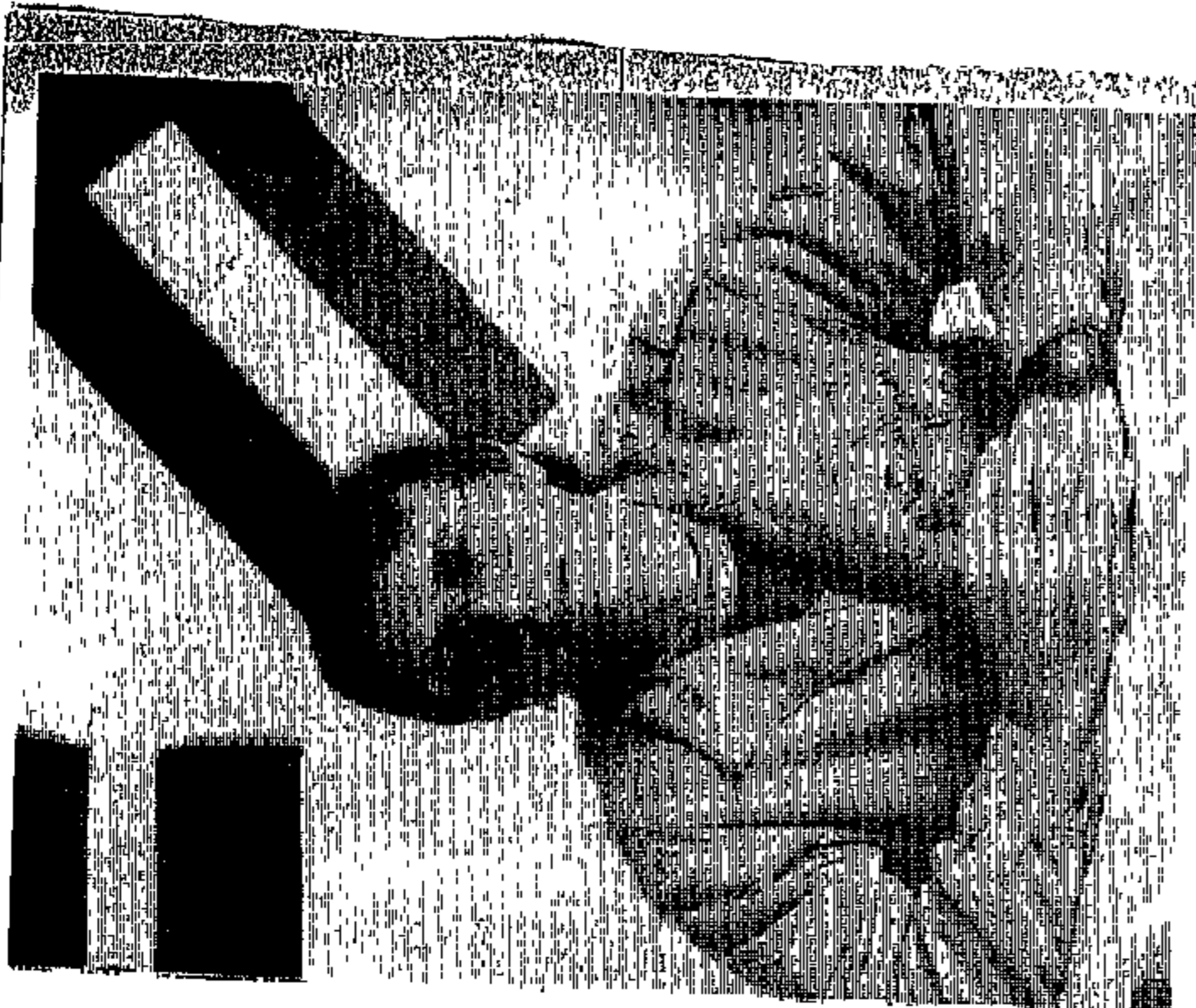
"Hey," calls out one of the bearded elders, "Why aren't you in jail with Oom Roelf?" He's referring to Roelf Jordaan, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supremo in nearby Hobhouse and one of eight men who had been arrested in connection with a large arms theft at Welkom.

"It was his turn," the young man replies.

"You're just like Eugene Terre'Blanche," the older man says. "Much talk, but never there where danger is."

The TV is turned up for the news at six and they fall silent. Strangely the header about Apla and news on violence does not raise any comment. It is only when Pik Botha is shown with a Japanese envoy that one of the men at the bar ventures: "Ja, what do you Japanese know about living with blacks."

Earlier at the roadside above Ficksburg, Von Maltitz had pointed across the Caledon river into Lesotho. "Those people are not our enemies," he had said. "We know them and we love them. Our enemies are in parliament."



Well-known heavy ... Eddie von Maltitz

Von Maltitz leads the way to a road above the town. On our way, we cross a small stream and he brakes abruptly. "Just getting some medicine," he explains.

He rummages among the reeds at the side of the stream, quickly finding some nondescript herb. Crushing the leaves between his fingers, he puts the juice against the bullet wound.

"This is better than the best antibiotic," he says. "We are teaching our people to live from the field. We even get our medicine from the field."

He takes leave of me at the side of the road leading to Clocolan: "As the Germans say: Sieg Heil!" Chewing on the conversation in the car, I watch

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ANC denies

role in hit-list

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The ANC has denied involvement in the drafting and distribution of a "hit list" of 31 farmers at Hoopstad. (217)

The denial came as the AWB warned that it would act immediately if any harm came to AWB members on an alleged "hit list" and if the ANC was implicated.

The chairman of the ANC branch in Tikwana, Hoopstad, Mr Moshe Snyer, said the hit-list posters — put up on Monday — were an attempt to bring the ANC into disrepute. — Sapa

the nation

Police guard farmers

THIRTY white farmers and a businessman are under police protection in the Free State following the circulation of an alleged ANC "hit list".

"We are protecting 30 Hoopstad farmers and a businessman in the town while we carry out investigations," police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Johan Fouche said yesterday.

He said police were trying to establish whether the hit list, circulated in Hoopstad on Monday, was genuine or an attempt by "unknown persons" to smear the ANC. An ANC spokesman said the hit list was an attempt to discredit the organisation.

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Oupa to squatters: Get out or else

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By ERIC NAKI: East London

CISKEI military leader Brigadier Oupa Gqozo has given squatters throughout the homeland a week to move — just three years after declaring that people should build houses wherever there was open space.

The statement, made shortly after seizing power in early 1990, brought him great popularity: the first squatter camp sprang up rapidly in Mdantsane, and was named Gqozo village.

But this Monday, he warned over Radio Ciskei that squatters who had erected shacks without permission would be in trouble. He gave them seven days to move. "I want people to obey my headmen, my councillors, my chiefs and my tribal authorities. We are going to take action against squatters. We will throw their stuff away. Squatting is causing bad administration," he said.

Squatters should go back to where they came from, and if they want land to build houses, they should seek permission from their headmen and councillors.

Community leaders and organisations in the region believe that Gqozo's threat springs from the fact that Ciskei's burgeoning squatter camps are strongly supportive of the African National Congress.

"He knows that the squatter settlements have been in the forefront of resistance against his government," said ANC Border media officer, Mcebisi Bata. Gqozo was desperate to boost the membership of his unpopular African Democratic Movement (ADM) in time for the coming multiparty election in South Africa, he added.

Bata warned that the ANC and its allies in the region would act to protect communities against action by Gqozo. A spokesman for the Mdantsane branch of the South African Civic Association (Sanco), Mzwandile Buzani, said Sanco would mobilise its members to resist any removal.

Militantly anti-Gqozo squatter settlements are springing up throughout Ciskei. In Mdantsane, for instance, there was not a single shack before Gqozo assumed power in Ciskei, but besides Gqozo village, there are now also Manyano, Linge, Velwano, Hani Park, Slovo, Masibambane and many others.

According to figures released by Ciskei authorities, about 10 000 families lived in squatter camps in the homeland in 1991.

Squatters want nothing to do with the Ciskei government except as a source of affordable housing. Gqozo's headmen and councillors are seen as having been unable to provide houses, using their positions to extract money from residents for the government instead. - Elnews.

Leon woos Houghton domestics

w/maw 22/1-28/1/93

By FERIAL HAFFAJEE

THE question is: who will serve the drinks at Democratic Party MP Tony Leon's shindig for domestic workers in Houghton tomorrow?

The aproned domestics, gardeners, their spouses and madams (if they feel up to it) from the northern suburbs have been invited to a festival in Norwood. They will be shown how to vote, told what their new labour rights are likely to be and learn "what peace, freedom and democracy will mean".

They are the latest targets of the enterprising DP's drive to recruit members. "It is an effort to extend our base," says Leon, adding, "domestic workers are a very neglected constituency."

Leon is confident they will succeed. The South African Domestic Workers Union has gained little ground in the northern suburbs where working conditions are better and workers less ripe for trade unionism.

Houghton is a pilot project; if it succeeds, the DP will attempt to woo domestic workers around the country.

And the party has pulled out all the stops for tomorrow's party: free drinks and snacks, a Matla Trust play about voting (*How to Use Your Vote in the New Election*) and transport have all been laid on free of charge.

Leon will spread his gospel through an interpreter and he is hoping to preach to a sizeable congregation: lengthy and detailed advertisements have been placed in community newspapers and DP workers have been busy phoning every single member of the constituency asking them to send their domestic worker to the party.

Racist remarks fly as AWB accused prepare for trial

By DAN DHLAMINI

RACIAL animosity again reared its ugly head in the Free State, but this time in a court of law, as AWB members openly insulted blacks and tried to bar them from the courtroom.

The incident occurred this week in the Welkom Regional Court where six AWB members - Roelf J Fouche, 19; Guillame C Loots, 39; Rudi G Rossman, 23; Andries C Odendaal, 32; Roelf J Jordaan, 30; and Cornelius Strydom, 36 - appeared on charges of housebreaking and theft of R134 000 worth of weapons and ammunition from the SADF armoury in Welkom.

Before the hearing commenced, AWB members occupied most of the seats in the small courtroom and refused to make way for some blacks who wished to attend the proceedings, despite pleas from the prosecutor, Dawid Appelgryn, who was cursed by the khaki-clad gathering.

Comments such as "kaffirboetie," and "hierdie kaffirs moet hier skoert, hierdie saak het niks met hulle te waai nie" (kaffirs must scram or get out of here. This case has nothing to do with them), were hurled at Appelgryn and the black audience.

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The tense situation was defused by Regional Court Magistrate Andre Groenewald who decreed that AWB members should make way for other people, following Appelgryn's application.

Earlier, Welkom's control magistrate K Seaman had to put up notices prohibiting the public from entering the court premises carrying firearms.

Witnesses told City Press that AWB members, who attended the bail application hearing on Sunday night, entered the court building with firearms and AWB flags, despite the notices.

Five of the six accused were granted R3 000 bail each except for Odendaal whose application was successfully opposed by the State.

Their bail release follows their successful Supreme Court interdict against the police for holding them under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

In opposing Odendaal's bail application, Appelgryn said it was unlikely that Odendaal - who is linked with the bombings of Cosatu House in Pretoria in 1991 and the Verwoerdsburg and Krugersdorp Post Offices last year - would stand trial.

The prosecutor said Odendaal had skipped his R3 500 bail on two occasions and there was no guarantee that he would stand trial this time.

Appelgryn added that should the court decide to grant him bail it should be set at R15 000, after Odendaal said the AWB Legal Fund was prepared to pay R10 000 for his bail.

Forced

In his defence Odendaal said he was not part of the planning of the arms theft and had been forced to take part in the operation.

Odendaal, who confirmed that during the break-in at the SADF he wore a black uniform normally used by the "Ystergarde", the armed wing of the AWB, denied that he was a member of the AWB armed wing. He said he was an ordinary member.

Regarding the bombing of Cosatu House and the two post offices, Odendaal told the court that he had an equal share in that crime.

He told the court that his trial was scheduled for March 8 and that he had applied for indemnity.

In turning down his bail application the magistrate said he was convinced that Odendaal, who was inclined to commit crimes with a political motive, would not stand trial.

The six men will appear in court on March 2 with bail conditions stipulating no communication with State witnesses.

Their lawyers, however, strongly objected to the bail conditions, saying the State must name its witnesses so that the accused can identify them.

Sun-scorching

By DAN DHLAMINI

A SPATE of racial attacks on white farmers and black taxi commuters in Free State towns, has sparked fear and hatred in an already volatile community.

This week, City Press visited some troublespots in the Free State and spoke to taxi drivers, farmers and ordinary men in the street about resolving the racial tension in the area.

Many believe any hope of future reconciliation has been lost as trust between blacks and whites no longer exists.

An unofficial curfew was established this week in Ficksburg, Clocolan, Fouriesburg, Senekal, Marquard, Hobhouse and Hoopstad, where racial violence has been rife.

The recent alleged ANC "hitlist" containing the names of 31 farmers, prompted police to provide a round-the-clock watch on the "affected" farms. The ANC has denied any knowledge of such a list.

An ANC spokesman dismissed the hitlist alle-

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Fear and hatred follows 'hitlist' of white farmers

gation as a rightwing ploy to increase the tension between white and blacks in the area.

Taxi driver Alfred Mofokeng told City Press that following rightwing attacks on taxis, commuters had been reluctant to travel to their destinations after 5 pm.

Terrorists

"We cannot guarantee the passengers' safety because most of the taxi drivers in these areas do not have guns to protect themselves. Our applications for firearm licenses were turned down, with assurances that the police would protect us," said Mofokeng.

Another taxi driver, Sello Letsosa, told City Press that after sunset, most drivers preferred to park near "safe" places

such as police and petrol stations.

He said this was prompted by the increasing number of heavily armed, white, khaki-clad "terrorists" who monitored taxis on the main routes.

Lebone Sefatsa, a long-distance taxi driver, substantiated Letsosa's claim. He added that, although it was time consuming, they had decided to travel in convoys so that when the rightwingers attacked them there would be eyewitnesses to relate the story.

Clocolan resident Charles Moroka Mokoto told City Press that he condemned violence, whether it be by blacks or whites.

"We are all human, irrespective of the colour of our skins. We must

work hard towards a new SA."

He said SA was a country which was in labour, whose child - a new nation - was already half born, but trapped between the violence and negotiations that were not taking place in good time.

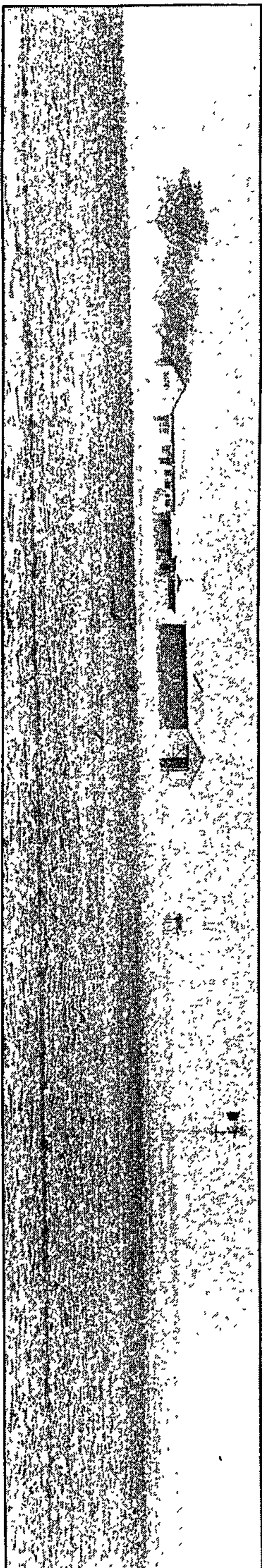
Despite heavy police and army patrols in the area, Hoopstad resident Andre van Niekerk carried a pistol, a shotgun and ammunition in his battered bakkie.

Van Niekerk, who was very curt, told City Press that he was ready for ANC and Apla "terrorists" who were hellbent on eliminating whites or scaring them off their farms.

He said his folk were being systematically eliminated while police claimed they would provide protection which was not forthcoming.

Gert Joubert of Senekal was suspicious that the reporter was spying for Apla or MK and did not want to talk to City Press.

REPORTER



Long, dry summer . . . dust storms advance and retreat on Hoopstad's farms, and the little rain that has fallen will not be enough to save the crops.

Picture: Karen Sandison

Happless Hoopstad falls on troubled times

By Julienne du Toit

Towns are like people. When there is trouble it usually comes in threes.

Take Hoopstad, near Parys in the northern Free State.

In the space of a month, this quiet farming town near Parys has been faced with a consumer boycott, threats of political violence and, on top of that, a worsening drought that threatens to turn the meales into dry, yellow stalks once more.

It all started on December 19. Four AWB members seem to have taken offence at an SA Communist Party T-shirt and ANC headgear worn by Samuel Papala, as he stood outside the Hoopstad Four Square Supermar-

ket on a Saturday morning.

They allegedly took him to a farm, where they threatened to chain him up and "roast him alive". Papala escaped and lived to tell the tale. But, for close to a month, the police came up with no tangible suspects.

So on January 16 about 600 ANC supporters marched through the town protesting against the inaction. The consumer boycott they launched on January 19 was intended as a further spur to the police.

Then, as if to complicate the whole affair, a hitlist was pinned up on the same day on the doors of a known right-wing hang-out, the Doringboom Kafee, as well as Pep Stores.

It urged all "comrades" to "attack and kill these boers".

A total of 31 names were on the pieces of paper, all local farmers. The strange thing was that only three or four names on the list were those of known AWB members.

At the bottom it said, "Instructed by M Snyder, chief ANC operations. Drawn up by S Mahlangu, ANC organiser."

That was the other odd thing. Mahlangu has been dead for a long time.

Moshe Snyder, chairman of the ANC branch in nearby Tikwane township, denies that the ANC had anything to do with the hitlist.

All of the farmers The Star spoke to thought the hitlist was probably a hoax, but even so, were glad of the 24-hour protection they have received from the SAP.

On Thursday, January 21,

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police held an identity parade. Three men were arrested in connection with the alleged assault: Jan Pieterse (37), whose wife runs Doringboom Kafee, Jaco Botha (24) and Albert van Zyl (33), whose name appears on the hitlist.

They went to court the same day, facing charges of kidnapping and assault, but have not yet pleaded.

State prosecutor Braam Pretorius said at the Hoopstad Magistrate's Court that he saw the case as "political dynamite", adding that when it came up again on February 1 he would refer it directly to the Attorney-General.

But now the biggest threat to the district's well-being is dominating the minds of the farmers. It seems as if a

giant hand is keeping good rain away from Hoopstad, even though nearby Parys, Viljoenskrone and Bothaville are being lashed with rain.

There is no more grazing for the cattle, and if there is no good showers in the next two weeks, the thigh-high meale stalks will wither for the third year running.

On our way back to Johannesburg last week we drove through rain in Bothaville as well as a flash flood near Viljoenskrone that flooded an intersection to car-door height. Hoopstad received nothing. The farmers and townsfolk, wind-chapped and with grit between their teeth, are still looking towards the heavens. Even the weekend's 40 mm will not be enough to save the crops.

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They come, but they don't buy . . . Hoopstad is facing a black consumer boycott. Picture: Karen Sandison

Strike-breakers removed — but not the bitterness

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THE mass removal of strike-breakers to a separate settlement in Botshabelo is the latest effort by the Provincial Administration of the Free State (PAO) to halt violence between their employees and dismissed union members.

But violence is reaching unprecedented heights between National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) members and PAO employees.

The strike began in June last year, with the PAO and Nehawu unable to reach a settlement concerning increase in wages and improved working conditions.

Nehawu assistant general secretary Neil Thobejani said the PAO's rejection of the demand for a R200 across-the-board increase caused a deadlock in negotiations. "Consequently, 1 600 of our members have been dismissed," he said.

"They refuse to reinstate our members and have resorted to dirty tricks tactics by relocating and protecting the scabs with the help of the police. We have lost two of our shop stewards in the violence, but the PAO refuse to meet our demands."

Despite the relocation of strike-breakers, clashes between members of Nehawu and the African National Congress on the one hand, and strike-breakers on the other, are on the rise.

Tucked away in an area known as Section H, the people still working for the PAO are excluded from the

The relocation of strike-breakers, rather than bringing an end to violence in Botshabelo, appears to have added to it.

By **JACQUIE GOLDING**

rest of the community.

ANC members form part of both the strike-breakers' and the strikers' camps, and this has caused part of the outrage over the relocation.

An ANC member said he fears the organisation's support base will diminish, with the loss of about 1 000 members to Section H.

Brandishing a home-made gun, the youth said he had joined a self-defence unit (SDU), "to protect the community from attacks by scabs", and added that there were rumours circulating of "no ANC by June". He regards the SDUs as "unstructured but necessary".

Allegations against the PAO include the use of the administration's trucks to transport the possessions of strike-breakers, and the transporting of strike-breakers to and from work.

"At first the removals took place at night, but now they move during the day," said the ANC member.

PAO media liaison officer Danie Olivier said he was "perturbed by allegations" of PAO involvement in organised violence against Nehawu,

the ANC and residents of Botshabelo.

"Orderly administration has always been, and is, the forte of the PAO, not intimidation and violence or the instigation of disruptive activities," Olivier said. "To react to ridiculous allegations in detail would be to stoop to a level not befitting an administration with a proud record."

Olivier added that the PAO remains committed to discussions with Nehawu and that dismissed workers were free to reapply for positions in the administration.

The random attacks in the township are so widespread that residents are being caught in the crossfire.

Joseph Thuntsa (71) said he was attacked about a month ago: "About 20 people came into the church where I was working and attacked me. They said I was hiding an ANC comrade and beat me with their knobkieries. I could not see their faces because they wore balaclavas. I made a report but the police have not responded."

Some strike-breakers are dissatisfied with their relocation. Said Petrus Malebese, who moved to Section H last week: "I did not want to move, but the government came in their truck and told me that I had to collect my stuff and go to another section. They helped me load my possessions and said they will collect me for work every morning."

Lazarus Mogorose, employed as a hospital cleaner, said: "I came here last Friday because I do not want to lose my job."

"I hear there will be no ANC by June — but I am not interested. All I know is that I have to work to support my family. If I did not move I can lose my job."

A National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) social development worker, Thabeng Setsumi, said: "It is a known fact that the PAO want all their workers to be in one section in order to control them. They have been using their vehicles to carry workers to and fro for the past two weeks."

Setsumi added that the Goldstone Commission had been approached to "look into the situation".

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Police in OFS probe fatal (277) car ride

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THE ANC has alleged that a black teenager who died after he jumped out of a moving vehicle driven by a white shop-owner near Senekal two weeks ago is merely the latest victim in a string of "unreported racial incidents and acts of brutality" in the Free State.

Mystery surrounds the death of Shadrack Mokeke Mosia (18) who, the ANC claimed in a statement this week, had allegedly jumped from the vehicle to "escape" from Johan Moolman and his son Paul. The ANC could however not produce proof to support the allegation.

Johan Moolman, who owns a shop in Senekal, told the Saturday Star the boy's father Andries had held an account at his shop for years, but had run up a large bill last year. He had promised several times to pay the bill but it seemed "he had forgotten about his promise".

He said he drove with his son Paul (16) to Rosendal on the night of January 29 to speak to Mosia about the debt.

When he and Paul arrived at the Mosia home, Shadrack told them that his father was staying in Senekal for the weekend.

Scared

"He offered to take us to his father," Moolman said.

During the journey, Mosia appeared "scared" and sat silently in the back. Outside Senekal, "the boy just opened the back door and jumped out".

Moolman said he and Paul stopped to search for Mosia, but he had "disappeared" in the darkness and rain, so they went home and called the police.

Free State police spokesman Captain Johlene van der Merwe confirmed that police were investigating a charge of culpable homicide in connection with Mosia's death.

Van der Merwe said police found Mosia alive near a tree next to the road. He was unconscious and had suffered severe injuries from hitting his head on the tree. The police took him to hospital where he died.

Commenting on the ANC's charges, Moolman said he enjoyed vast respect in the black community.

Independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman and a State pathologist left Johannesburg yesterday to conduct a post-mortem.

Stayaway sparks unrest in the OFS

■ Two-day boycott in Bloemfontein turns violent:

Sowetan 17/2/93
By Mpikeleni Duma

DAMAGE of about R3 500 was caused to a car in Mangaung near Bloemfontein yesterday morning as the latest outbreak of violence continued.

According to Free State police spokesman Major André van Deventer a private vehicle in Phahameng Location, Mangaung, was set alight by a group of youths at about 6.45am.

He said the fresh outbreak of violence in both Botshabelo and Mangaung could be connected to the two-day stay-away in both townships.

On Sunday the African National Congress and its alliance partners, the

SA Communist Party and the Congress of SA Trade Unions, called for a two-day stay-away on Monday and Tuesday this week in Bloemfontein.

The aim was to force the Provincial Administration of the Orange Free State to reinstate about 1 600 dismissed workers who took part in a hospital strike early last year.

The Bloemfontein Chamber of Commerce said 99 percent of workers had turned up at work on Monday and yesterday.

The alliance threatened that if their demands were not met they would continue with their action programme to reinstate dismissed workers until the end of February.

NEWS FEATURE *Angry community boycotts farmer's shop over man's*

By Lulama Luti

ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 29 Mrs Agnes Mosia attended a night vigil at a neighbour's house in the small village of Mautse, near Rosendal in the Orange Free State.

Little did she know that two weeks later there would be one at her own home — for her son Mokete Shadrack.

Mokete died on the morning of January 30 after he allegedly jumped off a moving kombi while in the company of a local white shopkeeper, Mr Johan Moolman, and his 16-year-old son.

According to Mokete's father, Mr Pakane Mosia (45), he owed Moolman about R500 for goods he had taken from his shop on credit.

Settle debt

He had planned to settle the debt on the Saturday and had spent the weekend away from home. He said when he eventually went to Moolman he was instead told of his son's death

"I was shocked and did not know what to do because my son had nothing to do with this," said a distraught Mosia.

Free State police spokesman Captain Johlene van der Merwe told *Sowetan* that Moolman said in a statement Mokete had offered to take him to where his father was in Senekal.

"About 20 kilometres from Senekal Mr Mosia jumped from the moving vehicle. His head struck a tree at the side of the road and he sustained fatal injuries," said Moolman in the statement.

Van der Merwe said the case was being investigated and would be referred to the Attorney-General once investigations were completed.

Fateful night

Sowetan spoke to Mrs Mosia (36), who gave her account of the events of the fateful night.

Seated on the bare floor of their mud hut, sparsely furnished with rickety furniture, Mosia told of her agony.

After receiving an urgent call to go back home immediately, she rushed home to find Moolman there.

"He was rude and he was shouting all over the place. He said he was looking for my husband and when we told him that he was not in he demanded that someone accompany him and his son to where he was," said the grieving woman.

Mosia said she repeatedly objected to

Mokete's fatal last

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■ **R500 DEBT** Son went as 'hostage' to help find

father in row over unpaid debt to local farmer:

Moolman's demand but "there was nothing we could do, they had firearms".

Moolman and his son drove away in a kombi and they took Mokete with them.

She had an uneasy feeling that something would go wrong and she rushed to the nearby Rosendal police station to report the matter.

"The police said they couldn't help and I would have to wait till the following day," she said.

Swollen head

But when the following day came, it was too late. Mokete lay at the Rosendal Hospital. His head was swollen and so were his hands and knees. He had bruises on his

body. He was dead.

Mosia said she was so shocked that she could not bear to look at his son's corpse.

Mokete's elder sister Tricia has been sick ever since her brother died. Her parents do not have money to send her to hospital. They also have to pay debts incurred during the funeral.

Her mother earns R50 a month cleaning the floors of the nearby (white) NG Kerk

and her father is a labourer for the Provincial Administration of the Orange Free State.

Until December last year Mokete had been working in Johannesburg, also as a labourer, and had come back home after he was retrenched.

Not only has the incident sent shockwaves through the entire small community of Mautse and nearby Matwabeng, it has also angered residents and they have begun boycotting Moolman's shop.

"Daar's geen kommentaar daaroor nie," said Mrs Moolman as we stepped into the shop and explained the purpose of our visit.

Shop deserted

It was around 12.30pm, lunch time for the horde of workers in the small town. But the shop was deserted. None of the workers were coming near the shop.

The shelves were still stacked with loaves of bread and assistants had stopped making food.

"Almost 99 percent of our customers are black people. And if they don't come and buy we might as well just close the shop," said Johan Moolman.

He declined to talk about the events of the fateful night and said this was on the advice of his lawyer.

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However, Mrs Moolman said they were not afraid to face the truth as she believed her husband had not killed Mokete.

"There'll definitely be a court case and Johan is not afraid to tell the truth," she said.

● At the request of the Free State branch of the ANC, of which Mokete was a member, pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman went to Senekal to conduct a post-mortem.

The results were not available at the time of going to press.



Mokete Mosia

Union looks at farm security

BLOEMFONTEIN. — A Free State Agricultural Union delegation is on a two-day visit to the far northern Transvaal to investigate farm security.

The delegation joined the defence force and police to see measures to protect the farming community that have been successful in the far north. 25/2/93

● A meeting on security will be held today in Fochville, Western Transvaal, where 26 people were killed or wounded in the past year. — Sapa

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Fist fights as Apla cadres sent to prison

BLOEMFONTEIN — Fighting erupted in the Bloemfontein Regional Court yesterday when police and Pan Africanist Congress members clashed minutes after two Azanian People's Liberation Army cadres were each jailed for 11 years.

The fist fights started when police tried to take John May (24) and Velile Mxhosana (20) to the cells as PAC supporters sang and chanted.

A PAC supporter lashed out with his fists at a policeman, who responded by kicking and hitting. The fighting was

run concurrently with the seven-year terms.

May and Mxhosana were also sentenced to four years for possession of two AK-47 rifles and a 9 mm Scorpion pistol, four years for possession of nine hand grenades and two years for pos-

stopped by defence counsel Molefi Ditheko, who ordered May and Mxhosana to leave the court.

The two Apla members, both from Mangaung, were each sentenced to seven years for attempted murder and two years for malicious damage to property, to

session of ammunition, to run concurrently with the four years for possessing weapons.

The court found they had caused an explosion at the Batho police station in Mangaung on December 14 1991. — Own Correspondent.

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Government's aid scheme for needy Atlantis

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Political Correspondent

HARD on the heels of Mrs Marike de Klerk's controversial visit to Atlantis last week — marked by protests about unemployment and poor services — the government has announced a "comprehensive" aid programme for the town.

Mrs De Klerk was a guest at a National Party-sponsored "goodwill tea", which was opposed by ANC demonstrators.

The government's programme will help the most needy families.

The Minister of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Representatives, the Rev Andrew Julies — who is also a senior NP official in the Cape — said the government had taken note of the dire effects of unemployment in Atlantis.

A comprehensive aid programme would be launched in co-operation with Dr Rina Venter's Department of National Health and Welfare.

This would entail:

- Co-ordinating all welfare initiatives to make the most of resources.
- Providing additional money from the Department of Health Services and Welfare emergency loan fund and the national feeding scheme for immediate relief.

Mr Julies said his department's emergency loan scheme involved paying rents and service charges and providing food for people unable to provide for their own or their families' basic needs.

The programme was aimed not merely at providing immediate relief,

but at generating community involvement and combating despair.

A spokesman for the Department of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Representatives, Ms Theresa Hanekom, said the aid programme for Atlantis was in the pipeline well before Mrs De Klerk's visit, but that her guest appearance at a function in the hard-pressed community had put the spotlight on problems.

But some elements of the aid scheme were still being worked out.

The ANC has claimed that 46 per cent of the economically-active population of Atlantis — about 11 000 people — is unemployed and that the town's debt burden is about R210 million.

It called on the government — in a memorandum handed to Minister Mr Abe Williams soon before Mrs De Klerk's arrival in Atlantis last week — to declare Atlantis a disaster area.

Spoornet man stabbed, burnt

SASOLBURG. — A resident here was stripped, stabbed and then burnt to death in the Chris Hani camp in this Free State town yesterday morning.

Police spokeswoman Captain Helen van der Westhuizen said it did not appear the killing of Mr Leon Smit, 33, a Spoornet employee, was in any way politically motivated.

Mr Smit was found naked but still alive by police at 9.30am and died about two hours later. He had apparently gone into the camp to look for spare parts for his car. — Sapa

climate of uncertainty. Archbishop Desmond Tutu appealed: "Please, please dear people, we don't help our cause by actions of that kind (the killing of whites), and we call on our political leaders and all politicians: For goodness' sake hurry, inject urgency into the negotiation process and let our people see South Africa free."

Slovo: No successor in sight for Hani

JOHANNESBURG. — There is no obvious candidate in sight to succeed assassinated SACP secretary-general Mr Chris Hani, party chairman Mr Joe Slovo said yesterday.

Assistant secretary-general and former Eastern Cape journalist Mr Charles Ngankula would fulfil the functions of the post in the interim.

The SACP "politbureau" was scheduled to meet today to discuss finding a successor.

"Chris made a major contribution to the growth of the SACP since he took over as secretary-general (in December 1991). There is no one with his popular appeal to working people and the youth — our main constituency," Mr Slovo added.

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by Tracy Knipe

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Transkei deports Ugandan citizens

UMTATA. — Transkei has deported an undisclosed number of Ugandans following the discovery of a syndicate manufacturing bogus educational certificates, military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa confirmed on Sunday.

He vowed that those involved in manufacturing fake documents would have to go.

General Holomisa said his government was examining the credibility of other expatriates' qualifications, saying arrangements were being made to send all Indian expatriates' qualifications to the Indian High Commission in Botswana.

Ghanaians' documents were being sent to their representative in Namibia and those of Ugandans were being checked with sources in their country.

General Holomisa added that 13 expatriate teachers — seven Indian women, five Ghanaians and a Ugandan — had been detained recently.

The 13 had agreed to withdraw their court action challenging their deportation order, and would be allowed to resume teaching. — Sapa

REPORT: JOCELYN MAKER
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SOUTH AFRICA'S farmers are preparing for war.

Defence units are already operating in some districts in the Transvaal where curfews are being enforced and strangers are being told they will be shot on sight if they return.

Farmers in the Transvaal, Free State and Natal said this week they had had enough of being the targets of attacks which have left six dead and two injured since last weekend.

Mr Dries Bruwer, head of the 14 000-strong Transvaal Agricultural Union and Conservative Party MP, said farmers were forming their own army to protect themselves.

At a mass meeting in Potchefstroom on Thursday, they will throw down the gauntlet to the government and the ANC.

"Neither the SAP nor the ANC has any control any longer. The farmers are the angriest they have ever been and war seems to be the only way for them to save their land. In certain Transvaal farming areas we already have platoons of men who protect farms," said Mr Bruwer.

Killed

"If strangers walk or drive on any of the secondary or private roads after curfew they are warned to get out of the area. In some cases, platoon members have immobilised vehicles by shooting tyres. The occupants are then forced to walk.

"Our men are under instructions to give intruders a chance to leave and to warn them that if they return they will be shot on sight. The bush telegraph is working well in these areas and the crime rate has dropped." Mr Bruwer would not identify the areas concerned.

Dr Piet Gous, president of the Free State Agricultural Union, which has 7 500 members, said he was extremely concerned about the crisis.

"ANC Youth leader Peter Mokaba called on his followers to

The boers prepare for battle

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QUOTE: They are killing us like dogs and we are now going to fight back

'Kill a boer, kill a farmer' and that is what has been happening.

"After last December, there was a drop in the number of farm murders in the Free State. But since Mr Mokaba issued his instructions a couple of weeks back, 12 farmers have been killed.

"Farmers are being attacked and murdered for one reason only — because they have white skins.

"Their backs are against the wall. They are sitting ducks on their farms, and if something drastic is not done immediately, you'll start seeing revenge killings, and then it'll be civil war," said Dr Gous.

Patrols

"I have been on my knees to the government to beg for protection for the farmers. I have begged the farmers to restrain themselves, but I am afraid the situation is out of hand. I can't hold back my members any longer," he said.

In the Free State district of Senekal, where Mr Gemie Blom, 70, was stabbed to death with a pair of shears on his farm Fraaiuitzicht last weekend, the farmers are waiting to see who's next.

Mr Tonie Potgieter, a member of the AWB whose family has been farming in the area for generations, said farmers were prepared to turn their lands into killing fields to protect themselves.

"We have organised patrols on our farms, the SAP and SADF are involved in the 'plaaswag'. Many of us have two-way radios, but it's not enough. We cannot afford electrified fencing and the law does not allow us to own automatic weapons, so what must we do?"

Mr Johan Meyer, 73, who was born on his Senekal farm, and his wife Dina, 71, have reached the end of their tether.

"We spend our lives looking over our shoulders. I cannot farm this way. We never know when a group of men armed with AK-47s is going to jump out behind a bush and shoot us."

Mr William Mullins, president of the Natal Agricultural Union, which has 5 500 members, said a step towards solving the attacks on farmers had to come from political leaders.

"They must stop making statements like 'Kill the boer, kill the farmer'. The unsophisticated



Tonie Potgieter, who says farmers have no real option

youth, who do not belong to any political organisations, hear these statements and act on them. The situation in Natal is tense, especially after the abduction of Alex Kalafatis this week," said Mr Mullins.

At least 90 percent of farmers in Natal were linked to a two-way radio network, while the police, farmers and the SADF had formed a "farm watch".

Chanting

"But they cannot protect every farm. The elderly farmers are the soft targets and are always the first to be attacked," he said.

At Donkerhoek, east of Pretoria, where a father of three was gunned down as he returned from church last Sunday night, farmers also wait with bated breath.

Mr George van den Bosch — a neighbour of the dead man, Mr Aardt Schenkel, 24 — said that on the Friday night before the ambush a group of men ran through his piggery chanting "Kill the boer, kill the farmer".

...a culture of business entrepreneurship among South Africans — particularly the youth — and to facilitate better use and expansion of business skills training, expertise and services.

Vrede asks blacks to stay out of town

RESIDENTS of the Thambalihle township outside Vrede in the north-eastern Free State were asked in a "very friendly manner" not to enter the town and were not being kept out by force, Vrede mayor Dick Roux said yesterday.

Roux denied claims of racial tension and hatred in the town where white residents last week responded to a black consumer boycott by launching a counter-boycott — keeping blacks from entering town.

However, Roux hoped that the matter would be addressed by tomorrow when the Vrede Action Committee would meet black residents.

"I must reiterate that there is no violence in the town and claims of AWB involvement in the counter-boycott is untrue."

He said the committee, which had decided on the counter-boycott, had DP, NP and CP members.

Last week the ANC said AWB members were patrolling the streets threat-

ening people with violence. Roux said Vrede had been plagued by consumer boycotts that were unrelated to events in the area.

Two weeks ago, he said, a march to protest against the country's education system turned nasty when a white business was petrol-bombed. Police were called and a riot erupted.

"Unconfirmed reports claimed that a woman was shot and immediately a consumer boycott was called. That was the last straw and the community decided to embark on a counter-boycott," he said.

Roux said that although the town council approved of the counter-boycott, it had not called for it.

He said attempts by the council to establish a forum had been ignored by local ANC representatives. However, last week's talks between the council and ANC NEC member Terror Lekota had been fruitful.

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Farmers plan to deliver ultimatum on violence

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PRETORIA — Government and the ANC would be warned at tomorrow's mass meeting of Free State and Transvaal farmers to act urgently to end escalating violence, particularly on the platteland, or expect counteraction, the Transvaal Agricultural Union said yesterday.

More than 10 000 farmers were expected at the Potchefstroom meeting which would be chaired by Free State Agricultural Union president and CP MP for Parys Piet Gous, as well as Transvaal Agricultural Union president and CP MP for Lydenburg Dries Bruwer.

Last night Bruwer denied the mass gathering formed part of a political party's mobilisation action.

It was purely a gathering of farmers, planned in February, to discuss agriculture's negotiations with government on labour legislation.

However, he said several ultimatums on farmers' safety would be submitted to the ANC and government at the meeting.

Gous said yesterday violence had deteriorated into what appeared to be uncontrollable chaos.

He said the refusal of Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and Manpower Minister Leon Wessels to attend the meeting "is a display of intolerable arrogance and indifference".

Deputy Agriculture Minister Tobie Meyer would be present.

Wessels said earlier he had nothing definite to say about the laws as negotiations on extending the Labour Relations and

GERALD REILLY

Wage Acts to farms were still continuing, Sapa reports. He said he would be happy to address the unions on government's position once negotiations were finalised.

Gous said farmers were mobilising against the escalation of criminal and political violence which government was "patently unable to control".

Murders on the platteland had become almost daily happenings, and the vast majority were unsolved.

Intimidatory statements calculated to inflame race relations were being made in public before hundreds of witnesses and shown on television yet no arrests had been made, he said.

A new and effective anti-terrorist strategy was urgently needed, including better use of SADF personnel and a more effective deployment of police.

"We hear the argument that you can't have a policeman on every farm. But a better communication network on the platteland to alert security forces and speedier responses to emergency calls are needed."

A spokesman said the response to the announcement of the meeting had been overwhelming and it would probably have to be moved to the Potchefstroom rugby stadium.

Meanwhile, Northern Cape Agricultural Union president Stoffel Lombard appealed to members to remain calm, saying they should take part in mass actions.

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Inkatha decides mass action is answer

BILLY PADDOCK

INKATHA, which has criticised the ANC for embarking on mass action to achieve its demands, has decided to do the same.

Inkatha's Durban spokesman Ed Tillet announced yesterday that his party was planning mass action to demand that violence topped the agenda at multiparty negotiations, and that the state's future form also be given priority. Tillet said Inkatha supporters would hold marches, pickets and placard demonstrations, starting in Durban on May 15.

On Monday, Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said violence had to be the first item dealt with at talks. Inkatha's delegation leader, national chairman Frank Mdlalose, attempted twice

last week to read a lengthy statement at negotiations council meetings. First it was referred to the planning committee and, later, to a technical committee still to be set up.

Meanwhile the planning committee made limited progress on Monday and will meet again today to prepare the ground for "real headway" at Friday's meeting of the negotiating council.

The 10-member committee has agreed to a package of proposals to be put to Friday's meeting and the council is to begin addressing the concerns of the Concerned South Africans Group.

Vrede once again town of peace

STEPHANE BOTHMA

THE potentially explosive situation in the northeastern Free State town of Vrede was defused yesterday when a black consumer boycott and a counter-ban on all blacks entering the town were called off.

The ban on blacks started at the weekend after a decision by the Vrede Action Committee because residents of nearby Thambalihle township embarked on a consumer boycott last week.

At a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday, ANC NEC member Terror Lekota, who met the action committee earlier, said the parties involved had settled their differences.

"The consumer boycott and the blockade have been suspended with immediate effect," Lekota said, adding that a negotiating forum for residents of the area would be established soon.

He said meetings on Monday night and yesterday had defused the situation.

In another Free State township, Thabong, two pistols, found after a shebeen fight in April which left one policeman dead and one hurt, have become a matter of dispute between the ANC and the police.

At the conference yesterday, the two firearms were handed to representatives of the Goldstone commission, who were asked to establish their origin.

The ANC claimed security forces in the area were actively aiding forces opposed to the ANC and that the pistols were evidence of this. They claimed there was a plot to murder an ANC leader.

The police, however, denied the allegation. They said the pistols were those of two policemen who had gone to the bar, were assaulted there and robbed of them.

The police said the ANC's possession of the weapons was unlawful.

Threat of secession at defiant meeting of white rightwingers

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Farmers reject ANC rule

By Paul Bell

White farmers in the Free State and Transvaal yesterday threw down a secessionist gauntlet to both the Government and the ANC, saying "the world should finally accept" that the Afrikaner folk would not be ruled by the ANC.

This was the bottom line of a series of demands by a rapidly coalescing unity movement on the white Right, calculated to slow down the negotiations process and build pressure there for a Volksstaat.

The meeting, at Potchefstroom's Olen Park rugby stadium, was also a prelude to announcements expected in Pretoria today by the Committee of Generals, who have taken charge of coordinating strategy towards this objective.

Addressing a crowd of about 6 000 farmers yesterday (other estimates ranged from 8 000 to 15 000), committee chairman General Constand Viljoen, ex-chief of the SADF, called on the Government to stop negotiations in order to pressure the ANC and PAC into regaining control over their armed forces.

"There are those who call for centralised control over the security forces in order to stop the violence," he said. "I have never heard such stupidity in all my life."

He also said he expected more farmers to be killed in the next six months as the negotiations intensified.

Transvaal National Party leader Pik Botha last night hit back at the farmers, saying "the Government will not capitulate before violence and threats", Chris Whitefield reports.

"Threats of mass action and taking the law into one's hands will not contribute towards a peaceful solution for our country." He also warned of racial polarisation and actions must be taken. "It should be remembered that all South Africans, black and white, suffered because of violence and intimidation," Botha said.

Defiant farmers say no to ANC rule

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bility with the Government for the security forces, right-wing Afrikaners would be called on to withdraw from their local commandos and from all arms of the police and defence forces.

● The murder of one more white farmer would be regarded as an act of war by the ANC and PAC, and farmers would respond by defending themselves with all the means at their disposal. To this were allied calls for a rural curfew and hot-pursuit raids into black townships.

Gous summed up the mood and objectives of the white Right by saying that while the ANC was presented to them on all sides as a moderate organisation, this was merely an attempt to pull the wool over the

eyes of Afrikaners.

"Therefore I say to the world, the Boer — as a Christian and a peace-loving person — will not be governed by the ANC. Please accept that as final."

Viljoen warned the Government that there would be trouble if the security forces were brought under joint command before the settlement and introduction of a new constitution.

He said violence was being directed against whites and farmers because negotiations had reached a critical stage in determining the future form of the State. Those behind it were trying to scare the negotiators.

Viljoen said the security forces had been set an almost impossible task as a result of the Government's decision to allow communists to operate freely in South Africa, and

called on the farmers to support the security forces.

"If we don't, who will?" he asked.

Earlier in the day, farmers vowed to disregard the new labour laws that have been extended to farmworkers, and demanded that their leaders refuse even to negotiate the question with the Government.

South African Agricultural Union president Boet Fourie, whom the farmers blame for not representing their views properly to the Government, was loudly booed by the crowd and denied an opportunity to speak.

The farmers also demanded a five-year moratorium on interest payments on farm debt, bans and tariffs on agricultural imports, and the lifting of VAT on red meat.

In Potchefstroom, the farmers also gave roaring approval to three "ultimatum" on their security.

● Any attempt by black political organisations to mount protest occupations of platteland schools would be met with force. Addressing himself to "black radicals", Free State Agricultural Union president and CP MP for Parys, Dr Piet Gous, shouted: "You will die if you try to take over white schools."

● Immediately the ANC and PAC were given co-responsibility

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Farmers' fears and outrage bubble over

LOUISE MARSLAND

THE smell of boerewors was waiting through the air, and tannies were dispensing cooldrinks and curry and rice like at any other farmers' gathering: but the mood was anything but festive as South Africa's white farmers gathered in Potchefstroom this week in a demonstration of boere power.

The mood was defiant and the message clear: "Enough is enough". White farmers are angry and fearful. They claim they are starting bankruptcy in the face through price control and new labour laws, and fear the loss of their properties and livelihoods under a black majority government.

They came from far and wide, driving in four-wheel-drive bakkies and trucks and luxury sedans. Ooms in short pants and bleshok skin around their hats sat alongside the grey-suited whites. The majority wore khaki — and almost all were arched to the teeth.

Helene Kingsley of De Wetsdorp sleeps with a gun under her side at night. The reason? She is a farmer's wife.

The soft-spoken, grey-haired woman, dressed in a neat wool suit, said that digging bunkers on their farms and taking up arms would be the next step to fighting for what they want. "Today could be the start of the farmers taking up arms."

Kingsley's chilling sentiments were echoed by many of the khaki-clad farmers who attended the rally on Thursday.

Speaker after speaker at the meeting, organised by



EK IS N BOER EN N FARMER KOM TRY MY

DIGGING IN THEIR HEELS: The farmers' gathering in Potchefstroom had one message: Enough is enough. And they're prepared to back their demands with whatever it takes.

the Transvaal and Free State agricultural unions, called on farmers to mobilise themselves, their families and even their farmworkers against threats to their security, new labour legislation — and negotiations.

South African flags were waved alongside flags from the old Boer Republics. Banners proclaimed: "Ek is 'n Boer en 'n farmer-kom try"

my" (I am a Boer and a farmer come try me).

Kingsley's family have been in South Africa for generations and her grandmother was imprisoned in a British concentration camp almost 100 years ago. "We want to farm and be successful, but we will not live under a black government. They number so many, we will be engulfed. We feel we will not have a say."

Leendoringstad farmers Henne Maas and Sas Botha said they would never be able to live under a black majority government. "I feel threatened by the ANC. A black government will take over the country and we will lose our farms. We are here today fighting for our own properties and very livelihood. If we do not stand together, it's over — the end."

● **Photograph: KAREN SANDISON**

They said there was nowhere left to trek and they would take up arms, if necessary, to fight for their country.

Kosie Pieterse, a cattle farmer from Bray in the Vryburg district, said the main problem for the farmer was economics. "The price of petrol is up, diesel is up, mealie seed is up — yet we are getting 50 percent less for agricultural pro-

ducts and meat, and consumers are paying more."

Where does the money go? Khaki-clad Jan du Preez, who farms with game and cattle in the Vryburg district, said he was angry at the proposed new labour laws which provide minimum pay scales and regulate working conditions for farmworkers, and the Government's surrender to pressure from the ANC and Con-

gress of South African Trade Unions, to the detriment of the farmers.

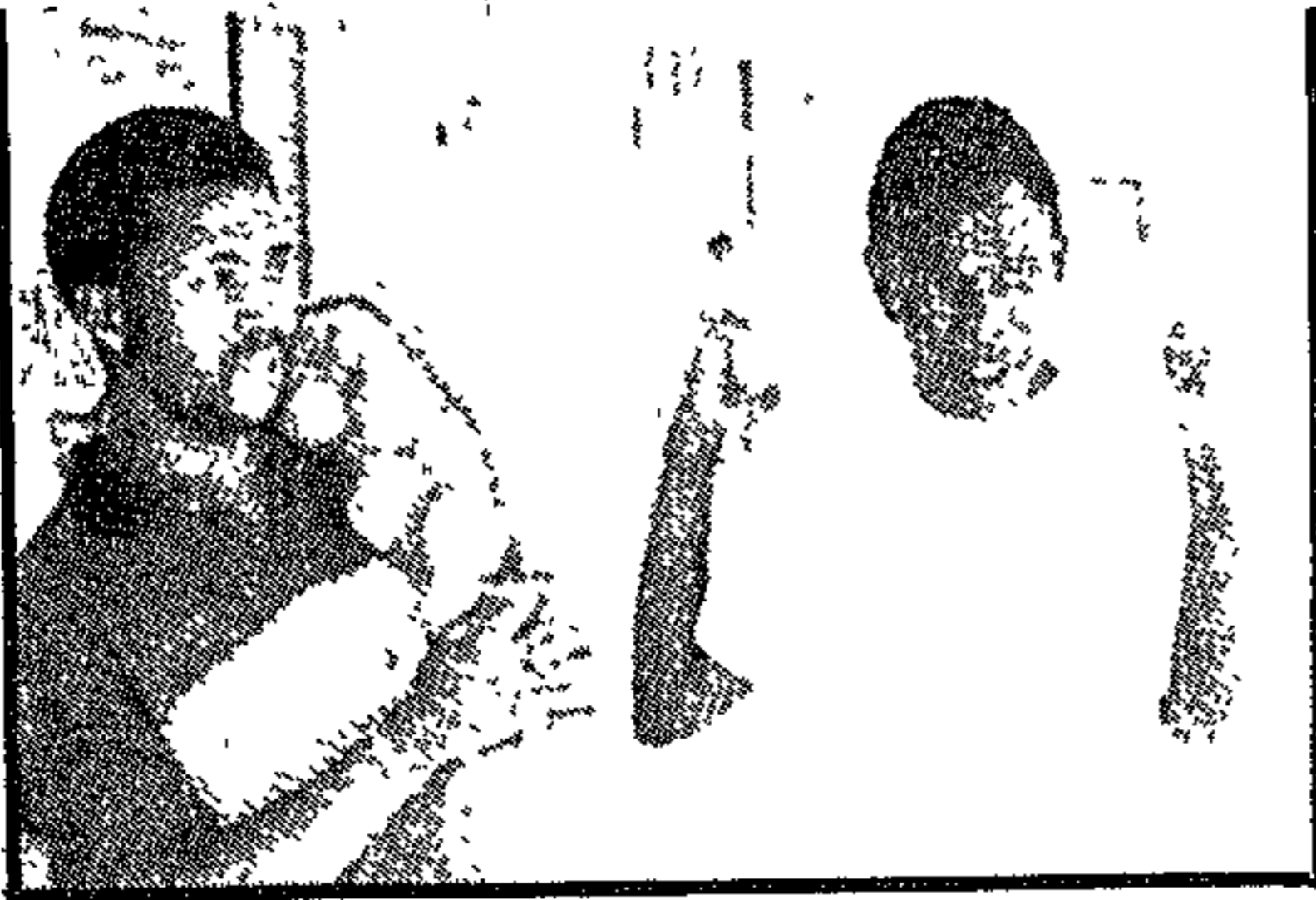
Criticising the new labour legislation, one farmer quipped: "A cow does not calf between 8 am and 5 pm. If God gives us rain, it's there, and if we have to plant, we plant."

Another Leendoringstad farmer, Basie van Aswegen, says he did not sleep on Wednesday night after his telephone wires were cut. Police found tracks near the farmhouse. "That 'Kill the farmer, kill the Boer' chant has claimed the lives of about 20 farmers so far, and 20 000 more will be eliminated as a result of interest rates, corporations, bank debt and price control."

Van Aswegen said he paid out about R22 000 a month in wages for his 120 farmworkers whose monthly salaries averaged between R100 to R250. He said he would go bankrupt if forced to pay a proposed minimum farmworkers' wage of R600 a month.

"I am here for my country," said Potchefstroom pig farmer Thys Greeff. Vierkleur flag held high. "The Government has lost control over law and order. They can't even protect the people who provide the country with food."

The bottom line, Transvaal Agricultural Union president Dries Bruiwer said to loud cheering, was that there would be no negotiated settlement in South Africa without the farmers' cooperation. "After this meeting, you will be able to tell your grandchildren you were there when the farmers decided. So far and no further!"



BACK TO TOWN ... Thembelihle residents shopped freely this week. ■ Pic: JONAS MANKGA

Peace in Vrede as boycott is called off

By THEMBA KHUMALO

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BLACKS and whites in the north-eastern Free State dorpie of Vrede heaved a collective sigh of relief this week after resolving a three-week consumer boycott which had led to township residents being barred from the town by local whites.

Since last Saturday, the streets of Vrede (the Afrikaans word for peace), were no-go areas for blacks. Angry farmers and businessmen patrolled the town and hounded out blacks, including those who were employed in the central business district.

They escorted them to the outskirts of the town and warned them against setting foot there again until their "consumer boycott nonsense" was over.

Subsequently, the gun-toting khaki-clad whites blockaded the main exit from Thembelihle township into the town to ensure that no blacks sneaked in to buy basic foods.

Trouble in the area started last month after the northern Free State region of the ANC called for a week-long consumer boycott in more than twenty towns as an expression of anger at Chris Hani's death. The boycott was implemented from April 19 to April 25.

Its duration was extended in Vrede after the fatal shooting of Jeanette Ngwenya, a local resident, on April 23.

The local ANC further called for a stayaway to observe the funeral service of ANC national chairman Oliver Tambo.

These actions are believed to have angered local whites and they clubbed together and formed the Vrede Action Committee to counter the boycott and the stayaway.

But now it's all over - thanks to the intervention of the ANC - no one is more delighted than Carel Van den Heever, chairman of the action committee.

"We are not racists. We just wanted this nonsense to come to an end. We didn't come together as right-wingers. We were reacting to the situation as concerned whites. It's not true that the rightwingers chased blacks out of town. We did so as whites who were sick and tired of boycotts and stayaways," said Van den Heever, an NP supporter.

"The boycott had serious economic implications for both blacks and whites in Vrede. While blacks were losing their jobs, whites were closing down their businesses because they were running at a loss," he said.

Van den Heever, who described himself as a "realistic Afrikaner who has had a long-standing relationship with local blacks", is hopeful about his task of reconciling blacks and whites in the area.

He has deep respect for Terror Lekota, the ANC's main representative in the Free State and a member of the organisation's NEC.

"That man is sharp, brilliant and reasonable," he said.

One of his first steps towards improving relations between blacks and whites is to build a stadium for township residents. If all goes well the project will be completed by the end of the year, Van den Heever said.

TIT-FOR-TAT BOYCOTT ENDS

A fragile peace comes to Vrede after tug of war

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By SHARON CHETTY

PEACE returned to the tiny Free State town of Vrede this week — but only after international monitors and high-ranking ANC officials intervened to halt three weeks of turmoil, including a tit-for-tat consumer boycott and blockade of the neighbouring township, Thembalihle.

Life is usually simple in this picturesque hamlet. The 3 000 white residents live on surrounding farms and in the town centre, while Thembalihle is home to more than 25 000 black people — and the twain avoid meeting at all costs.

As for those "new South Africa" beer ads featuring black and white buddies quaffing their brew in wholesome integrated conviviality — that's not the done thing in Vrede.

Separate

Even the bottlestore owned by Carel van den Heever, an NP stalwart and chamber of business head, still has separate black and white sections.

The recent troubles in Vrede started when a policeman taunted ANC supporters during a protest march following SACP leader Chris Hani's assassination.

The policeman allegedly said the ANC would be eliminated, explained ANC chairman Eric Ndaba.

Later that day, the policeman's house was attacked.

"When the police arrived, they fired on people with teargas and rubber bullets," said Mr Ndaba.

Then a white-owned second-hand furniture and antiques store was petrol-bombed. The arrest of several youths led to a stayaway and a protest march by Thembalihle residents, demanding the release of the suspects.

"Before the march could start, we were given five minutes to disperse. Those of us at the back did not hear the order," said Mr Ndaba.

"Suddenly the police opened fire and many people were injured."

Mr Ndaba said one resident, Mrs Jeanette Ngwenya, was shot dead while standing in her front yard.

Police are still investigating her death. A consumer boycott which was already in effect was extended to May 1, the day of Mrs Ngwenya's funeral.

Tensions were running high — more police were called in from Harrismith and the boycott of white businesses was taking its toll on the local economy.

By late last week, white residents decided they had had enough.

An action committee was formed and the whites decided that blacks would not be allowed to enter the town, go to work or buy anything in Vrede's CBD.

They were going to "teach them a lesson".

About 100 armed residents patrolled Cilliers Street, the single road that divides Vrede and the township, to make sure that Thembalihle residents remained within their territory.

Mr Ndaba claims that residents were harassed and that delivery vans were stopped from entering the township. Clandestine arrangements had to be made to get supplies from Standerton.

Forum

But action committee chairman Carel van den Heever insists that the white residents were not being malicious.

"We wanted the blacks to know that we are fed up ... in fact, many black people came to us to say that they were fed up with consumer boycotts and protests and said we should do something," he said.

Consumer boycotts over the past three years resulted in the closure of at least five businesses.

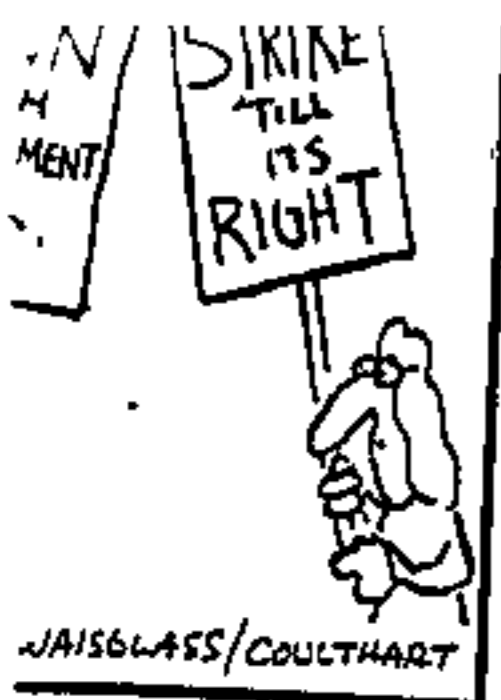
Last weekend, representatives of the United Nations, the Peace Secretariat and ANC national executive committee member Patrick Lekota intervened.

After many hours of talks, the blockade and boycott were called off, a local forum of all interested parties was formed and the good folk of Vrede are now learning valuable lessons in negotiations.

But the excitement is not over.

This Wednesday, the AWB is coming to town to hold its first public meeting in Vrede.

The Nats say there's no cause for concern. Black residents are not so sure.



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Miners vow to uphold own peace accord

Almost 7 000 miners on Gengold's Beatrix mine in the Free State have committed themselves to a "peace accord" after two months of sporadic violence. Ten people were killed in incidents of violence on the mine in March, resulting in the removal of more than 200 Zulu miners to a "neutral" hostel in Welkom, mine spokesman Andrew Davidson

said on Wednesday. He said successful "peace negotiations" between mine employees had resulted in the return of the men. The negotiations had been conducted under the auspices of the National Peace Secretariat, Davidson said, and all parties had agreed to refrain from violence and intimidation — Staff Reporter

3 suspects held as 2 constables shot

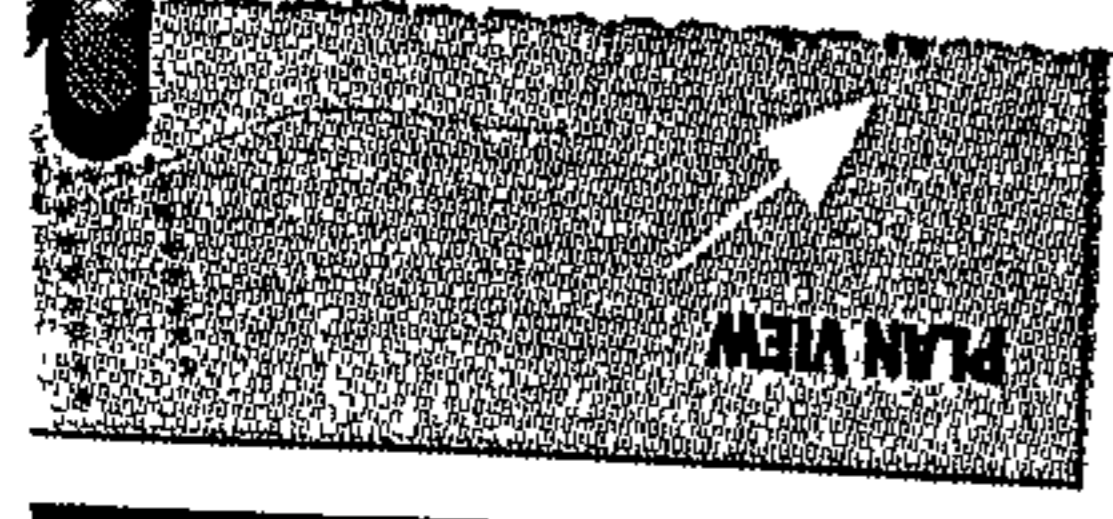
By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

Three men were arrested after two municipal policemen were shot and seriously injured in Tembisa, East Rand, on Wednesday afternoon.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce of the SAP said Constable L S Kgatla was off duty when he was shot in the chest while walking in the

street at 2 pm. His private firearm was taken from him. He is in a serious condition in a local hospital.

At 3:30 pm Constable N Boloko, who was on duty at the Limendela railway station, was shot and seriously wounded in the left side. Policemen arrested three suspects. They found the stolen firearm belonging to Kgatla in the possession of one of the suspects.



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Three killed as Beatrix workers return

ERICA JANKOWITZ

THE return of Beatrix gold mine's 450 Zulu-speaking workers on Wednesday was marred by violence in which three men — including two mine security guards — died, Gengold spokesman Andrew Davidson said.

The Zulu speakers were removed from the mine at the end of March after violence left 10 workers dead and several injured. After an interval an attempt was made to return them to the mine, but this led to further violence, another death and more injuries, and they were removed.

They had been removed for a third time and were being housed in Welkom.

Davidson said the Zulu speakers were

not directly involved in Wednesday's incident, which police and mine security personnel were investigating. (217)

He said intensive talks between the Zulu speakers, the NUM and mine management, chaired by representatives of the national peace secretariat, had resulted in the signing of a peace agreement last week. However, the situation on the mine remained tense. (217)

Normal production was continuing despite the violence and the removal of the Zulu-speaking group, Davidson said.

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Livestock maimed in terror blitz

Star 24/5/93

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

Cattle and other livestock on farms across the country have been maimed in recent weeks as terror gangs slash animals in a campaign of terror and intimidation against farmers.

Thirty-five farmers have already been killed by gangs — believed by security forces to be part of the Azanian People's Liberation Army — so far this year.

Round-the-clock protection for farmers and their animals has now been introduced in many areas and farmers have mobilised in some parts of the platteland to protect property.

The attacks on animals have been confirmed by the police and Transvaal and Free State agricultural authorities.

Between January and May 21, farmers or members of their families were killed in 122 attacks on homesteads. Five died in January, eight in February, four in March, 11 in April and four so far this month.

Most attacks in country areas have been in the eastern Transvaal (33), and on the Witwatersrand (20), northern Transvaal (14), far northern Transvaal (13), Free State (12), western Transvaal (11), eastern Cape (10), Natal (4) and western Cape (5).

Angry farmers have asked for curfews to be imposed and for additional security manpower to be allocated for protection.

Police Commissioner General

Johan van der Merwe said police had for some time "been busy with comprehensive steps to improve the security of those living on farms and smallholdings and who are regarded as being particularly vulnerable."

"Policemen will be placed on the farms of the elderly," he said.

It was revealed yesterday that a tactic of the terror gangs involved in attacks on animals — similar to Operation Mau Mau, which was embarked on in Kenya before independence — has been either to kill animals or maim them so badly that they have to be destroyed.

In addition, farmers in the eastern Cape, Free State and western Transvaal have told police of "death-threat telephone calls and letters", the perpetrators warning that harm could come to families and friends if farmers did not leave the lands.

The terror campaign on both farmers and their livestock got under way in earnest earlier this year, coinciding with an Apla decision to shift its campaign from "soft" targets to hit-and-run attacks on security forces and "hard" targets, according to intelligence sources.

Apla — which is mainly operational in the eastern Cape, PWV and parts of the Free State — has apparently also embarked on a major recruitment drive. It is believed that youth members of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, have deserted to join Apla without the knowledge of the ANC executive.

Fighting shatters

gold mine Star 24/5/93 peace pact

By Jacqueline Myburgh

A peace pact among almost 7 000 mine workers on Gengold's Beatrix mine in the Free State has collapsed following renewed ethnic fighting at the weekend.

A spokesman for Gengold, Andrew Davidson, yesterday said one miner was killed and 52 were injured in a clash on Friday night. Police arrested 17 miners.

Miners recently held peace negotiations and later signed a "peace accord" under the auspices of the National Peace Secretariat. This followed violence on the mine in March when 10 people were killed. More than 200 Zulu miners had to be removed to a neutral hostel. They returned to the mine on Wednesday and that night two security guards were killed.

At 7.20 pm on Friday a large group of armed Pondo miners attacked a group of Sotho workers, Davidson said. "The attack was launched with military precision, according to the mine manager," he added.

The situation on the mine was tense yesterday, he said, and the SAP and mine security were maintaining a strong presence.

He said the Zulu miners had again been removed from the property, but were still "on the payroll". The mine was "looking at returning them home", Davidson said.

Police said they were investigating charges of murder and public violence at the mine. Sotho and Pondo miners had been arrested, Colonel Johann Fouche said.

A spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers could not be reached for comment.

rightful claim to its own tertiary educational institution

*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: Mr Chairman, what the hon member for Brits said, is true. However, it is also true that in the end an institution must also be economically viable in order to be retained. This department takes the view that everything in its power should be done to see to it that Afrikaans speaking students who wish to qualify as teachers will be able to receive their training there. That will only be possible if the college is made viable.

†I refer to the steps that have actually been taken to make the college more viable. I just want to elaborate on that. First of all, as the hon member knows, the college has been opened to all races. It has been converted into a bilingual institution, and the admission requirements have fortunately also been changed. I am proud to announce that the standards have remained intact.

It is no longer necessary to take Afrikaans as a subject, and it is also no longer necessary to have passed Afrikaans in the matriculation examinations. Despite this, however, there were 1 200 applications during the past year, primarily from the KwaZulu area. Only 120 were accepted, and of those only seven turned up at the end of the day. The reason for this is that apparently there are insufficient study loans available. I want to request the KwaZulu government to make these loans available in order to make the college more viable.

*Mr J A JORDAAN: Mr Chairman, earlier this evening we heard the NP and the ANC refer to their Rolls Royce here. That, of course, is the Roelf and the Ramaphosa show. When it comes to education in this country, I want to say to the hon member for Brits that as far as education in this country is concerned, we call the hon member for Pinetown the Rolls Royce of politicians.

At the same time I, as an Afrikaans-speaking person, want to say to him that if ever there was a person who was prepared to do his share in respect of Afrikaans medium set-ups, it is the hon member for Pinetown. He can go to any person in education circles, the Federal Teachers' Council, the Hennie Marees, and ask them with whom they consult about the future of Afrikaans medium education in this country. He

will discover that it is the hon member for Pinetown to whom they talk rather than to him.

I want to refer to the college of education in Durban. That college has had problems with insufficient student numbers for a long time, and that is the crux of the matter. Since the college is transforming itself, etc, it is essential that it should become a dual medium college.

If hon members look at the students from Natal, where Afrikaans is not used as a medium at university level, they will see that there are students studying at the RAU and at the University of the Orange Free State that are committed Natalians. They return to Natal in great numbers because they are involved in Natal and are embedded in the set-up there.

The argument advanced by those hon members that we want to insult the Afrikaner and his institutions in Natal, is totally nonsensical. Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Chairman, I must say I rather think of myself as a Volkswagen than a Rolls Royce [Interjections.]

I must state categorically that I have no problem with the Durban College of Education remaining an entirely Afrikaans-medium institution. However, I want to point out to the hon member for Brits that the reality is that if one wants that, one has to fire 24 lecturers to achieve the same lecturer-student ratio that one has at Bloemfontein. That hon member does not want to fire 24 lecturers. Therefore, the only way to keep them in their posts is by bringing more students to that college. But there are no more Afrikaans-medium students in Natal. So what is one going to do? That hon member should give us the answer.

As far as the University of Natal is concerned, I much more than this hon member for Brits, have always stood for the medical school of the University of Natal being open to all races. I have said it on the council and I have said it publicly. The medical school and the council are examining the issue.

The fact is that there is still a Government restriction on admission, which is still racially based. That is the answer. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: Mr Chairman, in conclusion I would like to thank the DP for stressing the point that they also want this college to be kept

open at all times. We would like to thank them for their support. One can achieve that.

*I referred to the fact that this year as many as 3 000 applications from other groups may be received for consideration. †I must also point out that to a certain extent—perhaps the hon member for Pinetown will differ with me on this point—one must also guard against the overtrading of teachers. I know we are going to become one department.

*One should proceed cautiously. I think that with the support of all the parties in this House it will be possible to keep this college open and to enable Afrikaans-speaking students to receive their training as future teachers there by taking the steps that we announced here this afternoon. Debate concluded.

QUESTIONS

Indicates translated version.

For oral reply.

Own Affairs:

Hennenman: Illegal march/evacuation of primary school

1. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:†

- (1) Whether pupils of a certain primary school, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, had to vacate their school as a result of an illegal march by Blacks through Hennenman on or about 7 May 1993; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, for how long were they prevented from returning to the school to receive tuition;
- (2) whether the Free State Education Department addressed a letter to this school beforehand in which it was requested *inter alia* that parents should not enter the school grounds while carrying weapons; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether parents are entitled to claim back any compulsory school fees in respect of the period during which their

children were prevented from receiving tuition as a result of the above-mentioned events; if not, why not; if so, what amount may they claim back;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B910E

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) Yes, from 9:35–13:15;
- (2) no;
- (3) no, school fees paid by parents are intended primarily for the running costs of the school. The cost of the tuition itself is borne mainly by the state in the form of the salaries of the teachers;
- (4) no.

For written reply.

General Affairs:

Indemnity granted to exiles/prisoners

220. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) What, as at the latest specified date for which information is available, was the total number of (a) exiles and (b) prisoners who had been granted indemnity in terms of the Indemnity Act, 1990 (Act No 35 of 1990);
- (2) whether any applications for indemnity by (a) exiles and (b) prisoners have been unsuccessful to date; if so, (i) how many and (ii) for what reasons;
- (3) whether there have been any disputes between the Government and any other bodies in respect of the granting of such indemnity; if so, what are the (a) names of the bodies concerned and (b) relevant particulars in regard to these disputes;
- (4) whether any of these disputes have been resolved; if not, why not; if so, what is the total number of exiles and/or prisoners involved;
- (5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

Tumahole racked by 'low war'

■ Residents claim police were involved in raids:

RESIDENTS of Tumahole township outside
Parys in the Orange Free State yesterday claimed
police were involved in attacks on their homes
and a low intensity war was being waged against
them. *Sowetan 10/6/93*

Addressing a Press conference in Johannes-
burg yesterday, a delegation from Tumahole
claimed 12-year-old Matsikidi Monasi was shot
dead by a policeman "known as Sochiva" on
April 22.

Members of the executive committees of the
ANC and South African National Civics Or-
ganisation said its members were targets of
petrol bombings and other attacks.

They said police had not investigated any of
the incidents in which four houses had been
petrol-bombed since April.

Sanco publicity secretary Mr Archie Tlhobelo
said he was ambushed and stabbed by three men
on April 30. Police spokesman Captain Johlene
van der Merwe denied police involvement, but
confirmed that Monasi was shot dead by a
policeman. She said the policeman fired at a
group of youths when they attacked his home.

Van der Merwe said Tlhobelo refused to lay
charges at the time. — *Sapa*

Ex-Koevoet to protect farms

VRVHEID. — Former members of Koevoet and 32 Battalion are being incorporated into farm security units (S) (217) Free State Agricultural Union president Dr Pieter Gous told a meeting of the Afrikaner Volksfront here that violence should be a last resort.

He was reacting to a statement by farmers that the murder of more of their number would be a declaration of war.

He said the winners would take all within five years. — Sapa

Free State farmers vow to defend ⁽²⁷⁷⁾ themselves

BLOEMFONTEIN — The continued attacks on farmers as a result of calls by the leaders of the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress had led farmers to accept that these organisations wanted war and had actively declared war on farmers and Afrikaners, Free State Agricultural Union president Dr Pieter Gous said yesterday.

Dr Gous was speaking after a meeting of the union's executive committee.

Farmers would have to do everything in their power to defend themselves, as they would in a war situation.

Discussions would be held soon between the union's security committee and the SAP and the SADF, said Dr Gous. Dr Gous confirmed that in terms of standpoints adopted at the Potchefstroom rally every farmer was encouraged to join a commando.

However, if the ANC and the PAC obtained joint control of the Defence Force, the commandos would be urgently requested to withdraw from the Defence Force structure.

— Sapa.

Star 2/16/93
Police shoot child (9) dead

Free State police shot dead a nine-year-old child in Soutpan Township on Saturday and injured six other people after a mob of angry people allegedly attacked them with stones and petrol bombs. Two policemen were investigating a case of stock theft when they were attacked at about 11.15 am. The police used teargas to disperse the angry crowd. — Crime Reporter. (277)

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Armed right-wingers bar blacks from town

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DIRK VAN EEDEN

ABOUT 300 armed right-wingers stood guard at the roadside yesterday morning, barring black people from entering the conservative town of Koppies in the northern Free State.

A committee of residents and police were locked in talks throughout the day, trying to iron out the racial confrontation which began two weeks ago when the ANC Women's League was prevented from entering Koppies for a protest march.

A consumer boycott was subsequently called by the ANC's branch in KwaKwatsi, the township adjacent to Koppies.

Yesterday's action was part of an attempt to force blacks to end their consumer boycott.

Police spokesman Capt Johlene van der Merwe said yesterday police reinforcements had been called in and the situation was "extremely tense".

However, there had been no reports of violence.

Van der Merwe said the police team of negotiators also held talks with the residents of KwaKwatsi, and was trying to get the opposing groups together last night for joint negotiations.

The right-wingers took up their posts at 4.30am yesterday. They were mostly armed with sideguns, although a few had

shotguns, she said.

Koppies Action Committee chairman Louw Badenhorst, representing residents and businessmen of the town, said the action would continue until the ANC acceded to the town council's demand that the ANC abide by the peace accord.

The committee also distributed leaflets in English and Sotho, calling for an end to the boycott.

Badenhorst said that even though the roads were blocked, people in need of medical attention were allowed through.

A reported blockade on the road between Koppies and KwaKwatsi had turned out to be the result of municipal road workings. It had been removed, Van der Merwe said.

Badenhorst said that even though Koppies was home to a large number of AWB supporters, no single political party could be held responsible for the blockade.

The blockade of the town follows a similar one earlier this year in Vrede when a black consumer boycott of the town, which lasted nearly two weeks, was called off after meetings between the town's residents and those of the neighbouring township.

Investigation into shootings

STEPHEN COPLAN

POLICE are investigating alleged shootings in the Babylon area of Ivory Park at the weekend.

Squatters said they had been fired on by two white men travelling in a bakkie.

Police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said yesterday the bakkie belonged to the Transport Department, but the people using it on Sunday still had to be traced.

A spokesman for the local civic association said there were no injuries and no damage to property.

Local peace committee officials in the area said the TPA yesterday continued to demolish shacks in Babylon, near Midrand. Many had been re-erected at the weekend following the demolition of illegal structures last week.

Peace committee official Roger Oxley said hundreds of people had been left homeless.

An urgent application by 10 squatters to remain on the land was postponed until tomorrow. The land has been earmarked by the TPA for light industrial development.

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Koppies roadblocks

down after talks

By Charmeela Bhagawat
Crime Reporter

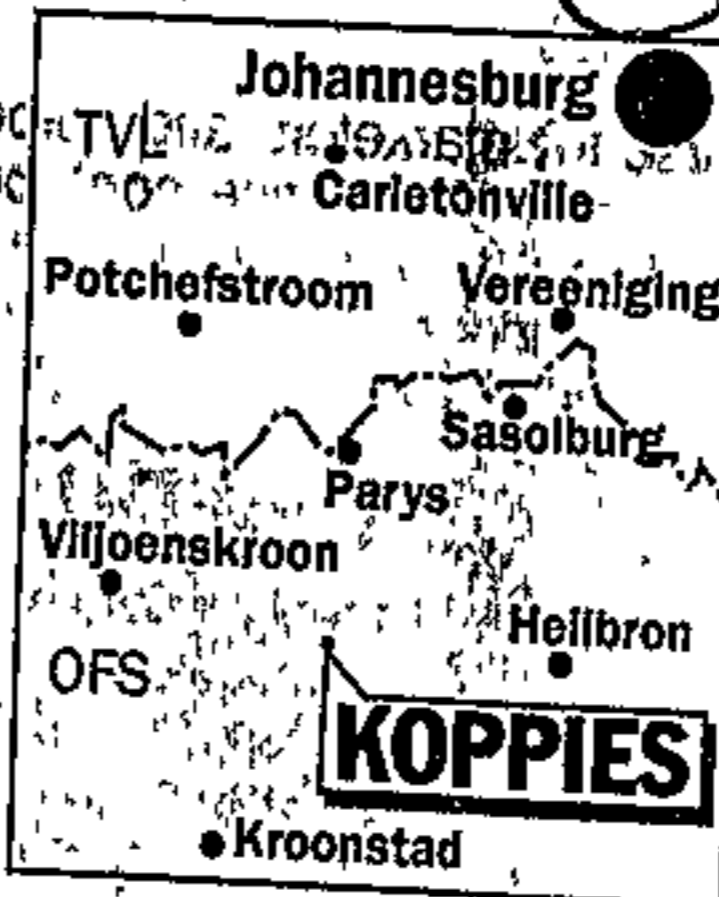
Free State police late last night persuaded armed white residents of the small town of Koppies to abandon roadblocks they had manned for 17 hours to keep out residents from neighbouring KwaKwatsi.

The residents blockaded roads into Koppies from about 4.30 am yesterday, in retaliation against an ANC-led boycott of white businesses.

Free State police spokesman Captain Johnene van der Merwe said white residents had told police they would bar black residents from the town until the boycott ended.

However, after protracted negotiations — due to continue today — they agreed to go home.

Van der Merwe said the white residents manning the blockades num-



bered about 300 and were heavily armed, although their weapons were concealed.

The boycott started after the ANC Women's League was denied permission to march into Koppies on June 16.

Van der Merwe said it was granted permission to march only to the border of Koppies and KwaKwatsi.

It is not clear whether roadblocks will be re-established today or when KwaKwatsi residents will be free to enter Koppies.

Racial tension Sowetan 29/6/93 high in Koppies

By Mpikeleni Duma

BY late yesterday the situation in the Free State town of Koppies was still tense after whites prevented blacks from going into the town.

The move was in retaliation for a boycott embarked on by residents of Kwakwatsi township against white businesses.

Police spokeswoman Captain Jolyn van der Merwe said white residents had apparently decided at a meeting last week to cordon off the area from 4am yesterday.

The boycott was sparked off by a refusal to allow the ANC Woman's League to march to the town on June 16 to deliver a memorandum. (277)

Van der Merwe said a meeting between community organisations, the South African Police, Peace Committee and the white Koppies residents was to be held yesterday.

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Township residents plan protest march on Koppies

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RESIDENTS of the Kwakwatsi township, adjoining the Free State town of Koppies, plan to march on the town tomorrow to protest at Monday's blockading of access roads to the town by right-wing Koppies residents, ANC regional spokesmen said yesterday.

They said they were determined to go ahead with the march whether or not permission was granted. Northern Free State ANC deputy secretary-general Vax Mayekiso said the SAP should be held responsible for the safety of marchers and the town's residents.

The ANC was reportedly planning to bus marchers into the area as part of its national day of action campaign in the Free State, which was directed against the right wing.

"We want to show them, once and for all, that the town of Koppies belongs to everyone who lives here," said the ANC's northern

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Free State chairman Ace Magashule.

The Koppies action committee blockaded roads leading into the town on Monday in response to a consumer boycott of the town's businesses by Kwakwatsi residents.

The boycott began on June 18 after a march by the ANC Women's League was prevented from entering Koppies.

However, ANC sources claim tension had been rising in the area since a Kwakwatsi resident, Solomon Mahlatsi, 29, was allegedly shot dead by a policeman.

The ANC announced the planned march yesterday, after talks between Koppies residents, the local authorities and ANC failed to break the deadlock.

ANC representatives described an eight-point

plan suggested by the Koppies town council as "a joke". The plan called for the bilateral suspension of the blockade and the consumer boycott and for the ANC to recognise the sovereignty of the Koppies town council, and to stop interfering in its activities.

It proposed that the ANC be limited to three marches through the town each year.

National Peace Committee representative Rudi Louw said committee representatives would attempt to defuse the situation in talks today between the Koppies Action Committee, the local authorities, the SAP and the local and regional ANC. He said if the march went ahead it could lead to a dangerous confrontation.

The streets of Koppies were deserted yesterday as the consumer boycott continued, and most businesses were closed.

Tensions at Star 30/6/93 blockaded

town high

Tension is still running high in the small northern Free State town of Koppies, where armed rightwingers have barred black KwaKwatsi township residents from entering the town since Monday morning. (277)

Yesterday KwaKwatsi residents seemed to be observing a voluntary stayaway from the town while armed white residents, organised by the Koppies Action Committee, monitored all entrances into Koppies.

Police said white residents were not blockading entrances into Koppies, but an ANC spokesman said they were.

In response to the right-wing action, the ANC yesterday announced a march to the Koppies police station tomorrow.

The blockade of entrances into the town was to pressure KwaKwatsi residents into suspending a boycott of white businesses. — Staff Reporter.

Blockade: ANC reacts

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JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC northern Free State region listed its demands yesterday in response to the right-wing blockade of Koppies and resolved to continue with its plans to undertake a protest march into the small town on July 1.

The ANC region would have met the Koppies Action Committee yesterday, but the meeting was postponed to 3pm today. (S) (277) (372)

The blockade was apparently started in response to a week-long black

consumer boycott of the town's white-owned businesses

Among the ANC's demands are an end to blockade as well as "the right-wing's use of violence and barbarism to address problems".

Local ANC leader Mr Johannes Tladi said the boycott would only be ended when the ANC was allowed to march into the town to the police station and the police held an inquest into the death of ANC Youth League member Mr Makume Mahlatsi, 29,

Bail hearings for right-wingers

DINK VAN EEDEN

TWENTY-one of the 35 right-wingers arrested in connection with Friday's storming of the World Trade Centre appeared in two extraordinary bail hearings in Johannesburg on Tuesday night.

Police spokesman Col Johan Mostert said yesterday detainees had the right to ask for immediate bail hearings 48 hours after their arrests. This procedure was used regularly and most large courts had officials on standby to handle such applications.

The investigation was continuing and several more arrests were likely.

Among those who appeared last night were AWB Wenkomo-mando chief of staff Alex Cruywagen, Johannesburg region Wenkomo-mando commander Japie Oelofse and Ystergarde commander Keith Conroy. Bail of between R500 and R2 000 had been granted to the first seven accused who appeared last night.

Right-winger Eddie von Mal-hitz was among the accused who appeared in the Bloemfontein Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.

All the accused who appeared in the second hearing at about 11pm on Tuesday were released with a warning to reappear on July 15. They were told to report to the police three times a week.

Right-wingers accused the police yesterday of rounding up only well-known AWB members. They claimed the police did not have sufficient evidence to charge the detainees, but arrested them "to save face" with the international community and the ANC.

All action urged on protest day

LLOYD COURTIS

THE ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance has called on its supporters in the PWV region to "take action in whatever form possible" today in protest against the right-wing demonstration at the World Trade Centre last Friday.

The ANC's PWV region said in a statement yesterday the regional alliance had called for a mass stayaway, marches on police stations, rallies, picket demonstrations and meetings in defence of democracy.

"We will call on our people, without exception, to take action in whatever form possible."

Rallies would be held in Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Soshanguve, Ekangala, Ga-Rankuwa, Hammanskraal and Sebokeng.

LINDA ENSOR reports that the western Cape region of the ANC and its allies in the mass democratic movement are to hold a protest in central Cape Town at lunchtime today.

In Port Elizabeth, the ANC's call for a consumer boycott of white business in the city was denounced by the Midland Chamber of Industries and the DP, Sapa reports.

The alliance demanded the finalisation of an election date, the immediate installation of a transitional executive council, joint control of the security forces, the arrest and prosecution of those involved in the occupation, and the resignation of Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel.

The alliance in the eastern Transvaal yesterday called on churches, employers, teachers, students, the Patriotic Front, the Mass Democratic Movement and all freedom-loving people to observe July 1 as day of national action in defence of democracy.

Natal is bracing itself for the third stayaway of the year today after a call by the ANC and its allies for people across the political spectrum to protest the right-wing invasion of the World Trade Centre, O'wn Correspondent reports from Durban.

The ANC expects a good response to the call despite the short notice, but business has taken a tough line, telling employers to treat the day as a normal working day and to apply a "no work, no pay policy".

However, the city's Chamber of Commerce and Industry vice-president Jim Smith said it had called on employers to be sympathetic to the plight of the workers and not to take disciplinary action against those who failed to report for work.

A spokesman for the Durban Regional Chamber of Business said there was no reason why disciplinary action should not be taken against workers "where warranted", but said "individual discretion" should be exercised.

A Spoonnet spokesman said its Metro commuter trains would run according to schedule.



Armed soldiers watch as a small gathering of PAC supporters protest outside the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park yesterday. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

ANC march 'to go on despite banning'

TODAY's planned ANC march on the Free State town of Koppies by residents of the adjoining township of Kwakwatsi was banned by the town's magistrate yesterday, a local ANC spokesman said.

However, local and regional ANC members were determined to go ahead with the march — with or without permission. Plans were being made to bus ANC supporters from towns throughout the northern Free State.

The march, from Kwakwatsi to the Koppies police station, was to protest against the blocking of roads between Kwakwatsi and Koppies on Monday by members of the town's right-wing action committee. Yesterday evening members of the local and

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regional ANC, the town council and the Koppies action committee were still involved in discussions facilitated by the national peace secretariat.

Koppies ANC chairman Tsholo Tladi said they had been unable to break the deadlock which arose when Koppies residents barred Kwakwatsi residents from entering the town in response to a consumer boycott imposed on June 18.

Tladi said action committee members were maintaining a presence along roads into the town. Their presence was being seen as a blockade by the township's residents.

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Koppies is boiling

Sowetan Correspondent

SIMMERING racial tension in the northern Free State town of Koppies boiled over yesterday when an ANC-led march from Kwakwatsi township to the outskirts of the town ended in chaos. (277)

The march started peacefully at the Kwakwatsi Stadium at about 11am and the estimated 3 000 marchers proceeded to the Koppies Showgrounds where they held a rally. Free State police spokesman Captain Johlene van der Merwe said members of the ANC Women's League submitted a memorandum to SAP Colonel Gert Nel, after which more than half of the demonstrators returned to Kwakwatsi.

Marchers who remained at the rally venue set an old shed alight and burned old tyres in the area. Police then guarded several properties to prevent further damage.

As the shed and surrounding fields burned, Koppies residents mobilised trucks and men at the end of the only exit from Kwakwatsi and called on other Free State farmers to join a roadblock of tyres and steel bars. Koppies Action Committee chairman Mr Louw Badenhorst announced the suspension of Wednesday's agreement, saying Kwakwatsi residents had breached it by looting properties in the town. Police did not prevent rightwingers from setting up blockades. They also refused to escort black journalists from *City Press*, trapped between the township and the Koppies blockade, to safety.

Sunday Tribune journalist Brendan Seery was punched, kicked and sworn at by rightwingers.

The Star's journalists and *Saturday Star's* deputy editor, Ken Vernon, was assaulted by rightwingers.

Volksfront, AWB clash likely

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DIRK VAN EEDEN

SPARKS are expected to fly between AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and top office-holders of the Afrikaner Volksfront when they meet today to discuss the storming of the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park a week ago.

The Volksfront leaders are expected to tell Terre'Blanche to fall in line with the discipline set down by the organisation's directorate.

They are also expected to tell him that AWB members will not be allowed to attend future Volksfront rallies clad in their distinctive camouflage uniforms.

This will be the second time the Volksfront executive committee has discussed the World Trade Centre incident, allegedly led by Terre'Blanche and members of his personal guard, the Ystergarde.

Even though Terre'Blanche is a member of the committee, he did not personally attend the first meeting, which was held on Tuesday.

Sources close to the Volksfront said yesterday that today's meeting was expected to be "extremely tough".

After the first meeting, CP leader and Volksfront chairman Ferdi Hartzenberg said a second meeting had to be called to "discuss certain issues with certain elements within the Volksfront".

The two organisations will hold their own separate media conferences after the meeting.

According to the invitation to the AWB conference, the relationship between the AWB and the Volksfront, the events at the World Trade Centre last Friday, and possible future actions are to be discussed.

The sources said this was a sure sign that the AWB's continued membership of the Volksfront was not certain.

Volksfront directorate chairman Gen Constand Viljoen has already condemned the forced entry into the centre, calling it "unfortunate and undisciplined".

The continued AWB membership of the Volksfront had also come under pressure from within the AWB, the sources said.

Koppies agreement

THE ANC consumer boycott of Koppies and the blockade of the town by right-wing Action Committee members were called off late on Wednesday night after a marathon meeting between the parties.

The ANC, Koppies Action Committee, regional peace committee and the Koppies Town Council said they were all thrilled with the outcome.

The parties agreed to lift all consumer boycotts, stayaways and counter actions immediately.

They also agreed that the local peace committee should be reinstated and restructured and in future special procedures should precede boycotts, stayaways or marches.

As a result of the agreement an ANC march planned for yesterday went ahead after it had been banned on Wednesday.

About 3 000 people marched from Kwakwetsi to the Koppies showgrounds and the local branch of the ANC Women's League handed a memorandum to the police.

Police said the march had been peaceful, but that arsonists marred the event, when fire was set to an old barn and tyres. — Sapa.

Eikenhof killing suspects appear in court

JONATHAN DAVIS

FOUR people suspected of the AK-47 attack in March on motorists at Eikenhof, south of Johannesburg, appeared in the Meyerton Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The case was remanded until August 2 to allow the attorney-general to determine under what charges they should be prosecuted, state prosecutor Susan van Deventer said.

Paulus Molakwane, 21, was released on bail of R3 000 and David Masalemane, 39, on bail of R200. Moses Thebogo Ramafikeng, 23, was unable to attend the hearing and was remanded in absentia. A 16-year-

old youth was released into the custody of his parents.

The four, said to be ANC members, are suspected of the attack in which Sandra Mitchley, 35, her son Shaun Nel, 14, and Clare Silbauer, 13, all of Eikenhof, were killed.

Three other suspects arrested in connection with the shooting — Siphwe James Bholo, 24, Samuel Siphso "Fish" Gavin, 29, and Piti Boy Ndwene, 19 — will appear in the Vereeniging Circuit Court on Monday.

Goldstone papers over cracks — Holomisa

TRANSKEI military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa has launched a scathing attack on the Goldstone commission for allegedly ignoring evidence of security force complicity in political violence.

Addressing a two-day conference in Harare on "Sustainable Peace and Stability in SA", he claimed the commission could not command the support and respect of the black majority because of the manner in which it had treated evidence of military intelligence funding and training of Inkatha volunteers.

"Goldstone is merely papering over the cracks. The commission is a sham instrument to bluff and delude black South Africans and the interna-

tional community into believing that President F W de Klerk is perturbed at the slaughter of blacks when in reality his security forces foment the violence."

According to a copy of his speech made available in Johannesburg, Holomisa said De Klerk had publicly admitted security force members were involved in violence.

Revelations of security force complicity in the so-called black-on-black violence and the continued public display of weapons and provocative acts by white right-wingers had the potential to trigger off a race war in SA.

Discussing the reorganisation and restructuring of the SADF, Holomisa said it was imperative that a transitional executive council be estab-

lished immediately to exercise full control over all armed forces.

The integration of the TBVC armies, Umkhonto we Sizwe and Apla with the SADF would restore the SADF's credibility and legitimise it as a national defence force.

However, Holomisa warned homeland governments and the liberation movements not to accede to the integration of their forces before an acceptable political settlement had been achieved.

He said current bilateral negotiations on this issue between the SA government, the homelands and the ANC should be terminated and the matter referred to the multiparty negotiating forum instead. — Sapa.

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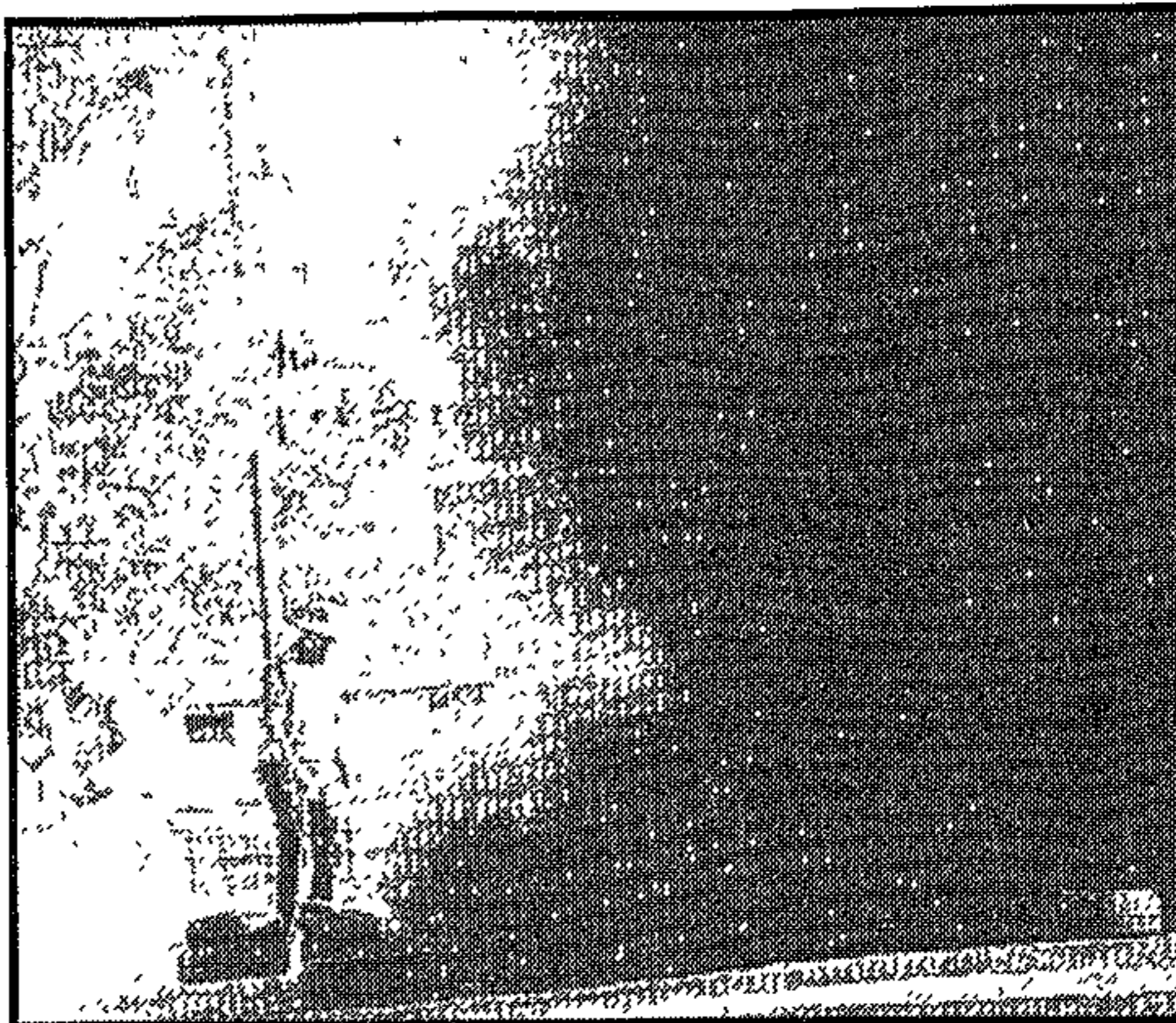
Torched shed sparks new 'war' in Koppies

The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG — Rightwing Free State farmers in Koppies erected burning barricades, stoned buses and assaulted reporters yesterday after marchers from neighbouring Kwakwatsi burnt down a storage shed during a march. The violence ended an agreement reached late on Wednesday night between whites and blacks in this northern Free State town to end a consumer boycott and counter measures by whites which barred blacks from the town.

About 3 000 marchers from Kwakwatsi, reinforced by ANC members bussed in marched peacefully to the showground and submitted a memorandum to police Colonel Gert Nel about 1pm.

After more than half the marchers had left, a group set alight a storage shed at the agricultural showgrounds which enraged rightwingers who then set up barricades of burning tyres.



TEMPERS FLARE: Farmers erect barricades of burning tyres after a shed at the farmer's agricultural centre near the Kwakwatsi township was burnt during an ANC rally.

Koppies Action Committee chairman Louw Badenhorst declared that Kwakwatsi residents had breached Wednesday's agreement by burning the storage shed.

Several journalists, trapped between the two factions, were assaulted by right wingers.

Police refused to escort black journalists from City Press to safety, and said they could not protect others from assault.

Sunday Tribune reporter Brendan Seery was punched and kicked by men who burnt his notebook. Saturday Star deputy editor Ken Vernon was also hit.

Police eventually escorted eight busloads of ANC supporters from the township where they had been trapped for more than three hours. Koppies residents stoned the buses after forcing reporters to leave.

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Koppies boycott, town blockade over after talks

Staff Reporters

Residents of Kwakwetsi township outside the northern Free State town of Koppies will march on the local Agricultural Showgrounds today with the full blessing of the townsfolk after the two sides settled their differences last night. (27)

Kwakwetsi residents have been boycotting town businesses and Koppies residents have in turn been barring them from entering the town since Monday.

After two days of negotiations, the ANC Koppies branch, the Koppies Action Group and the council agreed to end all consumer boycotts, stay-aways and counter action immediately.

In a joint statement, they also agreed to re-

structure the local peace committee which would, together with the Free State peace committee and the local groups, mediate in the event of any marches or boycotts.

It was also agreed Kwakwetsi residents could march along a mutually agreed route to the Koppies Agricultural Showgrounds today — even though a local magistrate earlier refused permission for the march.

Township residents had said they would march whether or not permission was granted.

Free State police spokesman Captain Johlene van der Merwe said after the agreement had been reached that the march was now legal.

She said police did not expect any violence during the march.

Police 'can't' stop cordon

KOPPIES. — The police force claimed it was powerless to stop white residents in the Free State town of Koppies from cordoning off the local township because the residents were on municipal property. 27

Free State police spokeswoman Captain Johlene van der Merwe said the right-wingers had the town council's permission to remain on the property. 34/13

The cordon followed a protest march on Thursday by ANC supporters in which a barn was set alight. 27/13

A peace meeting will be held on Monday in an attempt to diffuse the situation. — Sapa

Latest score: rightwings 2, police 0

Star 3/1/93

POLICE are armed and present when the AWB looks menacing, but seem reluctant to take action, especially in Koppies, reports Deputy Editor KEN VERNON

FOR the second time in less than a week the South African Police have demonstrated an apparent unwillingness — or inability — to deal with violence and lawlessness from the right wing.

The farming village of Koppies, outside Sasolburg, this week became the focus of resurgent rightwing activity when they blockaded almost 1 000 ANC members inside the nearby township of Kwakwatsi and set up barricades of burning tyres, assaulted journalists and stoned buses carrying blacks.

During the incidents, more than 100 heavily armed policemen stood idly by only metres away

from 'war footing'

When the senior police officer on the scene, Colonel Gert Nel, was a



OPPOSITE POLES: ANC marchers (left) set alight an AWB flag prior to their planned advance on the town. On the right, a police Casspir — its occupant taking a decidedly laid-back attitude in the course of what a senior officer described as a highly volatile situation best dealt with by calming both sides.

(1) Photo by JONATHAN BARBER

tractor tyres, that farmers had scattered around the barricades to the township entrance, he revealed that the rightwings had planned "with their tyres and their matches" to ignite a wave of flame that night as warning to the township — but had been stopped by police.

That may have been the last action taken by the police. As the storaged burst into flames, the rightwings tentatively stepped forward to re-establish their barricades — and the police stepped aside. Soon, more than 4000 blacks had been thrown across the road to Kwakwatsi, and within sight of the township a barricade of burning tyres had been set alight.

Police watched the proceedings but did nothing to try and prevent them.

Trapped in the township were almost 1 000 ANC supporters who have been bussed in for the march. The group included national executive member Ebrahim Ebrahim and Northern Free State regional chairman Vax Mayekiso.

Turned back

When police did finally act, it was against the trapped ANC members. They threw a roadblock across the path of the departing buses, preventing them from trying to breach the barricade.

for protection he merely shrugged his shoulders and suggested that "perhaps you should leave as they (the rightwing) say. There is nothing we can do"

The incident follows the debacle at the World Trade Centre last Friday where police stood idly by while rightwingers smashed their way into the Negotiating Forum and abused and assaulted politicians and others.

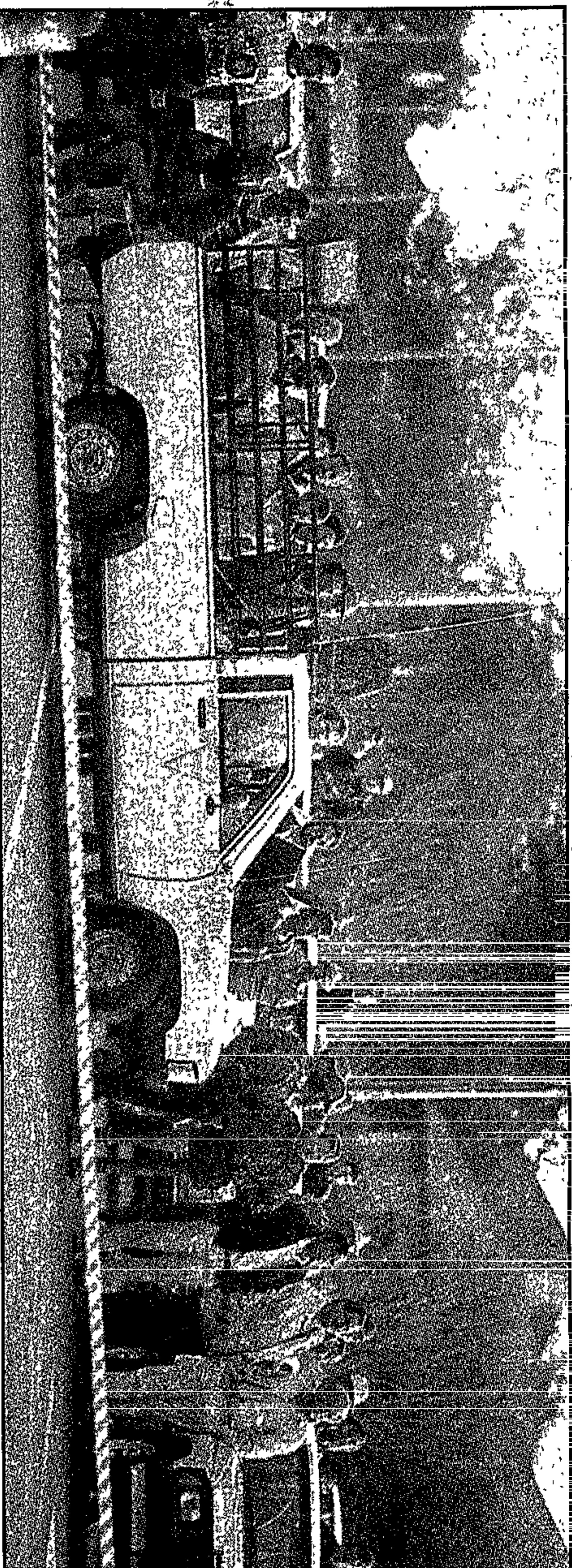
The village of Koppies, meanwhile, has gone onto a virtual war footing. Right-wing reinforcements from neighbouring areas have been drafted into the town and an "operations centre" has been established in the main street.

'Own meat'

From there, radio communications are maintained with bakke-loads of armed rightwingers.

Uniformed and armed members of the SADF, possibly local commando members, fraternised openly with the rightwingers, to the extent of attending a braai at the "ops centre" after Thursday's confrontation with ANC marchers.

An army spokesman said the army had been deployed in Koppies during the "present unrest situation". He said the army members had attended the braai but had "supplied their own meat", and denied that they had showed any bias in the AWB's favour. "The army is elevated above party politics," he said.



THEY SHALL NOT OVERCOME: A string of bakkes were parked beside car, truck and tractor tyres to ensure that marchers did not proceed through the town. Behind the vehicles stood watchful, heavily armed AWB members. An equally watchful and armed SAP chose to keep a low profile.

"When the ANC arrived here they sang 'Kill the Boer'," said local Action Committee chairman Louw Badenhorst. "Well, we accept that challenge. There will be no more talks with the ANC and we will protect ourselves and our property."

Tensions have been running high in the town since May 17, when a local member of the ANC Youth League, Makume Mahlatsi, was shot dead by police in unexplained circumstances. In retaliation, the residents of Kwakwatsi launched a

consumer boycott and white residents of Koppies responded this week by blockading the township.

An agreement to call off the boycott and blockade was reached on Wednesday night, provided the ANC could march to the town to register its pro-

test. However, following the march, black youths set fire to a storage shed at the nearby agricultural showground — rekindling white anger to fever pitch in the process.

However, talking to whites during the march to the edge of the town it

became evident that the issue ran deeper.

White-knuckled with anger, they vowed that the "ANC nonsense" would stop at Koppies. "These police won't stop us," said one man, fingering the 9 mm pistol perched on his hip. "If

they try, we'll shoot them. There is no law and order in this land any longer. De Klerk and his bloody Nats are selling the country and we will fight here to protect our families and our land."

Asked about the dozens of tyres, including heavy

Angry youths threatened to use "AK's and grenades" to force their way through.

"Who is in charge here?" asked Mayekiso "Is it the police or the AWB?" The answer seemed obvious.

A group of black journalists who tried to leave the township under police escort were turned back when the rightwingers told the police they would not allow it.

As emergency negotiations were held in the city hall between Action Committee members, police and local officials — the ANC were not invited — anger steadily grew. After three hours, a bloody confrontation seemed inevitable.

Rock shower

Finally, the rightwingers decided to release the eight buses — under police escort — and stepped back from the barricade to form a gauntlet that unleashed a shower of rocks as the buses passed by.

Dozens of heavily armed police stood by and watched the performance. Colonel Nel insisted that police had acted responsibly to prevent bloodshed.

"Tension is high in the red here," he said. "If we had acted to remove the barriers there would have been a bloodbath."

"We had no other option. I'm sure of it."

The police had tried to calm down both sides and there was no other option to what they had done.

Mom's advice on policemen doesn't hold

Star 3/7/93

KEN VERNON, Deputy Editor

WHEN you were young, your mom always said that if you were in trouble you should find a policeman. That advice seems to have gone out of currency.

This week, in the small Free State town of Koppies, when police were called on to render assistance to journalists and legal marchers the most they offered was a shrug of the shoulders.

They stood by and watched rightwingers set up burning barricades across public roads. They stood idly and watched journalists — including a young woman — abused, threatened and assaulted.

They watched rightwingers throw a barrage of stones at buses transporting blacks out of KwaKwatsi township — supposedly under police escort.

One journalist, after having been assaulted within metres of the policemen, speculated that SAP stood for Standing About Passively.

Sunday Tribune journalist Brendan Seery was confronted by a dozen rightwingers, who snatched his notebook and burnt it before punching and kicking him. Similar treatment was meted out to me. A young woman reporter, on exchange from America was abused and narrowly missed being hit.

Tried to escape

A team of black journalists from City Press, who were trapped inside the besieged township, asked for a police escort out of the area, but the police were told by rightwingers manning barricades that they would not allow them to pass — and there was nothing, said police in the armoured vehicle, they could do. Orders, it appears, are orders — no matter from whence they come. (277) ~~277~~

I was confronted by about 10 rightwingers within 10 m of dozens of heavily armed police. I was told to leave the area. Then attempts were made to steal my camera and when I tried to escape to the police, I was assaulted and physically removed.

The police watched without flinching. ~~277~~

Then I remembered my mom's advice and I went looking for a policeman — a policeman who wasn't looking at me getting beaten that is — and found Colonel Gert Nel, who with two armed rightwingers was sitting at an abandoned roadblock.

I told him of the attacks on journalists and asked, like a good boy, for assistance. The colonel looked concerned, but said he couldn't help.

"But it's your duty," I replied. The colonel looked even more concerned, but was adamant. Look elsewhere, other than to the South African Police, for help, he suggested. Or even better, he said, maybe I should do what the rightwingers demanded and leave the area.

"But I need to do my job," I pleaded. The colonel looked still more concerned, but could only shrug his shoulders.

Hopes that anger at Koppies can be calmed

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A MEETING aimed at resolving the standoff between conservative residents of the northern Free State town of Koppies and the black residents of the adjoining Kwakwetsi township will be held on Monday.

Representatives of the ANC, the town council and the white Action Committee will attend the meeting, along with the peace committee delegates and the police.

The meeting was arranged by the peace committee at the request of the ANC to discuss among other issues the damage caused by a barn fire on Thursday and steps to be taken against the guilty parties.

The barn was set alight after an ANC organised march by about 5 000 Kwakwetsi residents and surrounding areas during which a memorandum was handed to police. The Action Committee considered the arson to be in defiance of an agreement reached on Wednesday and reacted by closing off the only exit to the township.

The simmering tension then boiled over and nine buses, which had brought supporters to the march, were stoned by rightwingers, injuring four people, according to the ANC. Rightwingers also harassed and assaulted journalists attending the march. ANC branch chairman Johannes Tladi yesterday also claimed shots had been fired at the vehicles of two ANC branch executive members as they left the township and that during the night, policemen had searched the homes of two members of the ANC branch executive.

Reports, pictures on Page 5.

The windows of four houses on the outskirts of Kwakwetsi were also broken when they were stoned by rightwingers in the early hours of the morning, Tladi claimed.

Commenting on the arson, he said the ANC distanced itself from such actions. "The

ANC has never given an order for private property to be damaged. Those who committed this act are the enemies of peace." He added that the ANC was investigating who the culprits were.

Koppies Town Council and Action Committee member Pierre de la Harpe would not comment on violence allegedly committed by Action Committee members and their supporters because he had not been there.

But he said the Action Committee was "very unhappy about the way the ANC broke its agreement with us. But we are keeping to our side of the bargain. We are not blockading the township nor preventing Kwakwetsi residents from buying at our shops."

SAP spokeswoman Capt Johlene van der Merwe meanwhile confirmed that the situation in Koppies was calm and "back to normal" yesterday.

In Pretoria yesterday SAP Major-General Leon Mellet said police are aware of the far rightwing's planned national resistance campaign and are on top of the situation.

A confident Mellet said there was no need for the public to be alarmed about reports of a far rightwing plot to wrest control of the political process in the country. — Sapa

TRIVIALITY SPARKS RACE WAR

By BILL KRIGE

A SMALL issue decided unilaterally by an all-white town council is largely to blame for a ruinous racial split in a Free State town.

Today the gulf between white and black yawns wider than the two-kilometre strip of no-man's land separating the dorp of Koppies from its dusty township, Kwakwatsi.

On Thursday, armed white thugs shot and wounded eight ANC supporters bussed in for a protest march which turned ugly after ANC youths burnt a farmers' shed.

That night scores of out-of-town white toughs drove around Kwakwatsi's fringes, dismounting from bakkies to terrorise a squatter camp.

Adamant

For four days armed white residents had blockaded Kwakwatsi, turning back black workers, in retaliation for the fourth ANC-inspired boycott this year. The boycott was the result of the town's refusal to allow the ANC to hold a June 16 protest march ending at the police station.

"At the moment we have a sort-of ceasefire," said Charl van der Merwe, businessman and deputy mayor. "We meet tomorrow to try and sort things out."

Both the white blockade and the black consumer boycott are over — for the moment — but both sides are adamant that the other was to blame for the crisis.

Blacks accuse the police of taking sides in the dispute, the town council of being petty and the Action Committee of being manipulated by the AWB.

Whites blame the crisis on weak ANC leadership and bad faith. Solemn agreements were broken and

And dusty dorp reaps a whirlwind

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TALKING: Charl van der Merwe

business was alienated by four consumer boycotts, and six worker stayaways this year, they say.

But the truth seems to be that the last boycott, the blockade and the violence wouldn't have happened had Koppies agreed to the ANC's simple request to allow the June 16 march.

Mr van der Merwe said the town council had decided not to allow the June 16 march to end at the police station partly because it feared a right-wing backlash.

Moreover, it had made its approval conditional on the backing of the local peace secretariat. This was not forthcoming — because ANC delegates failed to attend a secretariat meeting and a quorum was not reached, he said.

ANC vice-chairman Sol Mayekiso, an Afrikaans schoolteacher, said: "We waited 10 days and then they told us we could hand over our petition to the station commander at the mill (on the white side of no-man's land) and that was unacceptable."

Talks between the ANC and the Action Committee led to agreement on terms for a march on Thursday. It ended with angry youths lighting barricades on the white outskirts and burning a shed belonging to farmers in the agricultural showgrounds in which furniture worth R65 000 was stored.

Busses carrying protesters home to nearby Free State towns were fired on and eight people were wounded, one critically.

A car carrying top ANC officials Zacharia Phori and Tate Makgoe was ambushed.

At about 10pm some 100 whites drove to Kwakwatsi's crowded squatter area.

Terrified

"I was lying in bed when I heard people swearing in Afrikaans," said Mrs Margaret Seitsho. Windows in the bedroom and lounge of her home were smashed with rifle butts.

"I was terrified. I ran into the kitchen with my son, Michael. They had parked outside and were shining their headlights at the house. I couldn't see them in the glare."

Nearby, the iron shack of Mrs Betty Mtibisi had several windows smashed and walls buckled. She was not at home at the time.

While inspecting the damage, three police Nyalas and several other armoured vehicles cruised by.

"Where were they when we needed them?" asked Mr Mayekiso.

Free State boycott crisis moves to Jagersfontein

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The consumer boycott/right-wing blockade situation at Koppies in the northern Free State has been resolved, but Jagersfontein in the south now sits with a similar problem, reports said yesterday. The ANC and the Itumeleng Civic Association in Jagersfontein, where a consumer boycott started on Monday, have refused to discuss the situation with the local peace committee.

The boycott was apparently called to force Itumeleng administrator Mr Louw de Beer and the chief of administration Mr Japie Pienaar to resign. — Sapa

Troops not biased towards rightists at Koppies - SADF

Star 8/7/93

By Kris Mayes

The SAP and SADF have denied that troops deployed to handle unrest in the northern Free State last Thursday were biased toward rightwingers by doing nothing to prevent them from blockading a local township and attacking journalists.

A unit of SADF soldiers was deployed at Koppies to help local police contain an ANC-sponsored march protesting barricades of the KwaKwatsi township by Koppies citizens.

But, as witnessed by journalists from The Star, The Saturday Star and The Sunday

Tribune, police and the army stood by idly as the rightwingers once again set up barricades outside the township, trapping nearly 2 000 marchers.

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The rightwingers also attacked two journalists and threatened another, but police refused to make arrests or offer protection.

Immediately after the tense standoff, SADF members were seen having a braai with the rightwingers at their makeshift Koppies headquarters. But SADF spokesman Major Merle Meyer said the

event had been prearranged and that the soldiers "supplied their own meat".

The police said they could not be held responsible for following up the reporters' claims of abuse because they had failed to make official statements at the local police station.

In a statement released yesterday police said that because the Koppies standoff was so volatile they were unable to ensure the journalists' safety.

● US journalist shocked at hatred — Page 7

ANC region refuses to return to peace body

BLOEMFONTEIN. — ANC southern Free State regional leaders said here yesterday they would defy orders from their national headquarters in Johannesburg to return to the structures of the National Peace Accord they quit three weeks ago.

The region left the peace body because five people were allegedly shot dead in the region on June 16 by policemen. (114) (27)

ANC spokesman Mr Moses Mogamse said the region decided to quit the peace body until the police met its demands to suspend the policemen involved in the shootings, and to hold an independent inquiry into the incidents. — Sapa

Sowetan 11/9/93
Boycott for Kroonstad

RESIDENTS of Maokeng are to boycott Kroonstad's white-owned businesses for a month from September 6.

A spokesman said yesterday it was the only peaceful way residents could draw the attention of those in power to their problems. He said the Maokeng Unity Forum, which was formed by the African National Congress, South African National Civics Association and Congress of South African Trade Unions, had decided the boycott would begin with a stayaway on September 6 and end on October (277)



A DAY TO REMEMBER ... Several hostels around Johannesburg yesterday celebrated "peace day". Leaders of various organisations hold hands as they sing and pray for peace during the celebration at the stadium of City Deep Hostel in Johannesburg.

PIC: LUCKY NXUMALO



Attack on hotel

Sowetan 6/9/93

DAMAGE ESTIMATED at R1 million was caused to the Riverside Lodge at Ladybrand in the Free State on Saturday night when gunmen "looking for boers" opened fire and hurled petrol bombs and handgrenades at the hotel.

No-one was injured (277)

A man purporting to be a platoon commander of the Azanian National Liberation Army phoned Sapa last night and claimed responsibility for the attack. Sapa was not able to verify the identity of the caller, who said his name was Tongora.

Azanla is the military wing of the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania based in Harare, Zimbabwe.

"The attack was carried out because we know the Kempton Park (multiparty) talks are not going to deliver anything good for our people — the black people of Azania.

"Such attacks are going to continue until our people get the total liberation they deserve," the caller warned.

Police said last night the attackers fled in the direction of nearby Lesotho, from where they

suspected the attack was launched.

Eight rooms, two bars, a lounge, diningroom and an office were completely destroyed in the attack. Last night the building was still smouldering.

The hotel's manageress, Mrs Linda van Minnen, said: "They (the gunmen) said they were looking for the boers — the white people — that was all they were looking for."

A black security guard said the men appeared in the pool room shortly before closing time and ordered hotel personnel to lie down.

"One man came to the pool table and said: 'Stay there, I'm looking for the white people'," he said.

Witnesses also said the attackers bombed the complex after they could not find the manager or other whites.

One said as the building blazed, the gunmen fired at least 16 shots with machineguns.

Free State regional police commissioner Major-General Tertius Calitz said the "modus operandi" and weapons used in the attack were similar to previous attacks by the Azanla in the area. — Sapa

Hotel attack: Azanla 'unsure' about its role

Argus Africa News Service

HARARE. — Black Consciousness Movement of Azania spokesman Vuyisa Qunta today refused to confirm or deny that the attack on the Riverside Lodge Hotel in the Free State on Saturday night was carried out by the organisation's armed wing, the Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army (Azanla).

According to Mr Qunta, he had no knowledge of the attack.

He said Azanla was "operationally autonomous" and was not under the control of the BCMA offices in the frontline states, which carried out "diplomatic, humanitarian and media" functions.

A man claiming to speak for Azanla telephoned Sapa last night and said the organisation was responsible for the attack.

The five gunmen made black staff at the hotel lie on the floor and said they were looking for whites.

When they failed to find any whites they shot up the hotel and threw hand grenades and petrol bombs at the main building, causing about R1 million damage.

Police said the attackers fled in the direction of Lesotho.

The Riverside Lodge, a complex of thatched bungalows grouped around a main building, is a few hundred metres away from the Maseru Bridge border post.

Security boosted at resorts along Lesotho border

The Argus Correspondent

LADYBRAND. — Security is being stepped up at hotels and holiday resorts along the Free State border with Lesotho after an attack on a Ladybrand hotel, police said today.

Damage estimated at R1 million was caused when gunmen torched part of the Riverside Lodge.

Free State police spokeswoman Captain Johlene van der Merwe said more uniformed policemen and members of the Internal Stability Unit would be deployed to the area.

She said police would also visit hotels and resorts along the border to advise on security.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said it was impossible to police the border, and that security would be discussed with Lesotho authorities.

Some rooms, two bars, a lounge, the diningroom and the hotel office were gutted about midnight on Saturday. Nobody was injured.

Police said five gunmen attacked the hotel, firing shots and throwing petrol bombs and a handgrenade, which did not explode. It is believed they fled to Lesotho after setting another building, a clubhouse, on fire.

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A witness to the attack on the hotel, Tefo Theletsane, said four armed men burst into the pool room and said: "Where are the white people? We want boers, not you."

The gunmen then ordered two customers, a security guard and Mr Theletsane to lie on the floor.

Hotel manager Linda van Minnen said the hotel was popular with police and army personnel, and Lesotho residents, but on Saturday night they had been at a party elsewhere, leaving the hotel nearly empty.

● A man purporting to be from the Azanian National Liberation Army (Azanla) claimed responsibility for the attack in a telephone call to Sapa.

Azanla is the military wing of the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania and based in Harare in Zimbabwe.

Sapa was not able to verify the identity of the caller.

When asked about a pre-arranged code used by Sapa to verify the identity of anonymous callers, the man said his name was Tongora, an Azanla commander.

He said: "The attack was carried out because we know the Kempton Park talks are not going to deliver anything good for our people — the black people of Azania."

NP angry at Free State town's anti-ANC move

JOHANNESBURG. — The National Party yesterday spoke out strongly against a declaration by the Conservative Party, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and Afrikaner Volksfront on Saturday that Bothaville was a "no-go area" for the African National Congress.

A large police contingent had to intervene as hundreds of right-wingers, many of them armed, besieged the ANC's office in the quiet Free State town on Saturday before declaring it out of bounds to the organisation. — Sapa (277) CT6/9/93.

BOMB ATTACK

Bellville wedding in double surprise ending

By WILLEM STEENKAMP

wedding of a young Bothasig couple at the ... took place not a moment too soon — two after they exchanged their vows, the blushing became the proud mother of twin sons. ... electrician Mr Hendrik Pieters, 31, and Miss Beukes, 24, were married at the NG Sending ... in Bellville South shortly after 2pm on Saturday, ... a gathering of close relatives and friends, they didn't make it to their reception. The new ... who was seven months' pregnant — ... admitted to the Libertas Hospital, where ... birth to Brandon at 4.10pm. Her second son, ... arrived about 20 minutes later. ... reception went ahead despite the absence of ... couple. Said Mr Vivian Braaf, the boyfriend

Pieters' sister Miss ... Pieters "The ... were waiting in ... They were ... happy ... obviously proud ... who began ... contractions dur- ... wedding cere- ... attributed ... early arrival to

... they were ... but they caught me ... she said "I ... was the strain I ... tense before the ...

"fantastic," said ... chuffed Mr ... "It's a great

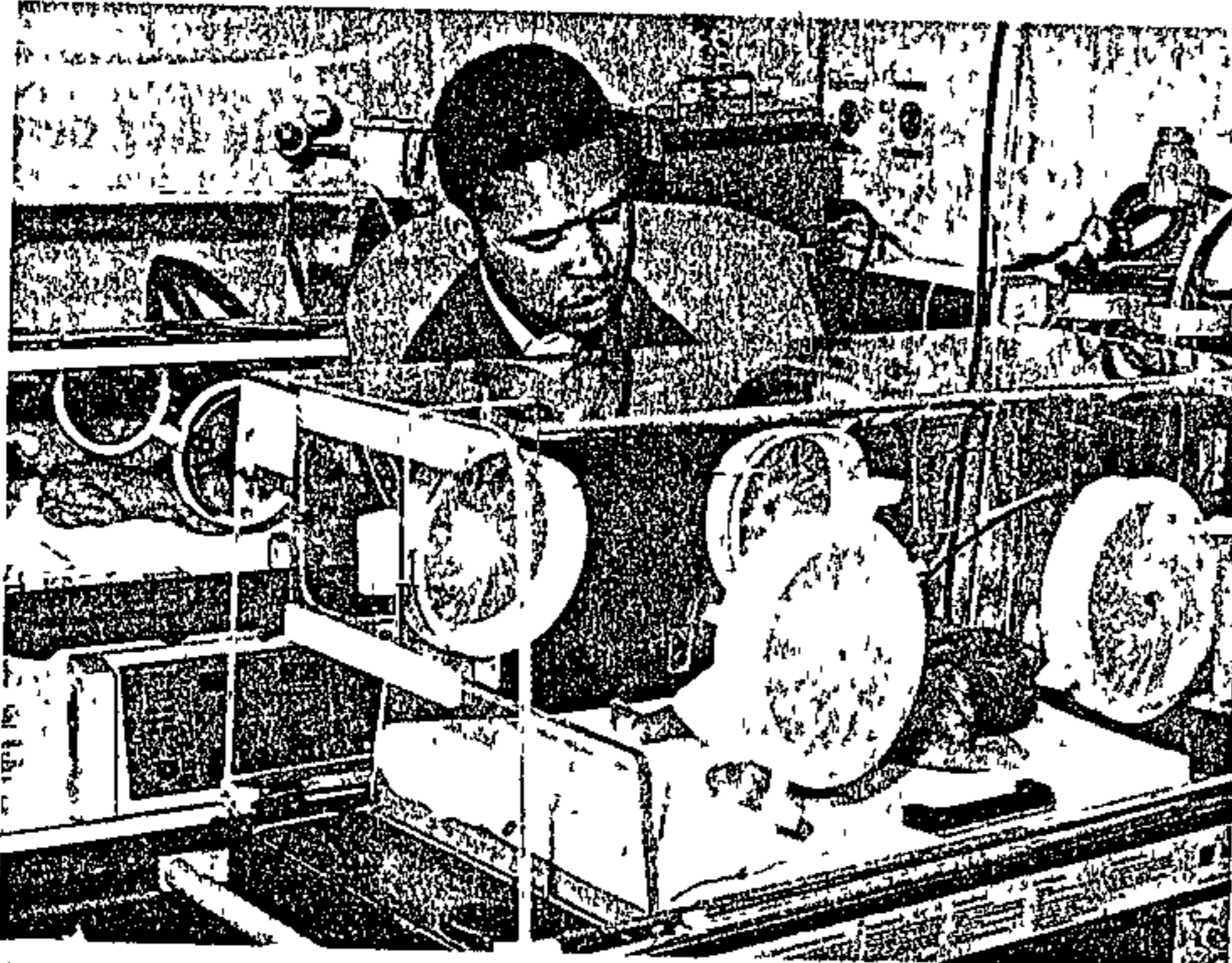
... he had not ... the birth ... offspring was im- ... even after the ... had left the ... and were on their ... wedding pho- ... taken

... it was just ... he said

... are expected ... from the ... early next week



WITH THIS RING ... Mr Hendrik Pieters puts the wedding ring on the finger of his bride, Miss Zelda Beukes, in Bellville South on Saturday afternoon. Picture: VIVIAN BRAAF



DOTING DAD ... Mr Hendrik Pieters, of Bothasig, visits his newborn twin sons Brandon and Bronwyn at the Libertas Hospital on Saturday evening — hours after becoming a husband. Picture: VIVIAN BRAAF

Gunmen open fire on hotel

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By DALE GRANGER

FIVE gunmen attacked an isolated hotel on the Lesotho border on Saturday night, opening fire with automatic weapons and lobbing handgrenades and petrol bombs into the main building of the lodge, causing an estimated R1 million damage.

Shocked residents of nearby Ladybrand said last night the attack on the isolated Riverside Lodge had struck fear into townfolk and they were arming themselves.

The administration block and club house of the hotel were destroyed in the brief attack.

Police said the gunmen had arrived in a white BMW and their tracks led back to the Lesotho border.

No one was injured and police said there was no trace of the BMW.

A Foreign Affairs spokesman said the department was waiting for a report from police to confirm whether the attack was launched from Lesotho. "At this stage we cannot say whether it was an Apla attack," he said.

The attack comes only days after Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha visited Lesotho to discuss security.

The spokesman said the department had been assured last week that the Lesotho government would not allow its territory to be used as a springboard for attacks on SA.

'Frightening'

A security guard said the attackers appeared in the pool room shortly before closing time and ordered staff to lie down and "stay down" as they were "looking for white people".

At the time there were only black patrons in the pool room.

The attackers bombed the complex after they could not find the manager or other whites.

Hotel manageress Mrs Linda van Minnen said the gunmen were "looking for the Boers — the white people".

As the building blazed, the gunmen fired at least 16 shots into the building with machine-guns.

Sapa reported last night that a caller purporting to be from the Azanian National Liberation Army (Azania), the armed wing of the Azanian People's Organisation, had claimed responsibility in a telephone call for the attack.

Ladybrand fireman Mr Koos Maritz, who fought the blaze for 10 hours, said

that the scene had been "ugly and frightening".

"All the lights and electricity were out and I was expecting terrorists to open fire from the darkness," he said.

He found an unexploded foreign handgrenade lying on the ground with nails strapped to it.

Free State regional police commissioner Major-General Tertius Calitz visited the hotel yesterday and said the modus-operandi and weapons used were similar to previous attacks by Apla in the border area.

He said the motive was not yet clear.

South African police were co-operating closely with the Royal Lesotho Mounted Police in investigating the attack. Police would increase their presence at holiday resorts along the border, Maj-Gen Calitz said.

Mrs Emily Mokhachana, a receptionist at the Travellers Inn in Ladybrand, said "I'm scared even to go outside."

Ladybrand mayor Mr Nic Olivier said people were leaving the area in droves and the "country towns are dying".



Rival claims to hotel attack

Crime Reporter

RESPONSIBILITY for the weekend attack on an isolated Free State hotel has been claimed for a second organisation by a man who says he led the attack.

A man claiming to have led the attack on the Riverside Lodge in Ladybrand telephoned Sapa yesterday and said the PAC's Azanian People's Liberation Army

(Apla) was responsible.

He disputed claims that the Black Consciousness Movement's Azanian National Liberation Army (Azanla) — who allegedly telephoned Sapa on Sunday night — was responsible.

The man gave details of the weaponry and said ballistic tests would reveal that similar weaponry was used in attacks on Free

State farmers. CT 7/9/93

A senior police source told the Cape Times yesterday that police believed the attack was made by a group who had made attacks on farmers in the area for which Apla had claimed responsibility.

He said: "We believe this group is connected to Apla because their methods and the weapons used are similar to those of attacks in the Eastern Cape."

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Taxis blockade Welkom

ABOUT 300 taxi drivers laid siege to the northern Orange Free State town of Welkom yesterday, to protest against the 7c a litre petrol hike.

The drivers parked their vehicles in the city centre and locked them, effectively blockading the city.

A Free State police spokesman confirmed the blockade which began at 9am. He said most drivers had begun a peaceful exodus, and those taxis still blocking traffic were being impounded.

A driver was arrested for obstructing police. (277)

Sporadic fighting broke out between drivers, but was quelled. Police used stun grenades to disperse the crowd, the spokesman said, adding that 345 policemen had been deployed in the city. (277)

The petrol price increase, the brainchild of Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister Mr George Bartlett, has been given a resounding thumbs-down by most parts of the business and labour

community this week.

Mr Fezile Dabi, legal department head of the African National Congress' northern Free State region, said taxis had begun grouping in Thabong township, 2km from Welkom.

Police had earlier cordoned off the area, Dabi said, warning that trouble could flare.

"We think there might be trouble, but we have written to the police, asking them to act with restraint and tolerance." — Sapa.

Probe into violence

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By Mpikeleni Duma

PRELIMINARY investigations into incidents of violence in the Free State have been completed by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry, the commission said in a statement yesterday.

The incidents investigated occurred in Bloemfontein, Soutpan and Fauresmith in June this year. (277)

The statement said the commission was of the opinion that, as criminal or inquest proceedings were under way, it would be inappropriate for a committee to hold a parallel

inquiry.

"The Free State Peace Committee has been requested to monitor the pending trial and inquest and to inform the commission on the programme," said the statement.

The setting up of the commission followed the withdrawal of the ANC Southern Free State region from all structures of the Peace Committee.

The ANC had demanded the setting up of the commission to investigate the shooting of its supporters by members of the South African Police. The organisation had also demanded the suspension of police officers involved in the shooting.

Grenade attack at taxi rank

JOHANNESBURG. — An assailant hurled a handgrenade into a crowd at a taxi rank near Vierfontein in the Free State on Friday night, injuring 16 people, four seriously.

Police spokesman Colonel J Fouche said the attack occurred at the Vaal Reefs Gold Mine.

He said the attacker, who disappeared, walked by the crowded rank about 9pm and tossed the Russian-made grenade.

In other incidents on the Reef, 14 people died and two were wounded, mainly in Thokoza on the East Rand.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Deon Peens said yesterday most of the victims had either been shot, stabbed, hacked or burnt to death on Saturday night or early yesterday morning.

A man with three bullet wounds in his head was found in Thokoza and admitted to hospital

in a critical condition.

The bodies of four men were found in Katlehong. Two had been shot in the head and two burnt to death.

● Police in Queenstown are investigating claims by Transkei businessman Mr T S Ntantiso, 40, that he was fired on by two white men as he drove past them on Saturday. *CT 27/9/93*

Police said they could not confirm the incident. — Sapa.

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Shots fired at minibus in OFS

Passenger killed in attack on black taxi

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■ CRIME REPORTER

Two men tailed a packed minibus taxi for several kilometres near Odendaalsrus in the Free State on Saturday and opened fire on the passengers, killing one man and injuring another in an apparently racially motivated attack. (277)

Free State police spokesman Major Johlene van der Merwe said two white men in a grey Volkswagen Jetta had followed the bus from the taxi rank in Odendaalsrus at about 5.30 pm.

The taxi, carrying 13 black passengers, was heading for Allenridge when the men in the Jetta suddenly overtook the minibus and opened fire.

One passenger was killed and another — who was shot in the face with a shotgun — was seriously injured. Their names have not yet been released.

■ Police have released the names of nine rightwingers detained last week in connection

RACIAL hatred appears to be the motive as whites follow vehicle and then open fire with rifles

with the racial attack on black travellers near Randfontein on December 13.

Four people were shot, hacked or burnt to death on the Randfontein-Ventersdorp road. Three were seriously injured.

The attackers allegedly questioned the travellers about their political affiliations before launching into the killings.

Police named the nine detained AWB members as "chief commandant" Phil Klopper, "commandant" Deon Martin, "candidate officer" Gert Diederichs, Piet Matthews, Andre Visser, Etienne Visser, Carol Meiring, Marthinus van der Schyff and "junior officer" Jaco Badenhorst.

Home of ANC official

Cas Human bombed

JOHANNESBURG. — A bomb exploded on Wednesday night at the home of an African National Congress official in Harrismith in the Free State.

The blast occurred at the home of local leader Mr Cas Human and was the third bomb attack on the ANC in the Free State in less than a week. No one was injured in any of the blasts.

● In the Eastern Cape, internal stability division members were guarding entrances to Port Elizabeth's Kwa-Zakhele township following the petrol bombing of at least six vehicles yesterday morning.

No injuries were reported.

● On the Rand, the fragile peace which reigned over the Alexandra township north of Johannesburg last year has been shattered with renewed fighting between hostel dwellers and residents this week.

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Three people have been killed, people have been beaten, children attacked, shacks burnt and cars set alight in the past four days.

● The IFP Youth Brigade is to ask the Goldstone Commission to investigate the activities of self-defence units on the East Rand.

IFP Youth Brigade deputy chairman Mr Thabane Dlamini said in a statement yesterday that most of party's leaders on the East Rand had been killed by SDUs in recent months.

● A 19-year-old East Rand man was thrown off a Johannesburg-bound passenger train yesterday, a police spokesman said.

Mr Samuel Garbers, 19, was thrown from the train at Wattle station in Germiston and was treated at hospital for a broken arm.

Police are investigating a charge of attempted murder. — Sapa, UPI

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**Union offices
bombed in
Tvl and OES**

KLERKSDORP. — The offices of two trades union in Klerksdorp and one in Harrismith were bombed today.

Western Transvaal police have offered a R100 000 reward for information about the two simultaneous blasts at the offices of the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Union of Metalworkers in Klerksdorp.

The explosions caused extensive damage to two buildings housing the head offices of Num and Numsa.

Spokesman Neels Steyn said a policeman on patrol had narrowly escaped injury.

The offices of the Klerksdorp Blood Transfusion Service were also damaged.

In Harrismith a Num office was badly damaged when the building caught fire after the blast.

The bombings were the latest in a series of suspected rightwing attacks on African National Congress premises, power pylons and railway lines. — Sapa.

Three trade union offices bombed

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KLERKSDORP. — The offices of two trade unions here and one in Harrismith in the northern Free State were bombed early yesterday morning.

Western Transvaal police have offered a R100 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the two simultaneous blasts at the offices of the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa in Klerksdorp yesterday.

A police spokesman said a policeman patrolling the area had narrowly escaped injury in the Klerksdorp blasts. The offices of the Klerksdorp Blood Transfusion Service were also damaged.

In Harrismith a NUM office was seriously damaged when the building caught fire after an explosion yesterday morning.

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Bombing probes: TEC help requested

Own Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC is to ask the TEC to intervene in investigations into the spate of bombings in the western Transvaal and Free State.

Four blasts in the two areas yesterday brought the total to 27 since November. All the latest attacks were against ANC-linked targets.

Police have not made any arrests or taken anyone for questioning in connection with the bombings.

The ANC alleges the bombers are right-wingers but a police spokesman said police had a success rate of more than 80% in cracking right-wing terror cases.