3. The November examination accounts for 30% of the final mark:
   1 Paper on Language and translation: 3 hours
   1 Paper on prescribed texts: 3 hours

4. The November Oral examination accounts for 15% of the final mark and includes an examination on the modern novel chosen by each student (2.5 above).

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Body found with gunshot wounds

PRETORIA — A body with gunshot wounds was discovered and a house was stoned in the Hammarsdale area, police reported yesterday in an overnight unrest report.

Also in Hammersdale, a shot was fired at a police patrol. Police returned fire and then searched the area. A home-made firearm and ammunition was found, and three people were arrested.

At the Umgababa holiday resort near Umkomaas on the Natal South Coast, people gathering illegally were dispersed.

At Kwadengezi, near Durban, arsonists badly damaged a house. Police used birdshot to disperse them. In another incident in the area, a group of people attacked and stabbed a man, seriously injuring him. The group was dispersed with birdshot, police said. — Sapa.

Soldiers move into Newtown

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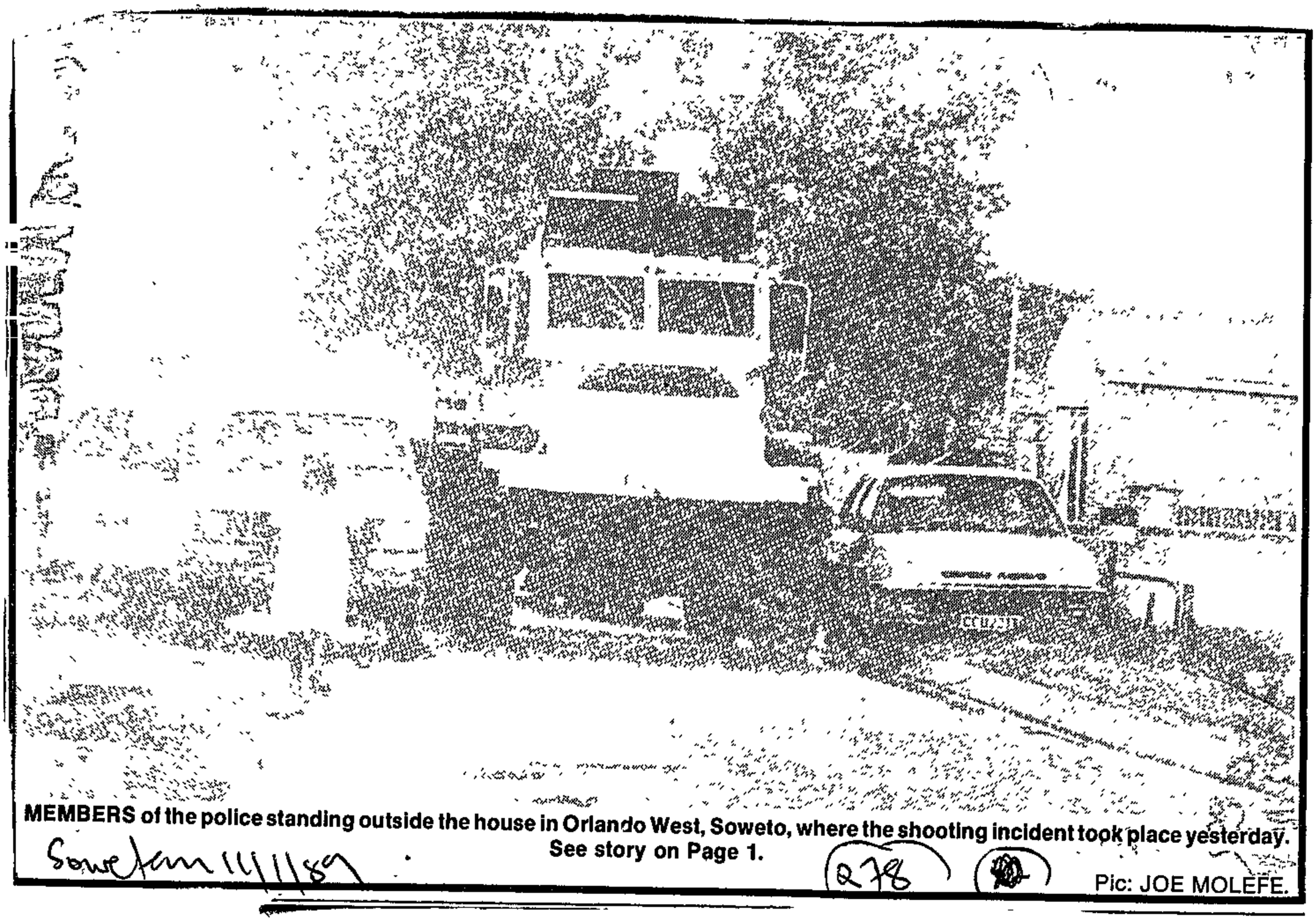
A LARGE contingent of South African Defence Force troops moved into the Inanda Newtown area early yesterday in direct response to an appeal by about 100 people to the township authorities on Tuesday for "more protection".

A resident of Section A in Inanda Newtown said yesterday that trouble began there two months ago when a man from the Lindelani shack settlement visited the area and began stirring up trouble between supporters of the Inkatha organisation and the United Democratic Front.

But he said this fight had now changed to a clash between people living in the better areas of Inanda Newtown, which was built with Urban Foundation help and guidance, and thousands of shack-dwellers on their doorstep.

"It is a fight between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'," he said. "They want to drive us out of our houses.

"About 100 men and women from Inanda Newtown Section A went to the township manager on Tuesday morning and said: 'Please, you must give us greater protection'. The manager said the squatters could not drive us out of our homes because there were things like leases and loans." — Sapa.



MEMBERS of the police standing outside the house in Orlando West, Soweto, where the shooting incident took place yesterday.
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Pic: JOE MOLEFE.

Inquest hears of omission

Pretoria Correspondent

Conflicting documentary evidence on the location of bodies of alleged victims of the Mamelodi shootings on November 21, 1985, forced a short adjournment of the Inquest Court in Pretoria North yesterday.

Mr J N Pretorius adjourned the inquest to allow witnesses who removed the bodies to testify following a request by Mr Morris Basslain, who is representing families of the victims.

Earlier during the Inquest, Captain Daniel Hugo McLachlan, who was in charge of a Casspir at the scene of the mass gathering, said during the dispersal of most of the crowd of about 20 000 his team also had to use buckshot to disperse a stone-throwing group.

He said about 300 people were closing in on three colleagues who were left stranded on the ground due to a misunderstanding, and whose lives were in danger.

The three policemen were not hurt during the stone-throwing and they ultimately boarded the Casspir.

Asked whether he did report the incident to a Colonel Loots who was in charge, Captain McLachlan said he did, but he could not say why the colonel left out the stone-throwing incident in his report because "I cannot speak on his behalf".

He agreed that a "normal" person, such as Colonel Loots, would have regarded the stone-throwing incident as important.

The inquest continues.

SADF denies 'aid to MNR' claim

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The Star's Africa News Service

MAPUTO — The eastern Transvaal remained a launching pad for the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) movement, the Mozambique news agency, AIM, claimed yesterday.

The agency said this was "the only conclusion that can be drawn from the testimony of Mozambicans who have been repatriated from South Africa where they had fled in early December after a bandit attack".

A South African Defence Force spokesman today denied the allegation, saying South Africa's policy regarding the MNR had been stated at the highest level of government.

"The Joint Security Commission between Mozambique and South Africa is the appropriate channel for these allegations," he said.

AIM said one of the displaced Mozambicans, Mr Eduardo Tivane, had spent "some days in an MNR base somewhere near South Africa's Kruger National Park".

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He and other refugees had fled to South Africa after rebels had attacked villages around the Mapulanguene area last month. The refugees had been allowed into South Africa at an unspecified border gate

Later they were rounded up by soldiers and taken to Skukuza.

There Mr Tivane and three other Mozambicans were blindfolded and taken to a house where they were interrogated by a white man in uniform.

Mr Tivane told the agency that the man in uniform had told him he would now be working with the MNR. The man had pointed to the window showing Mr Tivane armed black men outside the building.

"The interrogator said they were Mozambicans. They were wearing blue uniforms."

He said that because he had refused to join the MNR he had been beaten by two other men, one of whom also spoke fluent Portuguese.

Six days later he was taken to the border post of Ressano Garcia and realeased together with the other refugees.

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Officials visit schools after attacks by pupils

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By Stan Hlophe

The Johannesburg regional acting director of the Department of Education and Training (DET) and his assistant were conducting inspections in loco at several troubled Soweto high schools today.

Mr Peet Struwig and his assistant, Mr J Chambers, visited Fidelitas High and other schools in Diepkloof following the attack on two principals and several teachers, allegedly by former pupils in an attempt to force teachers to admit them when schools reopened last Wednesday.

It has been reported that a pupil who did not write last year's end-of-year examinations demanded that his friends be enrolled at schools they had not attended.

Teachers at one of the schools where the boy and eight other pupils first went have been withdrawn by the DET.

Mr Struwig went out to assess the situation himself and to hold urgent discussions with the teachers and parents.

Went on rampage

Teachers at one school have been withdrawn after the pupils went on a rampage, assaulting teachers, smashing windows and damaging teachers' vehicles.

Mr Struwig has been reported as saying that it did not mean that classes had been suspended but teachers at one school were withdrawn until their safety could be ensured.

At Fidelitas, one pupil, whom pupils described as a thug, demanded that the headmaster enrol his friends who did not have proper transfer papers from their former school.

When this was pointed out to him he and others went on a rampage, assaulting teachers, ransacking the principal's office, smashing windows and damaging teachers' cars.

They are reported to have repeated these tactics at three other schools where the principals were caught unawares.

The parents have expressed dismay at the incidents and expressed concern about the thug element which they vowed to root out. The school's management committee has decided to meet the DET's regional office as soon as possible.

'Thug' pupils stab Sowetan headmasters

SOWETO. — Two Soweto headmasters were stabbed and several teachers injured by former pupils trying to get themselves reinstated at the schools, the Sowetan said in a front-page report yesterday .

On Sunday about 1 000 parents from Fidelitas High School and neighbouring schools endorsed the Department of Education and Training's decision to remove the teachers involved for their own safety. They agreed that the safety of the teachers should be ensured before they returned to their posts.

The trouble was apparently instigated by a pupil who had not written last year's final examination. He demanded that his friends be enrolled at schools which they had not attended.

The Fidelitas High School pupil, whom other scholars described as a "thug", was said to have demanded that the headmaster enrol his friends — who did not have proper transfer documents.

When this was pointed out to him, he and the other eight then went on the rampage, assaulting teachers, ransacking the principal's office, smashing windows and damaging teachers' cars.

They continued on a trail of destruction to three other schools, where the principals were caught by surprise.

Parents have expressed dismay at the incidents and said the "thug element" must be rooted out.

The school's management committee decided on Sunday night to see the DET's regional office at the earliest possible opportunity.

The parents emphasised that they may not be in agreement with the DET's policies, but were concerned about the safety and welfare of the teachers and their children. — Sapa

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Policeman shot man in back

A PRETORIA North inquest magistrate yesterday heard that a Mamelodi resident who allegedly endangered the lives of the police on the day of the Mamelodi massacre, was killed by shots which hit him from behind.

This was said by Sergeant Eugene Halliday during an inquest into a shooting incident in which 14 people were killed and scores injured. He was being cross-examined by Mr Morris Basslian, counsel for the families of the victims, before Mr J M Pretorius.

By ALINAH DUBE

The policeman said he shot the man in the back. He said he did so to stop the man from throwing a petrol bomb he was carrying at a police vehicle.

Loaded

After he realised that the man was injured, Sergeant Halliday said he loaded his victim — who was still alive at the time — into a police vehicle and transported him to the police station. He said the man was injured and could not walk unaided as a result.

Asked by Mr Basslian why the policeman did not take the man to hospital, he stated that he did not deem it necessary. Although he admitted that the man was struck by more than one bullet, he would not agree that the man was seriously injured.

The witness said attempts to obtain the man's identity were unsuccessful as he was carrying no document on him. However, he stated that one of his colleagues took pictures of a number of dead people at the police station.

(Proceeding).

HUNDREDS of people attended the funeral service of Soweto teacher Mrs Leah Bernice Mampa, of Dube township, who died at the Baragwanath Hospital. She was loved and adored by her pupils at Phuthi Lower Primary School, Soweto, and by many people who associated with her. Mrs Mampa also taught at several schools in the QwaQwa homeland.

Teachers withdrawn

JOHANNESBURG — All teachers at Dr Vilakazi High School in Soweto were yesterday withdrawn from the school's premises "for their own safety" by the Department of Education and Training after they were threatened by pupils.

A DET spokesman was unable to say how many students had been involved in yesterday's incident, but said the school's refusal to readmit some pupils had apparently been the cause of the confrontation.

At least five schools in Diepkloof remained "out of operation" yesterday after reported incidents of intimidation this week.

There was no admin error, says witness

A POLICEWOMAN yesterday refuted claims by her colleagues that conflicting statements before the inquest into the 1985 Mamelodi shootings were due to an administrative error.

Sergeant Susanna Elizabeth van den Bergh, who was in charge of the radio control unit on the day on which Mamelodi people were killed, was giving evidence before Mr J N Pretorius in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court.

A policeman, who earlier in court admitted having shot and killed a man on the day of the shootings, Sergeant Eugune Halliday, was one of the police who made reports to Sergeant van den Bergh that day. Asked why his testimony about the shooting differed from the report he had given to the policewoman, he said that could have been an administrative error.

In the report before court Sergeant Halliday stated he shot the man after the latter had thrown a petrol bomb at him and that he was the driver of the police vehicle patrolling the area on that day.

In his testimony, the policeman denied this.

Buses stoned in Natal after 5c increase in fares

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death and three people were injured when buses were stoned in Natal townships yesterday, police said.

Three people were injured and five buses damaged in stoning incidents in Edendale near Maritzburg. Bus fares in the area went up by an average of five cents a trip last week.

The names of those hurt in the incident and the extent of their injuries were not released.

The unidentified body of a man with several stab wounds was found at Fredville in Natal and police are investigating the murder.

In two separate incidents, one in Claremont in Natal and the other at Mpumalanga, also in Natal, private dwellings were attacked by mobs with petrol bombs. In both cases the homes were extensively damaged.

Killed instantly

In Pumulanga, Natal, a man died after being shot with a shotgun by a group Three men have been arrested.

Two municipal policemen and a middle-aged man were killed instantly by bullets from an AK-47 rifle at the Soweto Meadowlands hostel on Friday night.

Police said two men with an AK-47 fired on three municipal policemen on a foot patrol. Two of the police died instantly and the third was wounded in the chest and right arm. He has been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital, where his condition is serious but stable.

A 45-year-old man in the immediate vicinity at the time was also shot and died instantly. — Sapa

Policemen die in AK attack

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TWO municipal policemen and a middle-aged man were killed by bullets from an AK47 rifle at the Soweto, Meadowlands hostel, in an incident which police "do not consider unrest-related," an SAP spokesman said.

At 22h30 on Friday two men with an AK47 fired on three municipal police who were on a foot patrol. Two of the police died instantly and the third sustained bullet wounds in his chest and right arm. He has been admitted to Baragwanath hospital where his condition is stable but serious.

A 45-year-old black man who was in the immediate vicinity at the time, was also shot and died instantly.

Private vehicles which were parked in the area were damaged by the bullets.

The police spokesman said the incident could be regarded as an act of terror. No arrests have been made and investigations are continuing.

In unrest in the Mpumalanga residential area in Natal, a black man died from shotgun wounds after being fired upon by a group of blacks.

Three black men have been arrested. — Sapa.

'Man shot as he fled'

By ALINAH DUBE

A PRETORIA North inquest magistrate yesterday heard that a Mamelodi resident was shot dead inside a yard after he and the people he was with were ordered to produce reference books by a policeman.

This was said by Miss Yvonne Mogagudi during an inquest into the 1985 Mamelodi shootings which left 14 dead and scores injured. The witness who was at her Section O home when she saw a policeman shoot at Mr Jerry Ngwatle on that day, was testifying before Mr J N Pretorius.

The shooting incident took place on November 21, 1985, following a protest march.

Miss Mogabudi told the court that she did not join the march. About noon, she said Mr Ngwatle arrived at her home and went to sit on the lawn with other members of her family.

Later that day, she said he saw two white policemen in front of the gate. The policemen were in blue uniform and drove in a bakkie.

Pass

"The driver got out and walked towards our gate. He was carrying a long firearm. The policeman demanded to know if we all stayed in the same house. After we had agreed he ordered that we should produce our reference books," she said.

She said before any of the people present could respond to the policeman's order he (the policeman) cocked his firearm and kicked Mr Ngwatle in the arm.

Mr Ngwatle, she said, was shot in the back as he was fleeing from the scene. According to her, he was carrying nothing in his hands nor did he appear as if he wanted to throw something at the police.

(Proceeding)

Witness denies police testimony

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A DEFENCE witness was yesterday told that the evidence of policemen who testified earlier in court was a true reflection of circumstances under which a man was shot dead in Mamelodi on November 1, 1985.

By ALINAH DUBE

Mr A C Le Roux, senior counsel for the police, was cross-examining Miss Yvonne Mokgabudi, an eye witness, during an inquest into the shootings in which 14 Mamelodi residents were shot dead and scores injured. The inquest is before Mr J N Pretorius in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court.

The two policemen, Sergeant Eugune Halliday and Constable J P L van der Walt told the court earlier that they saw a man with a petrol bomb as they were patrolling the township that day.

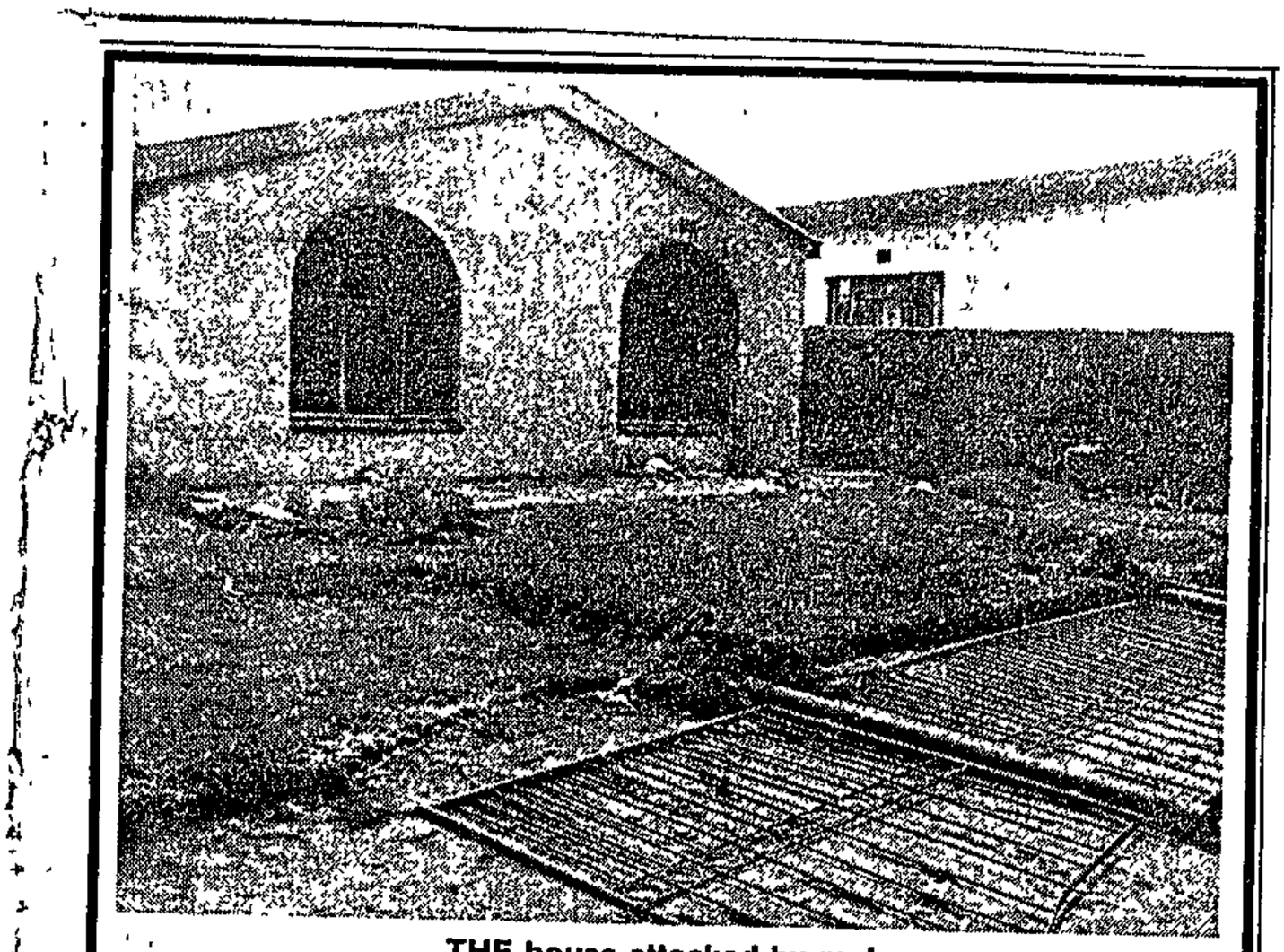
Both policemen described in their statements that the man was in a throwing position.

Sergeant Halliday admitted that he shot and killed the man.

Mr Le Roux pointed out that the fact that Ms Mokgabudi voluntarily said the dead man, Mr Jerry Ngwatle, had nothing in his hands and also "did not appear as if he wanted to throw anything at the police," was proof that the latter did carry something.

Miss Mokgabudi rejected the counsel's suggestion and said he saw a policeman shoot at Mr Ngwatle.

(Proceeding)



THE house attacked by mob.

SPORO'S HOME BOMBED

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Soweton 26/11/89

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

ONE of Soweto's most feared men, Mr Mpolelo Mendisi, also known as "Sporo," is on the run after his home was petrol-bombed by a mob chanting slogans and singing freedom songs on Tuesday night.

The same mob also attacked a house in Mofolo North before marching to "Sporo's" home in Zondi II, about 500 m away.

A Soweto police liaison officer, Colonel Fanyana Zwane, confirmed that police were hunting for Sporo in connection with a number of alleged crimes. He also confirmed that a house was burnt in Zondi II on Tuesday.

According to neighbours, who asked for anonymity for fear of reprisal from Sporo, a mob of about 30 young men believed to be pupils, attacked house No. 429 in Zondi II at about 8pm.

They smashed windows and hurled missiles and flattened the steel fence before setting the house alight.

It is believed a woman who was in the house fled. No-one was injured.

Among the alleged criminal acts by Sporo is the shooting of a 65-year-old man who is a neighbour to Sporo, the molesting of schoolgirls on their way to and from school, the terrorising of shebeen patrons and rapes.

The man who was allegedly shot by Sporo, Mr Albert Zakhele Ntsele, was confined to his bed after he was partially paralysed by a bullet.

Pupils return after rowdy talks

SOWETO. — Pupils started returning to Soweto schools yesterday after a meeting of parents, teachers and pupils at the township's Diepkloof Hall on Sunday night tried to find ways to halt the violence at four of the area's six strife-torn high schools.

The regional director for the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Peet Struwig, said it was largely due to the parents that the pupils had started filtering back to school.

However, it was reported earlier yesterday that Sunday night's meeting ended in chaos after pupils accused parents of being unrealistic and said teachers were being used by the DET to enforce the department's "unjust laws".

Parents at the meeting described the pupils, including their own children, as "rotten potatoes" and ordered them to go back to school and to stop assaulting teachers.

The pupils said they refused to return to school until all 2 500 pupils who failed matric last year were readmitted. Mr Struwig replied that finishing schools could accommodate all 2 500 pupils. — Sapa

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Mamelodi deaths: warning not heard

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Pretoria Correspondent

A police sergeant yesterday told a Pretoria North inquest magistrate that he did not hear his superior issue a warning before teargas was fired on people outside the Mamelodi Administration Office on November 21 1985.

Sergeant Leon Mouton said Brigadier Hertzog Lerm spoke to the crowd but he could not hear what he was saying.

Sergeant Mouton was answering a question from Mr Morris Basslian, counsel for Mamelodi residents, during an inquest on 12 people who were shot following a march to the administrative office

The sergeant told the magistrate: "Sergeant W P Theunissen and I received an order from Colonel Loots to detonate teargas generators."

STRANDED

They disembarked from a Casspir to detonate the generators and shortly afterwards were left stranded on the ground as the vehicle moved away to avoid teargas fumes fired from other Casspirs and drifting in its direction.

Sergeant Mouton said their Casspir moved in a circle to protect Sergeant Theunissen from a stone-throwing crowd. They ran and boarded the Casspir, which then moved away from the crowd.

Sergeant Mouton, who removed bodies lying in some areas of the township, testified that one of the victims found in or near the adminstrative office premises did not have external injuries.

He said there were two bodies in the vicinity of the office premises, but he was not sure whether one of the bodies was in or just outside the fence.

The inquest continues.

REVENGE KILLINGS

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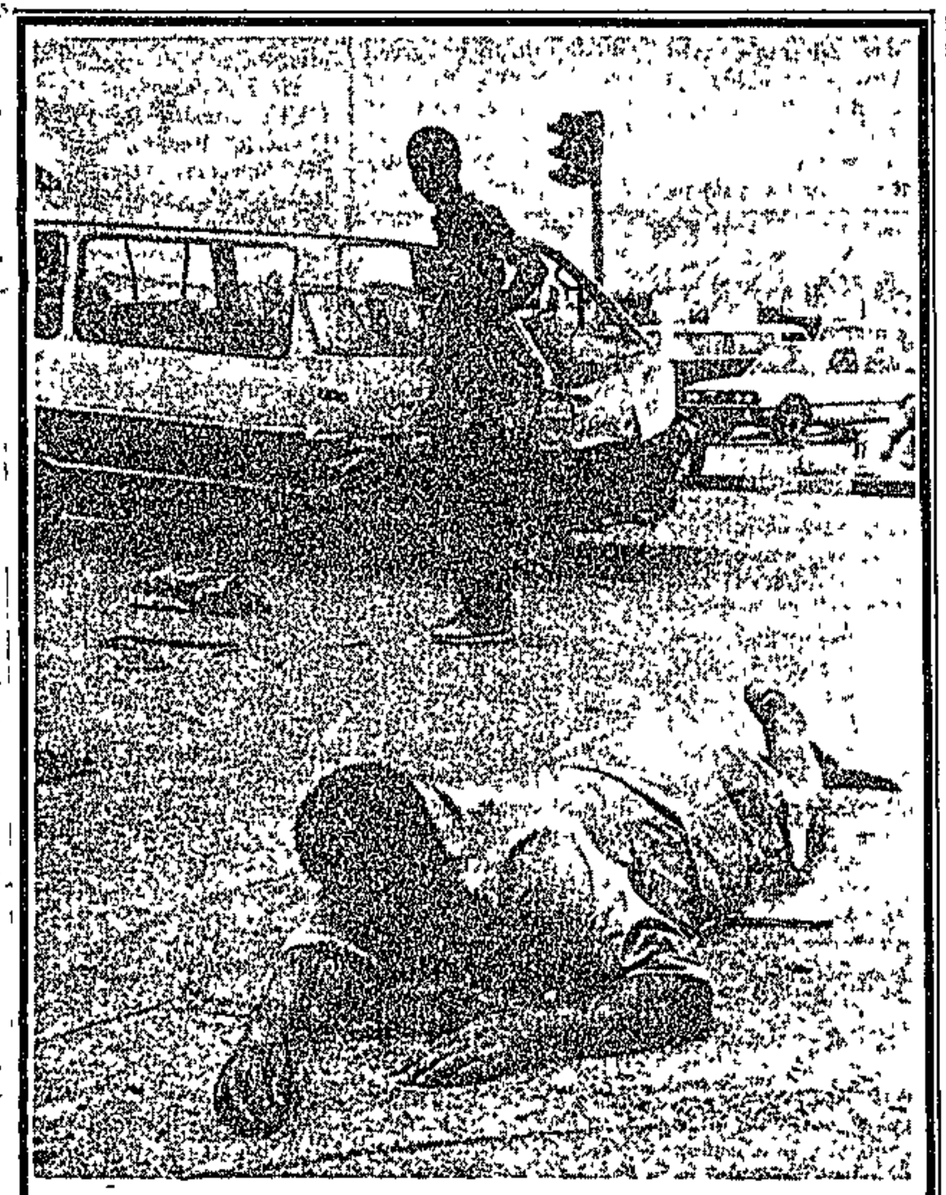

TWO people were seriously injured on the Soweto "Death Road" yesterday when three cars collided. According to an eyewitness one car was apparently chased by a traffic officer after failing to stop at a check-point. The injured are Mr Bafana Dlamini of Zondi and Mrs Margaret Mokou of Orlando West.

Pic ROBERT MAGWAZA

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

TWO Katlehong youths were killed in separate incidents of revenge attacks by pupils from two high schools in the area.

The killings follow the murder of two pupils in the townships — one in December and one last Friday

The incidents, which happened on Wednesday were unrelated, but almost similar in nature

Police were yesterday reported to have, confirmed an incident that happened near Lethukuthula High School in Ncala Section The incident involved a former Katlehong High School pupil, Piet Boy Motaung (25), who died of extensive burns to his body after pupils poured petrol over him and set him alight

Stabbed

According to information received by the *Sowetan*, Motaung was fetched from his home when Lethukuthula pupils learnt that he had been released on bail on Tuesday following a colleague's death that took place in December

At the school, he was extensively questioned When he denied his involvement he was assaulted and stabbed

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Man set alight

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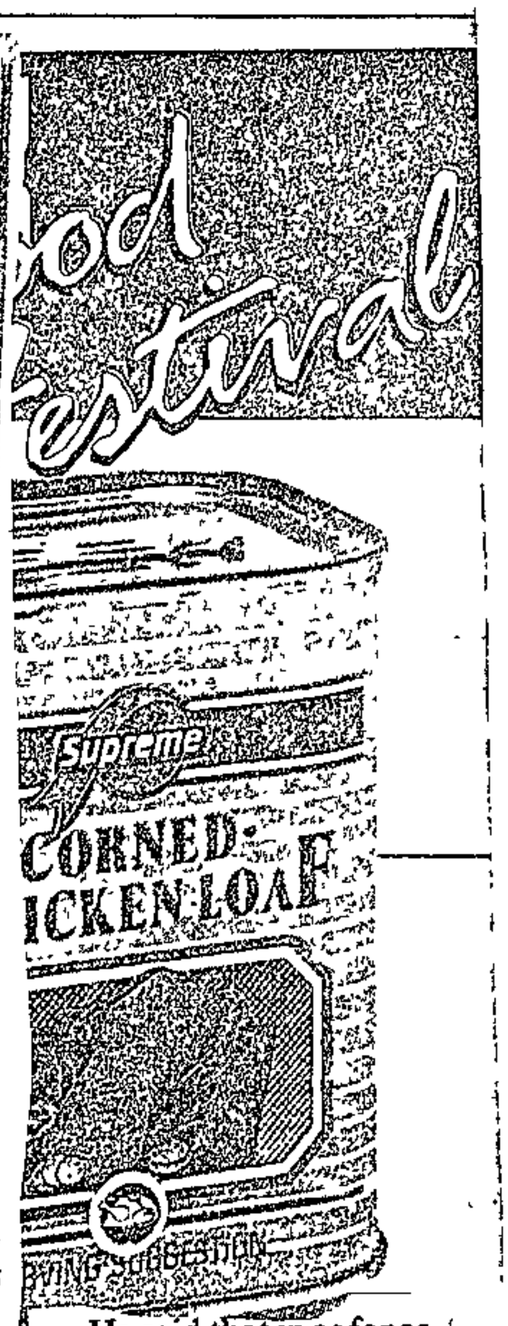
before being set alight. He was later taken to Natalspruit Hospital where he died.

No arrests have been made in this incident and police investigations are continuing.

In an incident that took place at Mpontsheng Secondary School in Shongweni Section an alleged gang member was taken to the school premises and questioned about the death last Friday of Robert Kutoane (19), a Std 7 pupil.

It is said when the gangster denied the murder, he was assaulted with an assortment of weapons and later died on his way to hospital. At the time of going to Press, his name had not been established. No police confirmation could be obtained on this incident by late yesterday afternoon.

Mr J H Booysen, the DET's director for the Highveld Region, told the *Sowetan* yesterday that according to a report he received, a man was set alight outside the school premises of Lethukuthula. He was not aware if it involved the schools' pupils.



He said that in as far as Mpontsheng High was concerned, he had received no report about any incident.

A parent who telephoned the *Sowetan* about the incidents, said although the residents did not condone the pupils' actions, they put the blame on the police.

"These children take the law into their own hands because even if the culprits are known, the police take time before they act or do not act at all," he said.

Malan on way out

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By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

THE Soweto City Council yesterday accepted the resignation of town clerk, Mr Nico Malan's, submitted late last year and later rescinded.

The motion to accept Mr Malan's resignation was moved during the council's first meeting for the year and was followed by chanting and ululation from scores of Sofasonke Party supporters in the gallery The meeting was immediately cleared of the public and the council went into closed session

Addressing a Press conference at the end of the meeting Mr. Sam Mkhwanazi, the mayor, said Mr Malan had been offered the chance to remain as acting town clerk while the post was advertised

"We have also invited Mr Malan to re-apply for the post if he so wished," Mr Mkhwanazi said

Mr Mkhwanazi also said the deputy town

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Winnie's 'guards' under fire

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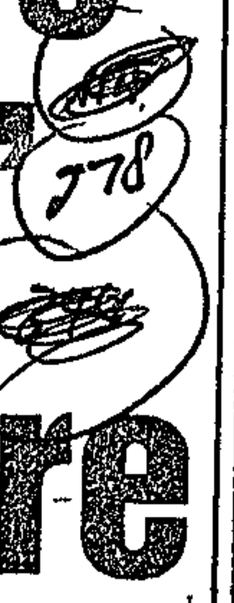

AN OUTCRY has erupted in Soweto in the wake of allegations of abduction of youths by the so-called Mandela XI "football team", associated with Mrs Winnie Mandela.

The issue came to a head at a meeting in Dobsonville at which about 150 community leaders heard serious allegations of misconduct by the team.

The youths — one of whom escaped, two of whom were released after intense pressure and one of whom is still missing — were allegedly abducted from the Orlando Methodist Church of the Rev Paul Verryn on December 29.

The missing youth, a 14-year-old, was allegedly last seen in the hands of the team — which has been the subject of numerous press reports and complaints by Soweto residents for some time.

It is believed the meeting pre-empted a march by concerned members of the community and progressive organisations to confront the "football team" about its activities.

A high-powered crisis committee — including Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, of the National Union of Mineworkers, the Rev Frank Chikane, of the SA Council of Churches, and Mr Aubrey Mokoena, of the UDF — was formed last October to find ways of resolving the matter.

Mrs Mandela declined to comment fully on the issue last night. But she repeated earlier allegations that there had been sexual misconduct involving the youths at the church.

The meeting last Monday resolved to secure the return of the missing youth, Stompie Mokhetsi, from the "football team" and distanced itself, the "progressive movement" and the name Mandela from the activities of the team.

It decided that the team was unfit to carry the name of ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela.

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Mandela

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Asked to comment last night, Bishop Peter Storey of the Methodist Church said: "At the turn of the year, five young people who were part of a community living under the care of a Methodist minister in the church house in Orlando West were forcibly removed by a group of youths identified as belonging to 'Winnie's Football Club'.

"One of them later made his way back to us and reported they had been assaulted and held against their will by the group." — Sapa

Five township cops killed, dozens injured in spate of armed attacks

By MANDLA TYALA

SOWETO police and the security branch are working hard to smash an alleged hit squad attacking black policemen in the townships.

Five black policemen were killed and 36 wounded in separate AK-47 and hand-grenade attacks in Reef townships over the past month.

Grenades

The attacks appear to be aimed largely at municipal policemen and so-called kitskonstabels

More black policemen have been killed in numerous similar incidents in other parts of the country.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Fanyana Zwane said this week it would take some time before police could be certain whether the same group was responsible for the attacks on the Reef.

No arrests have yet been made.

The most dramatic attack took place in Katlehong on the East Rand three weeks ago when four Soviet F1 grenades were hurled at a group of 95 parading municipal policemen. One policeman was killed and 31 others were injured.

Last week about 26 rounds were fired from an AK-47 rifle at a foot patrol in Soweto. Two policemen were killed and a third seriously injured. A bystander was also killed. ST Times 29/11/89

Blackjacks

Kitskonstabels and municipal policemen (known in the townships as blackjacks or green beans) have been criticised from various quarters since their introduction a few years ago.

They seem to be bearing the same brunt borne by black SAP members during the township riots of 1984 which led to the declaration of the state of emergency.

Black policemen, always torn between the force and their own communities, had to be housed in tent towns outside the townships because of petrol bomb attacks on their homes by the "comrades".

Viewed as collaborators working against their people, they had few friends and led lonely lives.

The blackjacks quickly earned a reputation for ruthlessness and bad manners.

Scores of deaths in the Vaal Triangle alone were attributed to blackjack and kitskonstabel guns.

Police said at the time they were aware of the negative image of the force. But, as a Soweto commander pointed out, some had lost friends and family in the unrest and might have taken the law into their own hands to avenge the deaths.

Police harass mourners at Abu's funeral

THOUSANDS of people ran with the hearse for more than 5 km from Dr Abu-Baker Asvat's house to the cemetery at [illegible] weekend during what many people called Lenasia's biggest funeral to date. Dr Asvat was an executive member of A[illegible]
Pic MBUZENI ZULU

ASVAT BURIAL BUST

By MOKGADI PELA and MICHAEL TISSONG

THERE was a confrontation between police and thousands of mourners at the funeral of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat in Lenasia at the weekend when police attempted to confiscate Azapo banners and arrest an Azapo member.

Two flags bearing a red star preceeded the cortege. About six policemen attempted to wrest the banners from the crowd and arrest one of the bearers, Stan Sigotyana.

The crowd surged forward shouting at the police who let go the banners and Mr Sigotyana, and ran to a minibus which came speeding to their rescue.

The police pointed firearms at the surging crowd and jumped into the minibus which sped away in a cloud of dust.

Police liaison officer, Major Dries Jacobs, said: "Nothing was

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ANC holds talks on law

HARARE — Lawyers, academics and politicians from South Africa and the African National Congress began arriving yesterday for a 5-day closed conference on law's role in a post-apartheid society, said an ANC spokesman.

Among the arrivals was Albie Sachs, the ANC's top legal spokesman, and Frederik van Zyl Slabbert a former Parliamentarian and political opposition leader in South Africa who quit and founded the Institute for a Democratic Alternative, a multi-racial organisation designed to find an alternative non-racial democratic form of government.

Sachs' arrival marked his first return to Africa since a bomb attack in April 1988 in Maputo, Mozambique, which cost him his right arm and the sight in his left eye. The 53-year-old lawyer was one of the few whites who participated in the ANC's defiance campaign in South Africa that led to it being banned in 1960. After being released from

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Sachs in Harare

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ANC spokesman Stanley Mabizela would not say where Sachs will be staying and that he would be given close protection during the conference which begins tomorrow at the University of Zimbabwe campus. It will be closed to the public and the media.

Sachs left South Africa and lived in Mozambique. After last year's bombing, he returned to Britain where he reportedly is living in hiding.

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THREE KILLED, EIGHT INJURED IN UNREST

AT least three people were killed and eight injured when police opened fire during unrest in Davidsonville, near Roodepoort on the West Rand.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE and SAPA

The names of the dead were Mr Godfrey Witbooi (19), of 10 Belinda Court, Mr Eric Menagen (30), of 34 Florence Court and Mr Flynn Schoeman (23), of 38 Afrika Street, all of Davidsonville township.

The police version of events conflicts sharply with what residents say.

Police said one man died, five people were injured and a number of police and municipal vehicles stoned following a stabbing incident in Davidsonville near Roodepoort.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said the incident occurred in Davidsonville at about 5.10pm on Saturday when a 14-year-old coloured youth was stabbed.

Police apprehended a coloured male in connection with the stabbing at Belinda Court in Davidsonville.

But residents who witnessed the incident said trouble started after Mr Godfrey Witbooi was allegedly shot in the neck by a black policeman after he was instructed to do so by a white policeman.

Police

"I did not know why they, (police) wanted to arrest me," he said. He said a shot was fired after a white policeman said "skiet hom". Other flat tenants said the body was removed after three hours, after many people had gathered.

Ms Michelle Witbooi (21) said she heard a white policeman instructing a black policeman to shoot. She said minutes after a shot was fired, residents gathered "helplessly looking at the dead man". She said a convoy of police vehicles with about 30 policemen emerged and some people scattered, but regrouped later and came closer to the scene.

Ms Witbooi said teargas was used by police to disperse the crowd and stones were thrown.

Mr Lendus Armstrong (23), who was shot in the head, said he was not anywhere near the scene, but was shot while in his uncle's backyard.

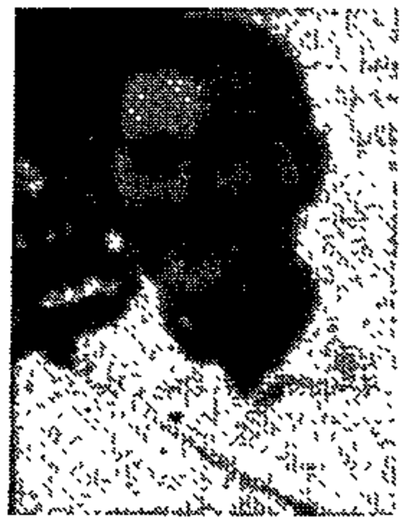
He said police had fired from their vehicles while they were driving out of the township. "I heard screams and as I looked around police vans sped off in the streets," he said. He was shot in the head and a bullet was removed in hospital.

Mr Winston Hendriks (32), said he was shot in the leg as police vans drove past him in the next street. He said two bullets were removed from his leg.

He said he saw a few stones being thrown at the police who had earlier used tear smoke to disperse a crowd of people who had gathered to see a "shot person".

Other people who were injured were: Jaquis Jacobs (9), Ronell Hendriks (9), Jerome Klaasen (9), Mr Clifford McManeveld (20), Mr Ronnie Roberts (20) and Ms Guen Jakobs (22), all of Davidsonville.

Mr FLYNN Schoeman



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Mr GODFREY Witbooi

Mandela 'orders probe' into club

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Nelson Mandela is so angry over the alleged activities of the Mandela United football team that he has instructed his lawyer, Mr Ismail Ayob, to investigate the club's actvities, reliable sources said yesterday.

A severe rift has developed between jailed ANC leader Mr Mandela and his wife Winnie over the team, which is said to act as Winnie's bodyguards.

A well-placed source said the team had dented the Mandela name so badly that ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo and Mr Mandela are said to have issued urgent instructions for the club to disband.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has also joined the chorus to have the club disbanded. He was quoted in New York as saying he supported calls for disbanding "Winnie Mandela's bodyguard detachment which has been accused of thuggery".

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"Winnie can't afford to have the Mandela name dragged through the mud by associating with these people," said the archbishop.

However, despite the calls to have the club disbanded, Mrs Mandela was seen with about 20 members of the club at the funeral of Dr Abu Asvat in Lenasia on Saturday, a day after she announced the disbanding of the club. She was not available for comment yesterday.

Meanwhile, Mrs Mandela has reportedly appointed a new legal representative for the family, attorney Mr Krish Naidoo, while Mr Ayob continues to act for her husband.

Mandela, wife split over 'football team' bodyguards

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Staff Reporter

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Victim 'kicked, dragged'

A MAMELODI resident who was allegedly killed by a white policeman on the day of the 1985 shootings was also kicked and dragged along a concrete driveway before he was thrown into a police vehicle, an inquest magistrate heard yesterday.

This was said by two women who saw a policeman shoot at Mr Jerry Ngwatle inside the yard of a Section O home on November 21, 1985. The women were testifying before Mr J N Pretorius during an inquest into the shootings.

Both witnesses, Mrs Maria Malebelo Sibanyoni and Mrs Agnes Madiseng, said the man was shot at as he and other youths were running away shortly after they were approached by an armed policeman. They said as the youths were running in different directions, the policeman opened fire and Mr Ngwatle was struck by a bullet.

According to Mrs Sibanyoni, Mr Ngwatle had done nothing to provoke the policeman's action. She also said he did not carry a petrol bomb as was stated earlier by two policemen.

Mrs Sibanyoni said she was one of the people who marched to the administrative offices earlier on that day.

Mandela XI football team 'disbanded'

JOHANNESBURG. — The controversy surrounding a group of youths who vigorously guard Mrs Winnie Mandela has grown with reports that the team has been disbanded on instructions received from her jailed husband, Nelson.

Reports from Lusaka have confirmed that Mr Nelson Mandela had given instructions for the Mandela XI football team be disbanded.

Mrs Mandela at the weekend said she had rescued allegedly abducted children from abuse at a church-run Soweto home. There have been allegations that they had been sexually abused.

She was not available at her office yesterday.

Mr Mandela's lawyer, Mr Ismael Ayob, could not comment on the instructions regarding the club's disbanding, but confirmed that the boys who had been abducted had been returned to the church.

Mrs Mandela at the weekend intimated that the death of Dr Abu Baker Asvat, who was gunned down in his surgery on Friday, might have something to do with a case involving the abuse of children she had brought against a home.

Mrs Mandela said Dr Asvat was to be the only professional witness in the case. — Sapa

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Winnie: Reports of a rift are 'nonsense'

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela has denied any rift between her and Mr Nelson Mandela and has dismissed criticism from fellow anti-apartheid campaigners.

"It is absolute nonsense to suggest that there is a rift between Comrade Mandela and myself," she said in an interview with the American NBC television network yesterday.

She also denied reports of tension in her relationship with the African National Congress's exiled leadership in Lusaka.

"There is no rift whatsoever between the ANC and this family, and there never will be," she said, adding she was in almost daily telephone contact with ANC leader Oliver Tambo.

AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR

Last weekend Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said anti-apartheid groups could be harmed by the aggressive behaviour of the Mandela United Football Club — the youths who act as Mrs Mandela's bodyguard.

The club members, numbering about 30, show no great skill at soccer but have gained a reputation for abrasive behaviour towards Soweto residents.

In the latest incident, they allegedly abducted five boys from a Methodist church centre and beat them. One child is still missing.

In the interview, Mrs Mandela repeated earlier claims that the boys had not been abducted but had been taken from the church centre to save them from being molested.

The Methodist church has rejected her version.

Mr Mandela has sent messages from prison urging the club be disbanded, sources close to the family said. — Sapa-Reuter.

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Killing: mother cries in court

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By ALINAH DUBE

A MAMELODI mother broke down and wept before an inquest magistrate yesterday as she related the circumstances under which a man was shot dead by a policeman in the 1985 Mamelodi shootings.

Mrs Agnes Madiseng broke into tears as she was being cross-examined by Mr Steven de la Harte, counsel for the police. She was testifying before Mr J M Pretorius during an inquest into an incident in which 14 Mamelodi residents were shot and scores injured on November 21, 1985.

The woman told the court that she was present when Mr Jerry Ngwatle was shot at by a policeman. She said Mr Ngwatle was running away from the policeman and was hit by a bullet while he was inside the yard of a house opposite her home.

Threw

"After he was shot, Jerry fell down. The policeman who shot at him threw the keys of a police vehicle he was travelling in to his colleague before he went to where Jerry was lying.

The policeman kicked Jerry hard as he lay bleeding on the ground. Although I did not notice which part of his body was being kicked, the policeman showed no mercy for him," the woman said wiping tears from her eyes.

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Mrs Madiseng said the policeman started dragging Mr Ngwatle as he bled profusely. Shortly after she had said that she broke down and cried.

The court went into a short adjournment to give her a chance to calm down. After the adjournment the woman was asked to explain why she cried earlier in court. She said: "The evidence I have been giving reminds me of the circumstances under which Jerry died. I did cry on the day he was killed."

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'Miracle' in 'tinderbox' township

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The township of Alexandra had been a tinderbox waiting to blow up and it was a miracle it had taken so long before it did, according to the former chairman of the Sandton Town Council's management committee, Mr Ricky Valente.

He was testifying in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday on behalf of trade unionist Mr Moses Mayekiso and four other Alexandra men charged with treason. He was referring to the violence that erupted in Alexandra during 1986.

Mr Mayekiso, 38; Mr Paul Tshabalala, 38; Mr Richard Mdakane, 29; Mr Obed Bapela, 28; and Mr Mzwanele Mayekiso, 22, have all pleaded not guilty to treason and alternative charges of subversion and sedition.

The charges arise from their alleged involvement in the establishment of the Alexandra Action Committee, "organs of people's power" and "people's courts" in 1985 and 1986.

AT COURT . . . Trade union leader Mr Moses Mayekiso arrives at court in Johannesburg yesterday where he faces charges of treason. The case is being watched by international labour groups. Picture REUTERS

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Critics accused the club of having abducted five boys from a Methodist church centre. One child is still missing

The missing boy at the centre of the scandal, Stompie Mokhesi, 14, is believed to be the former leader of a 1 500-strong Free State township children's army.

● Police said yesterday no further information would be released regarding their investigation into the murder of Azapo health secretary Dr Abubaker Asvat.

State of emergency censorship restrictions apply to a wide range of reporting

Coach: Allegations 'nonsense'

JOHANNESBURG. — A trainer-coach of the controversial Mandela football club has dismissed as "absolute nonsense" allegations that members of the team were responsible for the abduction of a 14-year-old Tumahole youth, the Sowetan reported yesterday.

Speaking from the Mandela home in Soweto, Mr Jerry Richardson said the team no longer existed "after it was dissolved in 1986". He said the decision to dissolve the team was taken after the entire club had been detained.

"I am concerned that the name of the team is being used to discredit Mrs Winnie Mandela and her family," Mr Richardson said, reacting to the latest controversy surrounding the club.

He denied allegations that the team had abducted Stompie Mokhesi, a reputed leader of the "Under Fourteens", from the Orlando West Methodist Church house on December 29.

Stompie and three other youths, he said, took refuge at the Mandela home after they had complained "about their treatment at the Orlando West mission house, where they were staying". One of the youths subsequently laid a charge with the police, he said.

"Stompie was last seen with another youth about a week after December 29," Mr Richardson said.

"They left early in the morning and did not say where they were going to."

He said it was strange that the two went missing when they were due to meet legal advisers and certain clerics in connection with their grievances.

"We are prepared to assist anyone in the search for Stompie and Kenny. We are also very concerned about their whereabouts," the coach said. — Sapa

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Girl dies of burns after home is attacked

PRETORIA. — A girl of 10 died of burn wounds and a six-year-old boy received serious burns when a group of people petrol-bombed a home at KwaMashu in Natal, according to the latest police daily unrest report.

The group also stabbed and seriously injured three people — a boy of five, and two men aged 40 and 60.

At Inanda, Durban, pupils stoned a school while parents were holding a meeting there. One of the parents was slightly injured.

At Seshogo, Pietersburg, a vehicle was damaged when stones were thrown at it. — Sapa

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People's courts founded 'in chaos'

JOHANNESBURG. — It was against a background of disorder and chaos in Alexandra that the "people's courts" emerged.

This was the testimony of Prof Belinda Bozzoli, head of the Department of Sociology at the University of the Witwatersrand, who was testifying in the trial of Mr Moses Mayekiso and four others in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Mayekiso, general secretary of the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa, is one of five men charged with treason, sedition and subversion.

The accused were all executive members of the Alexandra Action Committee. Mr Mayekiso, 38, Mr Paul Tshabalala, 38, Mr Richard Mzameni Mdakane, 29, Mr Obed Bapela, 28, and Mr Mzwanele Mayekiso, 22, have all pleaded not guilty.

Yesterday Prof Bozzoli described conditions in Alexandra at the time. She said both the youths and the adults in Alexandra regarded the SA Police and the municipal police as responsible for all the deaths following the six-day war in Alexandra during 1986.

Prof Bozzoli said there was a feeling of increased recklessness and militancy among the youths and crime became more prevalent in the chaos of the time. Residents responded by turning to the youths, who had already established the Anti-Crime Campaign. The youths would listen to their problems and mediate, and in this haphazard fashion the people's courts emerged.

Prof Bozzoli said that while the ACC had been seen as just by both youths and adults, the people's courts had never enjoyed this same respect and contained elements of violence from the outset. — Sapa

Stabbing, shootings in unrest

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death in his car at the weekend when he was attacked by a mob at Claremont near Pinetown, police said.

In another incident, police fired at a crowd throwing stones at a patrol van at Mtuzuma near Durban. A policeman was slightly injured.

And at Chesterville near Durban a man was killed instantly when a youth fired two shots at him. The youth was arrested, police said.

In another shooting, a man was wounded in the head when a youth fired a shot at him at Slangspruit, near Maritzburg. The youth was arrested.

Police are investigating arson after a school was set alight and badly damaged at Malopho, near Soweto. — Sapa

Soweto meeting broken up

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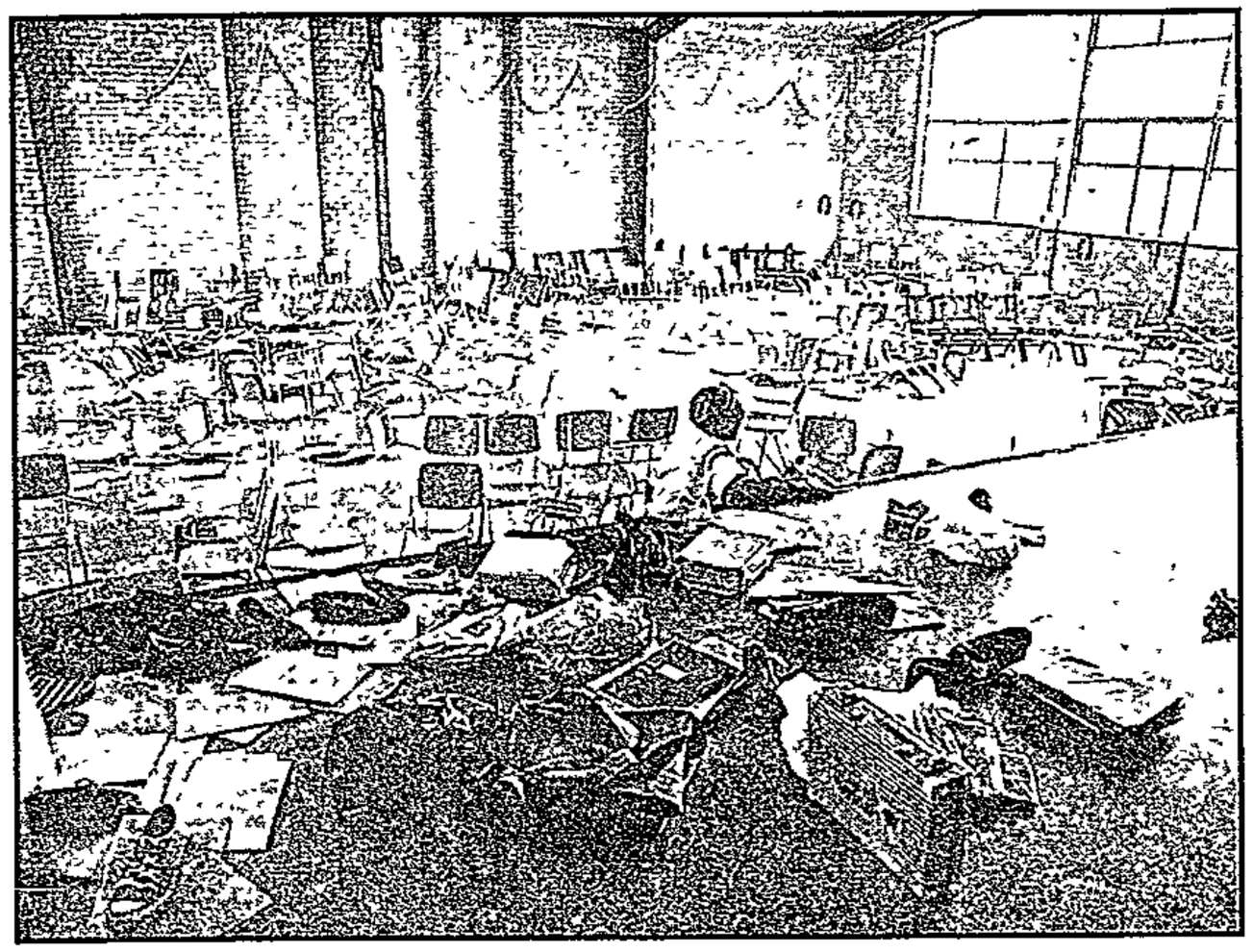
Police claim students were given warning



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By Jovial Rantao

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According to the injured pupils, police walked in while a speaker was addressing them and, without warning, started beating them with batons

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'Illegal topic'

He said the police were monitoring the memorial service and that when speakers had begun to address topics the police considered illegal they were asked to disperse

He said the students then threw chairs at the police The officer in charge had ordered the policemen to disperse the gathering

A further statement will be issued by the police later

Earlier, police had refused to comment when approached by The Star, saying the incident was unrest-related However, the incident was not mentioned in today's unrest report

This morning, a spokesman from the SAP headquarters in Pretoria said " I abide by the unrest report released this morning and have nothing to add "

A report put out by Sapa yesterday said that, according to a police spokesman, two policemen received slight injuries when they broke up an illegal meeting at a youth centre in White City Jabavu at about 11 30 yesterday morning

A Std 8 pupil from Lobone Senior Secondary School, Lionel Tsotetsi, who could not walk or speak after suffering a number of head injuries, was carried by a friend to a clinic He was transferred to Baragwanath Hospital.

Thirteen-year-old Selina Fella, a Std 6 pupil from Morris Isaacson High School, nearly lost her right eye in the incident. According to Selina, she and others at the service were listening to the speaker when police burst in without warning and started beating them with batons.

Another victim, Johannes Modise (17) from Hlengiwe High School, said he tried to run for his life when police charged.

"I slipped and fell and was hit on the head by a baton," he said.

Mrs Julia Mailula, headmistress of the Tlhokomelang Pre-School which is housed in the centre, said she was busy with lessons while the service was being held in the adjoining hall

"I later heard screams and the sound of batons in the hall and the foyer I knew it was the police. Some of the pupils from the service took refuge in my classroom

She said police later came back and a senior white policeman apologised to her for "the inconvenience we have caused you"

When reporters from The Star visited the hall yesterday they found water and blood in the hall and the foyer

Thirteen-year-old Selina Fella, a Std 6 pupil at Morris Isaacson High School, nearly lost her eye in the incident. ● Pictures by Herbert Mabuza.

New clamps on forex flow not enough, says Schwarz

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By Peter Fabricius
and Sven Forssman

The Reserve Bank's latest clampdown on the illegal outflow of foreign exchange was given a qualified welcome today in opposition financial circles.

But Progressive Federal Party finance spokesman Mr Harry Schwarz said the steps taken did not go far enough

MEASURES

He said the measures announced by Reserve Bank governor Dr Gerhard de Kock failed to address the two main sources of forex leaks — the over-invoicing of imports, under-invoicing of exports and "round-tripping" with financial rands

Dr de Kock announced that, after consultation with Finance Minister Mr Barend du Plessis, the following measures would be implemented

- Dr Japie Jacobs, senior deputy governor, would assume responsibility for the co-ordination of activities
- The Reserve Bank would expand its exchange control department, specifically the inspection section
- the banking supervision department would be expanded More use would in future be made of qualified accountants
- A working group, set up in the second week of December 1988 at the request of Mr du Plessis, would identify possible contraventions for further investigations and, where necessary, update and improve exchange control procedures in both the Reserve Bank and the other banks The working group includes representatives from the Department of Finance, the Industrial Development Corporation and a senior officer of the SA Police.
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants would continue to help the Reserve Bank's exchange control department in devising techniques of curbing over-invoicing imports and other fraudulent ways of transferring capital abroad

Mr Schwarz said all investments in financial rands, except on the stock exchange, should be frozen until adequate measures were introduced to prevent fraud

King slips out of palace in disguise

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King Mswati III has developed
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Gold may now test $385 level

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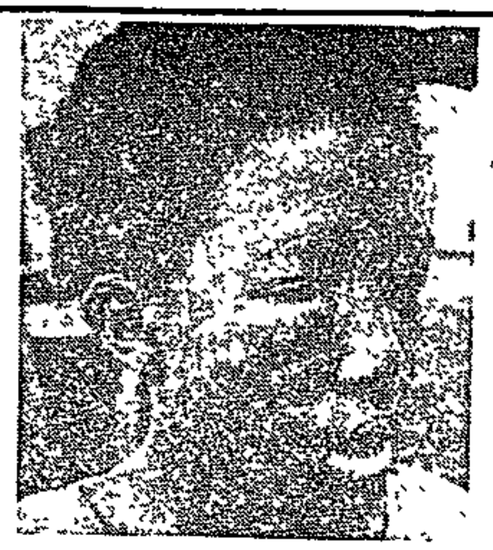

SELINA Fella (13), a Std 7 pupil at Morris Isaacson High School in Soweto, was in pain yesterday after she was allegedly assaulted by police while attending a memorial service for Sicelo Dhlomo.
Pic JOE MOLEFE

PUPILS ATTACKED

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THE inside of the Methodist Youth Centre in Central Western Jabavu, Soweto, was in a mess yesterday after police had taken action against pupils attending a memorial service for the late Sicelo Dhlomo. Pupils fleeing the police left behind them shoes and school books.
Pic JOE MOLEFE

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

SEVERAL Soweto pupils were injured and others were allegedly arrested when police using batons, rifle butts and sjamboks disrupted a memorial service for Sicelo Dhlomo in Central Western Jabavu yesterday.

According to information received by the *Sowetan*, the police did not warn those participating in the service to disperse before resorting to the use of sjamboks, rifle butts and batons.

Dhlomo (18), a former matric pupil at Pace

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Police hurt

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Community College in Jabulani, Soweto, and also a worker of the Restricted Detainees' Parents Support Committee, died mysteriously last January

His body was found near his Emndeni home and his death caused an outcry locally and abroad Dhlomo, had appeared on an American television programme, *Children of Apartheid*, in 1987, in which he claimed he had been detained and tortured by the police

According to witnesses, the service held at the Methodist Youth Centre came to an abrupt end when police stormed into the hall There were about 400 pupils from neighbouring high schools in the hall at the time

When the *Sowetan* reporters arrived at the scene, pairs of shoes, school books and chairs which were strewn in the hall bore testimony to the chaos that took place

Some of the victims, who spoke to the *Sowetan* on the scene and at the Jabavu clinic where they had gone to receive medical treatment, said police had not been provoked.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations in Pretoria, confirmed yesterday that police had taken action against the pupils. He said at about 11 30am there was an illegal gathering at the Jabavu Youth Centre.

He said when those attending the meeting became riotous, police used sjamboks to disperse them. In the process, he said, two members of the police received slight injuries

Asked if any of the pupils had suffered injuries, he said anyone who felt he or she had a complaint should make a statement at the nearest police station so that the matter can be investigated

The Rev Tom Mbabane, the minister in charge of the centre, said he took strong exception to the police action because they had allowed the event to go on as it was a prayer service

Meanwhile, another service for Dhlomo which had been planned to take place at Pace College yesterday did not materialise

A girl and a boy, who are not pupils at the college, were seen being taken away by the police.

Policemen stoned: Twenty arrested

PRETORIA. — Police arrested 20 people in a suburb here on Sunday night after party-goers allegedly stoned a police station.

Residents said police stormed the party in Laudium without reason.

A police spokesman said the party-goers prevented police from arresting a person suspected of a stabbing.

"When the policemen left the crowd started stoning them."

The crowd then stoned the police station, injuring four policemen.

Reinforced police went back to the party and arrested 20 people for public violence, the spokesman said.

Mrs K Chetty, who attended the party, said a 14-day-old baby, Samandran Arnachella, was injured by teargas.

"The police also swore at me and punched my ill husband," she said.

Mrs S Govender said police "barged into our bedroom and arrested my husband". — Sapa

Police silent on 'find' of Stompie's body

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

POLICE yesterday said they had no comment to make on a report that the body had been found of 14-year-old James "Stompie" Moeketsi, who was allegedly kidnapped by members of the Mandela United Football Club.

"We have not been informed that his body has been found," a police spokesman said.

The Weekly Mail reported yesterday that "comrades" had unearthed Stompie Moeketsi's body in Soweto on Thursday.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, announced on Thursday that allegations of violence, abduction and misconduct against Mrs Winnie Mandela and the football club would be investigated by deputy CID chief Major-General Jaap Joubert.

Gen Joubert would also head the search for Stompie Moeketsi.

Stompie had allegedly been forcibly abducted by the team from the care of the Methodist Church in Orlando West on December 29, 1988.

Mr Vlok said that according to police information, members of the Mandela United Football Club, who lived at the home of Mrs Mandela, called at the home of the Rev Paul Verryn, minister of the Methodist Church in Orlando West, and removed three youths who stayed at his home.

I'll sue, says Winnie Mandela

Mrs Winnie Mandela

Stompie Mokoetsi

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, is to sue two newspapers which published allegations about her involvement in an assault on activist Stompie Mokhetsi, 14.

Mrs Mandela's daughter, Zindzi, said yesterday "lots of things" said in articles in the Weekly Mail and the Sunday Star "can be proved to be false in court".

She said the family had "various comments" to make on a report in yesterday's Sunday Star but these would be made only after a visit to Mr Nelson Mandela at his quarters at Victor Verster Prison near Paarl tomorrow.

Mrs Mandela was not available for comment today, but Zindzi confirmed from Johannesburg that her mother would visit Mr Mandela tomorrow.

Linked to assault

Mrs Mandela is expected to hold a Press conference on Wednesday.

The Sunday Star alleged that Mrs Mandela was linked to an assault on the missing Stompie Mokhetsi.

There were also allegations that his disappearance had been linked to the murder of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat in Soweto last month.

Mrs Mandela last night denied a report in the Sunday Star quoting sources as saying she had lashed Stompie Mokhetsi and his group with a sjambok and ordered further beatings.

Mrs Mandela yesterday refused to speak to The Star daily newspaper when approached for comment.

In an interview with the London Financial Times yesterday, Mrs Mandela denied what she described as "derogatory, insulting and libellous accusations".

"Destructive"

Noting that the accusations, if true, would make her an accomplice to murder, Mrs Mandela added that the charges in the Sunday Star and other publications were "a complete lie as well as being destructive and divisive".

She said she was consulting her legal team and would probably take legal action "to have these lies refuted in court".

Mrs Mandela insisted that the Mandela United Football Club had been disbanded and only six youths who she described as "refugees" were living on her premises.

She denied reports that the ANC leadership in exile was angry that the Mandela name had been debased and said:

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Mrs Winnie Mandela

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"Comrade Mandela is supportive of the family and there are no strains in the marriage."

Asked by the Financial Times whether she felt abandoned by the black community, Mrs Mandela said she still had many supporters both inside and outside South Africa and added: "We are not the real target of these allegations. The real target is the ANC and the progressive movement."

She expressed suprise that the police had not yet involved her in any formal inquiries although a full-scale investigation was under way.

A police spokesman in Pretoria last night said: "We are investigating all possibilities".

Two London Sunday newspapers have echoed South African reports that the reputation of Mrs Winnie Mandela is "in tatters" over the Mandela United Football Club scandal.

"TATTERS"

Matters had come to a head, they said, with the reported discovery in Soweto of the body of Stompie Mokhetsi.

Writing from Johannesburg for The Sunday Express, Ray Kennedy says: "Her image as Mama Wetu (Mother of the Nation) is in tatters over the thuggish behaviour of her posse of youthful bodyguards".

And The Sunday Telegraph's Thomas Whelan writes: "A top-level police inquiry... comes as (Mrs Mandela's) reputation as Mama Wetu lies in tatters with claims that her husband, Mr Nelson Mandela, is being urged to divorce her."

RESIGNED

Lawyer Mr Krish Naidoo last night confirmed that he would no longer act for Mrs Mandela. He and his partners resigned on Friday.

He said: "I felt it was not within the scope of my work to deal with the Mandela crisis... we were not equipped to deal with that type of file."

He had been contemplating his resignation since last month and his move did not surprise Mrs Mandela because "we had had ongoing discussions about it".

The Mandela family attorney, Mr Ismail Ayob, said today he had not received any instructions from Mrs Mandela. — The Argus Correspondent, Foreign Service, Staff Reporter and Sapa.

'Mandela link' in assault on missing boy

THE Sunday Star claimed yesterday that Mrs Winnie Mandela has been linked to the beating up of 14-year-old township activist Stompie Moeketsi, whose subsequent disappearance has itself been linked to the murder of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, the "people's doctor".

Attempting to answer the question "What happened during the last 24 hours of Dr Asvat's life?", the Sunday Star obtained from reliable sources a chilling account of how Stompie was savagely beaten by the controversy-dogged "football team" of Mrs Mandela's bodyguards and how this may be linked to the cold-blooded killing of Dr Asvat in his Soweto surgery.

Mrs Mandela declined to comment on the report but a family friend reached at the Mandela residence said Mrs Mandela would respond to the allegations in a news conference on Wednesday.

Attempts by the Cape Times to get comment from Mrs Mandela or her lawyer last night were unsuccessful.

According to the Sunday Star sources, it is widely believed that the following sequence of events took place on January 26, the day before Dr Asvat was shot in his Soweto surgery.

One of the small group of boys forcibly removed from the Methodist Church in Orlando West on December 29 last year escaped from a R75 000 house in plush Diepkloof Extension and made his way back to the church.

There he told a group of people, including the curator, the Rev Paul Verryn, about the ordeal suffered by the group in the Diepkloof house.

According to the Sunday Star's information, a small group of adults from a cross section of organisations campaigning in the black community were immediately summoned to the Methodist Church to listen to the escaper's story.

The boy said a group, which he named as the Mandela Football Club, arrived at the Methodist church in December and accused youngsters playing there of "staying with whites and buying food with racists' money".

The men forcibly removed four boys, including Stompie, from the

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Methodist church and put them in a kombi, which the escaper recognised as belonging to Mrs Mandela, wife of ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela

The boys were not molested on the way to the Diepkloof house where Mrs Mandela, glass in hand, wanted to know why they were staying at the church and allowing themselves to be "sexually abused" by whites

When the boys denied that they had been abused Mrs Mandela went to her bedroom, emerged with a sjambok and lashed them.

After this the "football team" began beating and kicking the boys until they "admitted" being sexually abused.

Only Stompie resisted and while attention was focused on him, the escaper made his get-away.

After hearing the boy's story, the group at the Methodist church decided to send a small delegation to Diepkloof to rescue the other boys.

But when the delegation arrived, Mrs Mandela denied all knowledge of the events.

The Sunday Star's information is that the delegation returned to the Methodist chuch where it was decided that someone more familiar with Mrs Mandela be sent to the house to check on the boys.

Dr Asvat was their choice.

According to the sources, Dr Asvat was shocked to discover that the escaper's story was true.

He examined Stompie and warned that the boy had been so badly assaulted that he would not live. He treated the others.

The next day Dr Asvat was shot dead in his surgery in Rockville, Soweto, by two young men.

The Methodist Church has since cleared Mr Verryn of all allegations of abuse.

● Police spokesman Captain R H V Bloomberg said yesterday that they had no further information on reports that Stompie's body had been found in Soweto by comrades.

He said police were investigating all possibilities.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok has appointed CID chief Major-General Jaap Joubert to investigate allegations of violence, abduction and misconduct against Mrs Mandela and the team. He is to head the search for Stompie. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

The Star Tuesday February 14 1989

Damages for shooting

Vlok ordered to pay Mamelodi youth R7 000

Pretoria Correspondent

The Minister of Law and Order has been ordered by the Pretoria Supreme Court to pay R7 000 to a 22-year-old Mamelodi-East youth who was shot in the back by police.

The mother of the youth, 66-year-old Mrs Linah Mashiane, who sued the Minister, had initially claimed R14 000 for wrongful and unlawful assault, arrest and imprisonment, including malicious prosecution.

The mother of Mr George Mashiane — who was 19 when he was shot — said in court papers that her son was in a car which was stopped by police who shot the youth "while he was in the process of entering into a stationary police vehicle".

However, according to the police, the car had sped away when approached and after pulling it off the road, Mr Mashiane had attempted to flee and was shot by a constable "who was doing his duty as a police officer".

Mr Mashiane was admitted to hospital on December 8, 1985, where he underwent two operations to have a bullet removed from his kidney.

Charges dropped

He subsequently appeared in court four times until charges were withdrawn several months later.

Mrs Mashiane said her son had been unlawfully shot by the police and his detention and prosecution were without reasonable or proper cause.

Mr Mashiane, according to the claim, had suffered "severe pain" and he presently experienced discomfort and mild pain when bending forwards or backwards.

The Minister was ordered to pay the legal costs of the action.

Conmen draw R400 after auto card trick

Crime Reporter

A De Deur woman had R400 withdrawn from her account after her automatic teller card was stolen from her by two conmen in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, at the weekend.

Computer consultant Ms Grace Esbach was drawing money on the corner of Klein and Kotze streets on Sunday when she was approached by a man who asked her to help him with his card.

"He pointed at my feet and said there was a R2 note lying on the ground. When I looked his accomplice must have grabbed my card. At first I thought the machine had swallowed it but then I realised I had been had," said Ms Esbach.

'Mother of the nation' under fire

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By KAREN STANDER, Staff Reporter

MRS Winnie Mandela's image as "Mother of the nation" has been seriously damaged by allegations of her involvement in the assault of a teenage activist.

Mrs Mandela has for many years been depicted sympathetically abroad and in some sections of the Press in South Africa as a victim of the high cost demanded by the fight against apartheid: a courageous woman dedicated to "the cause", in spite of it having meant the forced separation from her husband, jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, for more than two decades.

Now, however, her reputation has been dented as her links with the Mandela United Soccer Club and the controversy surrounding it, including the alleged abduction of 14-year-old Stompie Mokhetsi, come under public scrutiny.

The soccer club, whose members allegedly also act as Mrs Mandela's bodyguards, has caused a rift between her and the ANC and has angered civic leaders in Soweto.

They have accused the group of brutality and misconduct and of abducting four youths, including Stompie Mokhetsi, who is missing and feared dead.

Stompie was allegedly taken from a Methodist Church centre in Soweto last month by members of the Mandela United Soccer Club.

Mrs Mandela in turn has denied reports that she lashed Stompie and his group with a sjambok and ordered a further beating.

She had earlier claimed Stompie had left her house in Soweto in January and she had no knowledge of his whereabouts.

Born in Bizana, Transkei in 1935, Winnie Mandela was one of nine children of a conservative schoolmaster and a traditional mother who prophetically named her Nomzamo, which means "trial".

She enrolled at the Hofmeyr School of Social Work in Johannesburg, becoming the first black woman to qualify.

It was here she met and married Nelson Mandela, an attorney.

After he was jailed for life in the Rivonia treason trial, Mrs Mandela was regarded by many as his stand-in.

During the long years of her banning and exile to Brandfort in the Free State she was seen as a symbol and a martyr rather than a normal, imperfect

It was with her controversial "matches and necklaces" speech in 1986 that her halo began to lose its shine.

Her words: "With our matches and our necklaces we will liberate this country" drew shocked reaction and condemnation in the US and Britain where she had previously been portrayed sympathetically.

In December 1986 she enraged many of her supporters by appearing at the Cape Town trial of a family friend Lindi Mangeliso, convicted of murdering her husband. As she was leaving the court she was pelted with softdrink cans, rubbish and sand.

The controversial Mandela United Football Club, described as "thugs" and "a bunch of bullies", was apparently formed to act as a bodyguard for Mrs Mandela, but both the ANC and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have called for the club to be disbanded.

Mrs Mandela said the club consisted of young members of street committees in the Orlando West area. The object was to keep young activists off the streets and away from shebeens where clashes between radicals and vigilantes had taken place.

There have been allegations of serious miconduct by club members, including that they molested a young schoolgirl and beat up her companion. The fire which gutted Mrs Mandela's house last year was allegedly set in retaliation.

It was been reported that relations between Mrs Mandela and family lawyer Mr Ismail Ayob are strained as a result of the controversy surrounding the team.

The rift apparently began with the "necklaces" speech and developed further when she built a luxury mansion in Soweto which reportedly has has been empty for two years because black resentment prevented her from moving in.

In August last year there was controversy over Mrs Mandela's involvement with millionaire American businessman Robert J Brown who told reporters that the ANC leader had agreed to sign over "power of attorney" to him to "protect" the use of the Mandela family name and its interests. Mr Ayob subsequently denied this

In July it was reported in a London newspaper that impatience was growing within the anti-apartheid leadership in South Africa with "the increasingly erratic behaviour" of Mrs Mandela whose image had been transformed "from Mother of the Nation to an increasingly imperious prima donna".

Many believed she had become a liability to her community and an embarrassment to the ANC, the newspaper added.

BACKGROUND TO THE NEWS

Mrs Mandela ... an embarrassment to the cause?

In October a statement was issued, purportedly by her lawyers, which denied a report that there was tension in the Mandela marriage.

But later she dissociated herself from the statement, saying she owed no-one an explanation about her marriage.

Mrs Mandela yesterday threatened to sue two newspapers which published allegations about her involvement in an assault on Mokhetsi.

She is due in Cape Town today to visit her husband at his quarters in Victor Verster Prison in Paarl and is expected to hold a Press conference tomorrow.

KTC: Major denies police conspiracy with witdoeke

Cape Times 14/2/89

Supreme Court Reporter

A SENIOR police officer yesterday denied in the Supreme Court that police had plotted secretly with witdoek vigilantes or assisted them "actively or passively" in the destruction of KTC.

This was said by Major Charles Roger Brazelle in the R200 000 damages action brought against the Minister of Law and Order after a large part of KTC was destroyed by witdoeke vigilantes between June 9 and 11, 1986.

Major Brazelle, formerly of the SAP Special Task Force, said his 20 years of police experience included crowd-control training.

Asked by Mr F D J Brand, for the minister, if there had been a police conspiracy to participate in the attack, Major Brazelle said he had never received such an order, did not conspire with others and would have learnt about it if policemen had conspired to attack KTC.

He said the witdoeke were not hostile towards the police, neither were they sympathetic. Their hostility was aimed at the inhabitants of KTC.

"Over the three days I regarded them as marauders who committed violence on a large scale."

He said the comrades — "radical political activists" — who fought the witdoeke with KTC residents were openly hostile towards the police.

"I felt more hostile towards them than towards ordinary criminals."

The hearing continues today.

Winnie denies role in Stompie abduction

CAPE TIMES 14/2/89

LONDON. — Mrs Winnie Mandela yesterday told British television news channels that there was no truth in South African reports linking her name to the abduction and beating of 14-year-old youth leader Stompie Moeketsi, who has since disappeared and is believed to be dead.

She said that if any of her supporters in the Mandela United soccer team had been involved she would have taken action against them herself.

Renewing threats to sue papers that linked her or her "soccer team" to the scandal, she said she would be visiting her husband, jailed ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela, this week to seek guidance before making a full public statement.

Meanwhile her attorney, Mr Krish Naidoo, announced his resignation at the weekend, saying the reason was Mrs Mandela's soccer team.

The Mandela United soccer team, widely viewed as Mrs Mandela's personal security guard, has been in and out of trouble for the past two years in the Soweto community and was recently linked to the abduction of Stompie and three other boys from the Methodist church in Soweto.

Exiled leaders of the ANC and Mr Mandela have called for the dismantling of the team.

Mr Naidoo is said to have made recommendations about the team last year but those recommendations were not met by Mrs Mandela.

Declining to give details of his resignation, Mr Naidoo said his was "a lawyer-client" relationship with Mrs Mandela and that he ethically could not divulge information on what led to his resignation.

Earlier, Sapa reported that Mr Naidoo said: "I felt it was not within the scope of my work to deal with the Mandela crisis. We were not equipped to deal with that type of file."

A spokesman for the Mandela family said Mr Naidoo indicated on Friday that he was having problems with his partners because he did not have a letter appointing him officially as the family lawyer.

According to the family, he was appointed to handle Mr Nelson Mandela's biography "Higher Than Hope" and work on the establishment of a foundation related to the royalties.

On the subject of the soccer team, the family spokesman said Mr Naidoo was approached by the Mandela Crisis Committee for the compilation of affidavits.

He was described as never having been the family lawyer, but a lawyer for the foundation.

Mrs Mandela was not available for comment on Mr Naidoo's resignation but is said to be calling a press conference tomorrow. This follows reports that she is to sue two newspapers that published allegations about her involvement in the assault of Stompie.

Mrs Mandela could not be contacted to discover if she had appointed a new lawyer.

Meanwhile, police have made an urgent appeal to the "comrades" who — according to an article in a weekly newspaper — unearthed Stompie's body, to come forward and either provide such evidence, or deny this allegation, to the police.

Sources 'good'

General Jaap Joubert, who is in charge of the investigation into both Stompie's dissapearance and the death of activist Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, said that failure to hand over the body, or any pertinent information, to the police was a serious offence and could amount to defeating the ends of justice or even to being an accessory after the fact on a charge of murder.

In response, Weekly Mail co-editor Mr Anton Harber said it was not his newspaper's desire to defeat the ends of Justice.

Mr Harber nevertheless said his newspaper's sources were very good.

"Our sources for our report last Friday were very good and we are doing all we can this week to check their veracity. We have no desire to defeat the ends of justice or keep anything from the public eye.

"We are as keen as General Joubert and Mrs Mandela to ascertain the truth about what happened to Stompie because we believe the matter must be fully and publicly aired," Mr Harber said. — Own Correspondent and Political Staff

Stabbed body may be Mandela player

By CRAIG KOTZE,

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are investigating the possibility that an unidentified body found in Orlando West yesterday may be that of a member of the Mandela United Soccer team, a senior police spokesman said today.

The body had stab wounds, said Major-General Jaap Joubert, who is investigating allegations surrounding the soccer team and the disappearance of teenage activist Stompie Mokhetsi.

General Joubert said it could not be confirmed yet that the body was that of a member of the team The body still had to be identified.

"It has been alleged it is a member of the soccer team and we are investigating this possibility"

If confirmed, the murder could further fuel the storm of controversy and rumour already surrounding the team and the involvement of Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela, with the team.

Sources said today the body might be that of team member Mr Maxwell Madondo.

Denied rumours

General Joubert denied rumours a youth, said to have been molested by a minister and allegedly abducted by the Mandela Soccer Team, was missing.

"This youth is still available to the police."

General Joubert was recently appointed by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to investigate allegations surrounding the Mandela Soccer Team and the murder of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat in Soweto recently.

General Joubert appealed to "comrades" to come forward with Stompie's body if it had been found by them.

Meanwhile Mrs Mandela has postponed today's visit to her husband, Nelson Mandela, until tomorrow because of the latest development, according to Athlone attorney Mr Essa Moosa.

Mr Moosa said she would be flying to Cape Town tomorrow to visit Mr Mandela at his quarters near Victor Verster Prison in Paarl

A weekly paper reported Stompie's body was found by "comrades" on February 9 in Soweto. The information was attributed to a leading unnamed Soweto activist

General Joubert said anyone with information which might assist in the investigation should contact the police who would follow up all leads, no matter how trivial or insignificant.

Maxwell Madondo

Stompie Mokhetsi

● The controversy over Mrs Mandela and her "soccer team" has become major news in the British media.

Clips of her speaking about the controversy, and others showing members of the "team" in yellow tracksuits, were shown on both BBC Television and Independent Television news broadcasts last night. She was also heard speaking on BBC radio news.

Both television channels showed pictures of Stompie Mokhetsi, among a crowd at an anti-apartheid demonstration.

His mother was shown on Independent Television saying: "I'm worried because Stompie is not all right."

Mrs Mandela admitted on ITV Stompie and other youths were "clapped" but denied there was serious assaults

"Yes, there were clappings when they originally questioned this boy about their indulgence in what the youths on the premises regarded as utter filth."

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An ITV reporter said by "filth" Mrs Mandela meant her allegation that the youths were rescued from sexual abuse at the hands of the Methodist minister. The minister's former secretary had supported the claim but the church had said the accusations were groundless.

On BBC television, Mrs Mandela was shown looking at South African newspapers carrying reports about the controversy. She said she had "no other course but to go to court" over the allegations made about her.

"There couldn't have been a worse insult and I look forward to their production of evidence that this is what happened that day."

Immediately after her brief appearance James Robbins of the BBC, reporting from Johannesburg, said "Nobody in black opposition has so far come forward to defend Mrs Mandela, normally held up as a symbol of the anti-apartheid struggle.

"Nelson Mandela himself is known to be angry at her refusal to obey his orders that the football team which bears his name

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Mandela XI link with body

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should be disbanded."

He said the Mandela football team was "increasingly despised in Soweto as thuggish bodyguards of Winnie Mandela".

The latest turn in the affair is reported in The Times today under the six-column headline: "Beleagured Mrs Mandela's lawyer gives up his job."

Ray Kennedy, the paper's South Africa correspondent, says Mr Krish Naidoo's move comes amid growing controversy over Mrs Mandela's role within the black community

Ironically, he says, her reputation has diminished as the South African authorities have begun to move cautiously towards freeing her husband.

He adds thhat reports of a marital rift between the couple have surfaced and persist, although Mrs Mandela denies this. Mr Mandela's view is not known.

"It is clear, however, there are strong lobbies within the ANC, consisting mainly of younger men, who believe Mandela, now 70, is of far greater political value in custody today than entirely free. There is fear he could emerge from prison as an appeaser .

"At the same time, it would suit some South African circles if the country's most famous black couple were to split."

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Beaming Winnie Mandela arrives

Picture PETER STANFORD The Argus

WINNIE ARRIVES: Surrounded by cameras, a smiling Mrs Winnie Mandela gets into a car at D F Malan Airport today to be whisked off to Paarl's Victor Verster Prison for a meeting with her husband Nelson Mandela

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN and SHARON SOROUR
Staff Reporters

A BEAMING, self-composed Winnie Mandela, accompanied by her daughter Zinzi, arrived at D F Malan airport from Johannesburg today and was warmly embraced by Mrs Farieda Omar, wife of advocate Mr Dullah Omar. Human Rights lawyer Mr Essa Moosa, was also there to meet her.

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Part of the arrivals lounge was closed to the public. Many onlookers asked "Who is the big brass arriving?"

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Stompie Mokhetsi

Stompie: Police tests on body

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Police are to conduct forensic tests on the bodies of a youth and a man found in Soweto to see if they are those of teenage activist Stompie Mokhetsi and Mandela XI team member Maxwell Madondo

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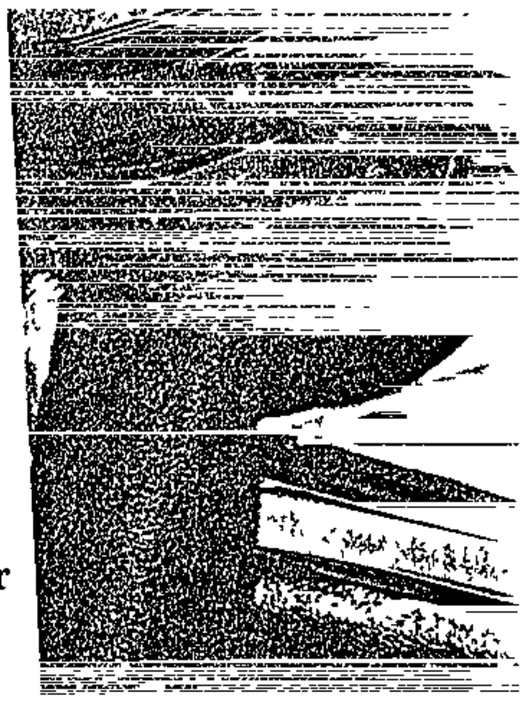

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The orders had been issued after the organisation had had various reports about the misbehaviour and general character of team members

It had thus been necessary to act to protect the Mandela name, and by association the name of the ANC, because the two were so closely linked

British interest

● Interest in the controversy surrounding Mrs Mandela and the Mandela United Football Club continues to grow in Britain, The Argus Foreign Service reports from London

The latest development — the discovery of the body of a murdered black youth thought to have been a member of the club —was reported on both television and radio Tuesday night and is a major item in Wednesday's newspapers

The Times reports the discovery under the seven-column headline "Second death fuels 'football club' scandal."

The paper's Johannesburg correspondent, Ray Kennedy, says the death is "the latest twist in the growing enigma surrounding Mrs Mandela," and she is now "the subject of a fierce attack by both black radical elements and the authorities"

The controversy and Mrs Mandela's activities are also the subject of a lengthy leader-page article in the Daily Mail by Peter Younghusband, the paper's South Africa correspondent.

It is headed "The corruption of Winnie Mandela", with a subsidiary headline "How the 'Mother of the Nation' gave birth to a scandal of blood and death"

Younghusband says Mrs Mandela, once idolised and regarded as a pillar of the struggle against apartheid, "is today shunned by her people, deserted even by her legal adviser and increasingly isolated from the liberation cause to which she has devoted her life"

Stompie Mokhetsi

Stompie: Police tests on body

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are to conduct forensic tests on the bodies of a youth and a man found in Soweto to see if they are those of teenage activist Stompie Mokhetsi and Mandela XI team member Maxwell Madondo.

A police spokesman said the tests would be done as soon as possible on the decomposed body of the youth, found on January 7

The body of a man found hacked to death at Uncle Tom's Hall in Soweto this week had also not been positively identified A post-mortem examination was to be conducted today.

Major-General Jaap Joubert, the officer investigating the disappearance of the 14-year-old Stompie, said last night that at the time of the discovery the body had been taken to the Diepkloof mortuary.

But because of decay it had not been identified.

Stompie's mother had yesterday been unable to identify positively the body as that of her son but had recognised bits of clothing and shoes as possibly belonging to him.

STABBED TWICE

Stompie had not been living with his mother when he disappeared

General Joubert said more tests would be conducted by forensic and fingerprint experts.

The cause of death had not yet been established because of the state of decomposition but it seemed the youth had been stabbed twice in the neck.

Police had found the body after an anonymous telephone call before midnight on January 6. It had been found in the veld between Noordgezicht and New Canada station.

In spite of lack of official identification, it is believed the body of the adult found in Soweto was that of a 19-year-old Maxwell Madondo, who lived in Mrs Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof home and was a member of her team of bodyguards

Decayed body could be Stompie's — police

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JOHANNESBURG — The badly decomposed body of a youth which could be that of the missing "Stompie" Mokhetsi was found on January 7 this year, the officer in charge of investigations into the disappearance of the 14-year-old boy, Major-General Jaap Joubert, said in a statement last night.

At the time of the discovery the body was taken to the Diepkloof mortuary but because of its state of decay could not be identified, the major said.

General Joubert's brief was to investigate claims that members of Mrs Winnie Mandela's bodyguards, the Mandela United Football Club, abducted four youths from an Orlando West Methodist church last December 28 and seriously assaulted Stompie. The fourth youth reportedly escaped.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, has said that the three youths were taken by vehicle to Mrs Mandela's house.

Further tests

The youth's mother was yesterday unable positively to identify the body as that of her son, but recognised bits of clothing and shoes as possibly belonging to the boy.

General Joubert said further tests would be conducted by forensic and fingerprint experts in an effort to establish whether the body was that of Stompie.

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Mrs Mandela flies to Cape Town today to face her husband amid mounting controversy over her handling of the soccer club.

Sources close to the controversy yesterday predicted that the meeting could "well be acrimonious".

Mrs Mandela was due to visit her husband yesterday, but postponed her trip following the discovery in Orlando West of the body of a youth thought to be that of Maxwell Madondo, a member of the soccer club.

However, Sapa reports that according to Colonel Steve van Rooyen, the body had still not been identified as that of Madondo by yesterday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the Mandela family lawyer, Mr Ishmael Ayob, said from Johannesburg yesterday that his last contact with Mrs Mandela had been on January 14.

He had received no instructions to accompany her to Cape Town.

Replying to rumours that he had been sacked as the Mandela family lawyer following the soccer club controversy, Mr Ayob said "As far as Mr Mandela is concerned I act for the family — Winnie has never told me that she does not wish me to continue acting" — Sapa and Staff Reporter

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Winnie's 'fall' still embarrassing news

From IAN HOBBS

LONDON. — Mrs Winnie Mandela's fall from international esteem as the "mother of the nation" continued to make major and embarrassing news for the anti-apartheid movement in Britain yesterday.

Television, radio and newspapers gave prominence to reports that her lawyer, Mr Krish Naidoo, was no longer prepared to represent her in the case of the missing Soweto youth leader Stompie Moeketsi.

There has been no official comment from the ANC or the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, although members of both admit that while they feel compassion for Mrs Mandela, her recent actions have damaged their interests.

Reports here have emphasised that the strongest allegations linking Mrs Mandela's name to the Moeketsi case have been made in respected anti-government newspapers including the Weekly mail, and that her conduct has caused concern to black leaders in Soweto.

Apart from serious allegations concerning the Stompie Moeketsi case and the conduct of her thuggish "football team" bodyguards, the British media have dwelt on reports that her marriage to Mr Nelson Mandela could be in trouble.

It was recalled in reports this week that a Soweto crisis committee had been set up to investigate her attempt to sell her family name through a conservative black American businessman.

Television film has also shown her lavish mansion in Soweto, although presss reports added that she had said she would not live there until her husband was freed.

The Guardian of London yesterday said a description of Mrs Mandela as a "real life heroine of immortal stature" should stand — although heroic people could be flawed by their weaknesses or "the accumulated presssure of intolerable events"

Commenting on the scandal surrounding her, the leading British liberal newspaper said her predicament should be viewed in the "awful perspective of the wider drama of the South African black people".

An editorial said Mrs Mandela, once revered as "the mother of the nation", had suffered 25 years of harassment, while the husband she loved was in jail. It was apparently the relief of pressure in 1986, when restrictions on her were lifted, "which led her to tragically lose touch with the movement that she had inspired for a quarter of a century".

The Guardian added that Mrs Mandela's South African biographer, Nancy Harrison, had described her as both autocratic and "too trusting". And her endorsement of necklacing two years ago "showed, at the least, lack of political judgement".

Winnie: More violence feared

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Talks lead to freedom for detainees

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ABOUT 100 of South Africa's roughly 800 emergency detainees are likely to be released soon following two days of intensive consultations between lawyers and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

More releases could follow as a result of an undertaking by Mr Vlok to look into the detailed circumstances of all those emergency detainees who do not have legal representation

Sources close to the talks described them as "a triumph" for all concerned and it is reliably understood that the vast majority of detainees whose cases were discussed would be released in the next few days.

The South African Council of Churches (SACC) has meanwhile called on hunger-striking detainees in [illegible] to suspend their

said all seven were recovering from the effects of the hunger strike and were able to walk around the hospital ward. It was not immediately clear why they had decided to end their fast.

At least 13 other hunger strikers have been admitted to hospitals suffering from giddiness, failing eyesight, severe weight loss and dehydration

Lawyers attending the talks with Mr Vlok have described them as "useful" and noted that it was clear that the minister was carefully assessing the situation of all detainees

A spokesman for Mr Vlok said last night that the minister had met detainees' legal representatives for the second day running for detailed discussions in which the situation of "each and every individual case" was considered

CHURCH leaders fearing a community backlash yesterday warned of a "potential loss of life" over the escalating Mandela United Soccer Club affair.

The warning topped a day of drama which earlier saw Mrs Winnie Mandela's driver briefly held by police investigating two murders linked to the soccer club

And police echoed the clerics' warnings, saying they had positively identified the hacked body of one of the Mandela United Soccer Club members and that the lives of several other people are in danger

In quick succession yesterday

- Police announced that they had identified the bodies of 14-year-old missing activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipie and 19-year-old soccer team member Zondile Maxwell Madondo.
- Mrs Mandela made a whirlwind visit to Cape Town with her daughter Zinzi and held two 40-minute meetings with her jailed husband Mr Nelson Mandela in his Victor Verster Prison home It is believed they discussed growing township and ANC resentments about alleged misbehaviour of her bodyguard "soccer club"
- Mrs Mandela returned to Johannesburg, declining to comment on her meeting with her husband, but was stopped by police on her way to Soweto and her driver was arrested

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growing township and ANC resentments about alleged misbehaviour of her bodyguard "soccer club".

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Police said they held the driver for questioning — apparently in connection with Stompie's death — and impounded the van he was driving "for examination purposes". He was later released

● The SA Council of Churches made an urgent appeal for calm amid fears of escalating violence in Soweto where civic leaders attempted to resolve community complaints over the activities of Mrs Mandela's bodyguards

In a significant announcement, SACC secretary-general the Rev Frank Chikane said a two-day meeting of the executive committee had "noted with concern the events surrounding Mrs Winnie Mandela and the so-called Mandela football club

"Being aware of the explosive situation and the potential loss of lives, the SACC executive calls upon the community and all parties involved in this conflict to exercise extreme restraint," he said.

The SACC was concerned that lives could be lost in consequent community actions, he said.

Earlier, police investigating Stompie's disappearance said they had identified the decomposed body found in Soweto on January 6 as that of the youth, one of the four youths allegedly abducted on December 29 from a Soweto Methodist church by members of the soccer club

A post-mortem indicated that Stompie — said to have "commanded" a 1 500-strong "children's army" during the 1984-86 riots — had been brutally beaten but that death was caused by the slashing of his jugular veins

Police confirmed that they had formally opened a murder investigation

Major-General Jaap Joubert, appointed by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to investigate Stompie's disappearance and allegations of misconduct against the soccer club, said a fingerprint test done in Pretoria laboratories proved conclusively that the body was Stompie's

The corpse's fingerprints were compared to those on police records from a pending charge against Stompie

The young activist was to have appeared in Parys on February 22 on a charge that he incited people to boycott the municipal elections

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Police also said they had positively identified a hacked body found in Soweto this week as that of soccer club member Mr Zondile Madondo and warned that the "lives of several (other) people are in danger"

Meanwhile, Mrs Mandela and her daughter Zinzi had flown to Cape Town where they were met at D F Malan Airport by local and foreign media representatives, as well as the Mandela family's Cape Town legal representative, Mr Essa Moosa, and Mrs Farieda Omar, wife of local advocate Mr Dullah Omar.

Mrs Mandela spent 80 minutes with her husband but emerged tight-lipped from Victor Verster Prison and ignored media questions

After returning to Johannesburg, Mrs Mandela was was stopped by police about a kilometre from Jan Smuts Airport

Police said last night that Mrs Mandela's car was impounded "for examination purposes" in connection with the Stompie affair "Mrs Mandela was immediately allowed to proceed to her residence," they said — Staff Reporter and Own Correspondent with Sapa and UPI

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Fingerprint tests on Winnie's minibus

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Forensic and fingerprint tests are to be conducted on Mrs Winnie Mandela's minibus which was impounded as she was being driven from Jan Smuts Airport after visiting her husband at Paarl.

The tests will be done apparently in an attempt to find traces of murdered teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi's hair, clothing or blood.

Mrs Mandela's driver was briefly held by police and she was driven to Soweto in another vehicle.

The chances of finding 14-year-old Stompie's prints are believed to be small as the vehicle has been extensively used by members of the Mandela XI Soccer Team since the boy's death either late in December or early in January.

It is alleged that the Mandela XI abducted Stompie.

The officer investigating the murder and that of Azapo health secretary Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, Major-General Jaap Joubert, has confirmed that police are to conduct extensive tests on the vehicle.

Stompie's killing is at the centre of the rumpus surrounding Mrs Mandela and her football team.

It has been widely claimed that he was aducted by Mandela XI members before disappearing from Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof home.

His body, which was identified yesterday, was found in Soweto on January 6.

A post mortem examination showed he had been savagely beaten before his death which was caused by the severing of his jugular vein.

Investigations have also been launched into the murder of another member of the Mandela team, Mr Maxwell Madondo, who was stabbed.

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Under investigation

Smoke could be turning into fire. Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has placed under investigation the activities of Winnie Mandela and her group of bodyguards, the "Mandela United Football Club."

The storm focuses on the disappearance of 14-year-old "Stompie" Moeketsi, missing and now presumed dead. Rumours have circulated that his body has been found, but these have proved inconclusive. A longer shadow is cast over the incident with the suggestions that the case may be linked in some way to the murder of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat. (*Current Affairs* February 3).

Long considered sacrosanct in some circles, "Mother of the Nation" Winnie Mandela now faces a tide of antipathy, with a Mandela Crisis Committee of several notable personalities (including Cyril Ramaphosa and Beyers Naudé) who have gathered to deal with increasing allegations by

Winnie Mandela . . .
furious at "libellous" allegations

Soweto residents. There is deep concern at the behaviour of her group, and the wider implications this holds for tainting the name of Nelson Mandela.

Allegations of being an accomplice to murder are serious in any language, and Mrs Mandela has reacted furiously to reports implicating her in the abduction and alleged murder of Moeketsi. She dismissed them as "libellous accusations" and is threatening action.

An indication of just how seriously Vlok is viewing the situation is revealed by his placing of Major General Jaap Joubert, the CID's second in command, at the head of investigations. So far no charges have been laid.

The fact that the police have stated that fingerprints of two people were found at the surgery of Asvat, but have thus far not made any arrests, is a further sign of the caution with which the police are moving. All official statements assert that it is a "straightforward investigation."

Mrs Mandela's response has been one of surprise at the high-level inquiry, saying that up until now she has not been approached by any investigators.

The cycle of innuendo that surrounds the allegations was heightened when attorney Krish Naidoo confirmed that he and his partners will no longer act for Mrs Mandela. He downplays his importance to the Mandela family by stating that he was only ever appointed to handle the affairs of a foundation initiated to distribute the royalties from a biography of Nelson Mandela, '*Higher than Hope.*

Naidoo's decision has surprised many in the legal fraternity. His decision, though not unethical for an attorney, is nevertheless unusual.

Winnie Mandela this week delayed a visit to her husband in the Victor Verster prison grounds in Paarl, following the discovery of an "unidentified body" in Orlando West, which "may" be that of a member of the football team. ■

Special constable killed in East Rand township blast

By Craig Kotze and Kaizer Nyatsumba

South African Police special constable W S Tladi was killed and nine others were injured in a hand grenade attack, possibly by ANC members, in Katlehong township, Germiston, last night.

Police said five grenades were hurled at a group of policemen, one of which exploded in their midst.

The nine injured policemen were admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital.

The superintendent of the hospital, Dr N Kernes, said seven of the men were treated and discharged and two were still in hospital.

The attack took place at the SA Transport Services building in Shongweni Section.

In Soweto yesterday, security forces shot and wounded a man after they were fired on in the township.

Police did not identify the man or say whether or not the attack was terror-related.

Last night's Katlehong attack was the second on security forces there since January 5, when a municipal policeman was killed and another 31 were injured by Soviet-made grenades hurled on to a parade ground at the Hlahlatsi municipal police station

Other unrest incidents reported overnight by police were:

- At Emdeni in Soweto, police arrested four men after a bus was stoned.
- A man was stabbed to death in Ntuzuma near Pinetown when he was attacked by a mob.

ANC supports its claims of Forsyth's 'flop'

By John Ryan,
The Star's Africa News Service

LUSAKA — The African National Congress has taken the seals off its own dossier on South African "superspy" Olivia Forsyth to support claims that she was a bungling agent whose attempts to infiltrate the organisation ended in a pathetic flop.

In a statement issued in Lusaka yesterday, the ANC said Lieutenant Forsyth had betrayed many close colleagues in the South African security forces, once her cover had been blown

One, Billy van Zyl, had been in ANC custody since 1986.

CONFESSIONS

A press kit issued with the statement contained extracts of Lieutenant Forsyth's confessions in her own handwriting

The handwriting matches that of two letters she wrote to her mother from ANC detention.

In an extract from one confession, Lieutenant Forsyth described in detail debriefing meetings with her handlers at a "safe" flat in Randburg after she had been unmasked by the ANC and sent back to South Africa to perform certain tasks.

This document was to be addressed to the flat at 1106, Rand President, Cnr Pretoria Street and Sentrum Road, Randburg

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SAA to buy 5 new high-tech airbuses

South African Airways is to buy five new Airbus A320 Aircraft costing R688 million to meet the growing demand for passenger services.

The Minister of Transport, Mr Eli Louw, is to announced this today in Parliament during debate on the SAA transport services additional appropriation debate. The sum of R2,9 million has been set aside for the airbuses as a down payment.

There was controversy about the A320 aircraft because of a highly sophisticated computer piloting system which overrode the pilot's manual control.

One of the first A320 crashed during a demonstration flight in France last year.

However, after an inquiry into the cause of the crash it was identified as pilot error and the A320 itself was cleared of any doubt. — Political Correspondent.

Gold price falls below $380 level

By Finance Staff

Gold today fell below the crucial $380 level in hectic trading in the Far East, setting the scene for a further decline in share prices on the JSE.

While the metal opened the day's trading in Hong Kong 5c up on yesterday's close of $384,40, it dropped by $7 before recovering to $378,40.

Analysts said there was no apparent reason for the plunge, but suspected that speculators were off-loading the metal amid uncertainty about the US December trade figures to be released today in Washington.

Winnie's fall makes big news abroad

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Mrs Winnie Mandela

MRS Winnie Mandela's fall from grace is big news overseas.

It has been given wide coverage in newspapers and on television and radio.

The Argus correspondent in Johannesburg reports that Mrs Mandela did not go to her office and declined to take calls at her Soweto home today.

"She'll call you later," a spokesman said.

Another spokesman at her Johannesburg office said: "I don't know where she is. She has not called us. Maybe she'll be in later."

Asked about the atmosphere in the area and Mrs Mandela's reaction to her denouncement by the mass democratic movement, the person who answered the phone in Mrs Mandela's home said: "It's quiet around here. I don't know how she feels."

Mr Ismail Ayob, Nelson Mandela's attorney, said he had not heard from Mrs Mandela or her husband.

The story of Mrs Mandela's crisis, the death and remarkable life of Stompie Moeketsi, the activities of the so-called football team, and "Mama Wetu's" rejection by South Africa's black leadership, has been told at length in newspapers throughout America — on the front pages of many.

The image of Mrs Mandela it has created is in sharp contrast to the image she once enjoyed as the courageous, dignified and long-suffering wife of the imprisoned Nelson Mandela.

COSATU president Mr Elijah Barayi, left, and senior UDF official Mr Murphy Morobe at the Press conference where they dissociated themselves from Mrs Winnie Mandela.

LIMIT THE DAMAGE

The British media, too, gave prominence to Mrs Mandela's ostracism by community leaders in South Africa.

Television coverage included a shot of African National Congress president Oliver Tambo denying that the Winnie Mandela affair would harm the movement.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu was also shown: "While you might say that things have not been proven in a court of law, enough seems to have surfaced to say there is just enough truth to be uncomfortable," he said.

And a BBC correspondent said: "Her reputation has been destroyed, but great care is being taken by activists to limit the damage to her jailed husband and to the ANC."

In its editorial the Daily Mail said Mrs Mandela's "glamorous image can no longer conceal the instincts of the gangster" and her own community had come to accept that she can only damage her husband's cause.

"Now — if the ruling white regime has a shred of political imagination — must be the moment to free Nelson Mandela."

And South Africa's Press has been asked not to refer to Mrs Mandela's "football team" as the Mandela XI.

The appeal was made by the UDF's acting-publicity secretary, Mr Murphy Morobe, at a Press conference called by South Africa's democratic movement to distance itself from Mrs Mandela.

Meanwhile, another two missing youths have been linked to Mrs Mandela's "football team", police said yesterday.

They said they were urgently looking for Mr Lolo Sono, 21, and Mr Siboniso Anton Tshabalala, 19, both of Meadowlands.

● The ANC is expected to issue a statement in Lusaka today supporting the mass democratic movements in their repudiation of Mrs Mandela.

The statement will probably be couched in similar terms to those denouncing the "football team", and urging communities to view Mrs Mandela's role in a dignified manner. — The Argus Foreign Service, Sapa and Argus Africa News Service.

Constable killed, nine hurt in grenade attack

The Argus Correspondent

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Constable W S Tladi was killed.

Among the injured were Sergeant T Montinya and Constables A Mafikare, H Mkize, L Tshidi, M Mothibe, T Nala and a Constable Kompane.

In Soweto yesterday, security forces shot and wounded a man after they were fired on in the township.

Police did not identify the man or say whether the attack was terror-related.

Police have begun an intensive manhunt for the Kathlehong killer or killers.

The grenade attack happened at 9.20 pm at the South African Transport Services building in Shongweni Section.

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Mrs Mandela

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Steps to end hunger strike 'triumph'

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By CHRIS BATEMAN and ANTHONY JOHNSON

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Tutu reconciliation

"Had Stompie and his three colleagues not been abducted by Mrs Mandela's 'football team', he would have been alive today," Mr Morobe said.

In Lusaka and London the ANC last night seemed to support the action against Mrs Mandela.

And at a hurriedly convened press conference in Cape Town late yesterday, Archbishop Desmond Tutu called for reconciliation but said that even if the allegations against Mrs Mandela were proved groundless in court, "a great name has been dragged through the mud and the democratic movement damaged".

He said Mrs Mandela's behaviour was "inexplicable", and that the football club crisis had deflected attention from the hunger strike.

At the Cosatu-UDF conference, the Soweto community was asked to distance itself from Mrs Mandela but to do so in a dignified manner.

Unqualified support was reaffirmed for Mr Mandela and a call was made for his immediate release.

The statement said the democratic movement had fought uncompromisingly against violations of human rights from whatever quarters.

"We are not prepared to remain silent where those who are violating human rights claim to be doing so in the name of the struggle against apartheid.

"We are of the view that Mrs Mandela has abused the trust and confidence which she has enjoyed over the years. She has not been a member of any of the democratic structures of the UDF and Cosatu, and she has often acted without consulting the democratic movement

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"In particular, we are outraged by the reign of terror that the 'football team' has been associated with. Not only is Mrs Mandela associated with the team, in fact, the team is her own creation."

The statement said Mrs Mandela had refused to co-operate in attempts to reconcile the conflict between her and the community, including the most recent effort of the formation of a crisis committee comprising some of the community's most able and respected members.

Mrs Mandela's contribution over the years was commended, as she had been forced to rear her children singlehanded in the face of lengthy house arrests, detentions and "her cruel banishments to Brandfort".

In reply to a question, Mr Morobe said he could not say what effect the "distancing" would have on the relationship between the Mandelas

He added that the decision to shun Mrs Mandela had been taken within South Africa, and that there had been no instructions from, or communication with, the ANC on the matter.

In Lusaka and London the ANC's external leaders said Mrs Mandela's bodyguards had disgraced the liberation struggle and were largely responsible for her downfall.

An ANC spokesmen said the movement's executive was still deciding on how it would treat Mrs Mandela, but they indicated approval for the denouncement made by Mr Morobe

However, ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo refused to attack her.

At his home in Bishopscourt, Archbishop Tutu acknowleged that the two organisations in the movement, the UDF and Cosatu, had "shunned" Mrs Mandela since the allegations of her involvement

He said he would "like to be able to deny that Mrs Mandela was involved" as he "had the highest regard for her, Mr Nelson Mandela and the Mandela family".

Asked whether he (Archbishop Tutu) and the mass movement had already prejudged Mrs Mandela, he said he had not, but that the community in Soweto had, and referred to the burning down of Mrs Mandela's plush Orlando West mansion.

The home, built in 1986, was razed in July last year.

"No one in Soweto would stand by while Nelson's house burnt down unless there was a deep hurt within the people," he said.

He said he hoped Mrs Mandela would not jeopardise the role she had previously played in the liberation struggle.

Would he distance himself from Mrs Mandela? "I am a pastor," Archbishop Tutu said.

"Even if she is proved to be a fallen idol, as a pastor I must do all I can to rehabilitate her."

● Meanwhile, police last night said they were investigating charges of abduction regarding two men who have connections with members of the "soccer club". The men are Mr Lolo Sono, 21, and Mr Sibonisо Anton Tshabalala, 19, both of Meadowlands.

Mr Sono was last seen about 8pm on November 13 with members of the club in a micro-bus at his house. — Sapa, Staff Reporter and Own Correspondents

Winnie to flee?

Sources claim she may leave SA

Political Staff and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — The mystery of Mrs Winnie Mandela's whereabouts deepened last night, with official sources claiming that she may leave South Africa.

Calls to Mrs Mandela's home in Diepkloof were met with "The mother is not at home." Her office said she had not shown up and would not be in later

This came as police announced that they were investigating the disappearance of another Soweto youth, Kadiza Cebekhulu, who laid a charge of attempted indecent assault against a Methodist minister on January 30

The minister was later cleared by the church of any such charges

The boy's claim of maltreatment by the minister was the catalyst which led to the controversy over the "Mandela United football club"

Kadiza's disappearance brings to three the number of youths connected with the Mandela club who are now missing.

By late last night there was no word of Mrs Mandela, who had evaded attempts by the press to speak to her

Sources claimed that she may be considering going to London for a while.

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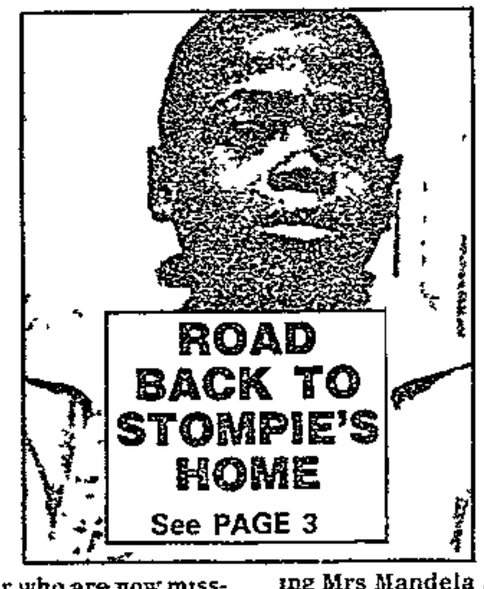

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Dynasty to end 'with a bang'

Own Correspondent

LONDON — The once top-rated American TV soap opera Dynasty is to be killed, together with its top stars, in a series of shocking scenes

The end of the glittering series, which comes after nine years, will show British soap queen Joan Collins being executed in a gas chamber

Ms Collins, who plays Alexis Carrington, is sentenced to death — along with the series — for murdering her ex-husband Blake, played by John Forsythe

Evil Alexis contrives the murder by begging him to have a last meeting with her. And in a vicious scene, she plunges a butcher's knife into his heart.

As the final credits roll for the very last time, Alexis is seen strapped to a chair in the gas chamber, going into convulsions as she breathes the poison

The producers and cast spent weeks arguing whether to go out with a whimper or a bang.

Ms Collins favoured a bang and in the end it was agreed that a shock ending would help fans to forget that the show had been in a sharp decline

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JOHANNESBURG. — The mystery of Mrs Winnie Mandela's whereabouts deepened last night, with official sources claiming that she may leave South Africa.

Calls to Mrs Mandela's home in Diepkloof were met with "The mother is not at home." Her office said she had not shown up and would not be in later

This came as police announced that they were investigating the disappearance of another Soweto youth, Kadiza Cebekhulu, who laid a charge of attempted indecent assault against a Methodist minister on January 30

The minister was later cleared by the church of any such charges

The boy's claim of maltreatment by the minister was the catalyst which led to the controversy over the "Mandela United football club"

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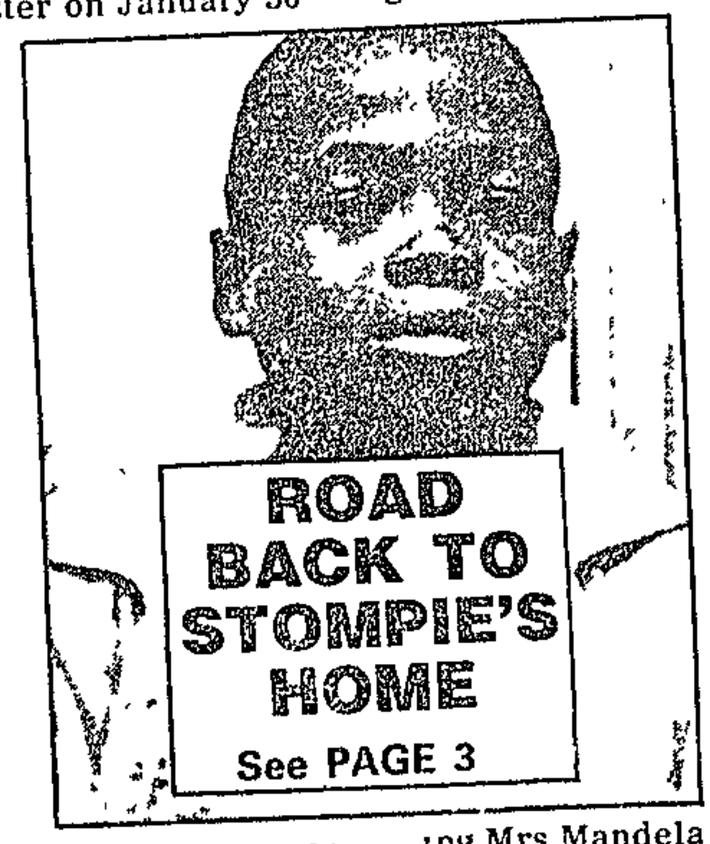
Mrs Mandela refused to speak to the press after a visit to her husband on Wednesday.

A scheduled press conference was not held and she refused even a "no comment" when met by a large press contingent at Jan Smuts airport on her return from Cape Town



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Secret memo to Tambo 'leads to rift with Winnie'

Weekend Argus Reporter

SURPRISING new evidence of how the rift between Mrs Winnie Mandela and the ANC came about has emerged from a secret memorandum.

The five-page document was delivered anonymously to the offices of the Sunday Star, the Johannesburg sister newspaper of Weekend Argus.

Our Johannesburg correspondent reports that some weeks ago a crisis meeting of a number of Soweto-based organisations decided once and for all to sever ties with Mrs Mandela.

The sharp feeling between her and her erstwhile friends is indicated in the way she is referred to in the five-page document. She is mentioned many times, but not once is she called Mrs Mandela. Only Winnie.

The memorandum drawn up by the organisations was sent to "Cde Pres OR", the recipient presumably being Mr Oliver R Tambo, president of the African National Congress.

Possibly one of several others sent to him, it detailed grievances against Mrs Mandela. It described her as seeming to think she was "above" the community and also as showing "utter contempt for both the crisis committee and the community".

It says: "She told us, and she repeated this to a church delegation... that she was contemplating holding a press conference at which she will publicly announce that she is resigning from the ANC.

"We do not know what this means! We asked her to hold back pending a meeting between her and a full complement of the crisis committee which can only take place in mid-February.. "

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MYSTERY

Weekend Argus Political Staff

THE whereabouts of Mrs Winnie Mandela has become a major mystery. All efforts to contact her in Johannesburg today were unsuccessful as speculation on her future rages.

Since she returned to Johannesburg after visiting her husband, Nelson, in Paarl's Victor Verster prison on Wednesday, she has dropped out of sight and all efforts to contact her have failed.

Mrs Mandela is in the centre of controversy after being denounced by UDF and Cosatu for her involvment with the Mandela "football team" — her bodyguards — who are suspected of killing a child activist, Stompie Moeketsi.

It is not known whether Mrs Mandela is simply avoiding newsmen whether she has gone to ground or whether she has left the country.

Reports that she bought two air tickets at Jan Smuts airport yesterday could not be confirmed.

Last night a young man who answered the telephone at her house in Diepkloof, Soweto, said. "Mama is not home — I think she is still at the office." Telephone calls to the office went unanswered.

A spokesman on law and order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said police did not know where Mrs Mandela was.

He would not confirm whether police were looking for her. "All I can say is that we are not in the process of wanting to arrest her tonight — further than that depends on investigations"

Another spokesman from the Department of Law and Order said "good progress is being made with the investigation".

On Wednesday this week Mrs Mandela's driver was briefly detained and questioned.

It was then announced that forensic tests were to be conducted on Mrs Mandela's seized minibus in an attempt to find traces of Stompie's hair, clothing or blood Fingerprint experts are also expected to examime the bus, which is now at the SAP's forensic laboratories in Pretoria.

However chances of finding Stompie's prints were said to be small as the vehicle has been extensively used by members of the Mandela team since the boy's death either late in December or early in January.

The tests would be extensive and would take some time, said Major-General Joubert, the officer investigating Stompie's murder and that of Azapo health secretary Dr Abu-Baker Asvat.

Meanwhile three key witnesses of the murder of stompie, earlier reported to have gone to ground for their own safety, have surfaced in Johannesburg's black suburbs, according to a report today.

The three, named as Thabiso Mono, 20, Pelo Gabriel Mekgwe, 20, and Kenny Kgase, 29, are said to have been with Stompie when he was allegedly beaten until he lost consciousness at the home of Mrs Mandela in late December.

Police investigating the murder of the 14-year-old activist are looking for a number of witnesses, including those who were allegedly abducted with him from the Soweto Methodist Church house and assaulted

Stompie's body was found in the veld near New Canada station on January 6. He had died, it is suspected, not from the alleged beating, but of the severing of his jugular vein.

Cape Times
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Grenade attack kills 1, injures 9

JOHANNESBURG. — One special constable was killed and nine were injured when five grenades were thrown at them in Katlehong on Thursday night, police said yesterday.

Special Constable W S Tladi was killed and special constables P M Madela and R S Matjeke were seriously injured.

And according to the police overnight unrest report, at Emdeni in Soweto, four men were arrested when a bus was damaged by stone-throwers.

"In another incident in the area a shot was fired at security force members. The members returned fire, wounding one man," the report said.

Durban police are searching for the killers of the 35-year-old principal of Bhekesisa Junior Secondary School at Ntuzuma, north of Durban, who was knifed to death in full view of one of his teachers on Thursday. — Sapa

Winnie report

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"We approached Winnie, who promised to give us access to the kids so that we could see them for ourselves. She immediately asserted that they came to her house voluntarily because they were tired of being sodomised by the priest who was giving them sanctuary.

"She promised that the kids would confirm that to us when we saw them. The names of the kidnapped kids are Gabriel Mekgwe (Ikageng, Potchefstroom), Thabiso Mono (Ikageng), Katiza Cebekhulu (Hammersdale), Moeketsi — better known as Stompie to his comrades (Tumahole, Parys) and Kenny (Pretoria).

"When we approached Winnie, we did not divulge to her that we knew the number of kids involved. The reason for this was that Stompie, the 14-year-old kid from Tumahole, was feared dead by our informants.

"Their fears were based on Kenny's testimony to the effect that he last saw Stompie when the latter was taken away for "further interrogation" by the football club fellows Apparently Stompie was by then already assaulted so badly that, according to Kenny, he could not even walk.

"Kenny managed to escape and he is presently in hospital as a result of the heavy torture he received (at) the hands of the football club.

"Winnie produced Gabriel Mekgwe, Thabiso Mono and Katiza Cebekhulu to the (crisis) committee. When we interviewed them, both Gabriel Mekgwe and Thabiso Mono tried to tell us that they left the mission house voluntarily and went to Winnie for protection against the Rev Paul Verryn.

"During the course of the interview we noticed that both of them had scars on their bodies — scars which were quite fresh. They denied having been assaulted. They maintained that the injuries on their bodies were sustained when they fell from trees at the mission house.

"It is an improbable coincidence that of the 16 or so kids who lived at the mission house, the Reverend could sodomise only those who had the propensity to climb trees

"When we interviewed Katiza Cebekhulu he came across as a person who understood no language other than Zulu. Somewhere along the way we gained an impression that he is a maverick. This prompted us to concentrate on additional issues.

Who is and isn't hurt in Winnie's descent

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Weekend Argus Political Staff and Sapa

THE fall from grace of Mrs Winnie Mandela has had a major impact in South Africa and internationally and has caused major speculation on how it might affect the African National Congress and related organisations.

Diplomatic and political opinion reports Weekend Argus Political Staffer David Breier, is that it might have hurt the ANC internationally but not the "mass democratic movement" inside the country.

Mrs Mandela's reduction in status from "Mother of the Nation" to that of untouchable was completed this week by the denunciation of her by the United Democratic Front and Cosatu

"It is to the credit of the democratic movement that there are structures and procedures that allow grassroots feelings to be expressed in a way that challenge heroes — and heroines — of the struggle when those people misbehave," said Mr Mark Swilling, research officer at the Centre for Policy Studies at Wits University.

He said that the alleged activities now held against her and her "soccer team" were exposed by the movement itself long before the police became involved.

There had been protest marches on her home by Soweto women and courageous youth leaders who had dared to challenge the team.

The Mandela Crisis Committee had been formed last year by the community after her home was burnt down in reprisals against the activities of her bodyguards.

"The organisations come out with some credit because it was they who in the end ensured that Winnie was exposed."

But he said internationally the name of Mandela had inevitably been tarnished somewhat.

Professor Mike Hough, director of the Institute for Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria, said the storm around Mrs Mandela would damage the ANC image but he did not think the damage would necessary be devastating especially in the light of the UDF-Cosatu denunciation.

Some people might have seen her as the internal symbol of the ANC, but this was by virtue of her husband only.

Diplomatic sources are agreed that the effective action against Mrs Mandela by the relevant organisations had prevented damage inside South Africa to the ANC and associated groups

They also agree that the movement had even gained some credit by showing it could put its own house in order and expose a living legend.

Black leaders in the United States say Mrs Mandela's censure is not likely to weaken international support for an end to racial separation in South Africa and a spokesman for Congressman Ron Dellums, head of the Congressional Black Caucus, said Mrs Mandela's situation would not affect chances that the US Congress would pass legislation for comprehensive sanctions against South Africa this year.

Sapa-AP reports that The New York Times today said: "For supporters of black freedom in South Africa, watching Winnie Mandela over the last few years has been like watching a bad accident in slow motion and feeling one's confusion turn to anguish and, finally, to profound sadness ...

"Winnie Mandela's greatest burden may have been fame. Her tragedy is not that she isn't the heroine the world wanted her to be. The tragedy is that, treated brutally by an evil system, she too has become brutal."

Stompie: The ghetto boy at home

CAPE TIMES 18/2/89

From SIPHO NGCOBO

JOHANNESBURG. — I quietly entered the crowded shack in Tumahole — a dusty ghetto on the edge of Parys.

This was the home of Moeketsi James Seipei — the child activist known locally and internationally as "Stompie" — who was allegedly abducted by the controversial Mandela United Football Club last December. This week police identified his badly decomposed body.

The shack was quickly cleared to make way for the interview with Stompie's mother, Joyce, 32, and uncle, Isaiah, 30.

Stompie's mother appears bravely unshaken by her son's death. She flashes a few smiles while recounting her son's brief life. She calls him Stompo.

LEADER OF CHILDREN . . . Stompie James Seipei (right) with William Nyathela. This photograph was taken in April 1986 when the two were released after spending 11 months in detention.

BEFORE THE FALL . . . Mrs Winnie Mandela saluting with members of her contoversial football team at the funeral of journalist Mr Percy Qoboza last year. Now the "mother of the nation" is an outcast, reviled for her alleged involvement in the killing of child activist Stompie Seipei.

"Stompo was out of the ordinary and I was scared rather than proud of him. But I am proud of him now," she says

"He was incredible, a visionary, a soldier and a happy human being"

Indeed, Stompie was a remarkable child. Born on August 20 1974 in Tumahole and having gone only as far as Std 2 at the local primary school, Stompie became a political activist at the age of 10.

His uncle Isaiah recalls that one afternoon in 1985 Stompie told him "I have been at a meeting of the civic association where I learned a lot. I now understand what is happening around me I have just joined the Tumahole Youth Congress (a UDF affiliate)."

That was the beginning of Stompie's political life A few months later he surprised everyone, forming the 1 500-strong Under-14s, an organisation of youths whose ages ranged from eight to 13

The Under-14s' main task was to "protect" the township against "counter-revolutionaries" — the vigilantes and council policemen.

The group's cohesion and fighting spirit shocked everyone in the area — including seasoned UDF political activists

On July 9 1986, at the age of 11, Stompie was detained for 11 months On his release in June 1987 he declared the local council policemen his "Enemy Number One" after they clashed with the Under-14s.

His mother says the alarmed township manager summoned him and his mother to his office and tried to make peace by offering them a house. But Stompie declined, arguing that the offer would turn him into lackey of the local authorities.

Stompie was again detained before the October elections this time for about three weeks

In Tumahole, Stompie was a living legend Whenever he was seen children would take to the streets, following him His mother says this embarrassed and worried Stompie, who was often on the run from the police

Residents say the youth was a key figure in the successful fight to introduce a sewerage system in Tumahole

Stompie was not just a remarkable political activist, but an intellectual too — he was regarded as a local authority on the Freedom Charter

According to his uncle, Stompie's main wish was to meet ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela before both of them died. "He knew he would not live until he was an adult."

In 1988 Stompie left Tumahole for Soweto's Methodist Church mission house where he lived until his death

Principal of Lembethe Lower Primary School and Stompie's one-time class teacher, Ms Elizabeth Baleng, says Stompie was a happy and obedient child "I still cannot believe he is dead"

Neither can many Tumahole residents

Football club's coach arrested in Mandela raid

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Mandela United Football Club coach Mr Jerry Richardson and three members were arrested when police raided the Diepkloof Extension home of Mrs Winnie Mandela, confiscating clothing and other material for forensic tests.

But police could today not confirm reports that detectives were searching for another four members of the team who were missed in yesterday's raid on Mrs Mandela's home.

A team of forensic and fingerprint experts conducted a thorough search of the outbuildings previously occupied by members of the Mandela United Football Club while police stood guard around the house in a 7½-hour operation which started at 4 am.

Major-General Jaap Joubert — the officer heading the investigation into the death of 14-year-old activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei — said police had found traces of blood and fingerprints on some of the clothing they found in the outbuildings.

Police confiscated several weapons, including a knife with blood stains, sjamboks and clubs.

The raid follows the seizure on Saturday of a 30-seater bus used by the club.

OTHER "ADDRESSES"

A member of the Mandela family told the press that Mrs Mandela would not comment on the raid.

The police liaison officer, Colonel L J Haasbroek, said yesterday four men had been detained for questioning. Mr Richardson, the team coach, was one of them.

Other Soweto "addresses", apart from Mrs Mandela's, were searched yesterday morning, Colonel Haasbroek said

The home of Mr Roger Harris, a television cameraman for a foreign service, was also raided because police had been tipped off that members of the club could be hiding there.

Meanwhile, SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said on Saturday that Nelson Mandela had ordered his wife to remove the team from her house.

He said the orders were conveyed to Mrs Mandela during their meeting at his Paarl prison home on Wednesday.

"NOT MISSING"

Mr Chikane also revealed that Katiza Cebekhulu, the boy who had laid a charge of sexual abuse against Methodist Church minister the Rev Paul Verryn, was not "missing" as had been reported.

He said the boy was prepared to make a statement to the police.

● Inkatha's Central Committee yesterday resolved to apologise to the Mandela family for the "unseemly behaviour" of some blacks, including the United Democratic Front, in distancing themselves from Mrs Mandela.

The Chief Minister of kwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, said the committee made a plea for the world to be "civilised" and to "presume innocence until a person is proved guilty".

And the Argus Africa News Service reports that ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo seems to have been instrumental in watering down an ANC statement at the weekend on Mrs Mandela and the so-called "Stompie scandal".

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Winnie's home raided: 4 held

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Inkatha offers apology to the Mandelas

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Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said the committee made a plea for the world to be "civilised" about the wife of the jailed former ANC leader and to "presume innocence until a person is proved guilty".

The committee said it heard the accusations against Mrs Mandela with a deep sense of disquiet.

It asked the world to remember what it was like for a young wife and mother to be isolated from her husband and to be left isolated for 26 years.

The committee also resolved to "apologise to Mr Nelson Mandela and Mrs Mandela for the unseemly behaviour of some blacks, as shown by the UDF's haste to distance itself from Mrs Mandela in case they are proved wrong by association with her". — Sapa and Own Correspondent.

Own Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — Four men who lived at Mrs Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof home are being held for questioning in connection with the death of "Stompie" Moeketsi James Seipei after police raided the home early yesterday.

A witness said the men taken by police were members of the Mandela football club.

Bloodstained clothing, sjamboks, clubs, documents and other items were also taken, police said.

In a related development, two people have been arrested in connection with the murder of activist Dr Abu-Baker Asvat and are expected to appear in a Soweto court today, police said.

The police spokesman said he could not say if the two were picked up in yesterday's raids on several Soweto homes — including Mrs Mandela's — or had been arrested earlier.

Break is total

Meanwhile, as the controversy surrounding Mrs Mandela and her bodyguards continues to grow, exile sources in London rejected the notion that there was a split between them and the "democratic forces operating within South Africa" over the affair.

A weekend statement from the headquarters of the ANC in Lusaka called on anti-apartheid groups not to shun Mrs Mandela, even if she had made mistakes.

The break by "progressive" organisations with Mrs Mandela is total, to the extent that in activist circles she is now called by her maiden name, Nomzamo Madikizela.

The ANC statement, issued after a hectic two-day meeting chaired by ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo, also accused the South African government of infiltrating agents provocateurs among her bodyguards.

Witnesses to yesterday's raid said police arrived at Mrs Mandela's home about 4am. They said the last of the police left about 11am. Major-General Jaap Joubert, who is heading an investigation into the Asvat and Stompie murders, was present at the raid.

One witness said "lots" of police cordoned off the road and prevented several of the bodyguards from leaving.

The witness said the bodyguards tried to leave but were caught.

Police, including fingerprint and forensic experts, searched two rooms at the Mandela house which were used by members of the football club.

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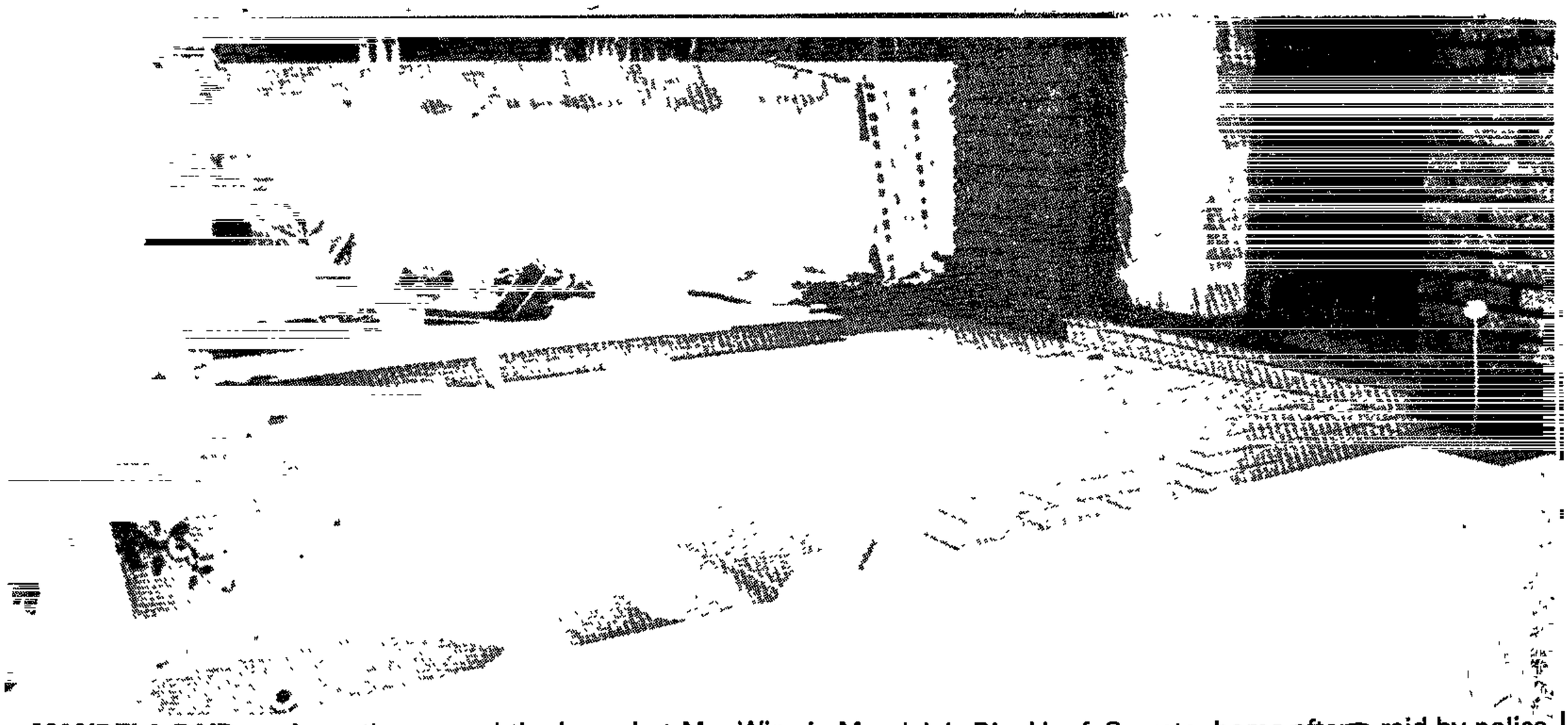

MANDELA RAID . . . An outhouse and the jacuzzi at Mrs Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof, Soweto, home after a raid by police early yesterday morning. Police searched the house.

AFTER THE SEARCH . . . A newsman in the garage of the Soweto home of Mrs Winnie Mandela yesterday after police searched the premises.

Tutu in Angola, praises Mrs Mandela

LISBON. — Archbishop Desmond Tutu began a week-long visit to Angola and praised the contribution made by Mrs Winnie Mandela for more than 25 years in the fight against apartheid.

The Portuguese news agency, Lusa, which reported Archbishop Tutu's arrival, did not give more details on this part of the speech.

In the speech, Archbishop Tutu also reminded the South African government they risked rejection "even by their staunchest Western allies," if they did not respect the regional peace accords signed in December.

Archbishop Tutu arrived in the Angolan capital on Saturday heading a delegation from the All African Church Conference.

He said South Africa could "only lose" by disregarding the accords.

Archbishop Tutu laid a wreath at the mausoleum of late Angolan President Agostinho Neto, before celebrating a religious service at the Luanda's Citadela stadium.

During his visit, Archbishop Tutu is to hold talks with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, Foreign Minister Mr Pedro de Castro van Dunem and Luanda's chief ideologist Mr Roberto de Almeida. — Lapa-AP

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A police spokesman said fingerprints were lifted and clothing and other objects, apparently with bloodstains, were taken.

The witness said police dumped clothing, bedding, carpets and mattresses on the front lawn before searching through it and taking away what they wanted in plastic bags

"I saw them take away a pair of garden shears, a suitase and a pair of blue overalls stained with blood," the witness said.

Mrs Mandela and her daughter Zinzi were at home at the time of the raid. Mrs Mandela came out smiling and greeted journalists at the scene but declined to make any comment

Police have also removed for forensic testing a 30-seater bus allegedly used by the football club.

They are still searching for two men, 21-year-old Mr Lolo Sono and 19-year-old Mr Sibaniso Anton Tshabalala.

Mr Sono was last seen on November 13 in the company of members of the soccer team and showed signs of assault, police said.

Mr Tshabalala disappeared from home the following day. He was last seen entering a blue minibus in the company of soccer club members.

In further developments at the weekend, SACC president Rev Frank Chikane told a press conference that Mrs Mandela had agreed to remove members of the football club from her home.

Meanwhile Mandela family friend Dr Fatima Meer said Mrs Mandela had become a victim of the media "who have already tried her"

She said Mrs Mandela had been advised by her husband, Mr Nelson Mandela, against giving any interviews to the press.

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Ex-Mandela club member in court

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A former member of the Mandela United Football Club has appeared briefly in the Soweto Magistrate's Court over an allegation of murder.

Mr Andrew Ekaneng, 20, was not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

Mr Ekaneng's appearance followed the death of Mr Maxwell Madondo, also a former member of the team, whose body was found in Orlando West last week.

It's a plot defiant Winnie

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The Argus Foreign Service

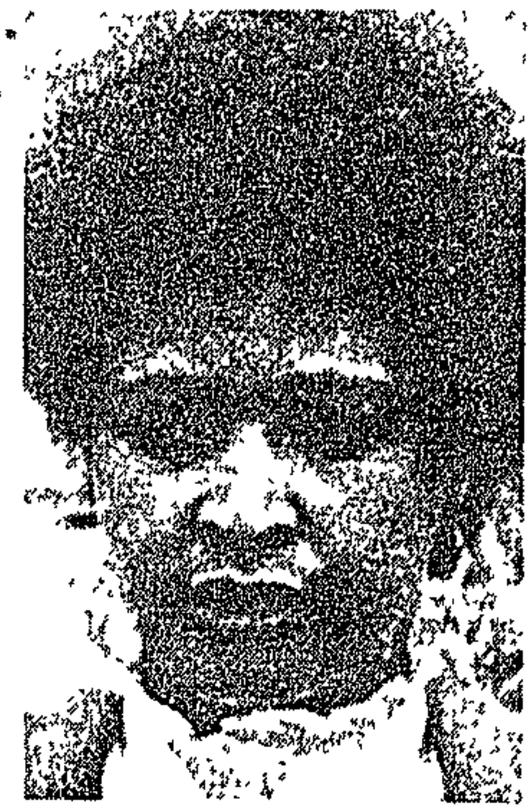
LONDON. — A defiant Mrs Winnie Mandela lashed out at her accusers in a BBC television interview and charged that the South African government was trying to create divisions in black opposition.

Speaking in the interview broadcast last night, Mrs Mandela also admitted publicly for the first time that she is a member of the African National Congress. She denied reports that recent developments had put her marriage to ANC leader Nelson Mandela under any strain.

And in a NOS-TV news programme broadcast in Amsterdam Mrs Mandela charged that Stompie Moeketsi was still alive. She said Stompie's mother was "forced to identify somebody else's body as that of her son".

In the BBC interview Mrs Mandela was scathing about the move by black opposition groups to distance themselves from her.

"I am astounded that political loyalties could not stand a simple test of this nature," she said. "That it could even be dreamt that I would be responsible for the murder of a child when I have spent all my life fighting against these injustices appals me."



Mrs Winnie Mandela

Reacting to black criticism that she had never been a member of the democratic movement, she said: "I am a member of the African National Congress and will always be a member of the African National Congress. I have had no crisis with the ANC."

Mrs Mandela told BBC reporter James Robbins that perhaps the South African government's idea was to destabilise black communities so it could sit back and watch them fighting among themselves.

"It would suit the government to release Comrade Mandela to this present situation where he has nowhere to go to, in the sense that here he would find a community he led 26 years ago as divided as ever."

However, in her Dutch television interview she said: "The entire incident was created as a cover-up by the South African Council of Churches."

She told the BBC interviewer she had discussed with Stompie the alleged sexual abuse by a Methodist church minister and said the boy was in a "terrible state of shock".

The Rev Peter Storey of the Methodist Church had said, however, that the accusations against the unnamed minister had "been introduced to deflect the anger of the community".

Mrs Mandela denied that her marriage was strained: "We do not have a political marriage."

She added. "My role in the struggle will continue as long as I live."

The BBC reporter said there were inconsistencies in Mrs Mandela's claims.

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'Armed struggle' is burgeoning in Katlehong

Katlehong near Germiston on the East Rand has in recent months become one of the hottest townships in the country in terms of terror attacks on security forces, rivalling even Soweto. Crime Reporter CRAIG KOTZE reports.

The "armed struggle" seems to be heating up in Katlehong — and the security forces, be they municipal policemen, special SAP constables or members of the SAP, are the target.

So far this year, two members of the security forces, a special SAP constable and a municipal policeman, have been killed in attacks apparently launched by an ANC hit squad in Katlehong.

But the number escalates to about seven over the past few months when Soweto figures are included.

The Katlehong attacks have also left 40 men injured.

In January, a municipal policeman was killed and 31 were injured when Soviet-made F1 grenades were flung on to a parade ground at the Hlahlatsi municipal police barracks.

Last week, five grenades were flung at special SAP constables at their old railway premises, killing one and injuring nine.

Last year, gunmen sprayed a municipal police barracks with AK-47 gunfire.

The attack happened so fast that the policemen were unable to respond in time and the attackers got away.

The most recent incident happened at the weekend, when a Soviet-made SPM limpet mine was planted at the home of the Katlehong SAP station commander, a Colonel Dlamini.

No one was injured but the blast damaged part of the bathroom.

The spate of attacks on Katlehong "hard targets" seems to herald a change of tactics since the October 26 municipal elections last year, when Katlehong was the scene of several limpet mine terror blasts at a polling booth and at local government installations.

A baby was killed in the polling booth blast.

As far as is known, all the attacks on security forces are still unsolved and police recently said they would investigate whether the same group which carried out the Katlehong attacks was linked a series of ambushes in Soweto.

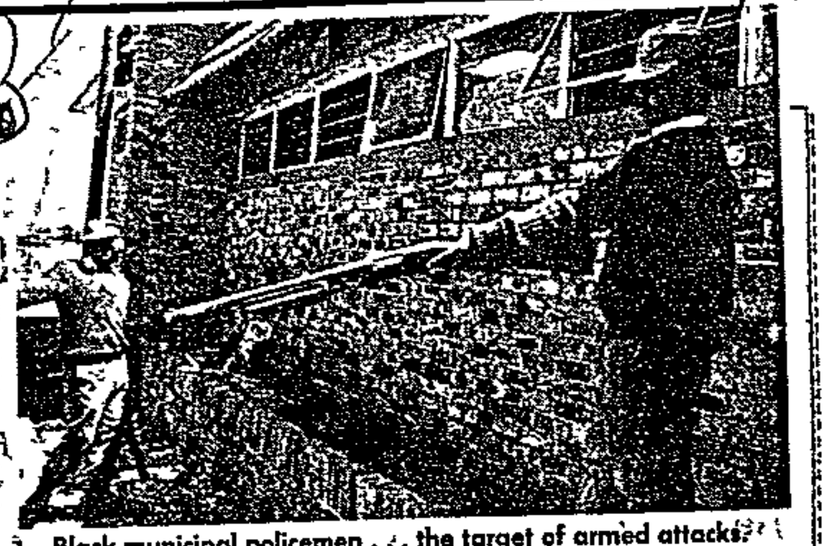
Intensive investigations are believed to be under way into the attacks, although police tend to hold back on reporting individual breakthroughs and save them up for mass press releases

Soweto is the group of other main Reef townships where several attacks on security forces have taken place and, once again so far as is known, remains unsolved.

Attacks have also concentrated on municipal police and SAP members.

But the targets are apparently not the only link binding the Katlehong and Soweto incidents.

Police said recently they were investigating whether the attacks were carried out by the same group.



Black municipal policemen . . . the target of armed attacks.

Two charged with murder of Stompie

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two members of Mrs Winnie Mandela's bodyguard, the Mandela Football Club, appeared in Soweto Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with murder, kidnapping and assault.

The charges against club "coach" Mr Jerry Richardson and club member Mr Jabu Sithole arise from the abduction and assault of 14-year-old activist "Stompie" Moeketsi James Seipei and three companions.

Stompie's decomposing body — with both jugulars slashed and signs of a severe beating — was found in Soweto on January 6 but was identified only recently.

The case was adjourned to February 28 for further investigation.

The men were among four people arrested on Sunday at Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof home during a police raid.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the two others, both minors, had been released into the custody of their parents and would be dealt with in terms of the Child Care Act.

The court appearance brings to three the number of people linked to the football club facing criminal charges.

Former club member Mr Andrew Ikaneng appeared in Soweto Magistrate's Court on Monday in connection with the murder of former club member Mr Maxwell Madondo. He will appear in Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today.

Police said yesterday that they were still looking for some football club members who were not at the house at the time of Sunday's raid.

They said forensic tests on the various vehicles seized by police last week and items taken from Mrs Mandela's house on Sunday had not been completed.

A police spokesman said details of the tests would be released only if they were "completely negative", otherwise they would become evidence.

No sign has been found of the two men police are looking for who were last seen when they left for meetings with football club members in mid-November. They are Mr Lolo Sono, 21, and Mr Siboniso Tshabalala, 19, both of Meadowlands, Soweto.

Mandela soccer man charged with murder

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mandela Football Club member Mr Andrew Ikaneng, 23, of Orlando West, Soweto, pleaded not guilty in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday to a charge of murdering another member of the club, Mr Maxwell Madondo, on January 13.

Mr Ikaneng told the magistrate, Mr P H Breedenkamp, he had been called out of his place of work — Uncle Tom's shebeen — on the night of the murder, by somebody who told him a friend of his, Sponge, was killing somebody outside.

Outside he found Sponge, with a brick, standing over the body of an adult man. Sponge then dropped the brick on to the man's head, Mr Ikaneng said.

Sponge called a friend, Bonny, and the two of them took the body across the road and threw it on to a patch of grass on the pavement.

Mr Ikaneng said he went back into Uncle Tom's and continued working.

He said the police arrived at his home the following day. He tried to take them to Sponge but they could not find him.

The case was adjourned till today, when it is believed one or two men will appear on similar charges.

London's leftists still pro-Winnie

LONDON. — The name of Winnie Mandela may be striking a sour note in South Africa, but among London's left wing she is still held in high esteem, the London Evening Standard reported yesterday.

The newspaper said Labour-controlled authorities — which have named buildings and a play group supply centre after Mrs Mandela and, in one instance, given pride of place to her portrait in the council chamber — are refusing to backtrack.

"They have not considered removing her name despite the activities of the Mandela United Football Club," said the newspaper. — Sapa

Soweto girl (13) shot dead

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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

A 13-year-old Soweto girl was shot dead by AK-47 gunmen and a woman and another girl were injured in an attack on an Orlando home last night — apparently in reprisal for the arrest of a woman linked to the murder of former Mandela football team member Mr Maxwell Madondo.

Although police have not released her name, she is believed to be Zinki Mosoni.

The attackers also petrol-bombed the house. A woman and a child were slightly injured, police said.

Several AK-47 cartridges were found.

It was the latest event in the drama surroundimg the murder of the member of the Mandela XI "soccer team".

A spokesman for the SAP Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria confirmed the death of the girl and the wounding of another two people.

Incidents of unrest reported overnight were:

- At New Brighton near Port Elizabeth a woman and a man were slightly injured when a bus was stoned.
- At Dambuza in Natal a man was murdered and his vehicle set alight.
- At Dassenhoek near Durban, a house was damaged in a petrol bomb attack.

'I don't want to meet Winnie' Stompie's mother

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The mother of Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, the teenage activist who was abducted and found dead in Soweto, has said she does not wish to meet Mrs Winnie Mandela.

Joyce Seipei, 32, who last saw her son alive on December 1, said yesterday: "I have never said I wanted to meet her. I don't want to know her."

She denied a newspaper report which said she challenged Mrs Mandela to a meeting to explain circumstances leading to her son's death.

"I would have expected' Mrs Mandela, like a mother, to explain," she said.

Arrests

Police, meanwhile, said they had arrested one or two people in Soweto yesterday in connection with the murder of Maxwell Madondo, 19, former member of Mrs Mandela's "football team".

A police spokesman said it was possible that those detained would appear in court today.

He said Mrs Mandela's minibus, confiscated for forensic tests, had been returned.

Speaking at the Press conference, activists from Stompie's hometown of Tumahole in the Free State accused police of "sewing seeds of division".

They said police had offered to pay for Stompie's funeral after it was reported that his mother had no money. The offer was rejected and police deny having made it

Stompie's mother said she wanted her son "buried the way he lived — as a political activist".

The activists also said police had promised not to restrict the funeral, scheduled for Saturday in Tumahole.

But police spokesman Colonel Steve van Rooyen said it was unlikely that the police could give "a promise like that" He said it may be necessary to restrict the funeral.

The Argus Foreign Service reports from Washington that black civil rights leaders in the US are stunned by the Winnie Mandela crisis.

"I think we should all join in prayer for Winnie Mandela," said the Rev Joseph Lowery, president of the influential Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a leading figure in the American anti-apartheid campaign.

Agents planted

While some black leaders here have suggested that the South African government may have planted agents in the Mandela United Football Club to tarnish Mrs Mandela's image, Mr Lowery apparently harbours no such suspicions.

Mrs Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil rights leader Dr Martin Luther King jun, was less sure.

"The allegations that have been made are not consistent with the Winnie Mandela I know. I would be suspicious of any attempt to discredit Mrs Mandela," she said.

Mrs King, who met Mrs Mandela during a 1986 visit to South Africa, said. "She has been a courageous and dedicated leader of the anti-apartheid movement and I identify with her efforts to carry on her husband's work in his absence."

Ex-Mandela club man tells court of killing

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A former member of the Mandela United Football Club told a magistrate here that he had only seen the killing of Maxwell Madonda, whose body was found in Orlando last week.

Mr Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng, 27, of Orlando West, pleaded not guilty to a charge of murdering Mr Madonda.

The court heard that Mr Ikaneng was working in Uncle Tom's shebeen on January 13 when he was called outside because "Sponge was about to kill a person".

He saw his friend Sponge holding a big stone over the head of a man on the ground.

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"He dropped the stone on the man's head and people helped him to move the body across the street," Mr Ikaneng said.

He told the police that the Mandela United Football Club wanted to murder him and Sponge.

He knew that members of the club stayed with Mrs Winnie Mandela because he stayed there in 1986.

The hearing continues today.

Stompie identity 'based on fact'

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have dismissed claims by Mrs Winnie Mandela that the body found near New Caledonia station in Soweto on January 7 is not that of child activist Stompie Moeketsi.

A police spokesman said the police statement on the identification of the body was "based on hard fact, not speculation".

It was pointed out that the youth's mother had been unable to make a formal identification because of the advanced state of decomposition of the body. Other forensic methods had had to be used.

These had included comparing the fingerprints of the dead youth with others of Moeketsi

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Man admits shooting Dr Asvat in robbery

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Zakhele Mbatha, 21, told a magistrate yesterday that he shot Dr Abubaker Asvat after he had gone to his consulting rooms to rob him.

Mr Mbatha, of no fixed address, told the court a certain Johannes had planned the robbery.

He went to Dr Asvat's consulting rooms in Rockville on Janury 27 with a pistol Johannes had given him and demanded money from the doctor while holding him at gunpoint.

"Dr Asvat managed to grab me and I fired a warning shot at his feet because I could see that he was much stronger than me," Mr Mbatha said.

The court heard that Dr Asvat grabbed his legs and Mr Mbatha shot him in the chest.

Johannes then arrived on the scene and took R135 which he and Mr Mbatha shared.

Mr Mbatha said he did not know his co-acused, Mr Toelane Dlamini, 20, and that he had not been involved in the incident.

The magistrate, Mr P Bredenkamp, entered pleas of not guilty for Mr Mbatha on charges of murder and robbery. Mr Dlamini pleaded not guilty to all charges. — Sapa

Mother denies Winnie's claim

BEREAVED MUM . . . Ms Joyce Seipei, mother of murdered 14-year-old Stompie Seipei.

Picture: REUTER

JOHANNESBURG. — The mother of a boy allegedly murdered by members of Winnie Mandela's bodyguard has denied assertions by Mrs Mandela that the boy is not dead.

Mrs Joyce Seipei challenged Mrs Mandela to explain how her son, Stompie, died.

"The killers of my child know themselves," Mrs Seipei said.

Two members of the self-styled "Mandela United Football Club" guard appeared in a Soweto Magistrate's Court on Tuesday charged with the boy's murder.

But Mrs Mandela said on Tuesday that she believed Seipei was still alive.

"That poor mother is being forced into admitting that that is the body of her son," she said in an interview with Dutch television.

Mrs Mandela admitted that her followers took three boys, including Seipei, from a Methodist Church shelter in December, but said they acted because a white priest at the shelter was sexually molesting the youths.

Mrs Mandela acknowleged in the interview that one of her associates had beaten Seipei in her house, but said he done so in an effort to persuade the boy to give evidence against the clergyman. — Sapa-Reuter

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Methodists slate Mandela allegations

JOHANNESBURG. — Bishop Peter Storey yesterday said the church regretted the "continued flow of allegations emanating from Mrs Winnie Mandela".

He said the Methodist Church had not responded to each allegations as it would have been undignified and counterproductive, but said "our silence must not be taken as implying that they (the allegations) have any substance whatsoever".

"The church particulary resents recent suggestions that it is involved in a conspiracy with the police to frame the Mandela United soccer team," he said, adding that the first person to involve the police was Mrs Mandela herself.

He said the church's concern was always the safe return of the four abducted youths and to end the soccer team's violence.

"That there is substantial corroborative evidence to these events will become clear in due course but our most important priority since then has been to avoid any action that would exacerbate the deep community outrage at the conduct of the football team."

"Among the allegations made recently are statements blaming the leadership of the SACC, the leadership of the mass democratic movement, factions within the ANC, white clerics and the football team coach, together with a continued attack on the Rev Paul Verryn. Now there has come the suggestion that the brutally murdered Stompie Sepei is still alive."

Mr Storey said the church recognised the sensitive political implications involved in the events and was deeply impressed by the commitment of community leaders to uncover the truth and deal with its consequences.

"With them the Methodist Church hopes that the time will come when the pastoral care which it has given for more than 20 years to Mrs Mandela will be able to contribute to healing." — Sapa

'Revenge' slaying: Girl dies

Cape Times 24/2/89

GUNMEN with automatic weapons attacked a Soweto house, killing a 14-year-old girl in what police said yesterday may have been a reprisal for the murder of one of Mrs Winnie Mandela's bodyguards.

The killing brought to at least four the number of deaths linked to a controversy surrounding Mrs Mandela's team that has prompted church leaders and anti-apartheid activists to appeal for calm in Soweto.

And in the growing crisis surrounding Mrs Mandela, her husband summoned his legal experts to Victor Verster Prison near Paarl. Attorney Mr Ismail Ayob, Mr George Bizos SC and advocate Mr Dullah Omar remained tight-lipped about the purpose of the visit and briefing by Mr Nelson Mandela when they emerged from the meeting shortly after 4pm.

"I will not discuss anything that passes between my client and I," Mr George Bizos, who defended Mr Mandela during the 1964 treason trial, said.

Mr Mandela's lawyer, Mr Ayob, said he and his two colleagues had met Mr Mandela between 12am and 4pm, but declined to say what the content of the discussion had been.

Mr Mandela is understood to have been disturbed about the simmering controversy surrounding his wife and her bodyguards.

Meanwhile, police said unidentified gunmen carrying Ak-47 rifles sprayed the Soweto house with gunfire, then hurled a petrol bomb. The girl, identified as Finki Msomi, was killed, and an 11-year-old girl and a woman in the house received burn injuries, a spokesman said.

Police said the house belonged to Mrs Dudu Mogale, formerly Mrs Mandela's secretary, who was arrested early on Wednesday in connection with Mr Maxwell Madondo's death.

"The possibility that (the shooting) was a reprisal attack is being investigated. It is already known that, at the time of his death, Mr Madondo was associated with the so-called Mandela United soccer club," police said.

Sources in Johannesburg said yesterday that Mr Madondo's body was found in a vacant field next to Mrs Mogale's house.

Police confirmed that in addition to Mr Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng, 27, who yesterday appeared in Johannesburg Magistrate's Court in connection with Mr Madondo's death, another "one or two people" had been arrested in connection with the Madondo killing, but did not name those arrested.

About 10pm on Wednesday several men in overcoats and balaclavas arrived at the Mogale home and asked to see "Dudu". The door was answered by Barbara Msomi, a daughter of Mrs Mogale's neighbour, who was watching television at the Mogale home with her two sisters, Finki, 14, and Trudi, 11

On being told that Mrs Mogale was not at home, one of the men opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle, spraying the home and hitting Barbara in the legs and Finki in the body.

The men then allegedly petrol-bombed the house

Mrs Ntombanna Msomi, the mother of the children, was quoted as saying afterwards: "Until they finish Winnie Mandela and the Mandela Football Club, this will not stop." — Staff Reporters, Sapa and UPI

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Thugs try to murder bishop's son

JOHANNESBURG. — Four knife-wielding men abducted the son of Bishop Isaac Mokoena and a student at his theological college, the United Christian Action said.

A statement said the two men, who were not named, were waiting for the bishop in his minibus outside his Soweto home at 8.30pm on Wednesday when the attackers appeared.

The attackers forced them to lie down in the minibus and drove off to an unidentified area. They were dumped in rainwater and the attackers tried to shoot them but the gun jammed, according to the statement.

The bishop has laid charges against the unknown assailants at a Soweto police station.

The minibus has not yet been recovered.

Bishop Mokoena is the leader of the 4,5 million-strong Reformed Independent Churches Association.

In June 1986 the bishop's private secretary, the Rev Archibald M Mathiya, was murdered, and in November the same year the bishop was abducted and beaten up. — Sapa

GIRL (13) SHOT DEAD

FINKIE Msomi (13) ... killed in the attack

A 13-YEAR-OLD Soweto schoolgirl was shot dead with an AK-47 rifle in Orlando West in what police say could be a revenge killing following the murder of a Mandela "football club" member.

JUDITH Msomi (11) escaped death and was slightly burned as she tried to rescue her sister Finkie. She holds the picture of her dead sister

By THEMBA MOLEFE

Finkie Marcia Msomi, a Std Six pupil at Immaculata Secondary School in Diepkloof was shot in the temple and burned to death when the house was attacked at about 10pm on Wednesday.

Miss Barbara Chili (30), sustained severe burn wounds in both her legs as she tried to rescue Finkie from the blaze. Finkie's sister, Judith (11), was slightly burned in the left leg.

Detained

In the South African Police unrest report released yesterday morning the senior deputy commissioner (detective branch), Major-General J de V Joubert, confirmed that an occupant of the house in question was detained yesterday by members of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit in connection with the investigation into the death of Mr Maxwell Madondo earlier this month.

"It is already known that, at the time of his death Mr Madondo was associated with the so-called Mandela United soccer club.

"The possibility that the attack on the house

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Lawyers meet with Nelson

THREE lawyers held a four-hour meeting with Mr Nelson Mandela in his quarters at Victor Verster Prison and on leaving declined questions.

Advocates Mr George Bizos, SC, and Mr Abdullah Omar, and Mr Mandela's attorney, Mr Ismail Ayob, met the African National Congress leader at his request yesterday.

A statement would not be issued, said Mr Ayob, and they would not be returning for another consultation "right now".

He said Mr Mandela had given them certain instructions he could not disclose.

Mr Bizos said there was nothing unusual in his presence at the Paarl Prison. He had been Mr Mandela's counsel since 1963.

"It's a client's prerogative to call us. We have had confidential discussions."

Asked if Mr Mandela had been offered a release from life imprisonment, he said: "I will not discuss anything that passes between a lawyer and his client."

Mr Bizos said he had not seen Mr Mandela since his illness. Mr Mandela suffered from tuberculosis and was transferred to Paarl after recuperating at Constantiaberg medi-clinic.

"It is obvious he has recovered."

Unlike Mrs Winnie Mandela's highly publicised visit to her husband a week ago, the session with his legal representatives went almost unnoticed.

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Girl (13) shot dead

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may have a bearing on the murder of Mr Madondo and is possibly a revenge attack, is being investigated," the police report said.

Miss Chili said Finkie was shot dead as she peered through a window.

"I saw Finkie fall and her eyes rolling as the bedroom burst into flames after another object and a can of petrol was hurled through a window. I caught fire myself and I had to watch her burn to death as I fled," Miss Chili said.

The dead girl's father, Mr Alfred Msomi, said he had to help Miss Chili as he and his wife, Mrs Ntombana Msomi, saw her writhing in pain when they fled their house on hearing the sound of gunfire.

"I saw a group of balaclava-clad men armed with machine guns get into white combis and a dark smaller car and drive into the dark."

Miss Chili said the gunmen were after her brother, Sibusiso (24), who is also known as "Sponge".

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Fingerprints show body is Stompie's

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by VIVIEN HORLER
Weekend Argus Reporter

POLICE have no doubt that the body of a boy found in Soweto on January 6 is that of teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei — because of the conclusive evidence of fingerprints.

But the identification took more than a month because Stompie's body was badly decomposed when it was found in the veld — about a week after he went missing — and the first set of prints could not be read.

No doubts

Reacting to Mrs Winnie Mandela's claims that Stompie was still alive, Captain Ruben Bloomberg, a member of the police directorate of public relations, said: "We are sure the body we have is Stompie's and we'll prove it in an inquest court.

"We are positive that it's him — we have no doubts."

Captain Bloomberg said forensic experts had ways of "bringing up" the fingerprints on badly decomposed bodies, and this had been done in Stompie's case.

Stompie's fingerprints were originally taken when he was detained in July 1986. He was also arrested several times.

Professor Jurie Nel, head of forensic medicine at the University of Stellenbosch, said the taking of fingerprints from corpses depended on the state of decomposition.

"If the body is so badly decomposed that no tissue is left, then it is impossible. In the Stompie Moeketsi Seipei case a body that had been out in the sun for a week at the height of summer would be well-decomposed, but prints should still be available, provided the superficial layer of skin was still there. You can also get prints off the deeper layers of skin, but they're not usually as clear."

Professor Nel said there were various levels of decomposition.

"In the first gas-forming stage the body is just bloated, and then you can take prints that are as good as if they came off a live person.

"In the second stage, the body starts to liquefy and the skin comes off. Then, wearing surgical gloves, you can slip the skin of the fingers on to your own hands to give some firmness, and take the prints."

A mummified or dried body presented few problems. "You can either immerse the body in water and then take the prints in the normal way, or photograph the fingers and use the picture as the prints."

Duplication

Professor Nel said that if police had good prints in their archives and had taken clear prints off the body and found they matched, "I'd be happy that it was the same person. In the millions of prints the police have in their archives I know of no duplication".

Fingerprints are friction ridges which make for greater sensitivity of touch and help with the handling of objects. The fixed pattern of ridges, which differs between individuals and even between fingers, is formed in the womb and does not change unless the fingers are badly injured

There are three basic patterns: Arches, loops, and whorls, and combinations of these. Prints can be classified in terms of these patterns and the number of ridges. Seven points of correspondence are accepted by South African courts as proof of identity.

According to Professor T J van Heerden's book *Criminalistics*, a University of South Africa handbook, prints are generally found on smooth surfaces and paper and are caused by the transfer of oil, salt and amino acids from the skin.

Mandela 'up to date' on mounting furore over Winnie's soccer team

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Nelson Mandela is being kept up to date on the furore surrounding his wife and her football team, his attorney said after a visit to the jailed African National Congress leader this week.

"He gets the newspapers and is well aware of the situation," said Mr Ismail Ayob yesterday.

He declined, however, to reveal the purpose of Thursday's four-hour consultation at Victor Verster Prison in Paarl and would not comment on reports that Mr Mandela is disturbed about the uproar concerning his wife's squad of bodyguards.

The "confidential" meeting with Mr Ayob, Mr George Bizos SC and advocate Mr Dulla Omar was held at Mr Mandela's request and followed a fortnight of spiralling violence said to have been unleashed by the "Winnie football club" controversy.

The shooting of a schoolgirl on Wednesday during a fire-bomb attack on a house belonging to a woman arrested in connection with the murder of team member Mr Maxwell Madondo, is believed to be a revenge attack.

This, the killing of 13-year-old Finkie Marcia Msomi, has brought the number of "known" deaths linked to the football team to four and has increased fears of further bloodshed.

Police have confirmed that a possible link between Wednesday night's attack on the home of Mrs Dudu Chili and the Madondo case is being investigated.

The spate of violence had a sequel in the Johannesburg Magistrate's court on Thursday when, during the trial of four men charged with the murder of Maxwell Madonda, a state prosecutor requested the court not to reveal the names of State witnesses.

Meanwhile a third accused appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate court yesterday in connection with the murder of teenage Soweto activist, Stompie Mokhetsi Seipei. He is the bus driver of the Mandela United Soccer Club, Mr John Morgan (61) of Orlando West.

He joins club coach Mr Jerry Richardson and Mr Julius Sithole, who were charged earlier in the week in the Soweto Magistrate's Court with the murder of the 14-year-old. Their trial was postponed to Tuesday

The young activist's funeral is to be held in his home township of Tumahole, near Parys today.

A third trial said to be connected with the controversy, concerning the killing of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, commenced this week.

According to Mrs Mandela, Dr Asvat was a crucial witness to events surrounding the abduction of Stompie and four other youths from the Methodist church minister's home in Soweto, which triggered the dramatic saga.

Call for unity and peace at Stompie burial

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A strong call for unity and peace was made to thousands of people at the funeral of teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei.

Bishop Peter Storey of the Methodist Church said the funeral should not be used as a "platform for revenge".

He was echoed by other church and community leaders during the three-hour weekend funeral at Tumahole, Parys.

"We should not point fingers. We do not know who is responsible for his death," said Mr Lister Skosana, a community leader.

"Stompie was interested in the unity (of all South Africans). Let not his death divide us."

Mrs Winnie Mandela was not at the funeral service. Stompie was last seen alive at her Diepkloof house after he was allegedly abducted from the house of a Methodist clergyman, the Rev Paul Verryn, in Orlando West. He died after being assaulted and stabbed.

Breaking his silence over Stompie, Mr Verryn said: "He had great leadership potential. He was a person of great courage and he was fighting for the dignity and the rights of all South Africans.

"I would like to express to the people of Tumahole my own sadness and loss at Stompie's death. I have lost a friend and someone who has challenged me. I have lost a freedom fighter," he said.

Winnie pays visit to husband

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Staff Reporter

MRS WINNIE Mandela has seen her husband in his quarters at Victor Verster Prison in a visit which is believed to be a direct result of a meeting she had with two of his attorneys last week.

Mrs Mandela, accompanied by her daughter Zindzi, saw Mr Nelson Mandela in his prison quarters near Paarl for four hours. She did not speak to the Press.

It appeared Mr Mandela told her not to give interviews, said her Cape Town attorney, Mr Essa Moosa.

Mrs Mandela and her daughter slipped quietly into Cape Town on Saturday night and booked into a Cape Town hotel before being driven to Victor Verster by Mr Moosa yesterday.

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He dropped them off at the prison at 9am, and collected them at 1pm.

Mr Moosa took Mrs Mandela to his Athlone offices "because she wanted to make a few phone calls" while her daughter waited for them at his Surrey Estate home.

Last week, the African National Congress leader consulted his personal attorney, Mr Ismail Ayob, and advocates Mr George Bizos SC and Mr Dulla Omar for more than four hours.

They declined to make a statement.

However, Mr Bizos and Mr Ayob personally conveyed a message to Mrs Mandela on Friday, according to informed sources. Yesterday's visit was a result of that message.

Mr Ayob would neither confirm nor deny that he and Mr Bizos had met Mrs Mandela, had passed on advice from her husband or would be visiting Mr Mandela soon for new instructions.

TALKS WITH ANC

In Lusaka, representatives of two major South African anti-apartheid groups have arrived for talks with the ANC on the controversy surrounding Mrs Mandela, reports Sapa-Reuter.

The representatives are from the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu).

"We have come to discuss the situation inside South Africa with the ANC arising out of the whole Winnie Mandela problem. It is important we get to understand the ANC's position on this issue," UDF acting publicity secretary Mr Murphy Morobe said.

Mrs Mandela has been disowned by anti-apartheid groups in South Africa after a series of murders linked to her bodyguards, some of whom have been arrested.

The ANC's exiled leaders have appealed to blacks not to shun Mrs Mandela, but to unite to avoid manipulation by the South African government.

DEATH PROBE

Soweto woman still held over killing

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A SOWETO mother who was last week arrested hours before a 13-year-old girl was fatally shot in her house was still in police custody yesterday as top-level investigations into the murder of Mr Maxwell Madondo, who was associated with the controversial Mandela "Football Club", continued writes THEMBA MOLEFE.

Ms Dudu Chili, an organiser of the Federation of Transvaal Women, was arrested at about 5 am last Wednesday in connection with investigations into the murder of Mr Maxwell Madondo who was killed in Orlando West on February 12

Thirteen-year-old Finkie Marcia Msomi who was shot in the head with an AK-47 rifle in Ms Chili's home at 10pm on Wednesday died in a blaze which followed the shooting when a petrol bomb was hurled at the house.

Incident

A spokesman for Major-General J de V Joubert who is investigating the incident surrounding the "football club" yesterday said inquiries were afoot and did not give any further details

Police have said the possibility that the attack on the Orlando West house may have a bearing on the murder of Mr Madondo and that it was possibly a revenge attack, was being investigated

Ms Chili's son, Sibusiso, also known as "Sponge", disappeared

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Village mourns hero Stompie

Two of the hundreds of youths were visibly moved as speakers paid tribute to Moeketsi Stompie Seipei.

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THE sleepy Tumahole township in the Free State came to life on Saturday when thousands, mostly barefooted, youths went to bury Moeketsi Stompie Seipei, a 14-year-old youth who died a "political hero".

The youths, some of them barely 10 years of age, listened attentively as speakers — adults —, paid tribute to Stompie inside the packed Roman Catholic Church. Others were visibly moved while some sat impassively and sang freedom songs at regular intervals.

Security police kept a low profile and filmed proceedings from the time the service began until the last Press vehicle left the township in the late afternoon.

It was one of the biggest "political" funerals to be held in the country since the state of emergency put an end to them when it was introduced three years ago.

A journalist present on Saturday remarked that such funerals — where mourners chanted and marched dancing the *toyi-toyi* were very rare indeed.

There were no incidents of violence charateristic of political funerals in the townships as almost no uniformed member of the security forces and their riot control vehicles were present.

"This child (Stompie) was remarkable," said an elderly woman as the mourners marched the three km to the cemetery "He was very intelligent," she said.

The other women waving multi-coloured balloons ululated and shouted Stompie's name as the mourners marched amid shouting to his home, a corrugated-iron shack in Beckman Street

The women were not part of the procession but stood on the corner of Tumahole's main street waiving their balloons to the crowd

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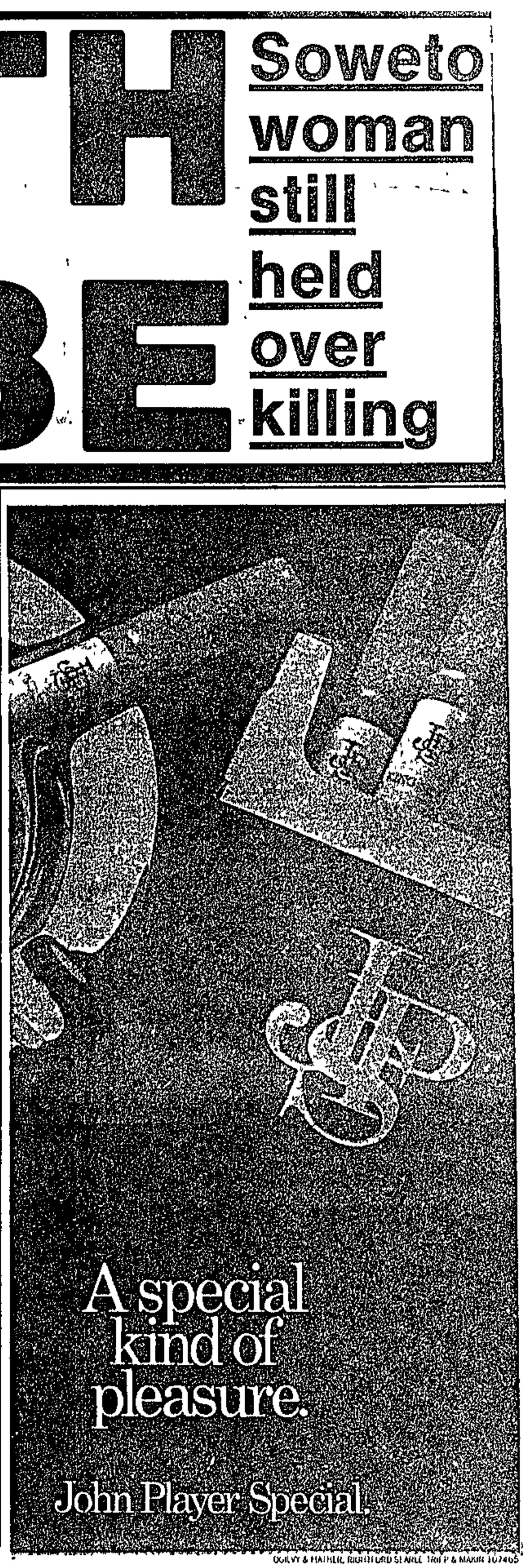

Death probe

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from his home two weeks ago saying he feared he would be attacked by members of the "team" who had been pursuing him for some time.

Miss Barbara Chili, who suffered serious burn wounds in the attack last week, said the "football club" wanted to attack Sibusiso for allegedly murdering Mr Madondo.

Three Soweto men have appeared in court in connection with Mr Madondo's death. They have pleaded not guilty and are Mr Andrew Ikaneng, Mr Nhlanhla Blanket and Mr Sandile Blanket.

Meanwhile Nelson Mandela has instructed his wife Winnie not to make any public statements regarding the controversy surrounding her and her bodyguards, Mrs Mandela's lawyer said yesterday.

Mrs Mandela, recently ostracized by leading anti-apartheid groups, spent more than three hours yesterday with her husband at Victor Verster Prison outside Cape Town.

She did not stop to speak to waiting journalists when she was driven out of the prison gates and also declined to answer questions before boarding a plane to Johannesburg.

Mrs Mandela's lawyer, Essa Moosa, declined to comment on details of the meeting. He said Mrs Mandela had been instructed by her husband not to speak publicly about recent events that have caused major damage to her reputation both in South Africa and abroad.

'Hero's' funeral for street-fighter Stompie

JOHANNESBURG. — Child street-fighter Stompie Seipei was buried at the weekend, but the scandal enmeshing Mrs Winnie Mandela and her bodyguards is far from dead.

The Mandela name was heard often at Saturday's funeral at which 14-year-old Seipei was eulogised and buried a national hero.

But the Mandela the crowd respectfully referred to was Nelson. His wife was not mentioned except in whispered conversations among the several thousand mourners, many of them no older than Stompie.

At the funeral held in Tumahole outside Parys, there was no outpouring of anger against Mrs Mandela or her bodyguards, three of whom have been charged with the youth's death.

Instead the mood was one of reconciliation. "We should not point fingers at other people because Stompie lived for unity," said Mr McLean Skosana, a member of a local community group.

Against all expectations there were no police restrictions — the first time in recent years that a political funeral has been allowed without curbs.

Plainclothes security men filmed the proceedings but did not intervene when the crowd chanted anti-government slogans.

Although some people doubted the identity of the badly decomposed body, Stompie's mother Mrs Manakie Seipei still insisted that the body was her son's.

One of those who publicly expressed his doubts was Tumahole Civic Association chairman and funeral undertaker Mr Jacob Mosipidi, who was very close to Stompie.

Thousands of mourners who chanted slogans mostly in praise of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe and the South African Communist Party (SACP), crammed the local Roman Catholic Church to its capacity while many more stood outside and lined the road leading to the Tumahole Cemetery.

Members of the feared "Under 14s", the 1 500-strong organisation which Stompie formed, appeared in red berets.

Present at the funeral were the Methodist Church bishop, the Rev Peter Storey, attorney Ms Priscilla Jana, and members of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), the UDF-affiliated Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw), Tumahole Youth Congress, Tumahole Student Congress and others.

The Rev Paul Verryn, under whose care Stompie was when he was allegedly abducted last December, described him as a friend and a dedicated freedom fighter. — Sapa-Reuter-AP and Own Correspondent

BURIED ... Mrs Manake Seipei, mother of child activist Stompie, leaves the Tumahole church at [illegible] which he was buried at the weekend. Picture, REUTER

dnesday, March 1, 1989

Four youths die as Natal violence rises

DURBAN. — Three unidentified schoolboys from KwaDabeka, believed by police to be "comrades", were stabbed to death by a group of about 10 on Monday, police said yesterday.

It is understood the killings were in retaliation for an incident of arson. A few days ago three boys allegedly set fire to a house at KwaDabeka, near New Germany, west of Durban.

The group traced the alleged arsonists to a local school and stabbed them to death. Police are investigating.

In a separate incident, police found the body of an unidentified youth with 15 stab wounds at Mpumalanga township, between Durban and Maritzburg, bringing to four the number of youths killed in the area in two days.

The youth was thought to be about 17, police said.

In another incident, three people were shot dead by unknown gunmen at Shongweni on Sunday night.

The assailants also took away 49 head of cattle. The attack is believed to be the result of a feud between two opposing factions.

The bodies of three men who had been stabbed to death were found in the Pinetown area, police said.

Four men were killed in three separate incidents at Sinating, Edendale, after opposing groups clashed. On one occasion police used tearsmoke to disperse the groups.

In the Port Shepstone distict a group of scholars stoned a school and a private vehicle, causing some damage. No injuries were reported.

A five-year-old Soweto boy was killed in a mystery blast when an explosive device went off in his Pimville home on Sunday night, the Sowetan newspaper reported.

Doctors at Baragwanath Hospital tried in vain to save the life of Ukwanda Makhanya, a Sub A pupil at the St Peter Claver primary school at Pimville. It was earlier reported that a girl had died in the blast. — Sapa

2 held in boycott 'intimidation'

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men have been arrested in connection with three intimidation charges in Carletonville, where black consumer action has virtually crippled commerce since the town reintroduced petty apartheid.

Police said they were keeping a "close watch" on the situation as the Cosatu-sponsored protest entered its fourth day.

No reports of violence had yet been received, they said.

The town's Conservative Party-controlled council was confident that the "positive action" against intimidators had broken the back of the boycott and that trade would return to normal by the weekend.

Mr Koos Nel, chairman of the town's management committee, conceded yesterday the strike had vastly reduced turnovers on Monday, but he said that late on Tuesday more black shoppers were seen in the business district and more were expected.

He said no representations had been received from businessmen, who reported custom down by as much as 70%.

Mr Rodney van Loggenberg, vice-chairman of Carletonville Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that businessmen were planning to try to persuade the council to abandon its commitment to petty apartheid

Reports indicate that business is booming in the neighbouring township of Khutsong. — Sapa

Six deny murders on day mob marched to Ellis Park

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By Helen Grange

Six men aged from 16 to 21 yesterday pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder, eight charges of attempted murder and one charge of public violence arising from clashes with riot police on October 10 1987

Mr Sidwell Ntuli (21), Mr Matthews Mathopa (20), Mr Mackenzi Tshabalala (18), Mr Clement Mokotedi (18), Mr Vusi Eric Masindeni (30) and a 16-year-old youth allegedly murdered Mr Ledge van Druten and Mr Bazil Godfrey de Lorme at Ellis Park.

FIGHTING IN PARK

They were charged with the attempted to murders of Mr Leonard Hughes, Mrs Cynthia Rodda, Mr Edward Schierhout, Mr Theo Durrham, Mr Michael Holgate, Mr Etiene Cilliers, Mr Darryl Robinson and Mr Brian Wilson

According to the indictment, the men were in a large group of black youths in Bezuidenhout Park when a fight began.

Policemen were attacked by youths throwing bottles, stones, and bricks at their vehicles. They called in the help of a riot squad headed by Lieutenant Adam Buytendag

When the riot squad arrived, the group was trying to set a grader alight. Police dispersed the crowd and more bottles, stones and bricks were thrown.

Lieutenant Buytendag asked the crowd to leave the park, but the attack on the police continued Teargas was used and the crowd dispersed Most of the crowd re-gathered and moved in the direction of Ellis Park stadium

Near Fifth street, Bezuidenhout Valley the group stopped two vehicles occupied by Mr Richard Wilson, Mr Cedric Hardwick, Ms Susan Wilson, Mr Brian Wilson, Mr Adrian Wilson, Mr Tempest Hardwick, Ms Tiffany Hardwick, Ms Laverne Hardwick, Ms Devlyn Hardwick and Mr Etienne Swanepoel

Mr Wilson was injured when he was hit with a stone, while Mr Adrian Wilson was injured when splintered glass cut him during an attack by the crowd.

The homes of Mr Richard Basiak, Mrs Teresa Cheepers, Mr Christofords Protopapas, Mr Dudley Coetzee and Mr Alexander Luzzie were attacked with bottles, stones and bricks

A number of other private residences were attacked before the crowd went to Ellis Park stadium and assaulted two men who were killed.

At Doornfontein, Mr Etienne Cilliers and his wife Dorothy and Mr Daryl Paul Robinson, a traffic officer, were also assaulted

The hearing continues.

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Kruger Day deaths: 6 in court

FIVE young men and a 17-year-old youth, who were allegedly part of a group which attacked police and motorists in a path of violence from Bezuidenhout Park to Ellis Park on Kruger Day 1987, pleaded not guilty in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to two counts of murder and eight of attempted murder.

Sidwell Ntuli, 21, Matthews Mathopa, 20, Mackenzi Tshabalala, 18, Clemen Mokotedi, 18, Vusi Eric Masindeni and the youth also pleaded not guilty to one count of public violence.

It is alleged that on their march

SUSAN RUSSELL

from Bezuidenhout Park to Ellis Park they murdered Ledge van Drute and Bazil Godfrey de Lorme and attempted to murder eight others.

Along the way motorists and residents were threatened and attacked with stones and bottles.

After pleading to the charges put to them, all six declined to submit any statements in amplification of their pleas.

The trial is being heard in camera by Mr Justice O' Donovan and two assessors.

Stompie: 3 more held

JOHANNESBURG. — The number of suspects arrested in connection with the murder of 14-year-old Soweto activist Stompie Moeketsi Sepei has risen to eight with the appearance in court yesterday of Mrs Clisa Falati, 35, and two others.

Yesterday's hearing was held in camera — one of the trio was said to be a 17-year-old youth.

He and the other accused, Mr Kuyban Khubeka, 25, of Diepkloof, are reported to have been members of the Mandela United Soccer Club.

The three were remanded to March 10. — Sapa

Man dies in grenade explosion at shebeen

PRETORIA. — A man was killed in a shebeen at a private house in Soweto yesterday when a hand-grenade was detonated, according to the police daily unrest report.

At New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth, arsonists damaged a school and a church and at Lingelihle, near Cradock, a woman was arrested after an illegal gathering yesterday.

At 6pm on Saturday, soccer fans leaving Ellis Park Stadium after a match overturned and set fire to a car which had knocked down a pedestrian moments earlier.

Riot and traffic police kept the crowds at bay while the flames were extinguished. The seriously injured pedestrian was taken to hospital and the driver of the car was arrested for reckless driving. — Sapa

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Two men die in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death and another man burnt to death in two separate incidents on Sunday, the police Public Relations Division reported yesterday.

At Taylor's Halt, Natal, a 52-year-old man was attacked by a group and stabbed to death, while at KwaMashu, near Durban, police used birdshot to disperse a group of people after a man was burnt to death.

A man was arrested in connection with one of three incidents of petrol-bombing of houses at Mohlakeng, West Rand.

A house in Amawoti, Durban, was extensively damaged by arsonists, the report said. — Sapa

2 SLAIN IN ZONDI GUNFIGHT

Hell breaks loose as police pounce at midnight

THE bloody aftermath. Miss Vuyiswa Mtirara and Mr Wana Nkosiyane display one of the bloodstained sheets at the house that was blasted.
Pic ROBERT MAGWAZA

LOOK OUT FOR US ON FRIDAY

SOWETAN **will not be published tomorrow, Founders Day. Friday's paper will cover all the weekend sports, as well as giving the matric rewrite students another chance to register for *Sowetan*-BP Matric Rewrite School starting on April 17**

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By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

A FORMER member of the Transkei Democratic Party was killed together with an alleged guerilla during a midnight shootout with police in Zondi, Soweto, yesterday.

Mr Jackson Nkosiyane (75) was sharing a backyard room with a man known only as Bantu to the Madiba family in Zondi when a contingent of police came for the man

In the ensuing gun battle Mr Nkosiyane was killed and Bantu "shot himself" dead when he found he could not escape the police cordon, according to a witness

Grenade

In a brief statement, police said, "Two alleged terrorists were killed in Soweto in a shootout with the SAP.

"Shots were fired at the police with an AK47 rifle when they went to a house in Zondi Police returned fire and hurled a hand grenade at the house. The bodies of two men, one trained, were found"

Bloodstained debris lay around the yard early yesterday morning as police filmed the scene.

Several spent cartridges, shattered window panes, broken doors and charred remains from a fire that broke out were part of the scene

The family estimated damage at about R50 000

The Transkei Democratic Party, of which Mr

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Zondi gunfight

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Nkosiyane had been a member, opposed the rule of the Matanzimas.

The elder son of Mr Nkosiyane, Geoffrey, said his father arrived last week from the Transkei to visit him and the family members.

He stayed at Jabulani with his ailing father but because his wife was working night shift and there was no one to attend to the sickly old man he slept at the Madiba house in Zondi.

The Madiba family are the local representatives of Chief Dalindyebo. There he was accommodated with the alleged guerilla Bantu.

The family said Bantu was brought to the house by an unknown woman who claimed to be from the royal Madikizela family.

They said the woman said she had been staying with Bantu but was leaving for the Transkei.

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Day order to kill comrades was given out

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

FOCUS

Tombstone for one victim unveiled tomorrow

IT IS the afternoon of March 4, 1986, and the police at the Mahwelereng township police station are assembled on parade.

At the head of the parade was the assistant station commander, a Warrant Officer Molongwane who told his charges that they must each arm themselves with a sjambok and go into the township for a raid.

"Comrades" found drinking in shebeens should be sjambokked and killed because they barred the police from buying in township shops and using taxis, W/O Molongwane told his juniors.

In another part of the township, seven members of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), having spent the Friday working, plan a drinking spree at a local shebeen.

Among them is journalist and Mwasa member, Makompo Lucky Kutumela.

The paths of the two groups crossed each other later that night when the police raided a shebeen and found the seven men drinking and arrested them.

By the following morning, Makompo was dead. Three others in the group were hospitalised with serious injuries. One lost the use of his left eye. The order to kill the comrades had seemingly been partially fulfilled.

The news of Makompo's death spread like wildfire through the small townships. His funeral held 14 days later, drew 40 000 people who came from near and far.

Mwasa's Far Northern Transvaal region, in consultation with the family and the community, has erected a tombstone for Makompo which is to be unveiled tomorrow.

How did this young man die? Testimony at the inquest, by a senior police officer, W/O Lucas Magagane, was that an order to raid shebeens and kill comrades had been issued at the Mahwelereng police station on April 4.

Those arrested with Makompo, Kgalabe Kekana, Perry Kekana, Tswaledi Thobejane, Matsapa Letswalo, Paledi Seloolo and Kagiso Mogale, testified that they were taken from the shebeen and driven to the police station.

They were taken from the cells one by one to an open space between the cells and the charge office — known as the stadium. There they were sjambokked, kicked, hit with open hands, fists and rifle butts.

Makompo was the first to be assaulted and had been the most seriously hurt.

They said he had pleaded for water all night as he grew weaker by the hour. The pleas for assistance were ignored by the police on duty, it was said.

Saturday morning April 5, Makompo's spirit parted with his body. He joined a long list of other black activists and leaders who had gone the same way.

The inquest testimony about how he died was to be recited in many courts in Lebowa as one magistrate after another presided over deaths in police custody.

Magistrate M B Mabuza ruled that at least ten policemen, including W/O Molongwane who allegedly issued the order, should be charged with the murder of Makompo.

Other magistrates in the area who presided over other inquests have also made almost similar rulings. All have found the police to be responsible despite the protests and declarations of innocence by the involved policemen.

I watched friend die, Ellis Park riot trial told

Star 1/3/89 By Helen Grange 278

A man who was assaulted during the 1987 Kruger Day riots at Ellis Park stadium told the Rand Supreme Court on Friday how he watched his friend bleed to death on the pavement outside the stadium after being attacked by a mob of black youths.

Mr Theo Robert Durrham was testifying in the trial of six men charged with two murders, eight attempted murders and public violence arising from a clash between riot police and a mob in Bezuidenhout Valley.

Mr Sidwell Ntuli (21), Mr Matthews Mathopa (20), Mr Mackenzi Tshabalala (18), Mr Reginald Dlamini (16), Mr Clement Mokotedi (18) and Mr Vusi Eric Masindeni (30) pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

They allegedly murdered Mr Ledge van Druten and Mr Bazil Godfrey de Lorme.

According to the indictment, the incidents occurred after a group of youths began fighting in Bezuidenhout Park, where they were confronted by riot police.

In spite of police attempts to disperse the crowd with teargas, the incensed youths moved towards Ellis Park stadium after hurling bottles, stones and bricks at police vehicles.

On their way to the stadium, they attacked two occupied vehicles, injuring two motorists before attacking various residences in the area.

They then went to Ellis Park stadium where the murders were allegedly committed.

BLOW TO HEAD

Mr Durrham said he left the stadium with his friend, Mr van Druten, at about 7 pm after watching rugby.

"We were on our way to our car when a group of blacks approached us.

"I stepped off the pavement so they could pass when I felt a blow to my head. I turned round and saw Van Druten fall. He was holding his chest and bleeding.

"I ran to the stadium's main gate and summoned the police. When I got back to Van Druten, he was already dead. The police found a knife wound in the back of my head," said Mr Durrham.

Mr Darryl Paul Robinson, a traffic officer who was at the scene, told the court he had chased after the mob after spotting Mr Van Druten lying in a pool of blood.

"I saw a group of between 50 and 100 running up the street. They were throwing stones at bus windows. I followed the group to Ellis Park railway station.

The hearing continues.

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Soccer club linked to man's death

The Argus [illegible]
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Mr Maxwell Madondo was murdered as a result of clashes between members of the Mandela United Soccer Club and the accused involved in the Madondo murder case, a policeman told a Johannesburg magistrate.

Detective Sergeant Jean van Zyl gave evidence yesterday in a bail application for four of the accused, who allegedly murdered Mr Madondo on February 13 this year.

Mr G van Wyk refused the application by Mr Andrew Ikaneng, 27,. Mr Sandile Blanket, 20, Mr Isaac Mazibuko, 22, and a 17-year-old youth.

A fifth accused, Mrs Dudu Chili, 47, was granted bail of R500 last week.

Sergeant van Zyl said members of the football club had tried to kill Mr Ikaneng by slashing his throat. He survived.

The accused decided "to put things right with the soccer club".

No bail for suspects

JOHANNESBURG. — Bail for four accused of the murder of Mandela United Football Club member Mr Maxwell Madondo on January 30 was refused in the Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Magistrate Mr G van Wyk ruled that there was ample evidence that Mr Lerothodi Ikaneng, 23, Mr Isaac Mazibuko, 22, Mr Nklanhla Blanket, 18, and Mr Sandile Blanket, 20, all of Orlando West, Soweto, had quarrelled with the football club and that the club had no scruples when it came to eliminating such opposition.

He said that if they were granted bail, the football club could attempt to kill the four or involve them in further illegal activities.

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Father, son killed in Natal

PRETORIA. — A father and son were shot and stabbed to death at Imbali, Howick, police said yesterday.

A number of taxi owners clashed at Katlehong on the East Rand, but no injuries were reported. Police dispersed the group with teargas.

In Berg Street, Maritzburg, a group stoned and damaged a vehicle. — Sapa

Six girls gang raped

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connection with the incident. Tshepo is in a stable condition at Baragwanath Hospital.

The spate of violence has outraged school principals and education authorities.

The chief director of Education and Training in Johannesburg, Mr Peet Struwig, said parents and the community should get together to stop the violence.

Violence

The principal of Orlando West High School and chairman of the principal's council in Johannesburg, Mr H S Lekgetho, yesterday said the violence needed to be tackled urgently and said he would consult with other principals soon.

Lt-Colonel Fanyana Zwane, Soweto police spokesman, said a man had been arrested in connection with the shooting of a Standard Seven pupil at Orlando West high school. He, however, could not confirm or comment on the other incidents "at this stage".

OUTRAGE

Two pupils gunned down, 6 girls raped in school violence

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ONE OF SIX Lofentse High school girls, her clothes torn, after being gang-raped by schoolboys in Soweto yesterday

TWO high school pupils were gunned down — one in full view of his schoolmates — and six schoolgirls gang raped in a trail of violence that gripped Soweto schools over the past two weeks.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

Yesterday the group of girls, from Lofentse High School, Orlando East, were raped by schoolboys in Orlando West. Residents watched the "drunken" boys drag the girls to a hillock near the Phefeni and Orlando West secondary schools.

A school principal said he tried to scare the boys off by firing his gun into the air but to no avail. He said he telephoned the Orlando Police — who had not arrived when the *Sowetan* arrived at the scene.

Shot

One of the girls, aged about 15, said the boys tore her clothes and doused her and her schoolmates with beer as they took turns in sexually assaulting them.

• On Monday Jonathan Morwatshehla (19), a Std 10 pupil at Moletsane High School died at Baragwanath Hospital after his classmate and "friend" shot him in the back in a classroom.

His aggrieved mother, Mrs Jeanette Morwatshehla, said from her Naledi home that the boy who shot his son was a policeman's child who used his father's service revolver.

Mrs Morwatshehla said the boy's mother, whom she met at a meeting arranged by the school committee, admitted — the boy unknowingly took his father's revolver.

• Another pupil at Tladi Secondary School was shot dead on February 26 by a schoolmate. The incident was not on the school premises.

• On March 3 Tshepo Manoto, a Std seven pupil at Orlando West High School was shot and wounded when a "former pupil" fired into his classroom through an open window while the class was in session.

Soweto police said a man had been arrested in

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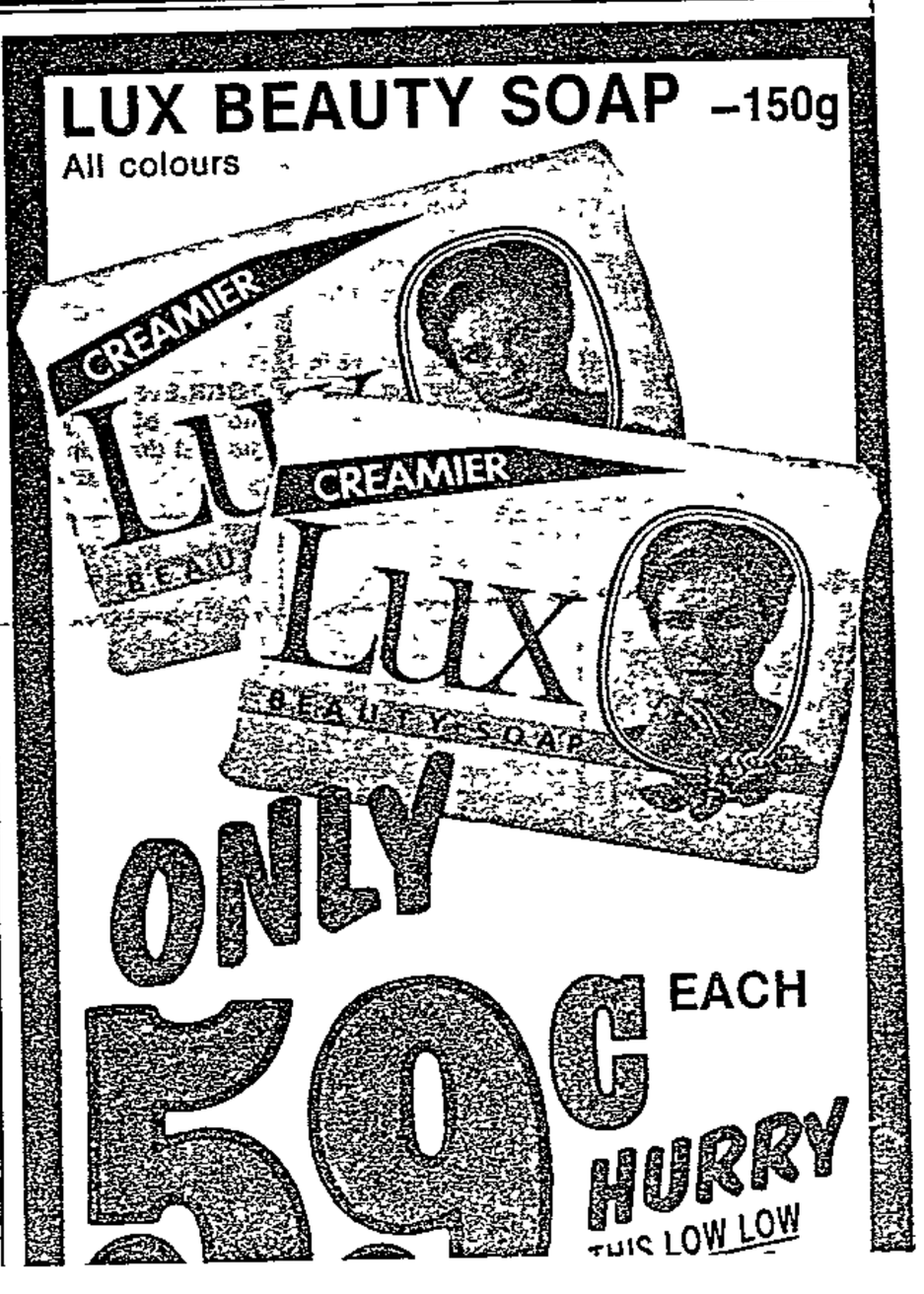

Nelson, Winnie 'disagree on soccer team'

PITTSBURGH. — The daughter of Mr Nelson Mandela says her parents disagree on whether to dissolve the controversial Mandela United soccer team.

Ms Makaziwe Mandela said this week that her father wanted to disband the team. Her stepmother, Mrs Winnie Mandela, wants to keep it in tact.

But Ms Mandela said: "That doesn't mean their relationship is strained."

The soccer team serves as Mrs Mandela's bodyguards.

Eight people linked to Mandela United have been arrested in connection with the murder of 14-year-old activist Stompie Seipei.

Anti-apartheid leaders have accused the bodyguards of waging a "reign of terror" and have denounced Mrs Mandela.

"There's no doubt that it's affecting her stand in the liberation struggle," her stepdaughter said. "All along, children have died in the hands of the police. So if there are children who die in the hands of other blacks connected to her, it will affect her image."

Ms Mandela, 35, is a graduate student at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. — Sapa-AP

Robert Brown bought Winnie her mansion

From SIMON BARBER

WASHINGTON. — Mr Robert Brown bought Mrs Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof home for her after her other house was burned down last August, a spokesman for his public relations firm, B and C Associates, said yesterday.

The funds, including an initial payment of R38 000, came from the International Concern Foundation (ICF), a tax-exempt organisation set up by Mr Brown in 1986 to provide food, clothing, financial assistance and scholarships for black South Africans, Mr Armstrong Williams said.

Mr Williams said corporate and individual donations to ICF, which to date have totalled some R240 000, are channelled to a bank account in SA upon which Mrs Mandela may draw with Mr Brown's approval.

ICF also supports Mrs Mandela's daughter Zenani, who is studying at Boston University with her husband, Prince Thumbumuzi Dhlamini, on full four-year scholarships.

Mr Williams said neither ICF nor Mr Brown had directly contributed to the completion of Mrs Mandela's controversial mansion.

However, about R48 000 had been made available for this purpose by the Coalition on SA (Cosa) in February, 1988, a few months after Cosa had been founded to help promote the cause of US business in SA.

Mr Brown helped found Cosa in 1987 with $700 000 (about R1,68m) in contributions from Mobil, Caltex, Johnson and Johnson and other major US companies. He recently resigned from its board.

Mr Williams said Mrs Mandela was being unfairly castigated over the house. It did not belong to her but to the Madiba Trust, whose trustees included Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Rev Alan Boesak, Dr Nthatho Motlana and Prince Dhlamini.

The R48 000 Cosa grant was technically supposed to be for a clinic run by Mrs Mandela, but most of the proceeds in fact went to the trust to complete work on the house, Mr Williams said. He emphasised that no impropriety was involved.

● In an as yet unpublished letter to the New York Times, Mr Brown strongly denies trying to profit from his relationship with the Mandela family.

He also insists that, despite the furore over the death of Stompie Seipei, Mrs Mandela remains in his view "a strong, courageous, dedicated woman who has endured great stress and carried many burdens in life".

POLICE CLOSE IN ON FIRE ATT GANG

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By THEMBA MOLEFE

A CRACK police squad yesterday closed in on a band of armed thugs identified as being responsible for a reign of terror in which Soweto schoolgirls have been abducted and gang-raped.

The *Sowetan* was yesterday flooded with calls from high school girls who said they lived in fear of the gang. Some said they had stopped going to school because of the thugs.

All the girls — from various schools in Soweto — identified the same band and their cars, which they claimed were used to abduct them and take them to several

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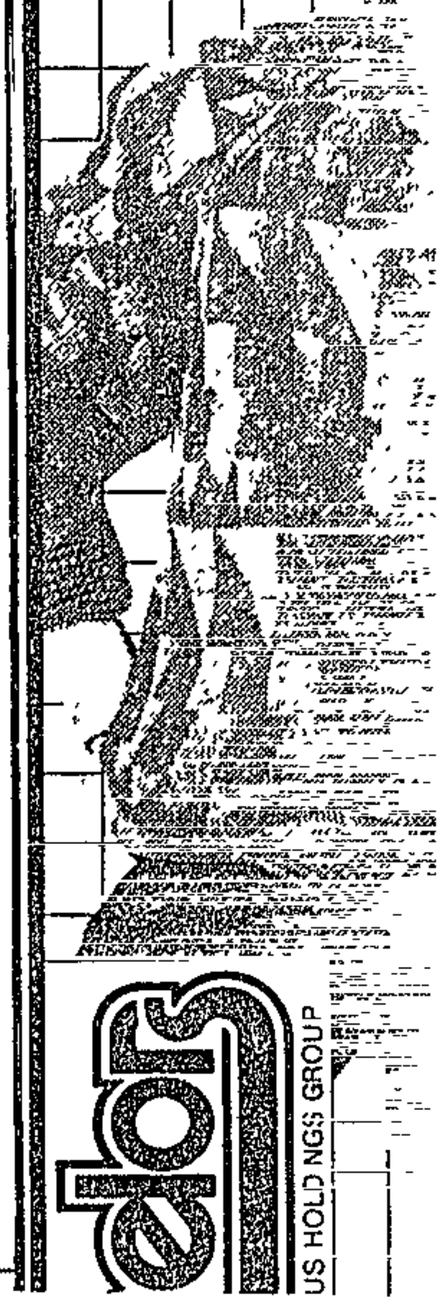

Cleaner plans to sue over remark

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

A SOUTH African Broadcasting Corporation cleaner plans to sue the corporation over a defamatory remark allegedly made by an announcer on Wednesday's *Good Morning South Africa* programme.

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Police close in on gang

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hideouts in Mofolo, White City and Dube to be raped.

The callers, who feared being identified, were reacting to an article which appeared in the *Sowetan* yesterday about a gang of youths who sexually assaulted six Lofentse High School girls on a hillock in Orlando West on Tuesday afternoon.

A squad led by Lieutenant Andre Vorster of the Orlando Police yesterday began closing in on the gang after statements were taken from the six girls raped on Wednesday.

One girl who said she was a pupil at Orlando High School told the *Sowetan*: "I know these boys and escaped when they tried to force me into a car boot at gunpoint. I am so afraid and have not been to school for the past four weeks.

Parents

Another girl said: "My parents advised me to leave our home because of these gangsters and I have been going to school irregularly for about six weeks now. I even fear to venture into the streets."

A Pace Commercial College girl said her fear of the gang was so that "I am always accompanied by my brothers when I go to school."

The schoolgirls refuted claims that schoolboys were responsible for the terror campaign.

They said the gang used luxury cars and went to schools where they would take girls by force.

Dockets

• Police have said murder dockets have been opened following the fatal shooting of 2 schoolboys over the past two weeks.

• Soweto parent, Mr Seth Mazibuko yesterday called on the community to get together in stopping the school violence.

Mr Mazibuko was reiterating a similar call made by the chairman of the principals council in Johannesburg, Mr H S Lekgetho, who said he would consult principals with the view to combating the violence

Pupils raped, shot in Soweto

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JOHANNESBURG. — A police team is investigating the wave of Soweto school violence which has reportedly left two high school pupils dead and one wounded, and resulted in the mass rape of six schoolgirls in the township yesterday.

Two men have already been arrested in connection with two of the shootings, police said.

Yesterday the group of girls, from Lofentse High School, Orlando East, were raped by schoolboys in Orlando West.

One of the girls said the boys tore her clothes and doused her and her schoolmates with beer as they took turns in raping them.

On Monday, Jonathan Morwatshehla, 19, a Std 10 pupil, died at Baragwanath Hospital after a classmate shot him in the back in a classroom.

On March 3, Tshepo Manoto, a Std 7 pupil, was shot and wounded when a "former pupil" fired into the classroom through an open window, Soweto police said a man had been arrested. Tshepo is in a stable condition in hospital.

The chief director of Education and Training in Johannesburg, Mr Peet Struwig, said parents and the community should get together to stop the violence.

The principal of Orlando West High School and chairman of the principals' council in Johannesburg, Mr H S Lekgetho, yesterday said the violence needed to be tackled urgently. — Sapa

Kgame fights for his life

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MR Steve Kgame, former Dobsonville councillor who was shot six times outside his shop on Thursday, is fighting for his life at a Johannesburg hospital.

Mr Peter Kgame said yesterday that his father's condition had worsened when he visited him on Saturday night.

Mr Kgame, former president of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa and chairman of the Dobsonville housing committee, was gunned down by three assailants just after closing his shop at the Dobsonville men's hostel on Thursday night.

By SY MAKARINGE

He was hit in the back, neck and thigh, and another bullet grazed his head. He was rushed to Baragwanath Hospital where he was immediately transferred to a Johannesburg clinic, which was not identified for fear that his enemies might try to finish him off.

STEVE KGAME ... hit by four bullets

Last Thursday's incident was the second attempt on Mr Kgame's life in 14 months. In February last year, he was ambushed outside his shop and shot at by a gang of suspected hitmen.

The assailants have not yet been arrested and it is widely believed they are the same thugs who tried to kill him on Thursday.

Suspicious

Mr Peter Kgame said yesterday that his father told him at his hospital bed that three "suspicious looking characters" walked into the shop and bought food just before closing time.

"He later went to his car. Suddenly shots were fired from three different angles. He was hit in the back, thigh and neck. One of the bullets grazed his head. The assailants then walked away apparently thinking he was already dead," he said.

He said the family was baffled by the attack. He said they had never received any death threats.

A BAD DOSE OF RACISM

Doctors who won't treat black patients
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4 SATS workers sentenced to death

JOHANNESBURG. — Four railway workers, who took part in the 1987 SATS strike and were found guilty of murdering four non-strikers, were sentenced to death four times each in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

No extenuating circumstances were found in regard to the four: Wilson Matshili, 33, Patrick Molefe, 27, Takalani David Mamphanga, 25, and George Maugedzo, 36.

The men were also found guilty on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping and intimidation, and were sentenced to between five and eight years of imprisonment each.

Four other railway workers were convicted of murder with extenuating circumstances. Bongisi Sibisi, 33, David Dsehve, 30, Phineas Neshitungulwane, 35, and Mafemane Rikhotso, 30, were sentenced by Mr Justice T T Spoelstra to terms of imprisonment varying between eight and 12 years for the murder of the same four non-strikers.

Eight other employees were given suspended sentences for attempted murder, assault, kidnapping and intimidation. — Sapa

Soweto taxi war explodes

Own Correspondent

THE Soweto taxi war exploded once again yesterday when gunmen armed with R-4 and AK-47 rifles killed three people and injured three others at the Baragwanath Hospital taxi rank yesterday morning.

Soweto police spokesman Col F J Zwane said one of the injured and one of the dead were off-duty Soweto municipal policemen who were probably on their way to Pretoria.

He said the shootings were apparently a continuation of a war between registered taxi owners and new operators over a new route between Baragwanath and Pretoria.

Officials of the Baragwanath-City Taxi Owners Association could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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Muslim groups clash: 24 on trial

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By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

Twenty-four people who are charged with offences which include culpable homicide, public violence and malicious damage to property after two groups of Muslim believers clashed on March 7, 1987 are on trial in the Krugersdorp Regional Court in a hearing which has already lasted for more than a month.

The Deobandi and the Banelvi groups clashed violently at the Azaadville Civic Centre. The Banelvi group was apparently inside the civic centre celebrating the birth of the prophet Muhammed while the Deobandis were on their way from the mosque to listen to a debate at the centre.

More than 500 people were involved in the violence which erupted when the two groups, who hold different religious views, clashed.

Mr Sheik Mohiden Saib died from injuries sustained in the incident.

The main charge the men are facing is one of public violence. It is alleged the group forcefully assaulted people and disturbed the public peace when they entered the civic centre.

They allegedly had weapons in their possession and damaged the civic centre and other property, fired shots, and disturbed the peace.

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An alternative charge is one of assaulting 10 people.

The alternative charge of damage to property includes damage to 13 cars which were apparently hit, overturned and stoned as well as damage to the civic centre.

The alternative charge of culpable homicide follows the death of Mr Saib.

The accused, who have all pleaded not guilty to all the charges, are Mr Abdul Ishaq, Mr Cassim Peer, Mr Abbas Verachia, Mr Mohammed Abuker, Mr Suliman Ishaq, Mr Abdul Verachia, Mr Ebrahim Mohamed, Mr Hoosan Bhayat, Mr Mohamid Patel, Mr Ebrahim Sinei, Mr Ishmael Mohammed, Mr Zahir Rajik, Mr Shaheed Panday, Mr Abdul Vaid, Mr Rashid Lunat, Mr Iqbal Goolam, Mr Ahmed Mansoor, Mr Ahmed Motala, Mr Abdul Ahmed, Mr Moosa Memi, Mr Ebrahim Patel, Mr Hassen Moosa, Mr Abboo Verachia.

The men on trial are all of the Deobandi belief.

Mr Ebrahim Sindi, one of the accused, testified yesterday that he heard three or four shots being fired when he was on his way to the centre.

He entered the hall after the shots were fired and saw that the crowd was becoming rowdy. He left the hall and was attacked by a group of men, he said.

The hearing continues.

Soweto cop shot with AK-47

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JOHANNESBURG. — A Soweto municipal policeman was critically wounded in an ambush early yesterday morning when an unidentified gunman fired an AK-47 assault rifle in Diepkloof.

Constable Bethuel Nemadzilili is in a critical condition at Baragwanath Hospital.

A spokesman said the incident occurred about 6am while a police van was delivering policemen where they do guard point duty.

"The van had just stopped outside the TB clinic in Zone 3, Diepkloof, when the driver heard a loud bang. When he went to look, he found a single bullet hole in the canopy of the van and a seriously wounded Constable Nemadzilili inside."

Police investigations are continuing.

Man stabbed

At Amawoti near Durban a large group of blacks attacked several private houses and a number of private vehicles with petrol bombs. Extensive damage was caused to property, said the SAP overnight unrest report. Three people were attacked and stabbed to death. Police arrested 72 men.

At St Wendolins near Pinetown the body of a 27-year-old black woman was found and at Lamontville near Durban a black man was stabbed and fatally wounded.

Police have disclosed that an SPM limpet mine was used in the explosion that rocked Natal Command on the Durban beachfront on Friday night.

The device was placed on the outside wall of the army headquarters and went off just before 10.30pm. — Sapa

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Figure 1.1: The railway network supporting the mining industry in Namibia . . . 4

Figure 1.2: Mine Company Links in Namibia before 1982 8

Husband denies lying

THE husband of a woman accused of a ''necklace murder'' yesterday denied lying to protect her in the Rand Supreme Court.

Giving evidence for the defence, Mr Robinson Mkhize said his common law wife, Thembi Lukhele (52), is appearing with five young men and a young woman charged with a ''necklace murder.'' The State alleges they hacked with pangas and stoned sheeen queen, Lindiwe Flora Khumalo, before putting a tyre around her neck and setting it alight in an open veld in Zola 3 on August 11, 1986. They have pleaded not guilty and the case is being heard by Mr Justice Solomon, sitting with two assessors.

The other accused are Ms Phindile Sibeko (23), Mr Lucky Moya (19), Mr Sipho Maseko (18), Mr Isaac Ntshalintshali (19) and Mr Sipho Setlato (20), all of Zolas 3, Soweto.

Martin Bobby Thomo, (20), also of Zola 3, was discharged at the end of the States case.

(Proceeding)

He told lies in his evidence to protect his wife who is accused of a ''necklace murder.''

His wife, Thembi Lukhele (52), is appearing with five young men and a young woman charged with a ''necklace murder.'' The State alleges they hacked with pangas and stoned Mkhize said his family had their meal while watching TV. They later went to bed after the 7pm news, he said.

Cross examined by the prosecutor, Mr E Wessels, he denied that Mkhize said his family had their meal while watching TV with the children and other family members.

She cooked and later went to bed after the 7pm news.

She went out for a while, he said, to buy meat. When she returned she cooked and later

Actor tells of sex with boys

JOHANNESBURG. — Actor Mr Don Lampbrecht yesterday admitted in the Regional Court that he had shown pornographic videos to boys.

Mr Lampbrecht, 48, pleaded guilty to six counts of committing indecent acts with boys between 1981 and last year. He has also pleaded guilty to two charges of committing sodomy and of possession of pornography.

Mr Lampbrecht said he had induced two of the boys to allow him to make video recordings of them masturbating.

He told the court that sex formed only a minor part in his relationships with the boys.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

Woman burnt to death after attack

PRETORIA. — A woman burnt to death and a man received serious burns when a mob hurled a petrol bomb at a house at Imbali near Maritzburg on Tuesday night, according to the SAP's overnight unrest report.

At Ntuzuma near Durban, police used teargas to disperse an illegal gathering and arrested two men, the report said.

"At Molweni, Durban, teargas was used to disperse an illegal gathering. Police arrested two men and two youths," the report added.

In Soweto, scores of high school pupils are running from one school to another, two months after schools reopened for the first term, trying desperately to get places, the Sowetan reported yesterday. — Sapa.

Necklace murder case is postponed

THE necklace murder case involving a Soweto mother, five young men and a young woman was yesterday postponed by a Rand Supreme Court judge to March 28.

The accused are Mrs Thembi Lukhele (52), Ms Phindile Sibeko (23), Mr Lucky Moya (18), Mr Sipho Maseko (18), Mr Isaac Ntshalintshali (19), Mr Sipho Sitlato (20) and Mr Lucas Hlatshwayo (20), all of Zola 3, Soweto.

The State alleges that they dragged shebeen queen Lindiwe Flora Khumalo from her house, hacked her with pangas and stoned her, before putting a tyre around her neck and setting it alight at an open veld in Zola 3 on August 11, 1986.

They have pleaded guilty and the State has closed its case. Evidence for the defence was postponed to March 28.

De Beers help Soviet delegation

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Diamond giant De Beers yesterday confirmed that it was assisting a Soviet trade delegation with an investigation into the international diamond trade.

The disclosure has fuelled speculation that the Soviet Union is contemplating terminating the present informal marketing arrangement it has with De Beers, which handles the bulk of its output.

There have been no formal contractual agreements between the two parties since Moscow officially terminated a previous agreement some years ago.

The exact nature of the present informal arrangements is shrouded in mystery.

The latest Soviet moves stem from a reorganisation of Moscow's diamond and precious metals department, which has not escaped the effects of glasnost.

Accurate figures are hard to come by but it is understood Soviet production is at least a quarter of world output.

Freeing that quantity of diamonds from the De Beers' marketing process would directly affect world prices, which are currently kept at a stable and generally high level thanks to De Beers' policy of regulating supply and demand.

Soweto contracts: opinions differ over dangers

By Janet Smith

Contractors are divided on whether to continue working in Soweto after the fatal shooting last week of a white employee of an electrical company.

While some felt it was too dangerous to work in black areas, the majority said they were surprised by the event.

Contractor Mr Henk Prinsloo, (36) of Silverton, Pretoria, who was working with his gun in full view of passers-by, was shot in the back by four youths who took his gun and his wallet.

A spokesman for a Wynberg company said his firm's decision to turn down township contracts was common.

"Most companies are pulling out, except for the very big concerns doing reticulation, who can provide proper security for their men. The smaller people just can't afford to take the chance any more.

"Bricks are thrown at us and there is a lot of thieving. It isn't worth the aggravation."

But a Lyndhurst electrical contracting firm will continue its service to the townships.

A spokesman said it was "asking for trouble to walk with an exposed gun". His company had never, in three years, had a problem with going into the townships.

"Our employees are careful. They keep their eyes open, but they don't go in armed."

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FIVE DIE IN UNREST-RELATED INCIDENTS AROUND SA

PRETORIA — Five people had died in unrest-related incidents around the country in the past two days and several more had been injured, police said yesterday.

They said a man had been burned to death on Saturday by a mob in Diepkloof, Soweto, after he had allegedly been caught sexually assaulting a woman.

Police had shot a man dead in Riverview on Friday after people had gathered illegally. A shot was fired at police from the crowd and the police returned fire killing the man.

At Edendale, police found the body of a man who had been shot.

At Taylors Halt, "a group of men attacked a man with petrol-bombs and firearms. The man was shot several times and killed".

In the Blikkies coloured residential area of Upington, a youth was killed and a coloured man wounded on Friday when a group of people allegedly stoned off-duty policemen. Police were investigating the incident.

Police said a man hurled a hand grenade through the gates of the Dube municipal police training centre in Soweto on Saturday night, slightly injuring four municipal policemen. No arrests had been made.

At Inanda, Durban, people threw a petrol bomb at an administration building. "Police used teargas, shotgun and pistol fire to disperse the mob. A youth was wounded and 19 people were arrested."

At KwaMashu, Durban, a group of people hurled petrol bombs at a home. The owner and his son fled the dwelling and two shots were fired at them. Both men were wounded. — Sapa.

Wits students hurt as riot police step in

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Staff Reporters

Five Wits University students were injured yesterday and hundreds were teargassed by riot police during a Sharpeville Day commemoration meeting on campus, student leaders said.

Police said no injuries were reported to them.

Students said that Students' Representative Council president Ms Bettina von Lieres was hit on the shoulder by a teargas canister.

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Ms von Lieres, the niece of the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand, Mr Klaus von Lieres, collapsed and was taken to the university's clinic.

Ms von Lieres said yesterday that four other students were injured. One was shot in the back with a rubber bullet, another was hit on the head either by a rubber bullet or by a teargas canister, another was overcome by teargas, and another was struck by a baton in the stomach.

During the protest, teargas canisters were thrown at the crowd after students threw stones at the police, waiting on the corner of Jan Smuts Avenue and Jorissen Street

The students, chanting "ANC", singing slogans and carrying an ANC flag and other banners, dispersed, but re-gathered on campus.

On a second police approach, they dispersed.

A police spokesman said rubber bullets and teargas were fired at students after police had been stoned twice.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Opperman said a crowd of about 100 students had gathered at the Jan Smuts Avenue entrance at lunchtime. The meeting was illegal.

"These people attacked the police with stones and the police retaliated by firing three rubber bullet rounds and tearsmoke at the crowd," said Lieutenant Opperman.

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Students protest

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FIVE Wits University students were injured yesterday and hundreds were teargassed by riot police during a Sharpeville Day commemoration at the University campus, student leaders said.

One of the injured was the Students' Representative Council president, Ms Bettina von Lieres, who was hit on the shoulder by a teargas canister.

Ms Von Lieres, the niece of the Attorney General of the Witwatersrand, Mr Klaus von Lieres, collapsed after being struck and was taken to the university's clinic.

• In Johannesburg, police shot tearsmoke at the end of a student rally which otherwise had passed off peacefully.

• Education officials said they had received reports of Sharpeville demonstrators disrupting black schools.

In one incident, a school was forced to ask for assistance from the security forces to safeguard pupils and protect school buildings, said Bernhard Louw, Director-General of the Department of Education and Training.

among party colleagues" over the issue, makes it clear that party loyalty is with Mr F W de Klerk.

Vlok: Boycott a contravention

PARLIAMENT. — It would appear that the propagation of the consumer boycott in CP-controlled Carletonville was a contravention of the emergency regulations and it was therefore being investigated by the police along with a number of other charges which stemmed from it, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

He said in reply to an interpellation from Mr Frank le Roux (CP, Brakpan) that a number of suspects had already been taken into custody and had already appeared in court.

Among others, five charges of intimidation, one of public violence, one of robbery and one of malicious damage to property were also being investigated

While the police prescribed to no one where they should make their purchases, they were not prepared to allow anyone to be intimidated into not buying goods from a particular outlet.

Mr Tian van der Merwe (PFP, Green Point) said boycotts and sanctions were blunt political weapons which penalised the innocent along with the guilty In the present case, however, there was no question that the community behind the boycott was one that found itself politically powerless and was therefore using one of the few, if not the only, political weapons it had to defend itself.

the councils of nationally- and provincially-controlled welfare organisations which rendered family care services were informed by letter in December last year and were invited to taken part in the project

White local authorities 'effectively control RSCs'

Chopper 'was not looking

Police, students clash at Wits

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Students and police clashed at Wits University yesterday during a campus march to commemorate the 29th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre.

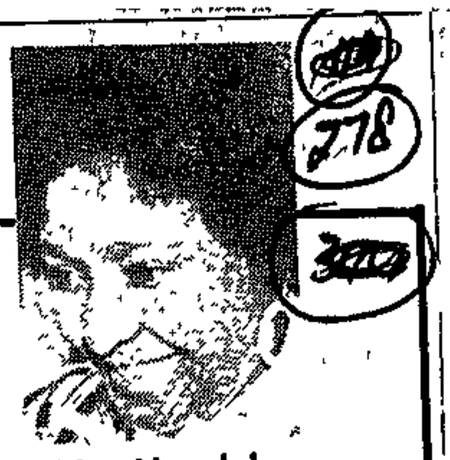
The march, attended by academics and hundreds of singing students carrying placards, banners and an ANC flag, was disrupted twice when police fired teargas and rubber bullets.

Several students were injured, including Wits SRC president Ms Bettina von Lieres, who had a bruised shoulder and a swollen neck after a teargas canister struck her.

Ms Von Lieres accused police of aiming low on purpose.

A police spokesman said police fired teargas and four rubber rounds on two occasions when they were "suddenly" attacked by stone-throwing students while monitoring an "illegal gathering" at Wits.

Winnie believes Mandela will be released



Mrs Mandela

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela, expects that her husband will be released.

In an interview for Tribute magazine to be published in the April edition, Mrs Mandela says: "Yes, I think he will be released. And they will be releasing him into an atmosphere in which even his own organisation is seen as just a band of terrorists, and when a fibre of respectability is no longer there within the community.

"If Mandela were released into that atmosphere it would fit in with the plans of the government: bringing Mandela back to an apartheid South Africa where everything is still the same as when he left 25 years ago."

About the soccer club, she says the team was the target of the government smear campaign. "The security forces never believed the team was an ordinary one," she says. "They have regarded it as a military wing or unit of Umkhonto.

"Allegations have been made that I am keeping an army ... the government saw to it that the soccer team did not take off because they believed it was not an ordinary team."

Mrs Mandela alleges the team was infiltrated by the government, and that agents within the club were responsible for an attack on her house in July last year. She says many team members spent months in detention.

"Those that did come out (of detention) — three of them — are the ones converted and used in the police strategy. What the police do is, when they release them they recruit them for the system. Three of the boys who led the others in the burning of my house were original members of the team."

Speaking on the origins of her club, Mrs Mandela told Tribute: "What has continued happening is that youths from all parts of the country who have problems pack their bags and come to my house.

"Not because they are coming to join Mandela United, but because they believe their problems can be solved here. I had to look at the problems, including their academic programmes. At the moment I am running some form of financial help and I am proud to say it is non-ideological."

In reply to questions about her lavish Soweto house and her tarnished image, Mrs Mandela said they owed nobody an explanation about the house.

She said the government attacked individuals in the hope that the image of the national liberation movement as a whole would be tarnished. — Sapa.

Unrest: Man is trampled to death

PRETORIA. — Two men died in unrest-related incidents this week, according to the latest police unrest report.

On Tuesday, a man thought to be about 25 years old was apparently trampled to death at a meeting in a hall at Katlehong, near Germiston. He died when the large group of people at the meeting fled when they saw police arriving.

At Inanda, near Durban, a man died yesterday when a policeman fired shots at a mob that had gathered outside his house, allegedly to take his firearm away from him.

In the same area yesterday, police arrested 23 men and a youth after a woman was stabbed and wounded, and an unknown person fired a shot.

At Tembisa, Kempton Park, one group of people stoned another group. When security forces arrived to disperse the groups two shots were fired and a man was wounded. — Sapa

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Gibson Kente house hit by petrol bomb

PLAYWRIGHT Gibson Kente's Soweto home was petrol-bombed on Wednesday night.

No-one was hurt. Kente, who lives in Dube, said that he had reported the matter to the police

"I was just entering my bedroom at about 11pm when I heard this loud bang. Then I saw flames on the curtains. The fire spread rapidly and engulfed the bed and the wardrobe. Several of my important drama books in the wardrobe were badly burned," Kente said.

Municipal policemen from the nearby barracks rushed to the scene. Kente said the fire had already been put out when the Soweto Fire Brigade arrived 20 minutes later.

GIBSON KENTE

Kente said that he found it difficult to ascertain the motive for the attack.

Explain

"I have done a lot for my people. Why should I be attacked in this way? I have also severed ties with the Performing Arts Council of the Transvaal (Pact). Could anybody responsible for the attack come out and explain. I do not deserve this," he said.

A spokesman for the police directorate in Pretoria yesterday said that no such incident had been reported to them.

Judge urges: 'Reconsider' treason charges

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Given the spectrum of politics in our society from black to white and far left to far right, a charge of treason should be carefully considered and reconsidered before being brought, Mr Justice Van der Walt said yesterday.

He made this comment at the conclusion of his judgment in the Rand Supreme Court, acquitting unionist Mr Moses Mayekiso and four others on charges of treason and alternative charges of subversion and sedition.

"It is a matter for comment and concern that so much energy and time was spent in the course of this trial on evidence made necessary and relevant by the charge of treason which has proved abortive.

"Treason," he said, "is a crime in a very special category where the ideas and political aspirations of those charged are part of the issue."

Complex society

Mr Justice Van der Walt said that in our strange and complex society a charge of treason should be considered very carefully before being brought "given the spectrum of politics of our citizens from black to white and from far left to far right, with the grievances and aspirations in most cases legitimate, the intemperate and exaggerated language liberally spiced with political cliches, and most of these citizens striving for a just South Africa".

During his judgment Mr Justice Van der Walt referred to statements in the press at the time attributed to Mr Mayekiso and which formed part of the state's evidence.

He said the state had built up a persuasive case on these that might possibly indicate a subversive intent and possible furtherance of certain events in the township.

The judge said, however, that taking conditions in Alexandra at the time into account and the Alexandra Action Committee's desire for political support, their evidence before the court could not be rejected and might reasonably be true.

Mr Justice Van der Walt noted in particular Mr Mayekiso's meetings with Alexandra's administrator, Mr Steve Burger, and other local authorities. "This, in my view, refutes any suggestion of a subversive intent," he said.

He said it was evident the support by the five accused and the AAC of the rent boycott was a form of protest against conditions in Alexandra and the perceived corruption of the councillors — not to make Alexandra ungovernable but to upgrade living conditions.

The judge also said a strong case had been made out against Mr Paul Tshabalala concerning his participation in the people's court at 31, 7th Avenue.

He added, however, that the single person who testified on this was an extremely poor witness and while the court did not think Mr Tshabalala had been completely truthful, his evidence that he had only mediated on domestic problems could reasonably be true.

Mr Justice Van der Walt described the minutes of AAC meetings from its inception in February 1986 until its demise with the arrest of four of the five in June that year as the "most important part of the defence's evidence".

"Despite a faint suggestion by the state that it is not genuine, I'm satisfied on the evidence before the court that it is," he said.

"The importance of the minutes lies in that it affords an insight into the thoughts of the AAC executive and actions at the time covered by the indictment."

JOHANNESBURG. — "We are returning to continue where we left off," freed Alexandra treason trialist Mr Moses Mayekiso told a media conference after he and his four co-accused were acquitted yesterday.

He said the message from the judgment delivered yesterday by Mr Justice P J van der Walt was that structures such as street committees were lawful "and we should now continue building them".

Mr Mayekiso said the community structures he and his colleagues of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) had been accused of building were democratic in that they encouraged answerability and accountability by community leaders.

He said: "The power should be given to the people where it belongs," adding: "We believe the solution is to get rid of apartheid. The power should be given to where it belongs."

Mr Mayekiso, 40, said the marathon trial was "a trial of the whole struggle for a better society" in South Africa.

He said community structures such as street committees and "people's courts" were "spontaneously" introduced by the people in response to "the injustices in our society".

Unrest in Natal: 2 found murdered

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men were found stabbed to death and various buildings and vehicles were petrol-bombed or stoned at the weekend, according to police unrest reports.

At Gazabuzo, near Durban, a man was found stabbed to death. Another man was found murdered at Fredville in Natal.

At Inanda, near Durban, a mob petrol-bombed three private homes. No one was injured.

At Diepkloof, Soweto, a bus was extensively damaged when it was stoned by a mob.

In Friday's report police said that at Inanda a mob petrol-bombed seven private homes, one shop and two private vehicles. Police found two men and two women with stab wounds on the scene.

At Randville in Natal a group petrol-bombed the police quarters. A police constable suffered minor burns.

At Bridgeton a mob hurled stones at a police vehicle. Two men were arrested.

At New Canada Station, a passenger coach was damaged when it was set alight. The case is being investigated. — Sapa

Council 'man's house stoned

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THE home of a former employee of the Soweto City Council was attacked at the weekend — a few days after a similar attack occurred at his parents' home.

The worker, Mr Ruby Nxumalo, yesterday said that he believed both incidents were linked to last year's council strike which led to the retrenchment of about 1 500 employees. As a shop steward, he was one of the former employees negotiating with the council to reinstate the dismissed workforce.

Pregnant

The attack on the home of Mr Nxumalo's parents occurred on March 18. A group of unknown men stoned the Mapetla Extension house, damaging the roof.

"No one was hurt in the incident although my two-month pregnant wife, Fumani, was treated for shock in hospital, where she later aborted," Mr Nxumalo said.

Mr Nxumalo's Mapetla home was attacked in the early hours of the morning last Saturday. A brick was hurled through the kitchen window.

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Bid to save Indian business

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Carletonville Cosatu Local Action Committee and youths from black townships near the CP ruled town will today go on a campaign to save Indian-owned businesses from being ruined by the consumer boycott, Cosatu president Mr Elijah Barayi said yesterday.

Today's campaign is also aimed at saving jobs of hundreds of blacks employed by 76 Indian traders in the town.

Man had grenade, shot dead

Cape Times 3/3/89

PRETORIA. — A man died and two houses were damaged in separate incidents involving handgrenades, police reported yesterday.

According to the overnight unrest report, police on Wednesday went to a shebeen at Diepdal, Piet Retief, after being informed that there was a man "in possession of a handgrenade". When confronted, the man fled.

"A shot was fired and he was fatally wounded," the report said. Police seized a "Russian-manufactured handgrenade".

In Soweto, handgrenades were thrown at two houses in separate incidents.

At Taylor's Halt, Natal, a man was injured and a bus damaged when a mob stoned the vehicle. — Sapa

Assaults, death: Councillor accused

JOHANNESBURG. — The Soweto City Council is conducting an investigation into the alleged assault of five youths, one of whom has died in hospital, following reports that their assailant was a Soweto councillor.

And Sofasonke Party president Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala said he was "shocked and upset" by the incident and said his party was also investigating the matter.

Andrew Peace Montsho, 16, died on Monday at Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital after allegedly being assaulted by the unidentified councillor at the weekend.

Two other youths are still in hospital, while the other two have been discharged.

The Sowetan newspaper says it knows the identity of the councillor, who is apparently a member of the Sofasonke Party. The man told the paper the youths were rapists and robbers and members of the "Ma-Kappa" gang. — Sapa

Three men die in incidents in Natal

PRETORIA. — Two men were killed in unrest-related incidents and police found the body of a third man, according to the police overnight unrest report released yesterday.

The Public Relations Division of the SAP issued the following report of unrest incidents:

A 40-year-old man was attacked and stabbed to death by a group at Haza in Natal.

A man was shot dead when he and three other men who were sleeping in a room in a men's hostel in KwaMashu were attacked about 12.35am yesterday. Full details were not available, but police in KwaMashu said the three other men had been injured and taken to hospital.

After another incident at Mpumalanga near Maritzburg, police found the body of 18-year-old Mr Boni Sikhosana at Shongweni.

In an incident in the Transvaal, a group of blacks stoned a private vehicle at Alrode in Alberton. Police used quirts to disperse them. Four men were arrested, police said. — Sapa

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Investment talks

Argus Africa News Service

MAPUTO. — South Africa's Barlow Rand group might soon invest in Mozambique, the Mozambique news agency Aim has reported after talks between Mr Con Schabort, Barlow Rand's executive director, and the Minister of Co-operation, Mr Jacinto Veloso.

day jailed for six-and-a-half years.

School hostel may close

EAST LONDON. — Dale College in King William's Town is considering closing one of its hostels, possibly at the end of the year, because of a drop in the number of boarders.

Education College closed

THOHOYANDOU. — The Venda College of Education has been closed following a boycott of classes by trainee teachers, the homeland's Department of Information and Broadcasting said yesterday.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Mayor's house attacked — 3 wounded

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A municipal policeman and two women were injured in a grenade attack on the house of the mayor of Dobsonville.

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The second attack took place at the Dube municipal police barracks. No-one was injured, said a police spokesman.

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SHRAPNEL SHOWER

The neighbour's house was showered with shrapnel and the two women were injured.

They are Ms Elina Moses, 65, and Ms Mathebe Mamogobe, 30.

The injured municipal policeman is Constable P Ngobeni.

The three victims, who were not seriously hurt, were treated at the Leratong Hospital on the West Rand.

Press curbs

In terms of the emergency regulations reports, comment and pictures may be restricted.

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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

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ANC LINK

They have been identified as Ms Elina Moses (65) and Ms Mathebe Mamogobe (30).

The injured municipal policeman is Constable P Ngobeni. The three victims, who were not seriously hurt, were treated at the Leratong Hospital on the West Rand.

Security police are investigating the possibility that the outlawed ANC was responsible for the attacks, said the police spokesman.

The type of grenades used has not yet been identified, but Soviet-manufactured F1s have been used in similar township attacks.

Several attacks on security forces, township officials and official buildings in recent months remain unsolved.

Incorporated villages plagued by violence

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Violence and conflict continue to wrack the communities of Braklaagte and Leeuwfontein in the wake of their incorporation into Bophuthatswana early this year, according to lawyers and field workers.

The conflict centres on the refusal by many residents to accept that they are part of the homeland and the insistence of Bophuthatswana officials that they should submit to its rule.

Since Easter weekend, the villages, with a combined population of about 25 000, have experienced school boycotts, clashes between residents and police, a mass exodus of Leeuwfontein people back into South Africa and an unknown number of arrests by the Bophuthatswana police, lawyers say.

On Monday this week pupils at Leeuwfontein renewed their school boycott. A confrontration with police took place and teargas and sjamboks were used against pupils, the Transvaal Rural Action Committee stated.

The pupils tried to take refuge in South Africa but were escorted back by the South African Police and immediately arrested by the Bophuthatswana police, Trac said.

The homeland's police spokesman, Colonel David George, was not available for comment late yesterday. The office of the Bophuthatswana Secretary for Information is expected to release a statement later this week.

Lessons resume after teacher hurt

By Montshiwa Moroke

Teaching at Madibane High School, in Diepkloof, Soweto, resumed yesterday after classes had been disrupted last Friday following an attack on a teacher by a pupil.

A similar attack occurred five months ago and the school was also set alight this year.

An uneasy calm prevailed at the school as lessons resumed while police stood guard.

The incident came just days before the half-year examinations, which start next Tuesday at secondary schools in the region.

A parents' meeting on the issue at the St James Anglican Church on Tuesday night ended inconclusively. A further meeting will be held at the school at 9 am on Sunday.

After Friday's incident, teachers at the school apparently threatened not to go back unless a group of boys were barred from entering the premises. Sources close to the school said the youths had "terrorised" the school for some time.

The regional director of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Peet Struwig, confirmed there were problems at the school. He had left it to the parents and teachers to decide what action to take.

Police disperse Mobil HQ demo

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday dispersed a demonstration outside the headquarters here of Mobil, a spokesman from the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union said.

He said the demonstration was to "protest Mobil's refusal to negotiate a fair disinvestment procedure with the union".

Police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel F Malherbe said there was "no disruption from the police side".

He said police on the scene had asked for reinforcements — by the time the reinforcements arrived, the demonstrators had already left the scene on their own accord.

Union workers from factories across the Witwatersrand displayed placards with the slogans "Down with Corporate Camouflage", "Disinvest on our terms" and others.

The spokesman for the union said that about 20 minutes after the start of the demonstrations, police arrived and "without warning used dogs to disperse the workers.

"Police then followed the dispersing protesters and chased them up the streets," he said.

"The union condemns in the strongest terms this totally unnecessary police action against the peaceful voicing of protest." — Sapa

Divorce papers led to couple's fatal shooting

DURBAN. — Divorce papers, which should have been cancelled, but were instead served on Mr Ben Delport on Saturday, apparently led to the tragedy in which he and his wife died early on Sunday, sources said.

The bodies of Mr Delport, 41, who had been the caretaker at the Merryvale Training Centre in Mangold Park, and his wife, Mrs Marieta Delport, 37, were found in a bedroom of their home in Audrey Street shortly after midnight.

Both had died of gunshot wounds. A pistol was found nearby.

The couple's 16-year-old daughter, Marlie, had allegedly narrowly escaped death when she broke free from her father's hold after a heated argument following the death of Mrs Delport.

She fled from the house and ran for help to a neighbouring house.

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Editor appears in a closed court

Cape Times 24/5/89 278

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The editor of Business Day, Mr Ken Owen, was yesterday forced to give evidence on the murder of four mine team leaders.

He gave evidence behind closed doors in the Magistrate's Court yesterday after the presiding magistrate refused to allow the proceedings to be held in open court.

Mr Owen was issued with a subpoena in terms of section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act ordering him to appear before a magistrate and furnish any information he had about the unsolved murders at Western Holdings almost three years ago.

The subpoena was issued after Business Day published two reports on the killings.

The magistate, Mr D Dafel, refused an application on behalf of Mr Owen for a public hearing and upheld a submission by prosecutor Mr A van Wyk that the public did not have a right to attend the hearing because it was a part of a police investigation and not a judicial proceeding.

The managing director of Times Media Ltd, Mr Stephen Mulholland, was allowed to sit in on the full proceedings.

● Business Day reporters Mr Riaan Smit and Mr Sipho Ngcobo were also subpoened yesterday to furnish police with information about the public executions of four mine team leaders at Western Holdings gold mine near Welkom in July 1986.

Articles by the reporters published on May 11 quoted eyewitness accounts of the executions.

Three of these witnesses named alleged murderers during evidence they gave, under oath, before an open inquiry three weeks after the executions.

Police have said they did not attend the inquiry.

Last Friday Western Holdings officials handed police 33 of the 43 tape recordings of evidence made during the 13-day inquiry. Ten of the tapes are inexplicably missing.

The inquiry, conducted by advocate Mr Dan Bregman, SC, investigated disturbances at the mine during the week preceding the executions on the weekend of July 12 and 13.

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Soviet-trained man shoots two then kills himself

By Clyde Johnson,
Lowveld Bureau

NELSPRUIT — A gunman, identified by police as a Soviet-trained terrorist, shot and wounded a policeman and a woman on Tuesday, and later killed himself.

Mrs Grace Madonsela (35) of Pienaar township, interviewed in Nelspruit's Rob Ferreira Hospital, said she and her stepson were travelling to relatives at Schoemansdal on Tuesday.

Shortly after 1 pm she heard shots. Less than 5 m away she saw a man pointing a pistol.

There was a shot which shattered the driver's window.

SHARP PAIN

"I felt a sharp pain in my chest. Looking down I noticed I was covered in blood," Mrs Madonsela said.

Constable Titus Sibiya, wounded by the same gunman seconds before Mrs Madonsela, is also in hospital.

Constable Sibiya and three men had been patrolling the road near the Jeppes Reef/Tonga crossing. A car approached with two men in it One, armed with a pistol, got out and shot Constable Sibiya.

At Tonga the local butcher spotted the gunman. Shots were fired and, seconds later, the gunman shot himself.

MARCH STOPPED

POLICE fired teargas to disperse more than 50 hawkers at the corner of Hoek street in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

The hawkers were taking part in a "keep clean campaign."

The SAP liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Colonel Frans Malherbe, yesterday said about 50 to 60 placard-carrying and chanting people were warned by the police to disperse as they marched.

He said they were told "loudly and clearly" that what they were doing was illegal, and ordered to disperse within three minutes. The police also talked to some of the leaders of the group.

The police fired teargas canisters to disperse the crowd when it appeared that the people were not prepared to obey the orders. Nobody was injured or arrested.

The secretary of African Council of Hawkers and Informal Business, Mr Esau Rankholo, yesterday claimed that the group was on its way to Achib's offices when they were confronted by police who ordered them to disperse within five minutes.

He said that according to several witnesses, including by-standers, canisters of teargas were fired into the crowd only 30 seconds after the order was given.

However this allegation was denied by Malherbe, who said the police sprayed teargas and did not fire it into the crowd.

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Man shot, car burned

PRETORIA. — A man was shot and killed and his vehicle set alight at Mpumalanga, Hammarsdale, by a group of people, according to the police unrest report. A home was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack at Edenpark, Alberton

2 shot dead in Natal violence

PRETORIA. — Two men, aged 18 and 20, were shot dead at Malangeni, near Hammarsdale, on Thursday when they fled from a house that a group of people was shooting at, according to the latest police unrest reports.

Four youths were arrested in Guguletu when a large group of youths threw stones at vehicles.

A policeman was slightly injured at Lamontville, near Durban, when youths threw stones at a police vehicle. The group was dispersed with birdshot and a man was arrested.

At Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, a house was damaged after it was petrol-bombed.

Two men and a women were arrested at Mhluzi, near Middelburg in the Transvaal, after pupils from two secondary schools threw stones at each other. — Sapa.

Members of the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union (CWIU) demonstrating in front of Mobil's Johannesburg city offices.

Mobil workers clash with police at demo

ALAN FINE

ABOUT 40 Chemical Workers' Industrial Union (CWIU) shop stewards clashed with police yesterday during a half-hour placard demonstration outside Mobil's Johannesburg city offices.

The singing and chanting demonstrators, employees of a range of chemical sector multinational companies, were demanding that Mobil negotiate the terms of its disinvestment from SA with the union.

Police used a dog to try to disperse the gathering after about 20 minutes.

After talks between police and a Mobil management representative, demonstrators moved from the pavement and to the forecourt of the Plein Sreet building.

An SAP spokesman said an official account of the incident would probably be included in today's unrest report.

Meanwhile Gencor energy division executive director Bernard Smith said yesterday he did not envisage any rationalisation programmes once ownership of Mobil Southern Africa passed into its hands on July 1.

"With our involvement in projects like Mossgas we will be creating jobs rather than destroying them, and Mobil employees will enjoy the advantages of Gencor's expansion.

"Any contraction of Mobil operations is most, most unlikely," he said.

Feedback

Smith said he would not get involved in the CWIU/Mobil dispute at this stage, but was prepared to give this assurance on employees' job security and repeat that Gencor intended maintaining the *status quo* regarding other conditions of employment.

A CWIU spokesman said the union was expecting, possibly last night, feedback from a London meeting between representatives of Mobil SA and its parent company, at which union proposals were to be discussed.

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Minibus tragedy

A LITTLE boy clutches at a handbag, presumably his mother's, who is lying dead on the ground, and gives way to tears. This was after the woman and two others, both men, were killed when two minibus taxis and a van were involved in an accident near New Canada station yesterday evening.
Pic HARRY THATEDI

By ALI MPHAKI

MORE than 200 families fled from their homes in Tembisa on Wednesday night when hostel dwellers attacked their homes.

They burnt their belongings leaving a trail of destruction behind.

The families live in houses near the Vusimuzi hostel which were occupied by employees of a private company until late last year

Moved

The families moved into the houses in February this year following a council resolution.

The attack was sparked off by claims from the hostel dwellers that they are entitled to stay in the houses and residents should be evicted

The men from the Vusimuzi hostel, numbering close to 1 000, swooped on the unsuspecting residents about 3pm on Wednesday, looting, breaking and burning furniture in their wake.

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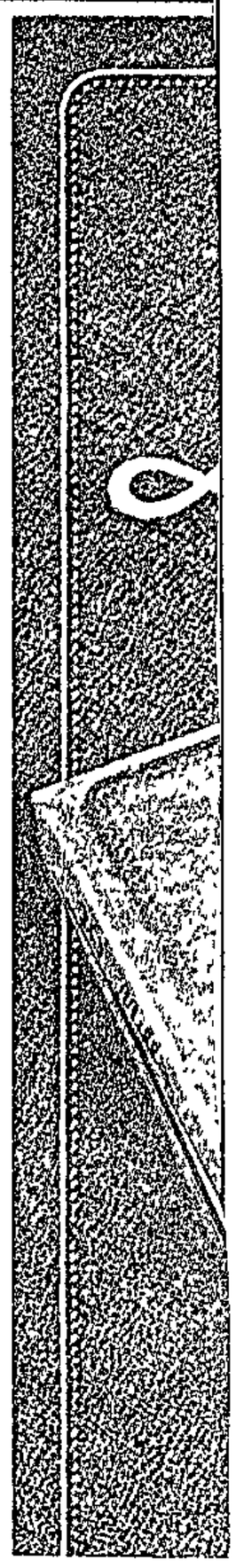

200 flee homes

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A resident said he was missed by three bullets and had to run for dear life with the men hot on his heels

Over the months there has been growing tension between residents and the hostel inmates, resulting in a meeting of the hostel inmates on Tuesday where a decision was taken to evict the families.

By late yesterday most of the residents had gathered outside a nearby filling station with their belongings, apparently in fear that another attack was imminent. Some of the women residents were carrying their babies on their backs.

A resident, who asked not to be named, said police visited the scene about 4pm and again at about 7pm on Wednesday, but left after talking to the group of hostel men.

When contacted about the incident, the East Rand police spokesman, Lieutenant Willie Meyer, said he knew nothing of the incident.

SADF personnel patrolled the area yesterday and *Sowetan* reporters were ordered to leave the township.

There was an uneasy atmosphere in the township by late yesterday afternoon.

Gunmen attack strikers

GUNMEN attacked the homes of two striking Plascon workers in separate shootings on the East Rand, the SA Chemical Workers' Union said yesterday

The union said in a statement the attackers opened fire from a moving minibus at Mr Joseph Kubheka's house in Natalspruit and Mr Lucas Maseko's house in Katlehong.— Sapa.

Five injured in Tembisa hostel fight

Star 2/6/89

By Abel Mabelane,
East Rand Bureau

At least five people were injured, one seriously, when fighting broke out at the Vusumuzi hostel in Tembisa between hostel residents and families occupying some of the hostel houses.

The incident took place on Wednesday and by yesterday families who had been forcibly evicted stood shivering in the cold with nowhere to go.

A member of the Vusumuzi Hostel Committee who refused to be identified said three men and two women were injured in the incident. One of the men was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Some of the evicted people said they were forced to run for their lives when they were shot at and attacked with iron bars and pangas by a group of hostel men.

HOUSES BURNT

Two houses in which some of the families lived were burnt, and the belongings of others allegedly destroyed or looted.

The town clerk of Tembisa, Mr P L Harmse, denied rumours that three people were shot dead at the Vusumuzi Hostel.

He said the fighting was sparked by some local residents, who forcibly evicted the inmates from their houses.

"The hostel people are getting fed up with being evicted from their houses and have, in turn, decided to kick out any of the illegal residents found in the hostel premises," Mr Harmse said.

He said some of the people from the Ethaseni hostel who had earlier been evicted from the four-room houses they had occupied had joined in the Vusumuzi fighting in an attempt to secure accommodation for themselves.

Families evicted in township war

JOHANNESBURG. — More than 200 families were evicted from Tembisa council-owned houses and their belongings burnt on Wednesday night by a group of unmarried men, a resident of the township said yesterday.

The resident, who asked not to be named, said that at least four people had been seriously injured in "the war", which started at 3pm on Wednesday.

He said the group of single men, led by the Vuzimuzi hostel's Zulu faction, held a meeting on Tuesday when they agreed to evict the families at 3pm on Wednesday.

The group apparently gave the families notice of their plans.

Furniture, clothing and other belongings were thrown into the street and burnt, the resident said. Only single men occupying the four-roomed houses were not harmed and their possessions left intact.

He said police visited the scene about 4pm and again about 7pm but left after talking to the group of single men. "They refused to intervene," the resident said.

The looting and burning continued after the police left, he said.

When contacted yesterday morning, East Rand police spokesman Lt Willie Meyer said he knew nothing of the incident.

He said police returned yesterday morning to the scene where the mood was "tense and uneasy". — Sapa

CM Times 9/6/89

Mine killings: No arrests

NO arrests have been made in connection with the public executions of four mine team leaders in July 1986 at Western Holdings gold mine near Welkom, police said in Pretoria yesterday. Business Day editor Mr Ken Owen and two reporters were subpoenaed in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedures Act two weeks ago to reveal the identities to police of three mine workers who identified the alleged murderers

Reports by Staff Reporter Own Correspondent Sapa Reuter AP and UPI

Demonstrators at St Andrews Anglican Church in Pimville holding a placard protest against their priest, Reverend Stephen Montjane yesterday.

FACTIONS CLASH AT CHURCH

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Some church goers commented: "Re bona manyala".

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- Neglecting old people and the sick and attending to his favourites;
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- Causing misunderstanding regarding church finances.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

But Father Montjane denied all the allegations, saying he attended to everybody and even non Anglicans who needed help

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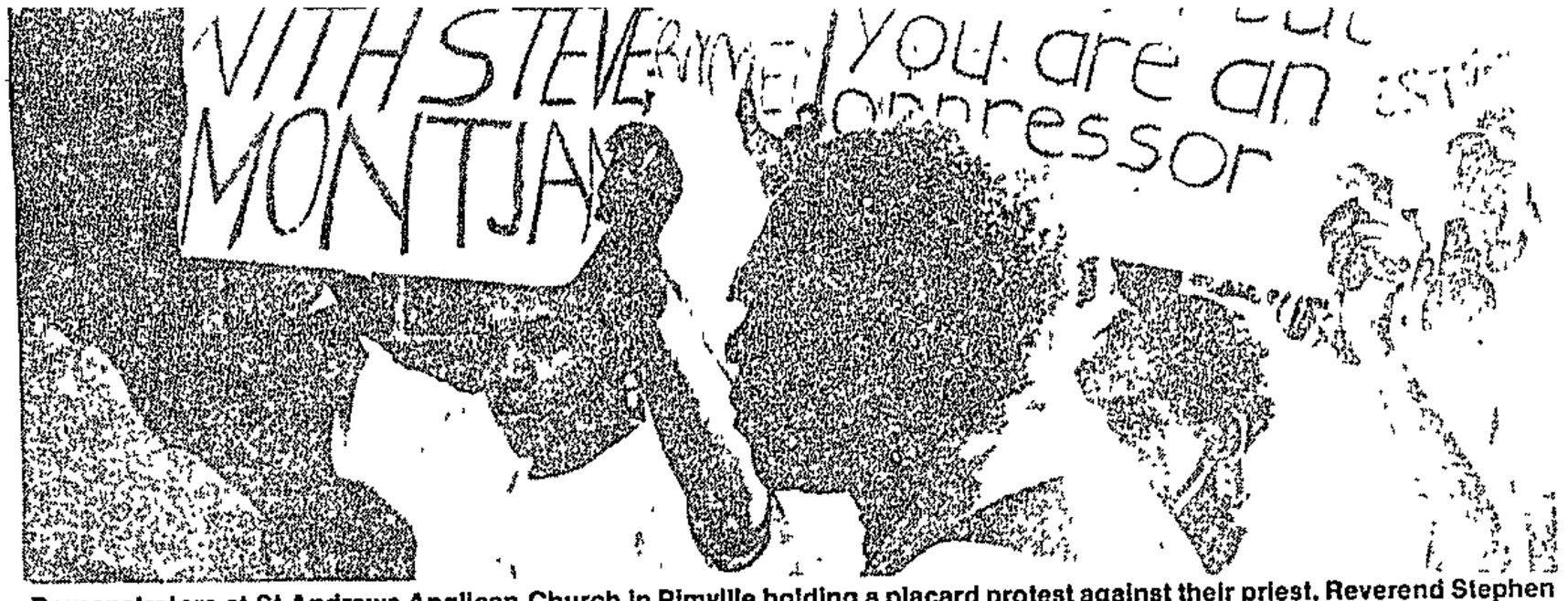

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observe the 13th anniversary of Soweto Day (June 16) with honour and dignity.

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Medunsa boycott ends

PRETORIA. — About 2 000 undergraduate students at the Medical University of South Africa (Medunsa) resumed attending lectures yesterday morning following a one-week boycott in support of a demand for the dismissal of an allegedly "unfair" lecturer. Although the demand has not been met, it was decided at a mass meeting on Saturday to return to classes.

Hundreds held on June 16

Sunday Times Reporter

POLICE reported numerous arrests, a few injuries and a number of stone-throwing incidents during Soweto Day on Friday.

In Natal, more than 700 people were arrested during a crime prevention blitz by the SAP at the weekend.

And at least 68 people were arrested countrywide for unrest-related incidents in the 24 hours from midday on Friday, according to the police unrest report issued yesterday.

Police said the 13th anniversary of Soweto Day — which marks the first day of the 1976 student riots in Soweto — was marred by incidents of violence including petrol-bombing, stone-throwing and cases of illegal gathering.

The unrest-related incidents occurred at Siyathemba, near Balfour, Soweto; Lynville, Witbank; the University of Zululand; Shongweni, near Pinetown; Mpumalanga; KwaMashu; Umlazi and Inanda (Natal); and Khayelitsha and Nyanga (Cape).

At least five people were injured in these incidents and at Siyathemba and the University of Zululand police used birdshot to disperse groups who stoned police vehicles

Three incidents of stone-throwing at police vehicles were reported at the Regina Mundi Church, Soweto, scene of one of the two memorial services held on Friday.

Inside the church, the four-hour service ended on a sour note when Azapo publicity secretary Muntu Myeza was howled down by the crowd, among which there were large numbers of youngsters who supported the UDF.

Some political officials who attended attributed the heckling to people being "tired" after the long service and wanting to go home.

Others said the crowds inside became edgy when they were told that police were waiting outside with dogs.

Crowd teargassed, sjambokked at June 16 service

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By Monshiwa Moroke

Several people were arrested and others injured when police used teargas, sjamboks and batons after a June 16 commemorative service at Soweto's Regina Mundi church on Friday.

The incident occurred at the end of an emotion-charged, four-hour service.

The first two hours of the service were conducted by church leaders of various denominations as "a service of commemoration and hope for June 16", before they handed over to community organisations.

The crowd left the church singing and chanting slogans in the face of a massive presence of uniformed and security police outside the church gates.

Police vehicles, including riot vehilces, were stationed at the rear and front gates. Others were patrolling the vicinity.

Police took action after warning the defiant crowd to disperse.

As the crowd in the streets and in the church grounds continued to sing, police moved in on people in the street with a "sneeze machine". The vehicle was stoned.

The sjambok-wielding police ran into the churchyard, forcing the crowd to flee. Later, as the youths continued to sing defiantly, the police stormed into the churchyard and into the church.

Father D Mills of the St Joseph's Catholic Church in Meadowlands, who stood between a youth and several policemen, had his stole ripped and his chalb torn in the ensuing struggle.

The priest said later he had tried to prevent six to eight policemen from reaching and sjambokking a youth who had hidden under a bench.

Father Mills said about 20 policemen had stormed into the church and had run from the door, on to the altar, as they were beating people. He said there were about 30 people in the church.

Mr Steven Maphosa, a father of three from Mapetla, who bled from the face, said he had been thrashed with sjamboks and batons inside the church.

● A Pretoria police spokesman said four people suspected of stoning a police vehicle had been arrested. The incident happened at about 3 pm.

The spokesman said police had used teargas and fired two rubber bullets to disperse the crowd.

Youths disrupt 1976 service

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THE 13th anniversary of the 1976 uprisings ended in chaos at the Regina Mundi church in Soweto on Friday when a small group of young people chanting UDF slogans prevented an Azapo official, Mr Muntu Myeza, from delivering his speech.

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The organisers of the service, which was ironically called "Unity" as its theme, were forced to end the service after repeated calls for calm failed

A massive contingent of riot police and kits constables in armoured vehicles teargassed the crowd outside the church at the end of the service

A number of people were sjambokked, including members of the Press and a small boy Some of those who fled back into the church seeking refuge were pursued by the police and sjambokked inside

"In what seemed like a planned disruption, scores of youngsters started shouting UDF and ANC slogans and surged towards Myeza, publicity secretary of the restricted Azapo, as he was about to address the crowd

More than 1500 people in the church started singing Nkosi Sikelel'iAfrika when it was apparent that the service would not continue.

Young people then started the toyi-toyi dance and filed out of the church and the celebration of National Youth Day ended in chaos.

One disappointed onlooker lamented that "this shows how ideologies have divided us"

• In another development related to June 16, police raided several residences and offices at Wits University on Thursday Pamphlets, books and posters were confiscated

Some members of the SRC inside the building were held there for more than six hours while police ransacked the offices

• People at a June 16 ceremony at the St Mary's church in Kagiso, Krugersdorp, ignored a heavy police presence and chanted the praise of the "fallen heroes of the struggle"

Amidst it all, the praise was sung of the leaders of the Pan Africanist Congress and the African National Congress.

Hector Peterson, the first victim of the June 16 uprisings, and Steve Biko, the father of the Black Consciousness Movement, were also eulogised.

Shortly before the singing of Nkosi Sikelel'iAfrika, police and soldiers, some wielding sjamboks, returned, but the ceremony was completed without incident

Speakers stressed the importance of unity among Africans irrespective of political affiliation

• Police and army personnel were out in force in Lenyenye, near Tzaneen, on Friday where a commemoration service organised by the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) was held.

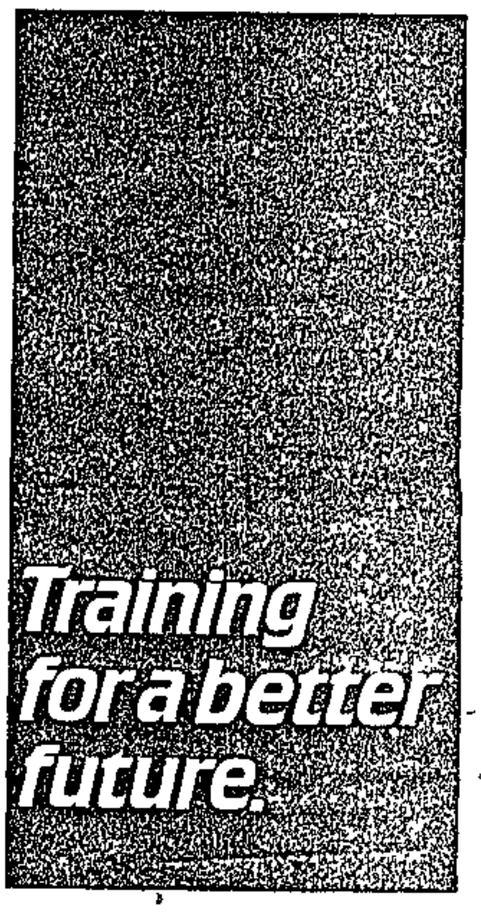
The group was parked at the gates of the Lutheran Church long before the service was scheduled to start. It was not interrupted

• In Seshego, a Community Advice Bureau (CAB) workshop on trade unionism was told on Saturday that the children who died in 1976 had been fighting for full human rights.

The fact that trade unions were still not allowed in homelands such as Lebowa was a reminder to all blacks that the task children died for still had to be fulfilled

• Police took pictures of hundreds of people who stayed away from work in Vaal triangle townships on Friday

Muntu Myeza (centre) watches helplessly as a group of youths ." speech at the Regina Mundi Church in Rockville on Friday publicity secretary of Azapo Pic JOE MOLEFE



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Disruption of June 16 service condemned

By Montshiwa Moroke

Affiliates of the Black Consciousness Movement have condemned the disruption of the June 16 commemoration service at the Regina Mundi Church in Soweto, describing the action as "political banditry" and a desecration.

The statements from the National Youth Co-ordinating Committee (Nayco) and Mr Nkosi Molala, former president of the restricted Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), were referring to an incident in which former Azapo spokesman, Mr Muntu Myeza, was prevented from speaking.

A spokesman for Nayco said: "The event of last Friday was organised to commemorate the death of many black students and youth who made the sacrifice towards the liberation of this country that is why we had thrown aside our political differences so that we could give the service the honour and dignity it deserved.

"We wish to register our point of disgust at the manner in which the youths conducted themselves in the service. Those youths exhibited extreme intolerance and total disregard of the occasion everyone had gathered to commemorate," the spokesman said.

Police captain tells Mamelodi inquest

WHY I SHOT MAN IN THE HEAD

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A POLICEMAN'S concern for the safety of innocent people resulted in him shooting a Mamelodi man in the head.

This was said yesterday by Captain Hermanus Arnoldus le Roux at the inquest into the deaths of 12 Mamelodi residents in 1985.

The inquest is being held in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court

Answering a question by Mr Morris Basslain, who represents the victims of the shootings, Le Roux said he was afraid to aim his rifle at the man's legs because it would end up in somebody's house

SOWETAN Correspondent

where it might injure innocent people.

Le Roux denied an allegation by Basslain that the reason he shot the man in the head was that he wanted to kill him

My intention was to stop the man from throwing a second rock at the Buffel," he said.

Asked why he did not fire a warning shot, Le Roux said it would not have served any purpose.

The policeman told the inquest that the lives of the people in the Defence Force vehicle were in

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danger and it was his duty to protect them.

"The first rock the man threw hit the left hand side of the buffel and I shot at him while he was about to throw a second one at the vehicle because I was convinced that the lives of the Defence Force members were in danger."

Asked why he specifically shot at the man, Le Roux said he was convinced that he was the one who threw the stone at the Buffel because he kept him under surveillance for a few seconds and added that he was nearer to him (Le Roux).

Le Roux said the Defence Force vehicle, which was travelling at between 10km and 15km, did not stop after it was hit by the rock.

He could not say how they reacted after the Buffel was hit by the rock or whether they fired any shots, alighted from the vehicle of increased speed.

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Hostel men on rampage

By MONK NKOMO

TWO shops, including that of an Atteridgeville community councillor, were extensively damaged after Saulsville hostel inmates angered by an electricity blackout went on the rampage this week.

Councillor Henry Nchabeleng, who owns a fast-food outlet in the hostel, yesterday said he narrowly escaped death after being confronted by an angry mob at about 8.45pm on Monday.

Nchabeleng said that

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damages to his shop were R80 000. The other shop also had windows and walls smashed during the attack.

Nchabeleng said hostel inmates accused him of doing nothing about the power failure that started at 5.45pm on Sunday. He said that at about 6.30pm on Monday a group of men accompanied him to the local superintendent's offices to complain about the electricity, but they could not find any official to help them.

Nchabeleng said he also did not have lights in his shop.

"At about 9pm a large mob, wielding sticks, missiles and bricks, then attacked my shop, smashing walls and windows. I had just closed the shop and was near it when the attack began," Nchabeleng said.

This was said yesterday.

Killing: Court hears cop 'not worried'

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A PRETORIA North inquest magistrate yesterday heard a policeman say he was not worried about the possibility of being in the shooting and killing of Mamelodi

By ALINAH DUBE

residents.

Captain Hermanus Arnoldus le Roux was testifying during an inquest into the killing of Mamelodi residents on November 21 1985

He was being cross-examined by Mr Morris Basslian, counsel for families of the victims.

Asked if he was aware that he could have been prosecuted for murder, the policeman replied: "I am not worried about the possibility of being prosecuted."

When Mr Basslian insisted that he should answer the question correctly, Captain le Roux agreed that he was aware of the fact but quickly pointed out that his actions — at the scene of the shootings — were within the law.

He said: "I therefore take it as a fact that I am not going to be prosecuted for murder."

The hearing continues

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Cop's plea

THE inquest into the deaths of Mamelodi residents was yesterday postponed to Tuesday to give a policeman who has admitted killing two men time to appoint his own legal representative.

The inquest is being held in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court.

The magistrate, Mr J P Pretorius, postponed the case after Captain Hermanus Arnoldus le Roux told the court of his intention to appoint a lawyer. He said although counsel representing the police, had been appointed and was present at the hearing, he preferred his own lawyer.

Advocate A C le Roux represents the police.

The policeman also said he was unable to attend the proceedings today and Monday as he was a sickly man and was due for a medical check-up.

The inquest is a sequel to the killing and wounding of Mamelodi residents on November 21 1985 during a march. Although the official figure of those killed stood at 12 the shootings were reported to have claimed more lives.

Earlier Captain le Roux admitted he shot and killed two Mamelodi residents, Mr Paul Mavimbela and Mr Moses Motsei.

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Raids, detentions, marches and clashes in a day of unrest across the country

MDM leaders Cyril Ramaphosa and Murphy Morobe .. launching an anti-election campaign

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DAY OF RAGE

A DAY of protest, major police swoops on anti-apartheid activists and the announcement of large-scale anti-polling campaigns yesterday set the scene for a turbulent election week.

In 24 hours of rage and reaction:

- Three students were reported to have been shot by police in Mitchell's Plain during a day of clashes with the police in the Western Cape;
- The mass democratic movement (MDM), the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) and the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) announced major campaigns against the election, the Labour Relations Amendment Act and in commemoration of "Biko Week";
- Cape Town geared for a march on parliament and other protest action planned for Saturday;
- All Johannesburg coloured schools came out in a one-day anti-elections boycott,
- Police raided the offices of Cosatu and Nactu and the home of Cosatu leader Jay Naidoo,
- Police banned a University of the Witwatersrand gathering and used teargas to disperse students Police also banned all meetings next week by various organisations,
- A number of people were detained, bringing the official figure for detentions in the last week to about 100 These included United Democratic Front leaders Curnick Ndlovu and Dennis Neer.

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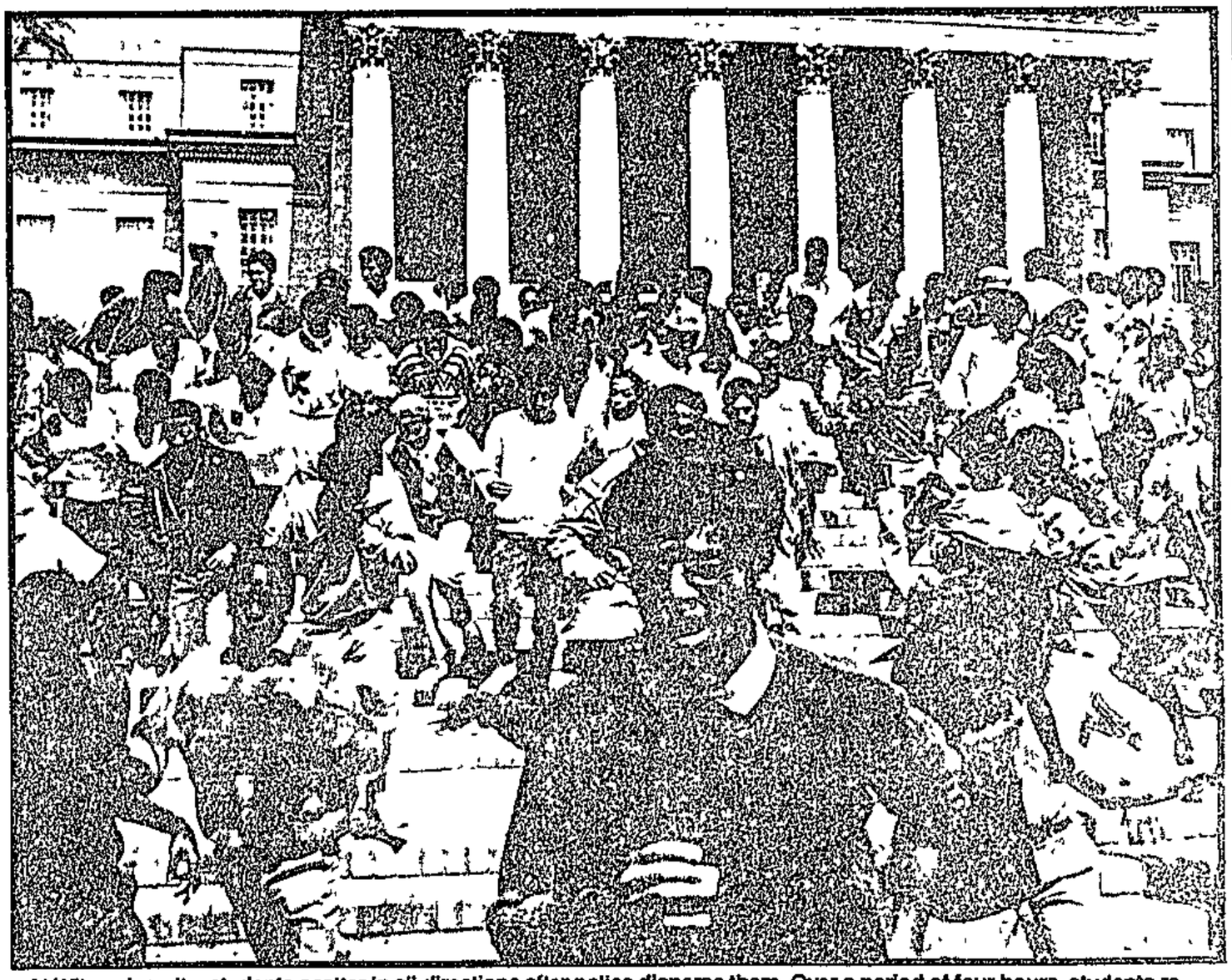
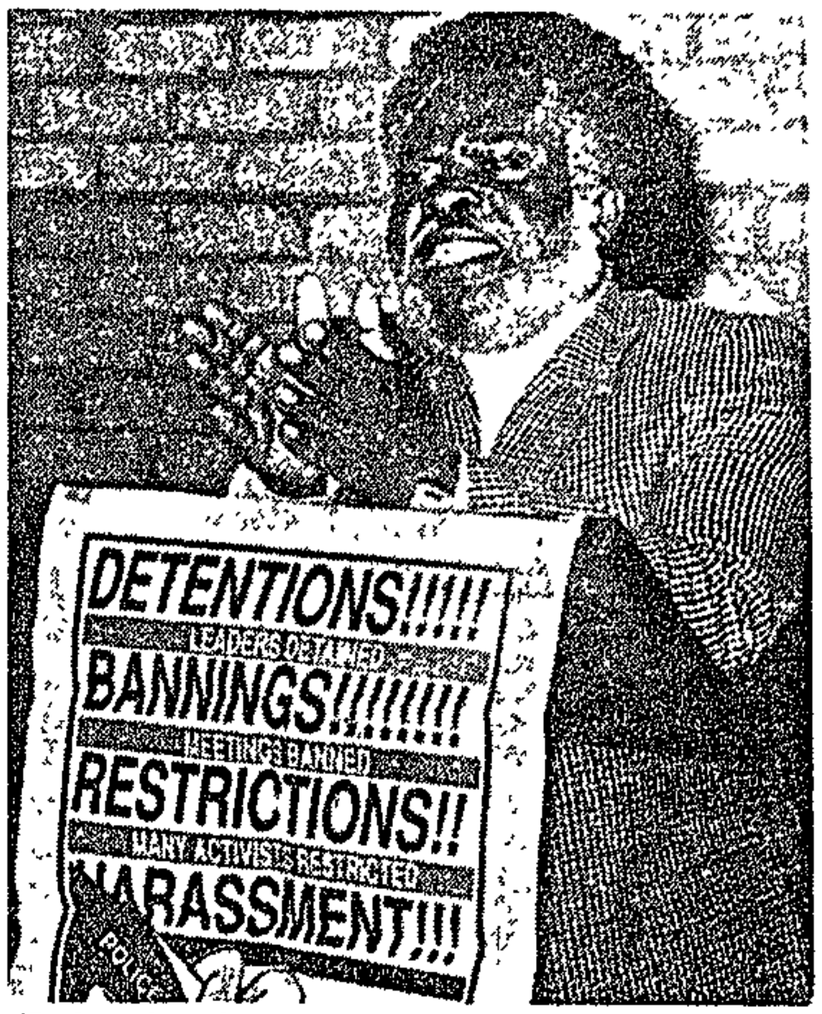


At Wits university, students scatter in all directions after police disperse them. Over a period of four hours, students repeatedly fled, then returned. The impasse was broken when police moved to the perimeters and students filtered away



Father Lord Mc Camel remembers September 3 1984 at a meeting in Sebokeng yesterday. Sowetan 4/9/89 (278)

Uprising on Vaal

Vaal-triangle residents yesterday packed a church hall in Sebokeng to observ the fifth anniversary of the Vaal uprising.

It was on September 3 1984 when residents of several Vaal townships took to the streets in protest against high rentals imposed by the Lekoa Council.

About a 100 people died that day and scores of others were arrested.

The meeting was called by the September 3 Commemoration Committee, (SCC), was called to remember "the heroes and heromes who had fallen in the fight against high rents and puppet councillors".

Security police kept a low profile a stone's throw away from the church while the meeting was in progress..

Speaker after speaker recalled the event of the "bloody September 3" and reaffirmed the community's committment to fight the aparthied system.

Student and youth leaders said the day was remembrance to residents sentenced to long term imprisonment- the Delmas trialist and the Sharpeville Six- and called for "mass offensive against the apartheid system".

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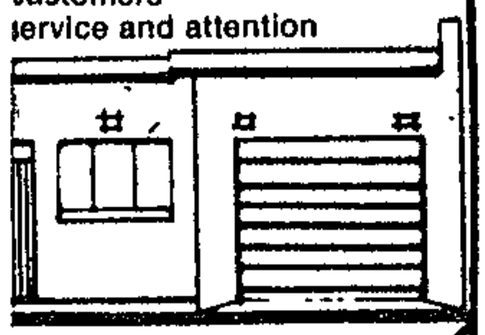

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Man trampled to death as police stop festival

A man died and several others were injured yesterday when police forced Soweto's first Spring music festival to an abrupt end after they had fired teargas and baton-charged the music revellers at the Orlando Stadium.

An hour before the pop festival was scheduled to end, police informed the festival's organisers that the gathering was illegal and ordered them to disperse.

While Mr Sam Mhangwani, from Black Music Promoters' Association (BMPA), organisers of the festival, was conveying the police message to the more than 30 000 people, police fired teargas and chaos erupted.

The unidentified man died after being trampled by frantic music revellers during the chaos.

A Captain Fryer told organisers the festival was illegal in terms of the emergency regulations. Teargas was fired as songstress Yvonne Chaka-Chaka was performing.

'Provocative'

Reggae star Lucky Dube and Lesotho-based group Sankomota were still to perform.

Describing the police action as provocative, BMPA director Mr Leornard Sithole said: "The police action was unwarranted and the promoters will be blamed for the trouble. We were given permission to hold the festival until 8 pm and the police action was shocking ..."

Captain Fryer said the crowd threw cans at the police who were forced to act. He added that the gathering was illegal.

Cops impatient

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Say the organisers of Orlando music festival

ORGANISERS of the music festival which ended in chaos when police fired teargas and baton-charged revellers at the Orlando Stadium on Sunday night have accused the police of impatience.

One man died at the stadium.

Many of the fans interviewed yesterday felt the police action was uncalled for.

By VICTOR METSOAMERE

But the police said yesterday that they were pelted with bottles and beer cans on several occasions before they fired the tearsmoke.

After the fracas the body of an unidentified man was found at one of the exits. An autopsy is to be conducted today or tomorrow.

According to the police, action to disperse the revellers was taken after the time limit of 6 pm had been exceeded.

But the promoters say the festival was to have ended at 8 pm.

They said they were surprised when a senior police officer approached them at 6,20 pm and told them that they were holding an illegal gathering in terms of the emergency regulations.

As there was excitement at the time the show could not be stopped immediately.

One of the promoters, Mr Sam Mhangwani, said he pleaded with the police to allow them to continue with "just one more act" but was turned down.

Mhangwani said a further plea that people be given enough time to disperse was also ignored.

"Had people been given enough time to leave the stadium this would not have happened," he said.

Asked to comment on the allegations, a spokesman for the police, Lieutenant-Colonel J H Labuscagne, said the people had 30 minutes to disperse when one considered that the first warning was given and the time action was taken. "We first told them to disperse at 6,10 pm and again at 6,20. It was only at 6,40 pm that action was taken and this was only after the crowd started pelting the police with bottles and beer cans.

"I cannot comment on the appeal of one more act but this one act would not have taken a long time and could have been had in the 30 minutes it took the organisers to disperse the crowd," he said.

Proceeds from the event are to be given to the Takalani Home for the Mentally Handicapped.

Another official of the Black Music Promoters Association, Mr Leonard Sithole said: "We applied as early as April for permission to stage the festival on September 3 and had set the time limit as 8 pm."

Mhangwani said: "We are sad that a man died and we express our condolences to his next of kin."

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Unrest simmers across the land

SPORADIC unrest swept the country on the eve of the elections yesterday as pupils in the Western Cape their faces

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

wrapped in scarves erected a barrier of flaming tyres across Thornton Road in the Cape Town township of Athlone.

Pupils at the barricades dashed for safety moments before police arrived and circled the area and then watched as the tyres were reduced to cinders.

At Hewatt Teacher's Training College, metres away from the flaming tyres about 300 students assembled in the college hall for a rally where they danced and sang freedom songs.

Sapa reports that no confirmation could be obtained on reports that a school in Bellville South was early yesterday "surrounded by police".

The defiance campaign kicked off to a late start in the Eastern Cape over the weekend. Four men were arrested in the Port Elizabeth township of New Brighton on Sunday, the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria said yesterday.

Still in Port Elizabeth, a rally calling for the unbanning of Cosas was banned at the last minute on Friday and about 5000 people were turned away.

A Cosatu meeting was also banned over the weekend. The regional secretary for Cosatu in Port Elizabeth yesterday said the meeting was going to be a reportback on the recent Worker's Summit.

In Azaadville on the West Rand, high school students staged protests against voting in the House of Delegates. Students alleged that "certain teachers" had called in the security forces.

The Azaadville protest was shortlived as students returned to their classes.

A University of Witwatersrand academic Mr Wilhelm Liebenberg was arrested at his home on Friday under Section 3 of the emergency regulations, Vice Chancellor of Wits Mr RW Charlton said yesterday.

More arrests were reported by the police yesterday. Eighteen students were arrested - 10 at the University of Durban Westville and eight at the University of Natal.

Police spokesman, Captain Coert Marais said the arrests in Durban were made in terms of the Internal Security Act.

On the East Rand the Liverpool High School in Benoni yesterday boycotted classes in protest against their school being used as a polling station.

The Fred Norman Senior Secondary School in Ennerdale yesterday started a week-long boycott in protest against the elections.

In another development in Cape Town, Brigadier Leon Mellet yesterday said: "Police are aware of plans to use children over the next two days to disrupt the elections."

Mellet promised widespread arrests of "the ringleaders". He said arrests will start immediately.

(Report by Ismail Lagardien of 61 Commando Road, Industria, Johannesburg.)

Pupils protest against polls (52)

Soweto protests in silence

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JOHANNESBURG. — The most populous city in South Africa was quiet on election day.

As the morning sun burned off the coal-smoke haze covering Soweto, the township of 2,5 million blacks substituted its usual weekday bustle for a day of silent protest.

The huge taxi depot near Baragwanath Hospital, where thousands catch mini-bus taxis into Johannesburg every day, was nearly empty.

A whistling wind sent swirls of dust across a deserted parking lot that usually overflows with commuters.

"I'm not going to work for political reasons," said Mr Martin Mika, a salesman for South African Breweries.

Mr Mika joined hundreds of thousands of blacks in a general strike on Tuesday and yesterday to protest at the segregated parliamentary elections that exclude the black majority.

No formal protest rallies were planned, but Soweto schools, frequently the site of militant protest, were closed, as were most stores. The Sowetan newspaper, the country's largest black-oriented daily, did not publish.

Taxi driver Mr Fred Sadike, 32, estimated that only 20% of the taxis, the primary means of transport for most urban blacks, were operating yesterday. Most were travelling only inside the township, not going to Johannesburg, he said.

Mr Sadike said he believed the election promise by Acting President F W de Klerk to bring blacks into the national government on a limited basis within five years.

"I think we'll be able to vote some day, but I don't know when," he said.

In mixed-race and Indian townships, where residents can vote for segregated houses of Parliament, those boycotting the polls outnumbered those who cast ballots.

In the Indian township of Lenasia, activists burned an effigy of Mr De Klerk on Tuesday night. "Don't Vote" signs vied for space on light poles with posters of candidates.

"I voted because the candidate promised to help get me a house," said an Indian grocery store owner in Lenasia, who declined to give his name. "But I don't think too many people care who wins, because the Indians don't have any real power." — Sapa-AP

Police use quirts on Boksburg protesters

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BOKSBURG. — Police took action against a crowd of about 250 people protesting in Reiger Park here yesterday morning.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations confirmed that the incident had occurred about 200m from an Indian polling booth.

He said a crowd started gathering from about 10am. People wearing T-shirts with "Don't vote" slogans were warned by the police to disperse. When they failed to do so, police used tearsmoke and arrested a man.

The crowd started gathering again in smaller groups about 12.15pm. Police used quirts to disperse groups and arrested a second man.

A Reiger Park resident, Mr George du Plessis, alleged that police teargassed and sjambokked children who had demonstrated. — Sapa

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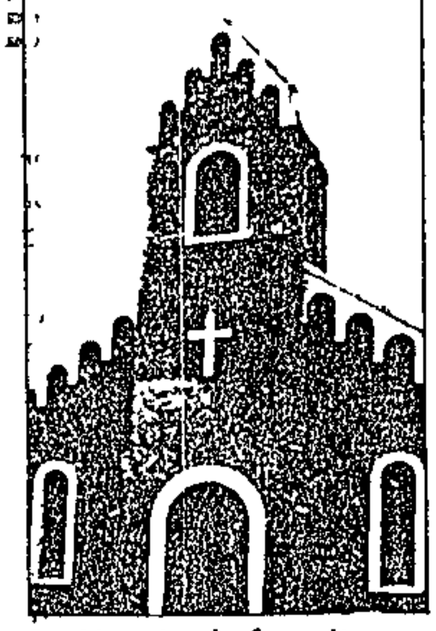

St Mary's, before it was demolished to make way for an apartheid road.

K'dorp church to rise again

By Winnie Graham

St Mary's, the church that apartheid destroyed in Munsieville, Krugersdorp, is to rise again, and whites and blacks are helping rebuild it.

The mission complex was demolished in September 1986 to make way for the K17 highway, designed to keep apart residents of the white suburb of Dan Pienaarville and the black township of Munsieville

When the bells of St Mary's Church rang for the last Mass on September 20 1986, the Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rt Rev Reginald Orsmond, promised the people they would get another.

Father Vic Whelan, Catholic pastor of the Holy Rosary in Krugersdorp, was given the task of rebuilding the church which had stood at Munsieville since 1938

In a booklet he has prepared on St Mary's, he writes that in the Fifties Father Jean Verot had plans to rebuild. They were shelved when Munsieville was declared a "black spot". The population was to be moved to Kagiso, south of the town.

"It seemed Munsieville was doomed to die because it is pointless having extensive facilities with no people to serve," he said.

He describes the years 1984 and 1986 as "terrible", when discontent and rebellion against apartheid boiled over.

During the early period of unrest, he writes, there were forays across the strip. Black youths damaged and broke into white homes and gangs of whites raided Munsieville township.

The authorities sent the army to patrol the vacant stretch of no man's land to prevent further problems

In 1985 the Government reversed its policy and said Munsieville would not be moved but upgraded.

The residents were disbelieving Whites reacted with angry dismay.

A "Berlin Wall" was proposed but a highway was built instead. The church was expropriated and pulled down.

Father Whelan writes that the two years it took Krugersdorp Town Council to grant the application for rebuilding had been devastating. The downturn in the economy and rocketing building costs caused problems.

"We don't have enough money, but we are going ahead and building — now!" he says

THE CLOSER THE POLLING DAY CAME, THE MORE THE PROTESTS ESCALATED

Barricades and boycotts in the run-up to the elections

The protests, burning barricades and boycotts spread from the Western Cape to the Transvaal during the week before the elections. PHIL MOLEFE and THANDEKA GQUBULE report

DEMONSTRATIONS, school boycotts and sporadic violence in the Transvaal marked the final days running up to this week's elections

Schools in many of the black townships as well as in the Indian and "coloured" areas were closed following a protest call against the election by the mass democratic movement

Students stayed away from five schools in Lenasia while in Eldorado Park and Kliptown, near Johannesburg, pupils set up barricades of burning tyres in protest against Wednesday's elections

In Actonville, Benoni, more than 2 000 students boycotted classes from Monday, objecting to their school being used as a polling station And more than 3 000 residents signed a petition calling on the Department of Education to withdraw permission for the school to be used as a polling station.

As protest action intensified, Wednesday's police "unrest" report for the 24-hour period listed 30 incidents around the country, from Vosloorus on the East Rand to Nyanga and Mannenberg in the Cape and Port Shepstone in Natal

In Actonville placards saying "Do not use our school for your gain and our loss" and "This is a place for education not voting" were put up at the Liverpool High School

On Tuesday, about 200 placard-carrying students from nearby Williams Hill High School marched to Liverpool High School chanting "Don't use our schools". There they joined fellow pupils sitting on the school premises as security police patrolled the area

Students formed a human wall blocking a delivery truck which had arrived to offload a tent to be used on polling day

On Tuesday night an effigy of Acting State President FW de Klerk was burnt at an open air gathering in Lenasia. Effigies of the chairman of the House of Delegates, Dr JN Reddy, and Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse were also set alight at the gathering, organised by the MDM

Said a representative of the MDM "Here lies the remains of the tricameral system A system which is a farce will lie in ashes "

On Wednesday Lenasia was tense with a heavy police presence The South African Defence Force patrolled in army trucks, while the police — members of the riot squad and *kitskonstabels* — moved around the township on foot In the morning more than 200 people, wearing "Don't Vote" stickers, gathered at the civic centre to demonstrate against the elections Police ordered a crowd near the Milky Lane shopping complex to disperse and two people were reportedly detained.

South African Police representative Major R Crewe said he had not received reports of the arrests

Johannesburg journalist Mono Badela was detained near a Lenasia polling booth A *Weekly Mail* reporter saw him being led to the Lenasia police station by two security policemen He was later released

A Soweto police liaison officer said neither he nor the security branch had any knowledge of the arrest.

In Laudium, near Pretoria, 15 people were arrested and police dispersed about 200 protesters who attempted to march to polling stations

Later in the evening, protesters carrying candles marched to the polling booths. Scores of people were injured after the police let dogs loose One person was arrested

The SAP public relations division in Pretoria confirmed that a group of people gathered near a mosque were ordered to disperse Police arrested 14 people when the crowd regrouped about an hour later According to the police, six men, three women and five youths were arrested after stones were thrown at a police vehicle Two policemen were injured and the police used "aerosol-type"cans of tearsmoke to disperse the crowd

In Reiger Park, Boksburg, the rector of the University of the Western Cape, Professor Jakes Gerwel, on Monday called on "coloured" people to boycott the elections Addressing more than 1 500 people he said a vote in the election would "legitimise an illegitimate government"

By this week more than 1 300 Reiger Park residents had signed a petition saying they would not vote

In Lenasia hundreds of students from various schools marched through the streets on Monday to protest against the House of Delegates involvement in Indian education

They shouted "Open our schools to all". The children of Lenasia filed into the MH Joosub Technical High School where they held an anti-election meeting in the school hall

And in Eldorado Park heated confrontations occurred between police and students protesting against the elections On Monday afternoon youths staged a placard demonstration Stones were thrown at police as they arrived. The police then drove through a line of about 100 demonstrators. Teargas was fired and the police sjambokked youths and arrested 10 people.

Crewe confirmed that 10 people were arrested for holding an illegal gathering but denied that sjamboks were used

On Tuesday pupils, joined by students from Kliptown Extension whose protest was broken up by police earlier that day, staged a demonstration Police arrived in a Casspir and again broke up the protest. Two people were arrested

After demonstrators were dispersed, barricades of burning tyres were erected

The police public relations division said they could not comment on the allegations as they had not received a report.

Police and demonstrators clashed this week in several other incidents around the Reef

In Krugersdorp's Factoria township a man was arrested after residents staged a placard demonstration protesting against the elections

A police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed that one man was arrested after an illegal gathering was held in the area where placards were displayed.

Three youths were arrested in Sebokeng after police broke up a community protest meeting This was confirmed by the SAP in Pretoria who said the three were arrested after stones were thrown at the police.

Defiance in the Western Cape . police were given a taste of their own purple dye when a protestor turned the hose on them during a march in Cape Town on Saturday and, right, Stellenbosch workers and students showed their anger at Security Force behaviour on Monday. Police broke up both protests

Pictures: ROGER MEINTJIES and ERIC MILLER, Afrapix

Factories halt as E Cape workers stay out

By LOUISE FLANAGAN, KAREN EVANS and BEVERLEY GARSON

THE widespread resistance to the elections in the Eastern Cape has been met by an equally widespread crackdown

Factories ground to a halt as thousands of workers stayed at home in protest, activists were detained, meetings banned and polling booths deserted

In Port Elizabeth, a work stayaway culminated in a church service in St Augustine's Cathedral attended by thousands and closely watched by police. The service, which went off without incident, was the only mass democratic movement meeting in Port Elizabeth over the election period that wasn't banned

A student rally planned to unban student organisations was itself banned before it started

A Northern Areas Youth Congress and National Union of Metalworkers of South African (Numsa) rally was restricted to workers only The rally was to discuss the problems at the local Eveready factory, where 800 people were dismissed Marching workers were dispersed by police

Another rally organised by the Congress of South African Trade Unions and Numsa, intended to be a report-back on the workers' summit, was also restricted to workers only

Four people were arrested and police took action when they ordered crowds to disperse

Shortly before the elections began, Labour Party posters were ripped down and police dispersed a group that marched on polling booths

In Grahamstown, there was also a virtual total work stayaway and police confirmed that five people were detained

Those detained were Edgar "KK" Papiyana, Elijah Ntentile, Tembinkosi Ngeleza, David Sandi and Zalisile Mkhontwana

Journalist Peter Auf der Heyde was banned from the Grahamstown's Rhini township for 24 hours in terms of Section 9 of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act of 1945

Police also banned an election day meeting organised by the Grahamstown Soccer Association Journalists were told they would be detained under the Emergency regulations if they entered the township

Two clergymen were held over the weekend Reverend Lulama Ntsingwa of Stutterheim and Reverend Zolile Mkentane of Adelaide were both part of the churches Standing for the Truth campaign

East London was quiet over the election period The Chamber of Commerce estimated that up to 60 percent of workers stayed at home

A schools boycott in the East London area followed police disruption of student defiance marches last week — Elnews

Power to the purples in the watery wars

GRAFFITI artists were quick to respond to Saturday's events in the heart of Cape Town. An Observatory wall now bears the legend: "The purple shall govern."

But Democratic Party workers were even quicker. In a deserted Burg Street, its mauve-tinted buildings testimony to the panic which had prevailed only hours before, they hoisted posters saying: "Nat policies cause conflict. Vote DP."

I did not see the police water-cannon, pumping powerful jets of purple water, inch its way down Burg Street towards defiant figures kneeling in its path.

I had been arrested minutes before, after watching police plunge, whips and batons flailing, into a column of several hundred marchers making their way past St George's Cathedral

Along with the 51 other journalists, television crew members and photographers eventually rounded up by police that morning, I spent the several hours in a police recreation hall.

As journalists were brought in, they gave eye-witness accounts of events.

Drenched in purple dye, Visnews cameraman Jimi Matthews described events in Burg Street, where hundreds of marchers faced the water cannon before being routed with teargas and pursued by sjambok-wielding police.

He described how a young white protester leapt atop the water-cannon and directed the nozzle away from the marchers, drenching instead the building housing the National Party's headquarters.

We learned how police had first dispersed a group of marchers making their way from District Six before taking action against those marching past St George's Cathedral and those in Burg Street, two blocks away.

Later we heard how, after the Burg Street rout, people fled for the sanctuary of St George's Cathedral where Archbishop Desmond Tutu led a service.

When he asked worshippers to show him what they had in their hands, they shouted "nothing".

"Why are they so scared of empty hands?" Tutu asked

Gaye Davis

TIC meeting on brutality

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

A Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC) meeting to protest against alleged police brutality in the Indian township of Laudium near Pretoria on election day, has been called for tonight, TIC spokesman Mr Ismail Momoniat said yesterday.

This followed the banning under the emergency regulations of a similar meeting scheduled for Friday last week.

Mr Momoniat said the TIC was considering legal action against the police, who, he claimed, had on Wednesday last week teargassed and sjambokked anti-election demonstrators in the township.

He said police had given demonstrators an undertaking that no action would be taken against them as they awaited the release of 14 protesters who had been arrested earlier.

At tonight's meeting, affidavits would be taken from people injured in the incident and others who had witnessed the event, Mr Momoniat said.

The meeting would start at 8 pm at the Seva Samaj Hall, Laudium.

Mr Momoniat and a TIC organiser in Laudium, who did not want to be named, related Wednesday's incident.

They said 14 people had been arrested after picketing at the polling station in Maxell Street. The police told the remaining TIC supporters that no action would be taken against them while they waited at the Jewel Street Mosque for the release of the 14 people.

Police said the 14 would be released at about 9 pm

However, riot police surrounded the mosque at about 9.45 pm and teargassed and sjambokked the people who were displaying banners such as "This is a peaceful demonstration", "Don't shoot" and "Don't detain".

The two TIC spokesmen claimed that about 46 people had been severely injured.

Police said last week action had been taken after policemen had been stoned.

Police discreet at Biko service

CNL Trials 13/9/89

JOHANNESBURG — Police remained in the background yesterday as about 200 people gathered at Soweto's Regina Mundi Church to mark the 12th anniversary of the death in detention of Mr Steve Biko.

As the Azapo supporters chanted, sang and toyi-toyied, police in plainclothes circled about outside.

At one point three security policemen entered the church but soon retreated from hisses.

The commemoration took place as confusion reigned over a stayaway called by the Black Consciousness Movement, the Pan Africanist Movement and the National Council of Trade Unions but not backed by Cosatu and the Mass Democratic Movement.

In Maritzburg, the anniversary was commemorated by a memorial meeting at the Federal Theological Seminary in Imbali, and a Black Sash demonstration. — Sapa

Teleletters

THE intention of the new mayor, Mr Gordon Oliver, to join a pro-

test march continued to be a topic

the most urgent problem was inflation, which could reach 4 000% a year if nothing was done.

Students end boycott

JOHANNESBURG. — University of the North students ended their class boycott this week following desperate talks by community leaders with students and university officials.

Jhb march 'to go ahead'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A protest march scheduled for noon today in central Johannesburg will take place in spite of Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetzee deferring a decision whether to allow it or not till this morning, SA Council of Churches general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said in a statement yesterday.

Mr Chikane said president-elect Mr F W de Klerk and Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok had been informed of the intended procession.

He said the march would proceed from St Mary's Cathedral to John Vorster Square, where a memorandum to be given to Mr Vlok would be handed over to police.

Sapa reports that about 2 000 students, academics, clerics, workers and members of the Grahamstown community held a protest march in the city yesterday. A Grahamstown magistrate granted permission for the march.

Next step: March today on John Vorster

TWO protest marches are to take place in Johannesburg and Pretoria following this week's massive Cape Town demonstration.

In Johannesburg today protesters will march to John Vorster Square police station in solidarity with the Western Cape victims killed during clashes with police last week.

The march is to be led by prominent leaders of the Mass Democratic Movement and church leaders, possibly including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Dr Allan Boesak.

Today's march is part of the MDM's ongoing defiance campaign. It will begin at St Mary's Cathedral after a prayer service and proceed to John Vorster Square police station.

The march will be joined by the mayors of Sandton and Midrand together with their councillors.

A pamphlet distributed in Johannesburg said the "MDM calls on the people to support the march to protest against the killings. Join the peaceful march against police brutality".

And in Pretoria today, members of the National Association of Democratic Lawyers, doctors, academics and students will demonstrate in Paul Kruger Square during lunch-hour.

According to the organisers, "this will be a peaceful demonstration in solidarity with our people in the Western Cape and to demand a stop to police brutality.

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"Our peaceful demonstration would also be to demand: the lifting of the State of Emergency; the release of Nelson Mandela and all political prisoners; the stopping of death penalty; the unbanning of the African National Congress and all other political organisations."

Meanwhile, Grahamstown's High Street was yesterday filled with a chanting and signing mass of about 2 500 people when students, academics, clerics, workers and community organisations marched through the city centre.

The march, the biggest in the history of the city, was a protest against apartheid laws, election night deaths and the detention of a student and worker from Rhodes University.

Permission for the march had been granted on condition that only two banners were displayed and that placards were not allowed. There was no police presence, though Security Police monitored the march with a mobile video unit.

Members of the delegation were given flowers by the police, which they carried for the rest of the march and later laid them on an African National Congress flag on the lawn outside the Rhodes Chapel, where the march ended.

● Next Saturday a march similar to that of the 20 000 women who converged on Pretoria 33 years ago will be staged by 18 extra-parliamentary organisations.

Under the banner "Women Against Repression", the groups will march to the Union Buildings as a peaceful protest against apartheid.

They will demand: the lifting of the State of Emergency, the unbanning of organisations, the release of political prisoners and detainees, the return of exiles, freedom of expression, the right to peaceful protest, the dismantling of apartheid and the withdrawal of troops from the townships.

Biko Day stayaway is almost unheeded

15-8/9/89.

By CASSANDRA MOODLEY

WORKER unity appeared to be strained this week when a reported call for a stayaway on September 12, Biko Day, went virtually unheeded

However, union leaders insist that despite confusion regarding action on Biko Day, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) remain committed to the unity of workers.

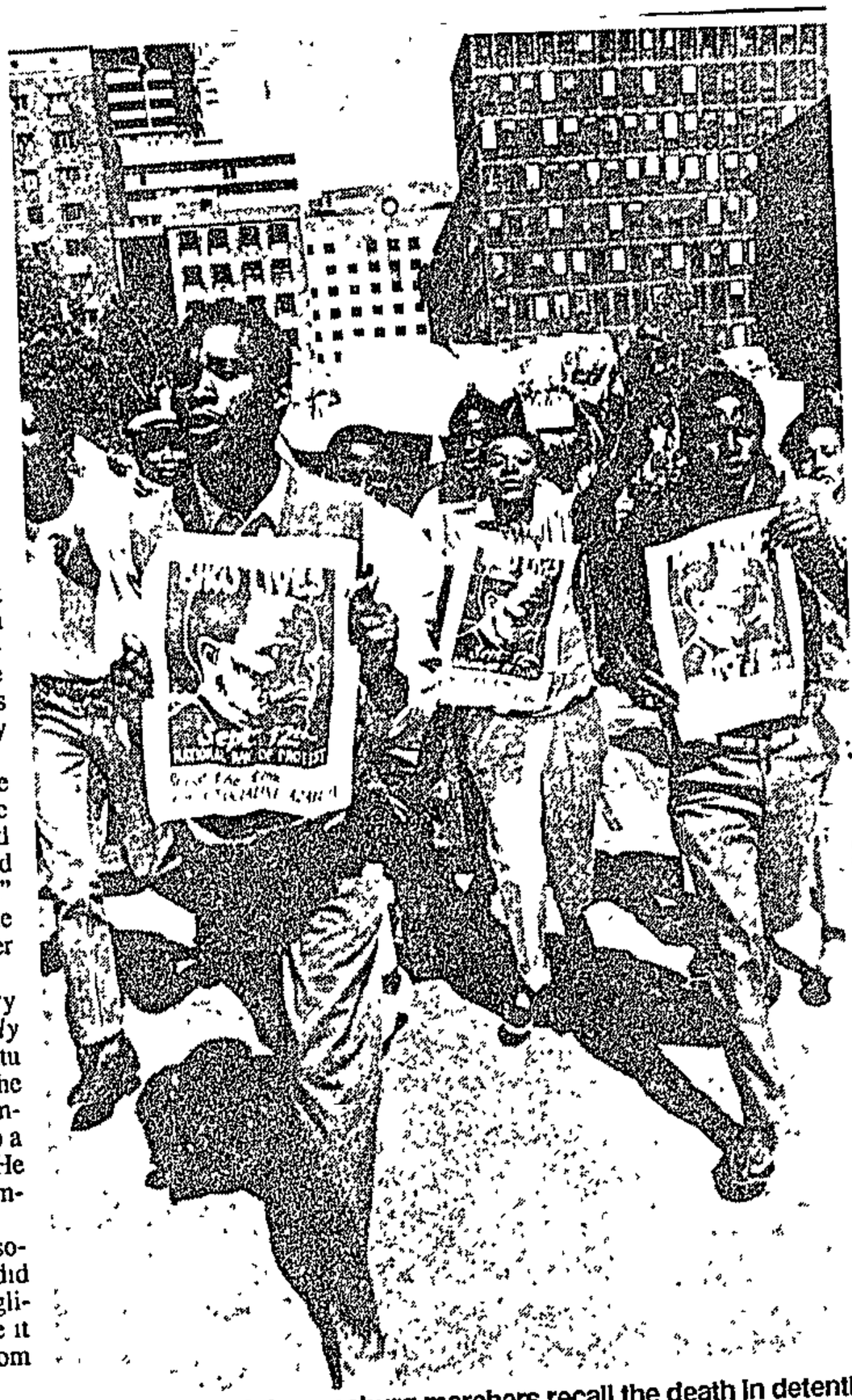
In a press statement released at the beginning of the month, Nactu, the black consciousness movement and the Pan Africanist Movement called for a day of "national protest action" to mark the 12th anniversary of the death in detention of political leader Steve Biko.

However, Nactu general secretary Piroshaw Camay told the *Weekly Mail* that at the meeting with Cosatu last Friday — held to evaluate the success of the stayaway on September 5 and 6 — they did not agree to a stayaway call for September 12. He said it was decided that protest demonstrations would be held instead

A Nactu official said there were isolated incidents where workers did stay away but the number was negligible because the confusion made it difficult to obtain a mandate from workers.

A stayaway was reported at some schools in Port Elizabeth. The report added that the Port Elizabeth Student's Committee disassociated itself from the stayaway which was called "in the name of the mass democratic movement by Nactu and the BC groupings to mark the 12th anniversary of the death of Steve Biko".

Meanwhile, Cosatu said in a statement this week that the decision, taken at last month's workers' summit, to boycott white businesses and stage protests against overtime had been postponed to September 22.



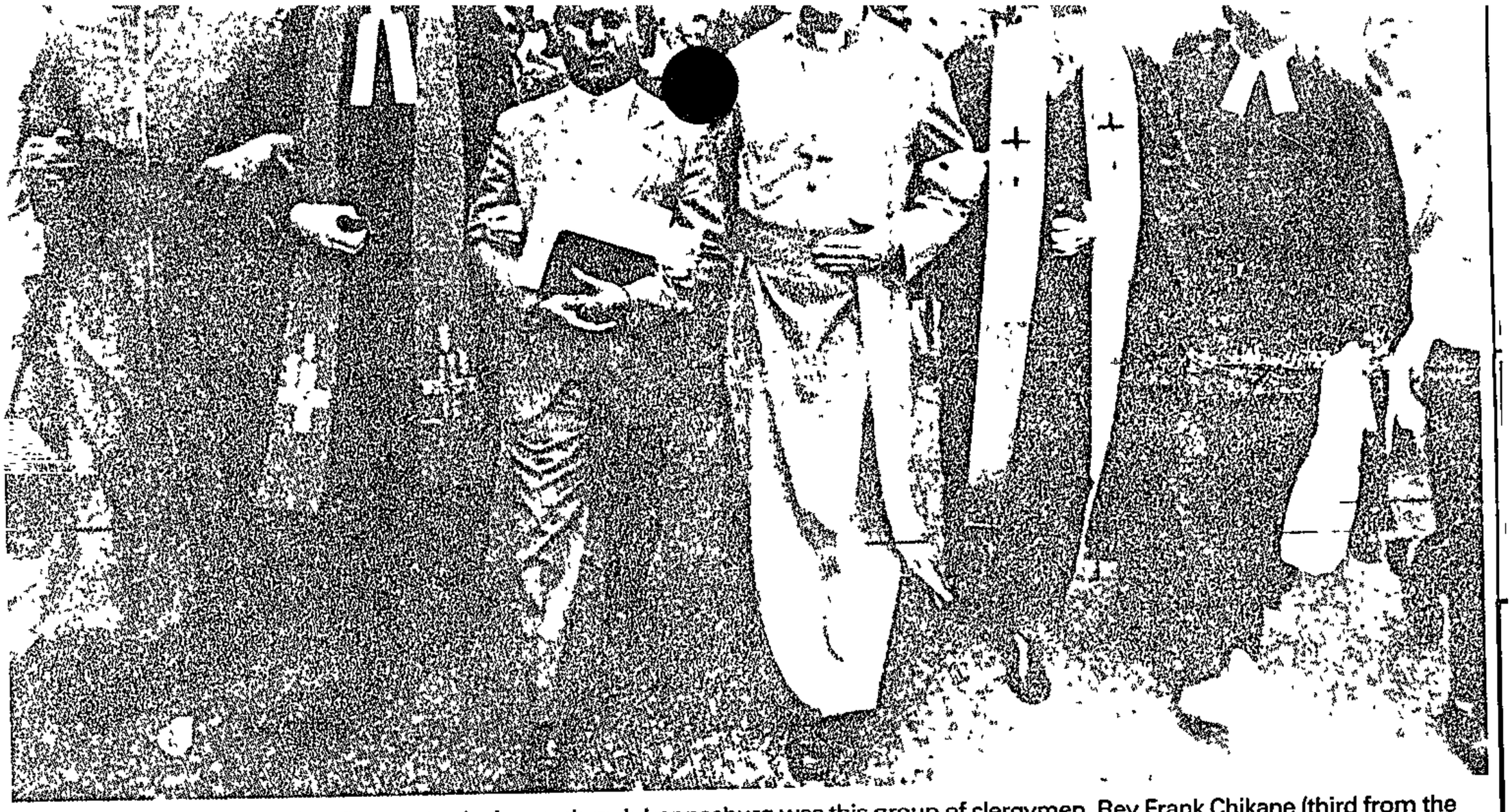
Not forgotten: Johannesburg marchers recall the death in detention 12 years ago of Steve Biko Picture: STEVE HILTON-BARBER, Afrapix

●The 12th anniversary of Biko's death was commemorated on Tuesday at venues around the country.

On Monday, about 200 BCM supporters staged a placard demonstration in Johannesburg. The demonstration was aimed at observing Biko Day and continuing the campaign against the Labour Relations Amendment Act.

The demonstrators marched to the Kerk Street and Simmonds Street branches of First National Bank to protest against the bank's sponsorship of the international rugby tour.

Police armed with batons ordered the demonstrators to disperse in terms of the Emergency regulations. One demonstrator was arrested but later released, said a BCM representative.



MARCH LEADERS . . . Leading yesterday's march in Johannesburg was this group of clergymen. Rev Frank Chikane (third from the left) is flanked by Bishop Peter Storey of the Methodist Church (left) and Bishop Duncan Buchanan, the Bishop of Johannesburg.

Thousands join Joburg march

From RIAAN SMIT

JOHANNESBURG. — A hard core of about 8 000 people yesterday took part in a colourful protest march in central Johannesburg against election-night killings in the Cape Peninsula.

Police estimated, however, that the crowd later swelled to between 15 000 and 18 000.

After the 50-minute, four-kilometre march from St Mary's Cathedral to John Vorster Square police station to hand over a memorandum for Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, SA Council of Churches general-secretary the Rev Frank Chikane hailed the event as "a great day for us and a victory for peace".

He said at a press conference after the march it was important for President F W de Klerk to give credit to peaceful protest in order for people to see that peaceful protest did work.

Permission for the march was granted by Johannesburg's acting Chief Magistrate, Mr Pieter Theron, only when a church service at St Mary's, which started at 12 15pm and preceded the march, was well under way.

Mr Chikane said permission from the magistrate was not asked for.

"We wrote to the State President's Office informing it of the protest march so that (allowing the march) would be a political decision," he said.

The service was "in solidarity with our people in Cape Town who have been harassed, brutalised, detained and murdered by security forces over the past weeks", said a leaflet handed out at St Mary's.

The procession, which left St Mary's for John Vorster Square at 1.10pm, brought traffic in central Johannesburg to a standstill

Marshalls halted the procession about 75 metres from the main entrance to John Vorster police station, from where Mr Chi-

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Is Winnie back in the fold?

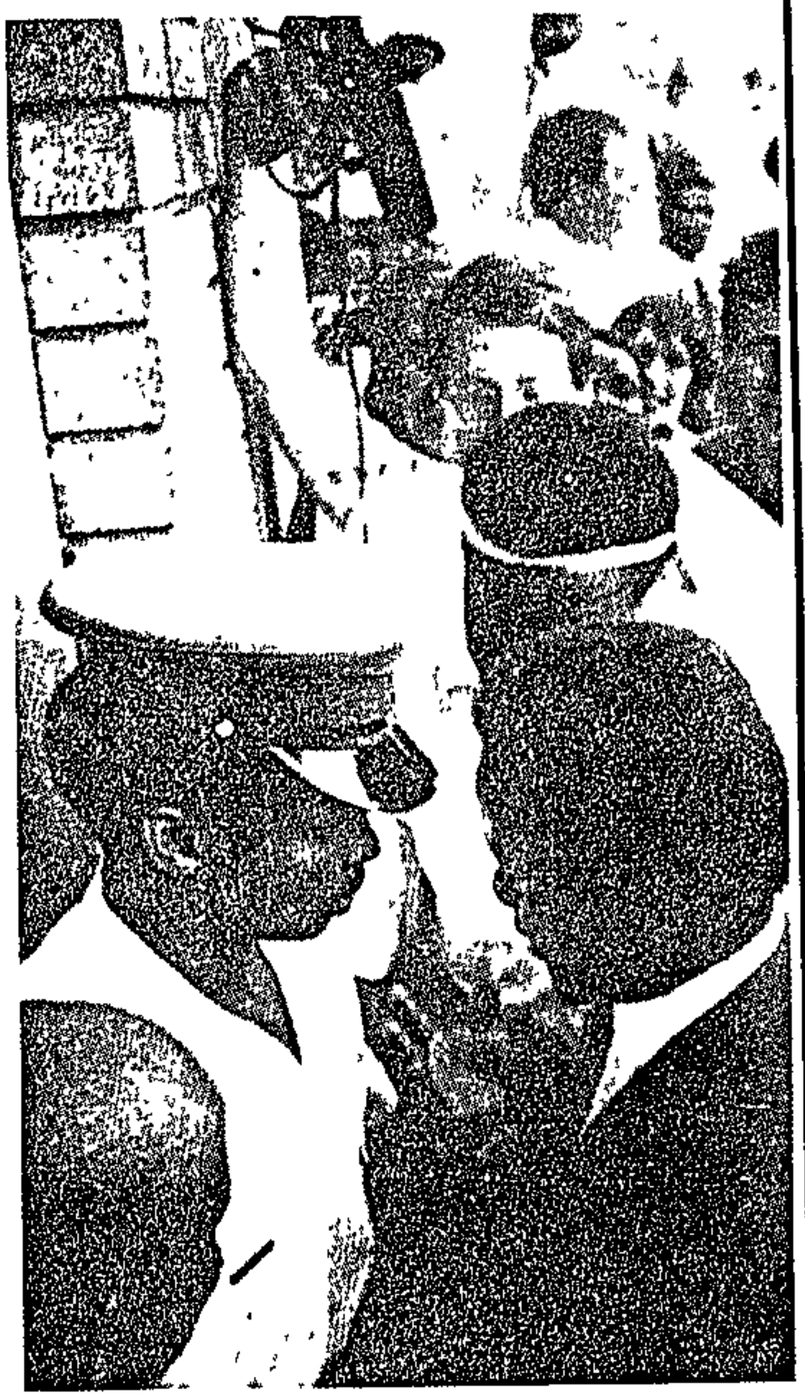
Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela, ushered to a front-row seat next to the Rev Beyers Naude for the church service in St Mary's Cathedral preceding the Johannesburg protest march yesterday, seems set for rehabilitation by the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM).

She was snubbed in April after allegations about the involvement of members of the Mandela United Football Club in the murder of child activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei.

But SA Council of Churches general-secretary Mr Frank Chikane was keeping mum on the question of her reinstatement as "mother of the nation" yesterday.

Asked at a press conference after the march whether the seating arrangement meant Mrs Mandela had been fully accepted back, he said: "I do not think I want to answer that question. It is not relevant."



AT JOHN VORSTER SQ . . . Rev Frank Chikane is confronted by a policeman at the entrance to John Vorster Square police station.

Toyi-toyi around Paul Kruger's statue

PRETORIA. — Church Square, a shrine to Afrikaner nationalism, was the scene of an anti-apartheid protest by 1 000 people yesterday.

The event, around the statue of Paul Kruger, went off without a hitch.

At one stage police led away two white men, to cheers from the crowd.

The demonstration started shortly before 1pm with a crowd of about 600 chanting, ululating, placard-waving protesters rhythmically dancing the toyi-toyi around Paul Kruger's statue in the centre of the square.

Scores of policemen and hundreds of members of the public, as well as a large contingent of local and international journalists and diplomats, looked on

Led by clerics, the procession soon swelled to about 1 000. There were no incidents in the biggest demonstration in Pretoria in decades

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kane and Bishop Peter Storey proceeded to the entrance.

Mr Chikane was allowed into a reception cubicle where he shook hands with station commander Lieutenant Colonel Japie Basson and handed him the three-page memorandum.

The memorandum said in part: "Your government under President F W de Klerk is saying that it is ready for change. We believe that if this is the case, it must address itself to the basic demands that the majority of South Africans place before it.

"These demands, if met, would significantly move South Africa in the direction of freedom, peace and prosperity for all its people.

"We want: Freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom to choose our government.

"To this end, the government must: Lift the state of emergency, unban the people's organisations, lift restrictions on all our compatriots ... release our leaders and all political prisoners, end all political executions, remove all its troops from the townships and repeal all repressive and discriminatory legislation."

While Mr Chikane was in the police station, a red hammer-and-sickle Soviet flag was unfurled next to a flag of the ANC near the front of the procession.

Mr Chikane, using a loudhailer, urged the marchers to disperse peacefully and said anyone who did not do so would be regarded as part of the enemy.

The marchers dispersed after Bishop Storey read a prayer and Nkosi Sikelel i'Afrika was sung.

The only incident happened at John Vorster Square when a drunk hobo pelted a police video-unit minibus at the head of the procession with eggs. Marshalls quickly escorted him away from the scene, where he held his own incoherent press conference.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said no incidents were reported to police.

● In Keiskammahoek a student protest march against last week's general election and the homelands structure was allowed to proceed by Ciskei police.

● In Port Elizabeth more than 100 lawyers carrying placards protested on Market Square yesterday against the Peninsula deaths, the murder of Swapo member Mr Anton Lubowski and the detention of Mr Willie Hofmeyr and Mr B Ngcukana.

Reservist's placard puzzles protesters

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A placard bearing the words "Police Against Police Abuse" baffled many marchers and onlookers during the protest march in Johannesburg yesterday.

It was carried throughout the march by a white former police constable and presently active police reservist, Mr Philip Botha.

He said he was making a stand in solidarity with other policemen, such as Lieutenant Gregory Rockman in Mitchells Plain, who believed abuse of power played no role in maintaining law and order.

"Not everybody in the SAP are devils. There are many of us who feel strongly about violent abuses," Mr Botha said.

Mr Botha, a copywriter for a Johannesburg advertising agency, was a full-time member of the police in 1982 and 1983 and said he has done annual camps as a reservist since he left the service.

He would like to continue serving as a reservist, "if (the SAP) will still have me", he said.

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Thousands of people march against apartheid through Johannesburg.

Massive display of 'people's power'

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — In a massive display of "people's power" thousands in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Port Elizabeth have conducted protests along the lines of that held in Cape Town on Wednesday.

In Johannesburg 25 000 marched on John Vorster Square, the police headquarters, to present a memorandum protesting against alleged police brutality.

The Rev Frank Chikane, general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, who handed the memorandum to the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Japie Basson, said he believed the crowd in Johannesburg was bigger than that in Cape Town.

Bishop Duncan Buchanan of Johannesburg summed up the mood of the crowd when he said earlier: "We refuse to be pushed around by a minority of a minority to support a violent and godless ideology."

In Pretoria about 700 people gathered at lunch-time around the base of Paul Kruger's statue on Church Square.

The anti-apartheid picket, which lasted 40 minutes, ended when the crowd dispersed voluntarily in Church Street.

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Bishop Richard Kraft and Dean Robin Briggs of the Anglican Church waited until the protesters left Church Square, then thanked a riot policeman because the police kept in the background.

Several people climbed up the statue to stand at Paul Kruger's feet while leading the singing.

Many people were carrying placards protesting against the death penalty, detention without trial, brutality and apartheid.

Some placards remembered slain Swapo official Anton Lubowski and black-consciousness leader Steve Biko and others said: "We are longing to see our comrades in exile"..."Rockwell rock them" and "Stop racist transport."

The protesters spent 40 minutes dancing the *toyi-toyi* and singing freedom songs.

Bishop Kraft told the crowd that the protest was a victory for the people and for the police. "This is what we want — peace and justice," he told said.

Diplomats from several countries, including the Australian Ambassador, Mr Colin MacDonald, monitored the protest.

About 100 uniformed and plainclothes policemen were also there, but kept to the back of the crowd.

The protesters cheered the police when they removed a man who wrested from a protester a placard which said: "Detain apartheid."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Justice confirmed that the protest, organised by the National Association of Democratic Lawyers, was sanctioned by the government.

In Port Elizabeth more than 100 placard-bearing anti-apartheid lawyers — mostly members of association — formed a chain on Market Square at lunchtime.

Police hurt at funeral

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Sunday Times Reporter

FOUR policemen were injured when mourners in a Soweto funeral procession stoned and fired shots at them, a police spokesman said last night.

Pretoria police liaison officer Colonel Chris Crafford said: "The Riot Squad confronted about 600 people marching with Soviet and ANC flags in Jabulani at about 3pm yesterday.

"Members of the crowd stoned and fired several rounds at police, four of whom were slightly injured."

After the crowd became more aggressive and stoned the policemen again, the squad was instructed to use firearms to disperse them, Col Crafford said.

"It is not known if anyone in the crowd was injured."

A case of public violence was being investigated, he added.

Right-wing protest

AWB, BVB to hold rallies on 'misuse of monuments'

TWO right-wing movements, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and the Boere Vryheidsbeweging, have announced plans to hold mass rallies in Pretoria this Saturday, to protest the "misuse of Afrikaner monuments".

The leader of the AWB, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, said yesterday that his organisation would apply for permission today to hold a rally on Church Square, to protest against the misuse of Afrikaner monuments and properties by people who "intended them to disappear in a so-called new South Africa".

About 1 000 protesters, mainly black, held a lively but peaceful protest meeting on Church Square last week.

The only police action in connection with the meeting was the restraining of a few white men who confronted black protesters. They were led away by police to cheers from the protesters.

Mr Terre'Blanche said those organisations participating in the rally would be representative of all conservative white South Africans.

In a separate announcement, BVB secretary Mr Jan Groenewald said in a statement that his organisation is to hold a march through Pretoria and a meeting on Church Square this Saturday to protest "the violation of folk symbols by demonstrators".

He also stated that the BVB would give its support to the police in their "struggle to maintain law and order in difficult times".

Mr Groenewald said the meeting should be seen as a "folk gathering" and that "fellow movements" were invited to attend.

He said the meeting will start at midday on Church Square and then move to police offices, where messages and letters will be handed to the commissioner of police and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Mr Groenewald said that by their latest actions, the authorities were taking sides with the forces which ridiculed and provoked the police and were preparing the way for the ANC to take over the country.

In Durban, it has been announced that no permission will be sought by the Mass Democratic Movement to hold a "freedom march", to be led by Archbishop Denis Hurley, through the Durban city centre this Friday.

The proceedings will begin with an inter-faith prayer service, conducted by Archbishop Hurley and Jewish, Muslim and Hindu leaders, at the Emmanuel Cathedral.

In reaction, Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet warned that unless permission to march was obtained from the Department of Justice, the march would be illegal.

"The marchers can protest about anything they like. All the police are concerned about is that the march is legal and peaceful," Brig Mellet said.

The mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, asked if he would join the march, as Cape Town mayor Mr Gordon Oliver had done last week, said: "I certainly do not believe it is a mayor's function to join freedom marches."

He said he used his position to "make changes".

● Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, said this week that anti-apartheid protests on segregated beaches will be resumed at the end of the month.

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One dies, one hurt as house torched

PRETORIA. — One youth was killed and another injured after a group set fire to a private home at Pata, Edendale.

According to the police unrest report, the youth was killed by the mob. Police dispersed the group with a round of shotgun fire and arrested a man.

Other incidents in the unrest report included stone-throwing in Zone 1, Pimville, Soweto. Stones were thrown at police vehicles and residents. Tearsmoke was used to disperse the mob.

Six people were killed in a faction fight at the squatter settlement of Siyanda, near KwaMashu, Durban, on Sunday.

In Mpumalanga, halfway between Maritzburg and Durban, Luck Ngubane, 14, was stabbed to death at the weekend. Mr Lati Sibisi, 32, was shot dead by unkown people.

In a separate incident on Sunday a handgrenade was thrown at a private house in Soweto. No casualties were reported. — Sapa

Showdown over AWB, BFM rallies?

Cape Times 19/9/89 (978)

PRETORIA. — A showdown is looming between far-right organisations on Saturday as the AWB and disaffected former AWB leaders plan to hold rival rallies on Church Square in Pretoria on that day.

The AWB has announced it will hold a rally at 10am, while the Boer Freedom Movement — founded by former senior AWB men — says it will hold a rally on the Square at 11.59am.

Ironically, the "broedertwis" was sparked by last week's protest march on Church Square by 1 000 blacks.

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche said the AWB rally was being organised to protest against the misuse of traditional Afrikaner monuments and properties by people who "intended them to disappear in a so-called new South Africa".

The Boer Freedom Movement — founded by AWB leaders, including deputy leader Mr Jan Groenewald, who severed their ties with the AWB in the wake of the Jani Allen-Paardekraal affair — said its meeting would protest against black protesters' "desecration" of Church Square.

It denied the meeting was being organised in conjunction with the AWB, and said the AWB had announced its rally after the Boer Freedom Movement had, evidently to create confusion.

A women's march to the Union Buildings is also on the cards for Saturday.

Conservative leaders have slammed the government for sanctioning last week's protest rallies around the country. — Sapa

Police stop march by workers

SIPHO NGCOBO

RIOT police yesterday dispersed a march by about 1 500 Johannesburg General Hospital workers in central Johannesburg.

The workers, most of whom were members of the Cosatu-affiliated National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu), were trying to march to the Rand Supreme Court to attend the hearing of an application for an interdict to stop them demonstrating on hospital premises.

Police confirmed they stopped the march in terms of the emergency regulations and that they told the marchers the march was illegal until they had permission for it from a magistrate.

The workers had then turned back of their own accord, police said.

Ordered

A Nehawu spokesman said police armed with teargas cannisters and batons blocked the march.

He said journalists were ordered to one side but were not told to leave the scene.

The police spokesman said the situation differed from march to march and such decisions regarding journalists were up to the officer at the scene.

SAP policy was that journalists were only ordered to leave if the officer anticipated that teargas or other forms of violence might be deemed necessary.

The march was a sequel to a number of placard demonstrations on hospital premises by the workers against racially segregated health facilities and corruption which they alleged was prevalent among the hospital's personnel staff.

Hospital workers lawsuit must wait

JOHANNESBURG. — Some 1 500 Johannesburg Hospital workers will have to wait till November 7 to find out whether an interdict restricting them from industrial action is to be made permanent or set aside.

The case of Mr Jeaneth Mpenyane and others versus hospital superintendent Dr Reginald Broekmann received a brief hearing in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

The proceedings were a sequel to a temporary interdict granted to Dr Broekmann on August 18, restricting hospital employees from industrial action. Workers are challenging that interdict while the superintendent is seeking to have it made permanent.

About 200 workers in court to hear the postponement decision were the remnants of 1 500 who gathered on the premises of Johannesburg Hospital early yesterday morning in preparation for a march to the Rand Supreme Court, where they were to "meet head-on with their management", according to the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union.

But a kilometre from the hospital most of them were turned back by police, who said that till they had permission from a magistrate their march was illegal.

Protest marches for Joburg and Durban

A PEACEFUL protest march over detainees is to take place in Johannesburg today, while in Durban tomorrow at least five city councillors will join another peace march.

Students of the University of the Witwatersrand will hold a meeting and then march to the Hillbrow police station where a demand for the release of student detainee Mr Michael Avidan and lecturer Mr Wilhelm Liebenberg will be handed over.

A spokeswoman for the organisations involved — the Black Students' Society, the National Union of South African Students and others — stressed that the march would be peaceful.

The university administration has suspended lectures between 12 and 2pm

Tomorrow's Durban march will be preceded by an inter-faith prayer service led by Roman Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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30 000 to march in Pretoria

JOHANNESBURG. — A possible clash looms between right-wing white groups and a possible 30 000 women who plan to march to the Union Buildings in Pretoria on Saturday.

The organisers of the march — Women Against Repression (WAR) — hope that the march will be bigger than the historic march on August 9 1956, by about 20 000 women who opposed the National Party's extension of the pass system to African women.

Two right-wing groups, the Afrikaanse Bevrydings Beweging (AWB) and the Boere Vryheidsbeweging, plan a demonstration on Pretoria's Church Square in protest against the "desecration of Afrikaner monuments".

Amina Cachalia, a veteran of the 1956 march, said women had since "marched for decades and I think they're now tired".

WAR is a coalition of several anti-apartheid groupings and organisations which include the Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw), Black Sash, Cosatu Women, SACC Women, the South African Domestic Workers' Union, and the National Council of South African Women.

The women will congregate at St Albans Catholic Church in central Pretoria at 10am on Saturday for a short service and a briefing.

The march to the Union Buildings, about three kilometres away, will culminate in the presentation of a memorandum to President FW de Klerk.

A spokesperson for WAR, Sister Bernard Ncube, said the marchers would present demands for the release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners, the lifting of the state of emergency and the unbanning of political organisations.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and De Klerk have been notified that the march will take place.

Reacting to the planned march, Vlok said the police would be compelled to stop it if no permission was obtained from a magistrate.

Appeal to AWB over protest march

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Anglican Dean of Pretoria has appealed to the Afrikanerweerstandsbeweging not to destroy racial harmony during its planned protest meeting on Church Square.

"In other words, please do all you can to avoid anything which will inflame racially based anger or bitterness in the crowd," Dean Robin Briggs said in a statement issued here.

Dean Briggs participated in the peaceful protest picket, organised by the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (Nadel), on Church Square last Friday.

Monuments

The AWB has organised a protest meeting at the same venue on Saturday to object to the disgracing of "volk" monuments.

He further appealed to the AWB not to do or say anything that would cause Afrikaners or South Africans to be ashamed.

Dean Briggs said Church Square and Paul Kruger, "with his weaknesses and strengths, belonged to all South Africans and not only to white Afrikaner Christians — otherwise he has no right to be standing at the symbolic centre of our capital city".

Much anger among white South Africans appeared to be misdirected at the presence of large numbers of blacks in the country.

"To be angry about this fact of life is to be angry at God, who placed black and white (and many others) in this land to live together in glorious harmony.

"Be angry, very angry, rather against those teachers, ministers of religion and one-eyed politicians who for years have hidden this truth from us."

Women to march on Union Bldgs

JOHANNESBURG. — A group of women intend marching to the Union Buildings in Pretoria on Saturday.

The group — a temporary coalition of anti-apartheid groupings and organisations in South Africa which calls itself Women Against Repression — will present a memorandum appealing for peace in South Africa.

The group includes the Black Sash, Cosatu and the Five Freedoms Forum.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and President F W de Klerk have been notified that the march will take place. — Sapa

Flower power, peace signs and riot police at Wits protest

By Sue Valentine

To chants of "join us police, join us" and "this is a march, this is not a war," Wits students confronted about 20 policeman on the university steps leading to Jan Smuts Avenue yesterday afternoon for more than two hours before dispersing.

The peaceful protest was the second futile attempt yesterday by students to march to Hillbrow police station where they wished to lodge their demands that detained Wits students Mr Michael Avidan, Ms Ginger Payne and lecturer Mr Wilhelm Liebenberg be released.

The first march followed an "emergency assembly" on the university's library lawns at which student leaders from the Students Representative Council, the South African Students Congress, the South African Youth Congress and the Namibian National Students Organisation addressed a crowd of about 2 000 students.

They condemned the continued use of detentions without trial and other repressive measures which were being used despite the State President Mr F W de Klerk's promises of reform.

Cosatu general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo was also on the platform.

He told students that Mr de Klerk had to recognise that apartheid was irreconcilable with the principles of peace and justice.

"Mr de Klerk's five-year plan is a recipe for disaster as it still contains the foundation stones of apartheid," he said.

He said the mass defiance campaign had made apartheid unworkable, but the task was now to consolidate the space that had been created and to organise people at all levels in creating a new South Africa.

Peace, brother . . . in scenes reminiscent of the '60s, complete with "flower power" and peace signs, Wits students gesture to riot police on Jan Smuts Avenue after being prevented from marching to Hillbrow to protest about the detention of fellow students. ● Picture by Sean Woods.

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Following the speeches, the students headed for Jorissen Street where they were confronted by police in riot gear. The media were ordered from the scene, but after consultation between students and police the students agreed to return to campus to discuss their plan of action.

Gathered on the Great Hall steps, numerous students spoke of what action they believed should be taken next. The majority called for the march to continue in the spirit of the defiance campaign.

By a show of hands, students agreed to follow this path of action and this time they made for the Jan Smuts entrance to the campus.

Again police intervened and prevented the students from crossing Jan Smuts Avenue. It was agreed that the protest could continue but that the police would not permit them to move off campus.

Students stood or sat on the steps singing freedom songs

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Government moves to make protest organisers responsible for damages

Marchers May Be Held Liable

Political Staff

GOVERNMENT spokesmen warned today that march organisers would be held legally reponsible for damage that ensued.

Permission has been given by the chief magistrate of Durban, Mr Jakob Pienaar, for a march there today on condition that order is maintained.

In Pretoria today thousands of women plan to converge on the Union Buildings to deliver a memorandum to the State President

In Oudtshoorn today Dr Allan Boesak, civil rights lawyer Mr Essa Moosa, and University of Cape Town academic, Professor Charles Villa-Vicencio, are to take part in a protest march

Also due to march is the rector of the Peninsula Technikon, Mr Franklin Sonn

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, at a meeting of businessmen in Sandton today, is expected to give an indication of government plans to make march organisers legally responsible for any damage resulting

Outsiders blamed

It is understood that shop owners affected by yesterday's looting and violence in Maritzburg are considering legal action against the organisers to recover loses

However, the organisers of yesterday's march have rejected claims that people involved in the march were responsible for the violence and have blamed outsiders

The chief magistrate of Johannesburg, Mr O A de Meyer, today warned march organisers to seek permission early, saying all applications would be judged in the spirit of a statement issued by President de Klerk and other relevant considerations

He emphasised that permission from the City Council was also needed before he could consider requests for marches or other public gatherings prohibited in terms of security legislation

The law prohibiting open air meetings — Section 46(3) of the Internal Security Act — was still in force

Chief magistrates around the country are understood to have held discussions on the recent marches and are expected to issue a statement today on the legal limits under which they would issue permits

The Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, said in an interview that it remained up to the chief magistrates and not the government to decide whether protests were permitted

Until yesterday the government had been satisfied about the way recent protest marches had been conducted.

But he warned that if people looted, wrecked and destroyed it would have a bearing on the climate in which magistrates would take their decisions

The issuing of permits would have to take into account the broader interests of the security of the public, of commerce and even traffic

"They (organisers) have to keep their people in order"

In a statement last night Mr Coetsee warned organisers who claimed a democratic right to protest that they "have to do it within the law

The requirement that protest should conform to the law of the land was not just a South African phenomenon, it applied elsewhere

Government sources said today the police had opposed the issuing of a permit for yesterday's march because of the black on black violence in the area

The spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, advised organisers today to bear in mind that "gangsters, criminals and opportunists will use these marches to enrich themselves

"The organisers wil have to take responsibility for this."

The Oudtshoorn marchers will leave from the Roman Catholic Church, Bridgeton, and head for the Oudtshoorn municipal offices and then the police station, where petitions will be handed over

The one to the municipality will list the grievances of black and Coloured residents and the one to the police calls for a lifting of the state of emergency, the release of detainees and an end to police brutality

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'Varke' attack leaders

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SIX people who include a woman and executive members of the Brits Action Committee were seriously injured when they were attacked by a vigilante group known as the "Vark Squad" in Okasie near Brits on Sunday.

Mrs Nnah Shongwe, wife to Mr Mike Shongwe, public relations officer of the BAC, was shot three times at her house about 10pm on Sunday in a move believed to be a vendetta against political activists and residents opposing forced removal.

Her condition was yesterday described as satisfactory.

Shongwe said he and four other members of the BAC were injured when they were hacked with pangas and broken bottles by members of the "Vark Squad."

He alleged that most of whom were known to be former members of the BAC who were recently voted out of office.

"I am in great pain and have about 50 stitches throughout my body", said Shongwe. The others who were seriously injured in separate attacks since Monday are Mr Jonathan Mabilu, chairman of the BAC who was hit in the eye with a broken bottle, Mr Ronny Mndawe, Mr Maniki Masilela and Mr Simon Buthelezi.

A spokesman for the police yesterday said they were investigating charges of assault against certain people in Okasie. No arrests have been made.

Shongwe said certain members of the "Vark Squad" threatened to kill them when they found them at the Brits police station after laying charges.

"Although we do not know what sparked off this reign of terror, we suspect that these are actions by vigilantes against political activists and those who resist apartheid and forced removals to Okasie," said a resident who did not want his name published for fear of reprisals.

Women vow to march

PRETORIA. — Women marchers here last night vowed to defy a Supreme Court interdict prohibiting today's march to the Union Buildings, setting the scene for confrontation in the streets of Pretoria.

The temporary interdict was granted in the late afternoon by the Supreme Court in Pretoria to the government and the Minister of Justice

But in a defiant statement last night, a spokeswoman for Women Against Repression (WAR) Mrs Laura Pollecutt, said 'We believe it is our right to march in the quest for peace This right is not subject to the permission of authorities

"We confirm that the women will be marching as planned and call on all women to join us"

Security forces were expected to try to prevent prospective marchers from reaching the starting point of the march — St Alban's Cathedral in Schoeman Street — and even Pretoria, as soon as the order had been ratified

The route of the march, expected to attract at least 30 000 people has been planned to avoid Church and Strydom squares, where two right-wing organisations have been granted permission to hold protests

The government's application was the first indication of steps by government to deal with organisers of protests who refused to ask for official sanction It follows a warning to march organisers on Thursday by the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, that protests had to take place within the law This was reiterated yesterday by chief magistrates countrywide.

Counsel for the applicants, Mr Mac van der Merwe, SC, told the court the government regarded the march as an illegal event, and the march might become disorderly and chaotic

WAR was asked to postpone the march by a week, but this request had been refused, he said

The temporary interdict, granted earlier in the day, was ratified at 5 46pm after the temporary order — that the march would be illegal — was broadcast on numerous SABC radio stations

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Communist flags inhibit archbishop

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Archbishop Denis Hurley threatened to withdraw from yesterday's protest march and almost did not make his speech because of the presence of Communist Party flags.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban was one of the leaders of the march and permission was given by Durban's Chief Magistrate for the protest in his name.

The archbishop said two huge Communist Party flags had appeared at the front of the procession as it was nearing Durban's city hall

"I told the organisers I would pull out if they did not take the flags away It would be embarrassing if a picture was taken of me with that flag

"The people keep saying they don't want to live in a police state (but) I don't know one communist country that isn't a police state

"I know trade unions look upon communism as heroic because in South Africa the Communist Party was the first to organise a strike and also the first organisation to be banned but it just doesn't fit in with their objectives," he said.

Hunger striker released

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March vow

The order had also been telexed to lawyer Mr Krish Naidoo at 4.16pm.

A copy of the temporary order has also been posted at St Alban's Cathedral

Mrs Pollecutt said at a press conference in Johannesburg: "The government has long been aware of our intention to march and we fail to understand their last-minute attempt to stop the march"

WAR sent faxes informing the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and the President, Mr F W de Klerk, of the march on September 14

"All possible measures have been taken to ensure the peaceful nature of this march," she said.

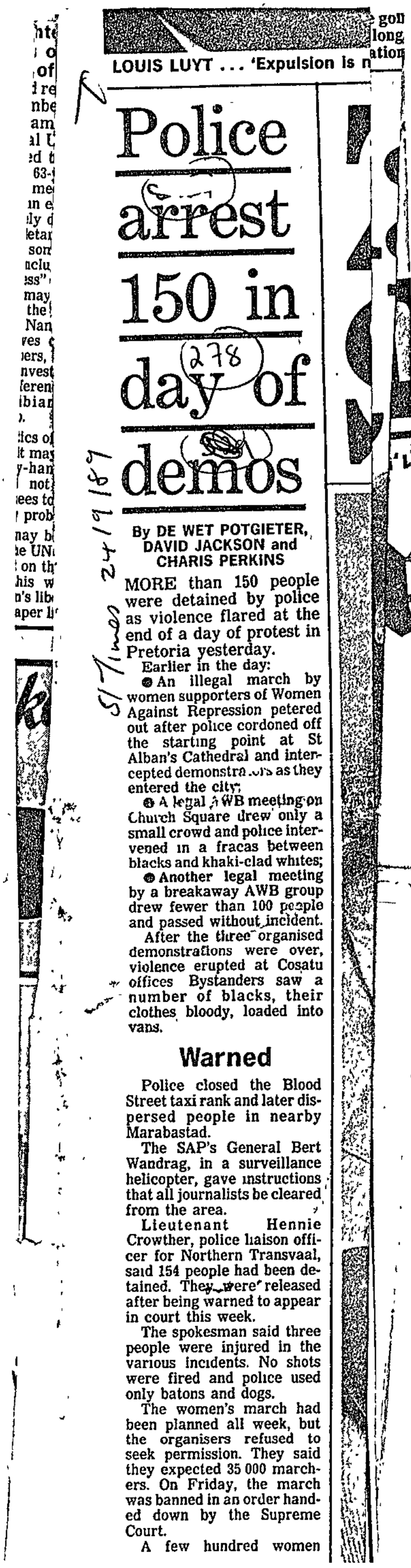
"We have liaised with Pretoria traffic authorities and the divisional commissioner of police Water tables, first-aid centres and emergency vehicles have been organised.

"Approximately 900 marshals will direct the marchers.

"The State President has recently said the door to a new South Africa is open. If this is his intention, why should the government try to prevent a women's march calling for a peaceful solution?" Mrs Pollecutt said.

● More than 20 000 protesters marched peacefully through the streets of Durban and congregated at the City Hall.

● The chief magistrate of King William's Town, Mr P J S Nell, gave the go-ahead for a protest march through the town's centre next Friday. — Sapa



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Police arrest 150 in (278) day of demos

By DE WET POTGIETER, DAVID JACKSON and CHARIS PERKINS

MORE than 150 people were detained by police as violence flared at the end of a day of protest in Pretoria yesterday.

Earlier in the day:

- An illegal march by women supporters of Women Against Repression petered out after police cordoned off the starting point at St Alban's Cathedral and intercepted demonstrators as they entered the city;
- A legal AWB meeting on Church Square drew only a small crowd and police intervened in a fracas between blacks and khaki-clad whites;
- Another legal meeting by a breakaway AWB group drew fewer than 100 people and passed without incident.

After the three organised demonstrations were over, violence erupted at Cosatu offices Bystanders saw a number of blacks, their clothes bloody, loaded into vans.

Warned

Police closed the Blood Street taxi rank and later dispersed people in nearby Marabastad.

The SAP's General Bert Wandrag, in a surveillance helicopter, gave instructions that all journalists be cleared from the area.

Lieutenant Hennie Crowther, police liaison officer for Northern Transvaal, said 154 people had been detained. They were released after being warned to appear in court this week.

The spokesman said three people were injured in the various incidents. No shots were fired and police used only batons and dogs.

The women's march had been planned all week, but the organisers refused to seek permission. They said they expected 35 000 marchers. On Friday, the march was banned in an order handed down by the Supreme Court.

A few hundred women

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PROTEST CLAMPDOWN

"Pretoria in state of near-siege"

Weekend Argus Reporter and Sapa

IN a major policy turn-about since Mr F W de Klerk's new open approach to public demonstration, the government clamped down hard on protest gatherings in Pretoria today.

The capital city went into a state of near-siege as conservative whites assembled on historic Church Square and groups of women tried to stage the mass protest march to the Union Buildings which was prohibited by court order yesterday.

The Square was closed off to all pedestrians in terms of the Internal Security Act, apparently to avoid open racial confrontation. By 10.30am no more blacks could be seen on the Square.

The closure came after a blatantly racist meeting by AWB supporters and after a number of scuffles had broken out Baton-waving policemen chased a number of blacks from the area

The AWB meeting ended shortly before another was due to be held by the Boer Freedom Movement. It effectively meant the BFM meeting could not be held, in spite of permission having been granted earlier by a magistrate.

At the start of the AWB proceedings, an organiser spelt out a drill to be applied should there be trouble — women and children were asked to congregate around Paul Kruger's statue in the centre of the Square, while the men were asked to form a protective circle around them.

"Defend ourselves"

"We are here peacefully, but will defend ourselves if necessary," said an organiser.

The leader of the AWB, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, told the crowd of about 400 that leftists were driving South Africa left.

"We again have an old Burgers as State President," he thundred, referring to Mr F W de Klerk and the liberal Thomas Burgers of the old ZAR who opposed Paul Kruger's policies.

If the government capitulated, the AWB would regain power with violence.

At 11am an organiser told the crowd the head of the security police had asked them to leave the terrain

After singing a folk song, the crowd dispersed. But members of the departing crowd chased three coloured spectators away.

Meanwhile, across town, policemen and traffic officials followed groups of women who found that police had cordoned of St Albans Cathedral with barbed wire Overhead, a police helicopter threw tight circles around the cathedral. The women were to have marched to the Union Buildings from the cathedral.

Police stopped at least one of the groups to take their names, in Van der Walt Street. The Union Buildings were also sealed off, and police asked a congregation of women in Church Street below the Union Buildings, to disperse.

The city was unusually busy as there were scores of cars filled with women, driving around Pretoria, trying to ascertain what to do in the confusion.

Police cars raced across the town, sirens blaring, one convoy sometimes passing another going in the other directiion.

Police also detained several television news crews and camera crews.

Meanwhile, police baton-charged women who congregated in Church Street below the Union Buildings and arrested "vanloads" of women.

The women went straight to the Union Buildings after police sealed of St Alban's Cathedral with barbed wire today. The women were to have marched to the Union Buildings from the cathedral.

A number of spectators were taken away in police trucks. Some put their fists through holes in the grill in black power salutes.

Court ruling

The police action followed the latest dramatic move by the Government to deal with protests — the use of the courts to get an interdict to prevent rather than banning it summarily in terms of the emergency regulations

The court ruling last night followed mass marches in Durban and Oudtshoorn earlier in the day which were peaceful.

Police set up roadblocks at entrances to Pretoria and turned back women who were travelling from Johannesburg to take part in today's planned women's march

The government and the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, yesterday obtained an urgent Supreme Court temporary interdict prohibiting the march, organised by Women Against Repression (WAR)

150 arrested in Pretoria's day of civil turmoil

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nevertheless turned up at the starting point.. There they were confronted by barbed wire cordons, waiting police and a helicopter overhead — with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in attendance.

Mr Vlok said the police were ensuring that the ruling of the Supreme Court was being upheld.

"We cannot allow people to break the law and defy the ban. All we're trying to do is prevent chaos and violence in the streets of Pretoria."

From early yesterday morning, police intercepted buses — one carrying Mrs Winnie Mandela — entering the capital.

Only a few hundred women finally made it to the centre of the city and, their march thwarted, about 600 assembled on the lawns below the Union Buildings where policemen gave them five minutes to disperse.

"We sang Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika — then the police moved in with their dogs and sjamboks," said a shaken participant.

Organisers said at least 10 people were arrested.

The AWB drew only a few hundred people to its Church Square demo.

But police had to intervene when a fracas developed between AWB supporters and curious black bystanders who had assembled to watch proceedings at Paul Kruger's statue, bedecked in swastika-like banners and posters reading "Smash the ANC".

There was almost a carnival atmosphere until a few whites responded to inflammatory oratory and advanced on blacks standing nearby.

After first calling for a peaceful meeting, Mr Piet Rudolph of the Boerevolkstaatsbeweging said there were people present "who are not members of the Boerevolk" and called on the police to remove them.

At this, black spectators moved back of their own accord and khaki-clad men directed racist remarks in their direction.

Then, as Mr Terre Blanche began his speech, a group of AWB supporters broke ranks and began chasing blacks out of the square.

About 50 blacks stood their ground, but police moved quickly to separate the two groups.

A policeman angrily ordered the AWB men to retreat, but there were isolated incidents of fisticuffs.

Police acted with restraint in a potentially explosive situation and managed to isolate troublemakers.

Order

As the AWB meeting ended, a police officer ordered Church Square closed to all pedestrians.

At this point the Boer Freedom Group (an offshoot of the AWB) arrived to begin a second meeting at noon. After consultation with a brigadier, the former deputy leader of the AWB, Mr Jan Groenewald, and his group were given access to the square.

The meeting, attended by no more than 100, passed off without incident.

HALTED!

Black arrests as rightwing hold protests

BY CHARLES MOGALE and SOL MORATHI

RACIAL tensions soared in Pretoria yesterday as police aborted a planned march by Women Against Repression (WAR) while two extreme rightwing rallies were allowed to take place.

By late yesterday, about 200 people were believed to be arrested.

Scores of blacks watching rightwingers from the wall surrounding Church Square were driven away in police vans.

Later, as the newly-formed Boere Vryheidsbeweging's rally was in progress, blacks were not allowed to come within a block of Church Square.

According to Sapa unrest flared, with at least one blood-spattered black being spotted in police custody at the corner of Bloed and Van der Walt Streets.

Dozens of police vehicles flocked to the scene and arrested scores of people, among them journalists

Throughout the morning, blacks were chased away from Church Square by police and armed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) members.

A policeman told a *City Press* team: "Bly ver van die plein af." (Keep away from the square.)

A number of blacks wearing T-shirts with anti-apartheid slogans were taken into custody by police near the square.

Late yesterday, WAR officials said about 200 people had been arrested. They are expected to appear in court today.

An urgent interdict on Friday prohibited the march

Yesterday small groups of the women were dispersed by police and some taken away in police vans.

The Union Buildings were also sealed off.

WAR spokesman Zeni Tshongweni yesterday condemned police action and the detention of blacks.

She said: "This action proves FW de Klerk is not a man of his word and can never be that. He is playing into the hands of the rightwing."

Police said they believed they had averted a

Clergy leading a march of thousands to the Durban City Hall on Friday. Thousands marched in Maritzburg on Thursday.

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pear in court tomorrow.

Inside the square, rightwingers sang and applauded AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and waved placards. One read: "Bevry Strydom, Hang Mandela."

Armed AWB Aquilla bodyguards attempted to storm curious blacks. The men, who said they wanted to chase away "the baboons", were held back by the police.

An AWB organiser whipped up his audience when he ordered that blacks be removed from walls surrounding the square.

From the early morning, the streets were teeming with armed police redirecting blacks to other routes to avoid the square.

In Schoeman Street, where the WAR march to the Union Buildings was due to start, cordons were set up and access to the St Alban's Anglican Church was refused.

Police roadblocks were set up at several points leading into the city, and buses carrying WAR members and supporters, among them Nelson Mandela's wife Winnie, were not allowed into town.

WAR refused to apply for permission to march.

serious confrontation by turning back buses with people trying to get into the city.

S'BU MNGADI reports thousands of people took to the streets in Durban and Maritzburg this week.

In Durban, more than 10 000 people marched on the Durban City Hall on Friday.

The march was led by Archbishop Denis Hurley, Bishop Stanley Mogoba, UDF co-president Archie Gumede, Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo, Bishop Michael Nuttall, Mewa Ramgobin and others.

Two ANC flags were hoisted on the city council's flagpoles. The pillars of the city hall were draped with a 10 metre ANC flag.

On Wednesday thousands of people marched through central Maritzburg.

Policemen photographed and videotaped the crowd from vantage points.

The march culminated in the official launch of the MDM's boycott of white shops and businesses in protest against the Labour Relations Act. The boycott will last until October 6.

March against apartheid halts Boksburg

MORE than 2 500 Reiger Park residents singing negro spirituals and freedom songs yesterday brought Boksburg to a standstill as they peacefully demonstrated against the CP-controlled town council and its re-imposition of petty apartheid.

As part of nation-wide mass democratic movement demonstrations, protesters marched along a police-co-ordinated route from Reiger Park township to the city centre.

Scores of banners were held aloft. Some read: "Boksburg, we demand one town, one town council" and "racism out, democracy in".

Hundreds of riot gear-clad police armed with shotguns stood aside as the marchers made their way past Boksburg Lake, which was the first facility closed to blacks when the CP took over the council last year.

As the crowd marched past police, they screamed "Rockman, Rockman", alluding to the Mitchells Plain policeman who has become a national hero to demonstrators.

When the crowd – shepherded by marshals wearing red headbands – arrived at Boksburg Civic Centre, hundreds of onlookers joined the throng.

After a statement was read out Rev Royce Meyer stuck a memorandum and a petition on the civic centre's doors.

Meyer told the crowd: "Nothing will stop us now. We have shown the world that we are part of the defiance campaign which seeks to bring us closer to freedom.

"We are united against apartheid, and in particular the Boksburg town council's crude assault on our dignity."

■ Documents in support of a court application demanding abolition of petty apartheid measures were served on the council this week by counsel for Reiger Park management committee chairman Butch Jantjes.

If settlement was not reached within about six weeks the matter would go to court, Jantjes' legal advisors said.

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WAR march: 139 in court today?

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A total of 139 people arrested in Pretoria on Saturday, when police prevented a Woman Against Repression (WAR) march from St Alban's Anglican Cathedral to the Union Buildings, were expected to appear in court today, a police directorate spokesman said yesterday.

Police said the particulars of those arrested were taken and they were released on own recognisance.

It was not clear how many women arrived to take part in the march, as police action prevented them from grouping at St Alban's and the Union Buildings.

Police manning a roadblock on the main route into Pretoria from Johanneburg told people in buses of a Supreme Court interdict banning the march, and asked them to turn back.

An entire city block in Schoeman Street outside St Alban's was cordoned off with two-metre barbed-wire coils to prevent marchers from entering the church for a service, which was scheduled to begin at 10am.

Police said they baton-charged a group who had "gathered illegally".

WAR, a coalition of about 30 organisations, had not asked for permission to stage the march and the Supreme Court, Pretoria, granted the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, an urgent interdict on Friday preventing it.

On Saturday, about 500 people attended an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) meeting and 200 an Afrikaner Volkswag meeting two blocks from St Alban's.

The gatherings, held to protest at the "desecration" of Church Square by about 2 000 mainly black protesters over a week ago, were sanctioned by the Pretoria chief magistrate.

● In Johannesburg yesterday about 60 hawkers and shop-owners, all members of the African Council of Hawkers and Informal Businesses (Achib), marched in celebration of the government's proposed scrapping of trading licences.

The informal-sector entrepreneurs, followed by traffic officers and riot police, marched about six blocks from Achib's offices in Jeppe Street and stopped in Harrison Street. On police request, march leaders produced a permit allowing the march, a police spokesman said.

The new proclamation on trade licences has been described as encouraging by Achib's president, Mr Lawrence Mavundla, but he said there were still laws that provided for the harassment and restriction of hawkers.

● And in Boksburg at the weekend, more than 2 500 Reiger Park residents singing freedom songs brought the town to a standstill as they peacefully demonstrated against the CP-controlled Town Council and the reimposition of petty apartheid as part of nationwide MDM demonstrations.

Hundreds of police in riot gear and armed with shotguns stood aside as the marchers wound their way past Boksburg Lake, which was the first facility closed to black residents when the CP took control of the council last

Activist: FW lied about negotiation

STOCKHOLM. — The State President, Mr F W de Klerk, was lying when he spoke of negotiation, South African anti-apartheid activist Mrs Audrey Coleman said in Sweden yesterday, and vowed that civil disobedience would continue.

She was reacting to the incident in Pretoria at the weekend in which police prevented Women Against Repression (WAR) from marching on the Union Buildings.

Mrs Coleman, who has been involved in various anti-apartheid organisations, was in Stockholm to participate in the "Free the Children From Apartheid" conference.

Mrs Coleman said: "This would have been the greatest march of women in the history of South Africa — we had hoped for 50 000 participants in the march to Pretoria. But the new president has shown that the talk about negotiation is a total lie. Our campaign of civil disobedience continues." — Sapa

Colour pictures by ADIL BRADLOW, black and white shots by ULLI MICHEL and RAYMOND PRESTON of REUTERS.

UNWELCOME ONLOOKERS . . . Police ask black onlookers to disperse after members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging demanded their removal from a central Pretoria square during a rally on Saturday.

AWB FURY . . . A supporter of the Afrikaner resistance movement AWB tussles with a black onlooker at the movement's rally in Pretoria's Church Square on Saturday.

SHOWING THEIR COLOURS . . . Khaki-clad AWB supporters wave their flag alongside the nazi swastika during a rally in Pretoria on Saturday.

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139 due to appear today

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By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

A total of 139 people are to appear in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court today in the wake of Saturday's violence at Church Square, the Union Buildings and in Church and Bloed streets.

They include members of the Women Against Repression coalition of 29 groups — organisers of a march on the Union Buildings which was banned — along with journalists, photographers, trade unionists, activists and members of the public.

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The incidents arose during a protest rally by the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), the Afrikaner Volkswag, the Boerestaat Party and the Vereniging van Oranjewerkers.

Speakers who took the rostrum at 9.45 am told "people who were not the Boerevolk" to leave the square.

AWB khaki-clad members hustled blacks off the grass verges, saying that the organisation had "hired the whole of Church Square". There was also swearing at the black spectators.

Whites who remonstrated with the right-wingers were told to mind their own business and white men were then seen to physically attack some blacks.

As Mr Eugene TerreBlanche, the leader of the AWB, was addressing the rally of about 200 supporters and nearly 1 000 spectators, police reinforcements were called for as fighting spilled down Church Street.

At 11 am police instructed the AWB to stop the rally.

200 bound for court after protest violence

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The Argus Correspondent

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They include members of the Women Against Repression coalition of 29 groups — organisers of a 35 000-strong march on the Union Buildings and which the government successfully stopped by appealing to the Supreme Court to ban it — journalists, photographers, trade unionists, activists and members of the public arrested in Church and Bloed streets.

All those arrested were released on their own recognisances on Saturday after their particulars were taken by police and told to report at the magistrate's court today.

A total of 154 people were held at Church Square and the Union Buildings and an unknown number outside Cosatu's Northern Transvaal's headquarters building in Bloed Street.

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SA Police take action outside Cosatu offices

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By McKeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

Police took action outside the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) offices after two right-wing protest meetings in Pretoria's Church Square and the abortive march to the Union Buildings by Women Against Repression (WAR) at the weekend.

Trouble started outside the Cosatu offices near the Bloed Street taxi rank after 1 pm when a group of union members was dispersed.

Witnesses to alleged assaults said a group of union members gathered outside the Cosatu office block.

They started chanting freedom songs when police arrived in several vehicles.

The witnesses said onlookers had gathered in front of the offices and a contingent of police arrived in a number of vans.

One of the victims said most of the union members had entered the office block when police took action.

People who had gathered outside the taxi ranks were ordered to leave, and when reporters arrived, crowds were dispersed.

All the taxis inside the ranks, and the commuters, were ordered out and the premises were occupied by three police vans.

Girl, 12, in dock with protesters

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PRETORIA. — Two people who were among 139 scheduled to appear in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday in connection with Saturday's protest were rearrested yesterday after a crowd began dancing and singing in the court complex.

Meanwhile, at a news conference in the Martyrs' Chapel of St Alban's Cathedral near the court, Women Against Repression (WAR) vowed to march again, undaunted by the police crushing of their attempt to march to the Union Buildings on Saturday.

WAR said they would again refuse to ask for permission for the march because peaceful protest was a democratic right.

Among the accused in court yesterday was a 12-year-old girl from Lenasia, who was arrested on Saturday and held for two hours before being released and warned to appear. Charges against her were dropped, however.

A total of 113 accused were warned to reappear on November 30.

Provisional warrants of arrest were issued against 25 who allegedly failed to appear.

Seven doctors, who are members of the National Medical and Dental Association, were among the people arrested on Saturday, as well as five journalists.

The accused went to the WAR news conference yesterday after their appearance in court to describe what they witnessed on Saturday, but their observations may not be published.

At the court yesterday a warning was directed at a crowd of 60 by police, who said they were contravening the Internal Security Act.

"You are not allowed to sing and dance. You will be arrested," police said.

A woman who led the singing and dancing was led away by police.

The two people who were rearrested yesterday were Ms Pamela Majodina and Mr Peter Lemalo.

In other developments yesterday:

● Police in East London said they would act where necessary in terms of the law during a march planned here tomorrow. A police spokesman said he would like to remind the organisers of the protest about the terms of the Internal Security Act which prohibited all open-air gatherings.

● In Pretoria, the leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treurnicht, urged the government to ban anti-apartheid protest marches, saying allowing them was playing into the hands of the ANC. — Sapa

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We will halt 'illegal' march again, police warn organisations

WAR women plan new marc

Pretoria Bureau and Political Correspondent

Women's organisations say they are planning a new march after police stopped last week's protest to the Union Buildings in Pretoria, but a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order has warned it will be halted again.

The organisations announced in Pretoria yesterday that a march would be held as soon as possible and that — as was the case for Saturday's march — permission to hold the gathering would not be sought.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok, warned: "Our policy is very clear. If the march is illegal, we will act."

Miss Zeni Tshongweni of the Transvaal Federation of Women, one of the 29 organisations which was to have marched under the banner of "Women Against Repression" (WAR), announced there had been an unanimous decision to organise a second march.

Not peaceful

Brigadier Mellet claimed that the march was not intended as a peaceful protest but to gain maximum publicity.

"The only way to do that is to defy the laws and get the police to react. Then the police come off sec-ond best. But we have no alternative but to act. Law and order must be maintained."

Yesterday's WAR press conference, held in the Martyrs' Chapel at St Alban's Anglican Ca- thedral in Pretoria, was attended by a number of men and women who claimed they had been assaulted or had been witnesses to Saturday's incidents at the Union Buildings and at Church Square.

A 12-year-old Lenasia girl, who was brought to the press conference by her parents, told how she had been arrested. The girl, who cannot be named in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act, appeared in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday with 102 other people arrested by police on Saturday.

Charges against her were withdrawn.

Two people detained on Saturday were yesterday re-arrested in the corridors of the Pretoria Magistrate's Court and allegedly assaulted after allegedly causing a public disturbance.

Mr Peter Lebelo and Ms Pamela Majodina are among 103 people who appeared before Mr W J Kriegler in connection with charges of unlawful gathering.

Their lawyer, Mr Steve Motingoe, told the magistrate that he was present during the arrest and his clients had instructed him to place on record that they were assaulted.

The two were warned to appear again on November 30 to face charges.

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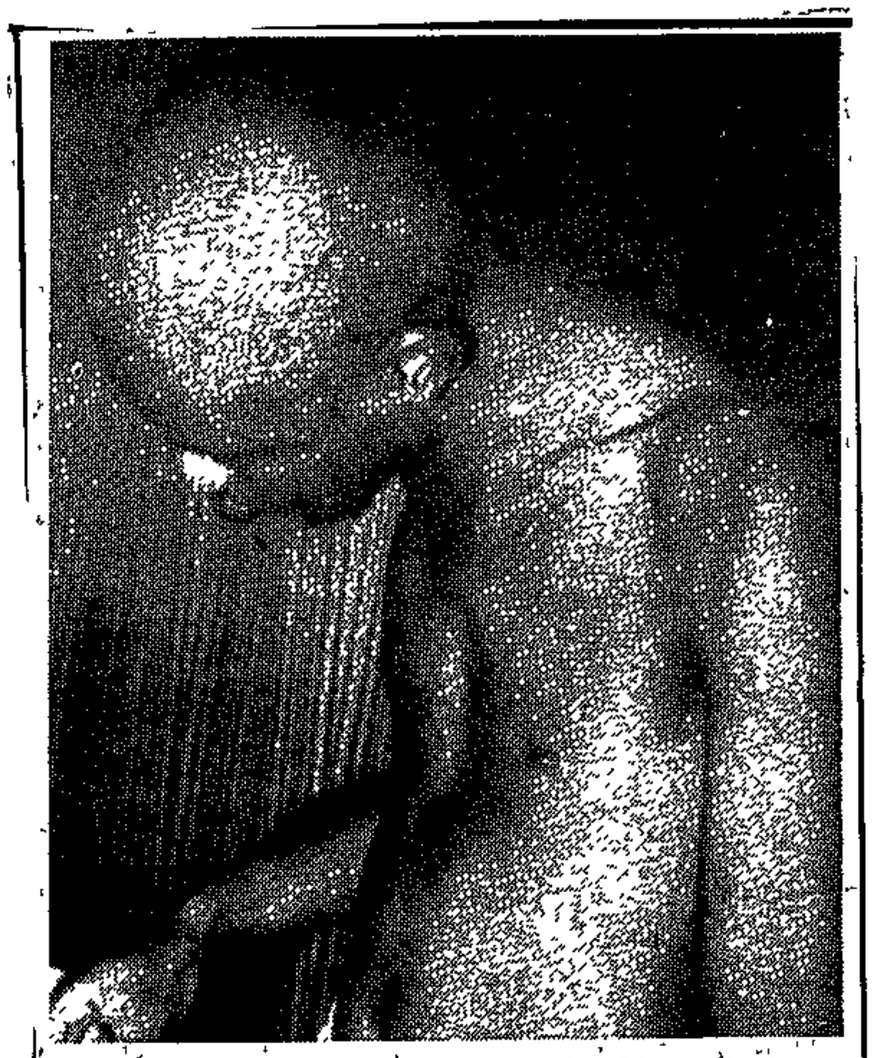

Mike Shongwe, who was attacked by "Varke."

Brits activists in hiding

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By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

SEVERAL members of the Brits Action Committee have gone into hiding and scores of activists are living in fear following terror attacks on prominent community leaders in Oukasie, near Brits.

The "Vark Squad", which residents believe has instilled fear in the community threatened with removal, came close to executing three executive members of the Brits Action Committee and their families recently.

Mrs Nriah Shongwe (30), who was shot, and her husband, Mr Mike Shongwe (33), the public relations officer of the BAC, narrowly escaped death.

Mrs Shongwe has been transferred from Garankuwa Hospital to a secret place for fear of further attacks on her.

A car belonging to a BAC member was extensively damaged by the "Varke" hours after the attack on the Shongwes.

The chairman of the committee, Mr Jonathan Mabilu (30), and executive member Mr Leonard Brown (33) said they viewed the attacks in a "very serious light."

Terrorising

They told *Sowetan* yesterday that the squad was terrorising residents and activists in the area.

They claimed that the squad abducted youths from their homes.

They said the youths were "drugged and made to do the dirty job" by men whom they claim were "most feared and known" in the location.

The committee mentioned an incident in which a 19-year-old boy sought refuge in a house to avoid being abducted that night.

"We feel unsafe and vulnerable," Brown said.

During an interview with the *Sowetan*, committee members received a telephone call from an Oukasie resident, saying that gun-toting men and gangs armed with pangas were seen at BAC members' homes.

It was reported that every car that stopped at their homes was surrounded by men suspected of being the part of "Varke".

Women lambast police action

By Dawn Barkhuizen

Strong action by police against women who congregated to march for peace in Pretoria on Saturday has come under heavy fire from women's movements to the left of the Government.

Women were reacting yesterday following violence which erupted at the Union Buildings and in Church and Bloed streets.

The women, members of 29 movements under the umbrella of Women Against Repression (War), decided to march after a banning order had been obtained in court.

A Pretoria police spokesman said at the weekend that on "one occasion police used batons to disperse people".

A Black Sash veteran, Mrs Sheena Duncan, was adamant that it was the democratic right of each individual to protest and said women would not apply for permission for similar marches in the future.

Ms Joyce Hawarden, Black Sash spokesman for the Transvaal Region who was present in Pretoria, said: "The aggressive attitude towards us by the police was quite extraordinary in the light of the fact that they banned the march because they did not want us to be hurt.

"The police were the people who hurt us. It was disgraceful to baton-charge a group of peaceful unarmed women."

Doctors 'arrested during clash'

By Toni Younghusband, Medical Reporter

Doctors and health workers called to give aid to supporters of the planned Women Against Repression peace march in Pretoria on Saturday were arrested and charged with demonstrators, a spokesman for the National Medical and Dental Association (Namda) said yesterday.

Of the 10 sent, six doctors and two health workers were arrested when march supporters clashed with police, he said.

The Namda spokesman said one doctor was arrested while attending to a patient and the others were picked up by police at a first aid station set up near the Union Buildings.

He said all health workers were wearing large red crosses.

They were held for five hours before being released on their own recognisances and ordered to appear in court yesterday.

"The actions of the police are in direct contravention of the Tokyo Declaration which states that first aiders are neutral in a situation of conflict," he said.

He said the doctors who had been arrested had treated at least 15 people while in the police cells for injuries "compatible with baton injuries".

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2 held after court singing

PRETORIA — Two people who were among 139 scheduled to appear in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with Saturday's planned women's protest march were arrested again yesterday after a crowd began dancing and singing in the court complex

And near the court, Women Against Repression (WAR) vowed to mount another march, after police stopped their attempt to get to the Union Buildings on Saturday.

At a news conference in the Martyrs' Chapel at St Albans Cathedral, which was sealed off with coils of barbed wire by police on Saturday, WAR memebers said they would again not ask for permission for the march because peaceful protest was "a democratic right".

A total of 113 accused were warned to re-appear on November 30.

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The National Medical and Dental Association (Namda) yesterday condemned the arrest of doctors and nurses who were providing medical care to the injured after the protests in Pretoria at the weekend.

Six doctors and two nurses were picked up by the police while they applied first aid to victims of police action

"One doctor was arrested while actually providing first aid to people injured when the police baton-charged protesters. While inside the cells, our members treated 15 people with a range of injuries consistent with baton assaults."

Namda said that while in the cells, the doctors became aware that no medical treatment was available to injured detainees.

Police said yesterday they had defused an potentially explosive situation by acting against the women protesters, who had defied a Supreme Court order not to march on the Union Buildings.

The police statement said media reports of the events on Saturday were conflicting and in some cases, negative.

The statement said although there were always people who were of the opinion that the police either did too much or too little, "the facts prove that there was good planning and discretion on the part of the police to defuse an explosive situation". — Sapa.

East London march approved

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EAST LONDON. — Permission was yesterday granted for a peaceful march today on the local security police offices here.

East London's chief magistrate, Mr Sorrel Nell, said the permission was granted after he was approached by a delegation representing the Border Crisis Committee.

The planned march is to start after a service at St John's Anglican Church. Protesters will wind their way down several roads, ending at the security police headquarters, where a memorandum against alleged police brutality will be delivered.

Meanwhile police warned yesterday they would again act if the Women Against Repression (WAR) group carried out their threat to hold another protest march in Pretoria.

WAR's march on the Union Buildings on Saturday was halted by police, but the protesters have defiantly vowed to go ahead with another march — and not to seek permission.

This was announced at a press conference held in the Martyrs' Chapel at St Alban's Cathedral, following the appearance of some of the would-be marchers in court.

The head of the SAP's public relations directorate, Major-General Herman Stadler, said WAR had been repeatedly told to obtain permission for the march, but had refused to do so. — Sapa

Clash on Pretoria violence

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POLICE and the organisers of the women's march in Pretoria on Saturday are at loggerheads over what happened during the violence and why the police acted against protesters.

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Addressing a Press conference at St Alban's Anglican Cathedral, in Pretoria, some eyewitnesses - all of whom did not wish to be identified - said they had been arrested and held in cells for up to four hours while others claimed to have been assaulted.

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There were also claims made that police "herded" demonstrators into a building housing the Cosatu regional office, closed the door, and then baton-charged them inside the offices. Dogs were also allegedly used inside the building.

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Without permit 'all open-air processions illegal'

Women's march organisers, police clash over clampdown

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

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Clarify the issue

General Herman Stadler, head of the Police Directorate of Public Relations, said yesterday that the police had to act to stop the illegal march. It had been prohibited in terms of a Supreme Court judgment obtained by the Government and the Minister of Justice last Friday night.

"On occasions, the police had to use batons as well as use dogs," he added.

General Stadler said it was necessary to clarify the issue because of complaints, particularly from black people, that the right-wing marches had been allowed and the women's march had been disallowed.

"The simple fact is that the right-wing people obtained permission, while the Women Against Repression did not ask for permission.

"Now there's confusion over what was right and what was wrong."

"Existing laws of the land determine that any open-air procession or gathering is illegal unless prior permission has been obtained from the Chief Magistrate ... as these gatherings are legal, the police will only monitor them to ensure there are no transgressions of the law.

"Should the people involved conduct themselves in a criminal manner, either during or after the gathering, the police have a duty to act."

General Stadler said the police view was that the organisers of the women's march were told "both personally and through the media" that anyone was at liberty to apply to hold a march — "they persistently refused to seek such permission."

He said that if Women Against Repression decided to hold another march and did not apply for permission "the same position applies."

He added: "We cannot allow these people to take the law into their hands."

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We'll do it again, say defiant women

... and cops vow to stop them

From MONO BADELA

JOHANNESBURG. — Women Against Repression (WAR) say they are planning a new march after police disrupted last week's protest to the Union Buildings in Pretoria, but a spokesperson for the Minister of Law and Order warned it will be halted again.

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Miss Zeni Tshongweni of the Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw), one of the 29 organisations which was to have marched under the banner of WAR, announced at a press conference this week that there had been a unanimous decision to organise a second march to the Union Buildings.

At the press conference held in the Martyrs' Chapel at St Alban's Anglican Church in Pretoria, scores of men and women of all colours alleged that they had been victims of police brutality or had witnessed Saturday's incidents at the Union Buildings, Church Square and at Cosatu House.

A 12-year-old Lenasia schoolgirl claimed that she was among the 139 people arrested by police following the break-up of the women's march on the lawns of the Union Buildings.

The girl, who cannot be named in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act, appeared in the Pretoria magistrates court on Monday with 102 other people arrested on Saturday.

She was arrested in a park near the Union Buildings when police, accompanied by dogs, baton-charged a group of women.

The little dark-haired girl said she spent two hours in custody before she was released and warned to appear in court.

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WAR organisers have "condemned out of hand" the arrests which led to 102 appearing in court this week for allegedly contravening the Internal Security Act.

Doctors and para-medics, who were attending to those allegedly injured by police, were also among those arrested.

It was the culmination of their 10-month long

Cops 'offered medals' for shooting comrades

PRETORIA. — A former senior police officer in KwaNdebele allegedly promised special constables medals if they shot stone-throwing comrades, the Parsons Commission of Inquiry into the 1986 unrest and mismanagement in the self-governing territory has been told.

Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, the former Commissioner of Police of KwaNdebele, allegedly made this statement at police headquarters in KwaMahlanga in 1987.

Colonel Stefanus van Loggerenberg, former commander of 115 Battalion and currently secretary of the KwaNdebele Areas Security Council, told the inquiry in Pretoria that Brig Lerm made this statement in his presence.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

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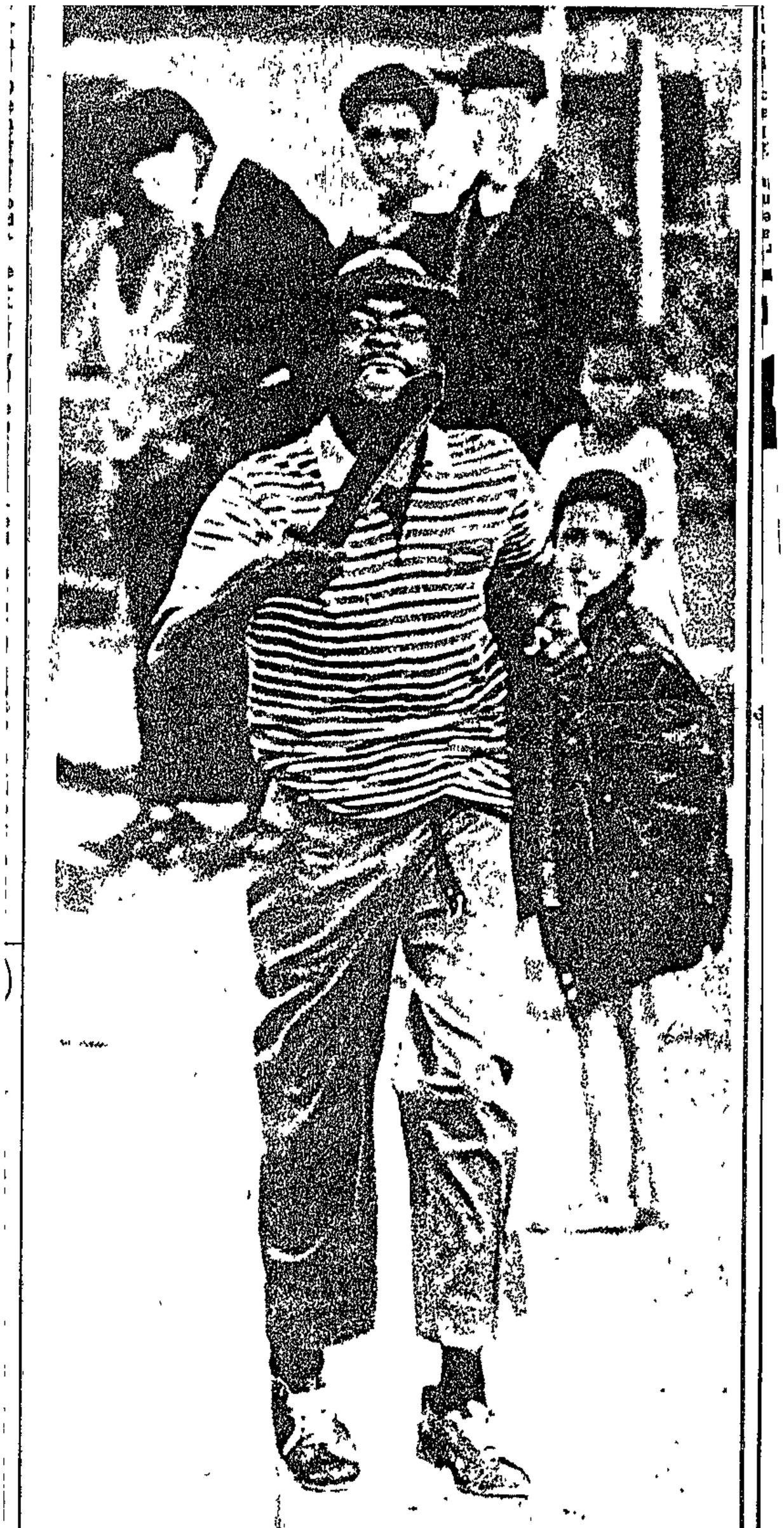
Jo'burg flat tenants in protest procession

JOHANNESBURG. — Police will again be tested on "the right to protest" issue when a crowd expected to exceed 1 000 marches from the Carlton Centre to Joubert Park this morning to protest at poor living conditions and exorbitant rentals.

The protest will be against residential agents Malan and Cohen and the plight of families living in six blocks of flats in Joubert Park and one in Hillbrow, an Actstop spokesman said yesterday.

Permission to hold the march had not been sought from the authorities, the spokesman said, because poor living conditions were a civil issue which did not concern the police and no permission was needed.

"Provided we observe the 18-metres-apart rule we do not foresee problems with the police," Actstop's organising secretary Mr Pressage Nkosi said.



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By Craig Kotze,
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Permission needed to enter hospitals

PRETORIA. — No person is to be allowed to enter the premises of a Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) hospital without the permission of an authorised officer, in terms of a directive issued yesterday by the Director-General of the TPA, Mr Andre Cornelissen.

All superintendents are appointed as authorised persons.

A notice to this effect was being affixed yesterday at all TPA hospitals, clinics and other health institutions.

In a statement yesterday, Mr Cornelissen said that on account of the Mass Democratic Movement's (MDM) alleged intention next week to proceed with the disruption of hospital services despite the government's appeal to stop it, he "was compelled to issue" the notice.

In terms of a section of the Control of Access to Public Premises and Vehicles Act, which applies to all hospitals, clinics and health institutions of the TPA, any person who enters such premises without the necessary permission, or who refuses to comply with any condition imposed by an authorised officer, shall be guilty of an offence and could be liable to a fine of up to R2 000 or up to two years' imprisonment.

DP co-leader Mr Wynand Malan said the DP recognised the MDM's right to protest at the injustices under which the majority of South Africans suffer.

"Such protest is justified be-

Cement workers are evicted

Labour Reporter

HUNDREDS of striking Everite workers in Klipriver, Vereeniging, have been evicted from the factory premises and restrained from intimidating employees by order of the Rand Supreme Court.

The interim order against more than 800 workers was granted on Thursday, after the company alleged that strikers were intimidating or assaulting employees and disrupting the work operation.

The legal strike, now in its 10th week, involves about 2 080 workers at four fibre-cement plants.

Workers have rejected management's final offer of a 50c across-the-board-increase on the basic hourly wage of R2,85, tabled on June 22.

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Nurses' home, activist's flat 'fire-bombed'

JOHANNESBURG., — The Nurses' Home at the Alexandra Health Centre in Wynberg was petrol-bombed early yesterday morning.

"At least seven of the eight nurses sleeping inside the house were injured," the director of the Health Centre, Dr Tim Wilson, said.

"The explosion occurred about 3.45am and witnesses saw two men running away. The building is badly damaged and the roof was burned out."

However, a police spokesman said "it appeared that the explosion was caused by a short-circuit"

The Alexandra homes of two people confined to their homes between 6pm and 6am, in terms of restriction orders imposed by the Minister of Law and Order, were petrol-bombed early yesterday morning, a Human Rights Commission spokesman said.

However, police said there was only one attack

"Mr Paul Mashitile (detained 12/6/86, released 15/12/88) and Mr Jacob Mtshali (detained 17/6/86, released 9/3/88) were both known to be at home at the time of the attacks," an HRC statement said.

A police spokesman confirmed an attack on Mr Mtshali's flat. — Sapa

Six women held in Cradock

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death and nine people, including six women, were arrested in unrest-related incidents, police said yesterday.

The daily unrest report said police found the body of a man in Shongweni, Natal. He had been stabbed.

Six women were arrested after a group of pupils stoned a municipal vehicle in Lingelihle, Cradock. Police used quirts to disperse the group.

A police vehicle was stoned at Bohlokong, Bethlehem, by a group of people. One person received slight injuries, and three men were arrested. — Sapa

PETROL-BOMBED . . . Nurses remove clothes frm a health centre in Alexandra township. The centre was hit by a petrol bomb early yesterday.

Picture REUTER

Nurses hurt in Alex fire

SIX nurses were injured and an Alexandra activist narrowly escaped death during two separate incidents in the township in the early hours yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe dismissed allegation of petrol bombings and said one incident was an arson attack while the other was caused by an electrical fault.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

He said an arson case has been opened and police were investigating.

The nurses suffered shock, cuts, smoke inhalation and bruises before they were rescued at the Alexandra Health Centre.

They claim that a petrol bomb was thrown into their home at about 3.45am

The injured nursing sisters are Eugene Ngwekazi, Augustine Nombewu, Mavis Moeketsi, Mary Bukana, Beauty Tsounyana and Violet Ramohitshana.

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emergency.

Nurses hurt in fire

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They were treated for shock and cuts. Ramohitsana is still in a critical but stable condition at the health centre.

The director of the centre, Dr Tim Wilson said Ramohitsana had inhaled poisonous gas.

In a second incident, an apartment shared by the restricted chairman of the Alexandra Youth Congress, Mr Paul Mashatile, (27) and his secretary, Mr Jacob Mtshali (25), was set on fire by unidentified men at about 4am while the two were asleep. They were woken-up by breaking glass and a fire had broken out.

No one was injured and damage was estimated at R5 000.

According to an eyewitness who refused to be named, two white men were seen running away from the promises and later sped off in a car. A container of petrol was found next to the window from where the fire started. It was removed by police.

Police and fire department officials who were called to investigate the clinic blaze said they suspected the fire was caused by an electrical fault.

Evidence is questioned

By ALINAH DUBE

A PRETORIA North inquest court magistrate yesterday heard of discrepancies found in statements made by members of a police squad after the Mamelodi mass shootings of 1985.

The discrepancies were pointed out to court by Mr Morris Basslian, counsel for the families of the victims. He did this while cross examining Captain Hermanus Arnoldus le Roux, before Mr J P Pretorius.

Le Roux has admitted shooting and killing two Mamelodi residents on November 21, 1985. He said his intention was to eliminate people he considered to have been leaders at the scene of unrest.

Testify

Basslian said it was of utmost importance that Warrant Officer Muller be called to testify before the inquest as a result of the discrepancies in his statement and that of Le Roux. He said although the two policemen had been together at "this crucial time," the statements differed in logic and sequence.

Quoting excerpts from Muller's statement, Basslian said the policeman admitted having fired teargas at a crowd in Makhusela Street in Mamelodi on that day. This, he said, was denied by Le Roux who said no teargas was fired while they were together.

Le Roux's evidence also differed with that of his colleague when he said Muller was struck with an object on the forehead. According to him, the impact was very hard and had caused his colleague to fall.

But in his statement, Muller said the object only struck the helmet he wore on his head. He said he went to sit down after the incident.

'Unions prefer outdated system'

SOUTH African trade unions prefer the very system from which the Soviet Union is trying to free itself, senior general manager, external relations of the Chamber of Mines, Mr Johan Liebenberg, said in Johannesburg yesterday.

He was addressing a function hosted by the SABC.

He said: "The irony is that quite a number of the major, newer unions are now fostering socialism but can only fulfill their role in a free market economy.

"From Zimbabwe and Mocambique, to China and the Soviet Union, the socialist promise has failed to materialise. The vigour of the free market is now being sought by all these countries to resuscitate seriously failing economies," he said.

have been found guilty of tax evasion.

9 more arrested in Bop

MMABATHO. — A further nine people have been arrested in connection with the deaths of nine policemen on July 1 at Leeuwfontein, the Bophuthatswana Department of Foreign Affairs announced yesterday.

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Police threaten protesters

Staff Reporter

POLICE have threatened to evoke the "full power of the law" to prevent a defiance campaign aimed at the disruption of whites-only provincial hospitals in the Transvaal, a spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order yesterday said.

The police announcement came less than 24 hours after Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok vowed that police would counter a "well-planned wave of violence calculated to disrupt" the September elections.

Yesterday the Congress of South African Trade Unions and organisations formerly affiliated to the restricted United Democratic Front announced a non-violent defiance campaign against segregation.

They were supported by the South African Council of Churches which said "direct non-violent actions (would) force the regime to abandon apartheid and enter into negotiations that will lead to a new society in South Africa".

Law and Order ministry spokesman Lieutenant Peet Bothma said police would act "within the full power of the law, including the emergency regulations", to prevent hospital disruptions.

However the two anti-apartheid organisations, claiming to speak on behalf of the "mass democratic movement", hit back at Mr Vlok's warning.

They said the movement was determined to claim its democratic right to protest peacefully against "apartheid laws and apartheid elections".

The groups said they were no longer prepared to submit themselves to, or support laws that deprived the majority of of the people of equal and free health services.

Protesters intended to present themselves next Wednesday for "treatment" at the whites-only Johannesburg, Vereeniging, Paardekraal (Krugersdorp) and H F Verwoerd (Pretoria) hospitals.

While the African National Congress denied from Lusaka that it had devised a militant 'defiance campaign against the elections in conjunction with the mass democratic movement, the latter said at a press conference in Johannesburg their defiance campaign would continue even after the elections.

Though the movement disclosed no further details, it is understood that other action considered included black school children turning up at white schools.

(Report by C de Villiers and C Bateman of 122 St George's Street, Cape Town, and S Ngcobo of 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg)

Two municipal cops shot dead in Soweto

PRETORIA. — Four people died and two were wounded in unrest-related incidents in Natal and Soweto yesterday, according to the police public relations directorate.

A group of black people hurled petrol bombs at a private house in KwaMvana, Howick, damaging it. Police used birdshot to disperse them and arrested six men.

Three black men attacked and stabbed a man in Slangspruit, Natal, seriously wounding him. In another incident in the area, two opposing groups fired shots at each other. When police arrived, shots were fired at them.

Police retaliated with birdshot, wounding one man and arresting another.

A group of blacks attacked a man with stones and sharp instruments in KwaShange, Natal. One man was stabbed and fatally wounded.

Shots were fired at municipal policemen in Mofolo Park, Soweto, fatally wounding two of them and injuring another. — Sapa

Six die as unrest flares in Natal

PRETORIA. — Six more people died in townships in Natal on Tuesday, police here said.

Five men were stabbed to death in four incidents at Etsheni in Natal and two private houses and two vehicles set alight.

Police also found the body of a man who had been murdered at Mpumalanga in Natal.

At Athlone, Cape Town, pupils of a secondary school threw stones at a police vehicle, damaging it. A woman was arrested.

At Mamelodi, Pretoria, two private houses were damaged during petrol-bomb attacks. One man was arrested.

Shots were fired at a security force vehicle at Molweni in Natal and four men were arrested.

Also in Natal, at Mpophomeni, a security force member received slight burns in a petrol-bomb attack.

At Mpande, Taylor's Halt, a group set a private vehicle alight.

An explosive device was detonated outside a private house in Asaadville, Krugersdorp, about 12 15am on Tuesday No one was injured. — Sapa

Mall picket ends after police action

STRIKERS blocking the entrance to Joshua Doore in Commissioner Street's Nedbank Mall dispersed after a police directive yesterday.

Police spokesman Capt R Bloomberg said a court interdict had been issued against the strikers, ordering them to leave the premises.

This had been read out to the strikers by a policeman, and they had then dispersed.

Meanwhile, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union (Ccawusa) said Joshua Doore management had "seen fit" to lock all striking workers out of Witwatersrand stores.

Ccawusa spokesman Mohamed Vally said about 2 000 workers countrywide were striking to demand the reinstatement of about 500 workers retrenched a month ago.

He said Ccawusa's Sunday meeting with management had ended in a deadlock.

The strike was legal, said Vally, and he could not understand why the workers had been locked out of the stores yesterday, a move he said was in contravention of the picketing agreement the union had with management.

He condemned the calling in of the police. — Sapa.

20 die in bloody Natal feuding

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— Sapa-Reuter

Homeland bans Black Sash project

JOHANNESBURG. — The ban imposed yesterday morning on the Black Sash and the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac), a project of the Black Sash, by the Bophuthatswana administration "is a measure of how desperate the homeland authorities are to sweep all grievances under the carpet and stop people seeking help", the organisation said.

In a Government Gazette, Chief Lucas Mangope's administration outlawed Trac and the Black Sash on the grounds that they "endangered national security and public safety". All organisations linked to the two bodies are also affected by the ban.

Saying that they were a non-violent organisation, Trac said their work in the area, particularly in Braklaagte and Leeuwfontein, involved supporting people who suffered "under a pervasive climate of oppression, particularly as a result of their opposition to enforced incorporation into the homeland".

Ultimately, Trac continued, the culprit in the whole scenario was the South African government which failed "to recognise the human worth of black people, and persisted in treating them like pawns on a ridiculous checker board of its own design".

The ban on Trac is the latest in a series of bitter wrangles between Trac and the two communities on one hand, and the Bophuthatswana authorities on the other. The crisis was sparked off by Pretoria's decision to incorporate the two territories into Bophuthatswana on December 31 last year.

Since then, both communities have resisted incorporation with sporadic clashes between security forces and the communities. On July 1 an orgy of violence erupted at a mass meeting during which nine policemen and two civilians were killed. — Sapa

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Choirboys held after funeral

FOUR young choristers were arrested on Saturday while attending a funeral for a choir mate in Orlando West, Soweto.

SOWETAN Reporter

Relatives alleged the youths, all members of the Morena ba Etele Choir, were arrested and assaulted by a squad of policemen while having lunch after a funeral ceremony outside the bereaved family's home in Lembede Street, Orlando West.

They were attending the funeral of Miss Vinolia Monageng (18).

Police liaison officer for Soweto, Colonel Fanyana Zwane, confirmed that Percy Mnisi, Raymond Maruganye, Leon Levison Sithole and Solomon Simelane were arrested on Saturday and are to be charged with public violence.

According to Mrs Tiny Monageng, member of the bereaved family, the youths were taken from a group of men who were having lunch in front of her home.

"They were accussed of breaking my neighbour's windows," she said.

"Police refused to listen to our explanation that the boys were not responsible and that they were there only as choir members. Instead they took them to a house next to mine and assaulted them.

"They were later taken to Orlando Police Station, where we found them being assaulted in Room no 6 when we went to plead for their release."

Fifteen-year-old, Kgaunkie Khoza, also a member of the Morena ba Etele Choir, said she was assaulted by the police when she went to point out boys who had threatened her at her home. She was not arrested.

The Monageng family also alleges that about 12 policemen raided their home yesterday.

"We do not understand why this has to happen to us particularly when we are mourning the death of our daughter," Mrs Monageng said. "The police who raided the house told us that they had information that we had explosives and guns inside the house."

Zwane said he could not comment on the allegations of assault.

"If a person was assaulted and pointed at with a firearm they should go to their nearest police station and lay a charge," he said.

For South Africa's farmworkers, life is cheap without any rights

FARMWORKERS are victims of both the law which discriminates against them and their employers who exploit and subject them to violence - in most cases with impunity.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

This emerged at a meeting on farm violence held at the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg on Saturday.

A representative of Lawyers for Human Rights, Ms Lucretia Seafield, said farmworkers were denied the most fundamental right - the right to live.

She said their plight was highlighted by recent court cases in which farmers got away with light sentences after they had killed farmworkers.

"State prosecutors often accepted pleas for lesser charges where murder is involved. The plight of the farmworkers, therefore, gets known only after they had been killed," she said.

"The workers, who depend on the farmers for housing, schooling and food, are always reluctant to lay charges against their employers for fear of eviction and dismissal and they are not eager to testify against them," Seafield said.

She said in many instances farmworkers ended up being accused of trespassing in spite of having been assaulted by the farmers. This was so because the farmers countered their claims by saying the workers resisted eviction after being dismissed.

A spokesman for the Western Transvaal and Northern Cape Council of Churches, Mr Sam Prescent, said the farmworkers were landless labourers who had no right to own land and were victims of poverty and physical violence.

He said although the workers were covered by the Workmens' Compensation Act they faced problems getting money when they were injured on duty.

This was because they were compensated for temporary disabilities but nothing for pain and suffering. "They receive low compensation because they earn low wages."

Another problem was that farmers often delayed reporting accidents to workman's compensation and denied they occured on their properties. Workmens' commissioners often listened to farmers and accepted their versions without question.

"Because farmers were neglectful of the conditions stipulated in the WCA, it is common that compensation cheques never reached the farmworkers as disabled workers get dismissed with no forwarding addresses being taken by the employers. The cheques are sent to the workers care of farmers," said Prescent.

More than six thousand mourners crammed the old Potchefstroom Road when they went to bury a student photographer, Daniel Sello Kekana at Avalon Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. He was given a hero's farewell as speaker after speaker said that he was instrumental in forming Soyco, Sosco and the Isibobelo Youth Club.

Pic: PAUL [illegible]

11 die in Soviet ethnic violence

MOSCOW. — Eleven people have been killed in a new outbreak of ethnic violence in the Abkhazia region of Soviet Georgia and troops have been called in to restore order, the official news agency Tass reported yesterday.

Tass said the clashes took place late on Saturday night and involved crowds of Georgians and Abkhazians in the regional capital, the Black Sea resort of Sukhumi.

"Those involved in the fighting used stones, clubs, knives and firearms," Tass said; adding that 11 people were killed and 127 hospitalised.

It said the authorities had taken steps to restore order. "The situation is now under control."

Police said the fighting had broken out between some 2 000 Georgians and Abkhazians over plans to open a branch of a Georgian universtiy in Sukhumi. Abkhazians, who make up about half the local population, object to the plan.

Tensions have been running high for several months in Abkhazia — which has the status of an autonomous republic within Georgia — triggered by demands by Abkhazians for the area to secede and be upgraded to a full Soviet republic.

Georgian anger over the Abkhazia issue was one factor behind huge nationalist demonstrations in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, in April in which 20 people died. — Sapa-Reuter

Violence caused by 'homelands policy'

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE violence in the Braklaagte and Leeuwfontein areas, in which more than ten people had died, was the direct result of the government's homelands policy, the Democratic Party MP for Green Point, Mr Tian van der Merwe, said last night at a DP meeting in Brakpan.

More than 200 people from these two areas had been arrested or detained since South Africa handed the areas over to Bophuthatswana.

"The communities were not consulted when these decisions were made: Leeuwfontein was not even told of its changed status.

"Although South African citizens, the residents find themselves at the mercy of Bophuthatswana.

(Report by Barry Streek, 122 St Georges St, Cape Town, 8001)

19 INJURED AS POLICE TAKE ACTION

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SOWETAN CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 19 workers were injured, one seriously, when police took action on Monday against workers locked out of Dunlop Industrial Products' Benoni factory, the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union said.

A union statement said the police, called by management, dispersed about 500 workers outside the factory gates by beating them with sjamboks.

Nineteen workers suffered injuries and one was taken to hospital.

Dispute

The CWIU said the ""illegal"" lockout appeared to be connected to a simmering dispute over worker demands for the dismissal of a white worker who allegedly assaulted a union shop steward. Management allegedly refused to take disciplinary action against the white worker.

Reacting to the union statement, the police said: "Members of the SA Police spoke to the workers and eventually warned them to disperse. When they refused to comply, quints were used to disperse them. No injuries were reported to the SA Police and no persons were arrested."

Strike

● The union said a strike by about 150 members at Gillette (SA) in Springs had entered its second week. The dispute, centred on the alleged unfair dismissal of a shop steward.

Gillette's managing director Mr John Ford, said only 50 workers were on strike.

He said the dismissal of the shop steward had not been unfair, and had, in fact, occurred last October.

Government upset by unrest reports

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The Bophuthatswana government said in a statement yesterday that it was "deeply distressed" at reports on the unrest at Leeuwfontein village and particularly about reports in The Star which it claimed were untrue.

It rejected a report in yesterday's issue that said an entire village was arrested.

It said: "When police were discussing grievances with a purported spokesman of the people at Leeuwfontein during the unrest, the spokesman was removed by a gang. Police were surrounded and attacked.

● Details reported by The Star were gleaned from villagers, two local churchmen and Mr Paul van der Merwe, a South African farming next to the village.

Leeuwfontein eight to appear in court

Eight Leeuwfontein residents, whose names have not been released, will appear in the Lehurutshe Magistrate Court today on charges related to Sunday's violence in which 11 people were killed, according to the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac).

Charges ranged from malicious damage to property and assault to murder, Trac said yesterday.

A spokeman said it appeared the other 128 Leeuwfontein residents who had been arrested and later released would not be charged.

Mr Clive Plasket of the legal firm Cheedle Thomson and Hayson, which is representing the Leeuwfontein and Braaklaagte communities, was allowed to see the eight still in custody.

Lawyers said they welcomed the mass release of others arrested, adding that it "could not have come about without pressure from the South African government".

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Eight to appear after Leeuwfontein killings

JOHANNESBURG. — Eight residents of the strife-torn Leeuwfontein settlement near Zeerust are to appear in court today on a range of charges stemming from last week's violence, according to Ms Joanne Yawitch of the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (TRAC).

"We have been informed that the eight will face charges ranging from malicious damage to property and assault, to murder."

They are to appear in the Lehurutshe Magistrate's Court. We do not know their identities, but we hope legal counsel is granted access to them," said Ms Yawitch.

She added that 128 Leeuwfontein residents were released on Tuesday night —Sapa

Tembisa quiet after fighting by residents

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By Dawn Barkhuizen and Noel Ndhlovu

Police are patrolling Tembisa township on the East Rand constantly since fighting erupted between residents this week. Star 6/7/89

A case of attempted murder is being investigated.

Late yesterday, the situation was quiet and the feuding parties had begun negotiations to resolve their differences.

Trouble erupted at the weekend between the occupants of houses and hostels. This led to an attack on householders by about 500 hostel dwellers on Monday night, according to a witness.

Police said several people were understood to have been hurt in an incident in which pangas and knives were used.

A house was later petrol-bombed.

According to police, a group of women who had gathered in the area on Tuesday dispersed when asked to do so by police and soldiers on horseback.

Mr Absalom Ntshangase, a spokesman for the householders, said a woman was trampled by an army horse during a patrol of the area.

He said army personnel had tried to stop women who were marching back home after meeting local municipal officials over the issue.

Lawyers are considering action.

friends who met them at Oseri Kari, a disused military base about 80km north of Windhoek

Andreas Shipanga, a former senior

in a Lubango dungeon for five years, semi-naked, underfed and often beaten by guards.

"I was accused of being a spy, for

not here," said Chrissie Goageses. "The Red Cross has traced him, he was somewhere in Angola, in a prison. Perhaps he will come back soon."

SA considers plea to intervene

SIPHO NGCOBO

SA's Department of Foreign Affairs was giving urgent attention to a plea that it intervene and guarantee the safety of two detained leaders from Bophuthatwana's villages of Leeuwfontein and Braklaagte, a department spokesman said yesterday

He was commenting on a message from lawyer James Sutherland, who represents headmen Pupsey Sebegodi and Dadelik Majasa

The violence stems from opposition in the community to the incorporation earlier this year of the Leeuwfontein into the homeland state.

The statement said: "The department considers the recent incidents in Leeuwfontein regrettable and hopes that an amicable solution will soon be found by the parties concerned."

Sebegodi and Majasa were arrested at their homes on Saturday shortly before battles between villagers and police, which left nine policemen and at least two civilians dead.

Meanwhile, Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac), which is monitoring events in Leeuwfontein,

claimed Bophuthatswana police were in Johannesburg looking for Leeuwfontein civilians who allegedly took part in the killing of the policemen.

A spokesman for Trac said 100 more villagers were arrested in Leeuwfontein yesterday.

This brings the unofficial total of arrests to 300 since follow-up operations began.

Bophuthatswana police have not given a figure.

DANIEL SIMON reports that the Bophuthatswana government yesterday said it regretted the 11 deaths. It claimed the violence had been orchestrated from the Witwatersrand.

'Orchestrated'

A statement by the Bophuthatswana's Foreign Affairs Department said the government had evidence the "cold-blooded murder" of the policemen was calculated, and deliberately planned from outside the borders of Bophuthatswana.

"The innocent inhabitants of

Leeuwfontein were the victims of manipulation by outsiders.

"The pre-planning of events was done in the Witwatersrand area."

It said unrest started on Thursday night when arsonists gutted a Leeuwfontein house and attempted to set another on fire before stoning a third.

"On July 1, police investigated an illegal gathering in Leeuwfontein. The police were discussing matters with the purported leaders of those assembled.

"A spokesman talking to the police was physically removed by a gang and negotiating police officers were surrounded by an aggressive crowd armed with axes, stones and petrol bombs.

"A Buffel troop carrier was attacked and petrol bombs thrown in it

"The five policemen who escaped from the vehicle were viciously hacked to death and the four trapped inside were incinerated."

The statement added that in fending for themselves, police fired shots, killing two civilians and wounding a few others before police regrouped and moved in to restore order.

Leeuwfontein war of words

JOHANNESBURG. — A bitter verbal wrangle has broken out between the Bophuthatswana authorities and the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac) with both parties having different versions of events in Leeuwfontein last week.

In a statement yesterday, Bophuthatswana blamed the violence on "preplanning in the Witwatersrand area".

This was rejected by Trac, who said the tragic events were "the culmination of intense tension and escalating conflict as a result of forced incorporation" into the homeland.

The Bophuthatswana Foreign Affairs Ministry said that at a meeting on Saturday, the police were attacked for no apparent reason.

"In fending for their lives, shots were fired, killing two civilians and wounding several others — but not before nine policemen were killed or incinerated by the angry crowd."

Reports of villagers being shot from helicopters were also not true as a helicopter arrived only after the unrest, acting president Mr T M Molatlhwa said. — Sapa

Mounted members of the South African Police patrolled Tembisa yesterday after pitched battles between hostel dwellers and residents in the township on Monday night. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Hostel men in alleged rampage

Staff Reporters

Houses were damaged and people are believed to have been injured when fighting broke out between hostel dwellers and residents of Tembisa on the East Rand on Monday night.

A witness said about 500 hostel dwellers descended on nearby houses, armed with guns, knives, sticks and axes. Mr Jimmy Mabuso alleged the group smashed windows and entered houses, sending the occupants fleeing.

Police last night confirmed "certain incidents at the weekend", but declined to comment.

Mr Mabaso, whose house was damaged, said the fighting followed an earlier dispute between the residents of Ethafeni and the Vusumuzi Hostel over accommodation.

Mr Mabaso said the residents had bought houses which were once part of the hostel, but the hostel dwellers wanted to evict them, maintaining the houses belonged to the hostel.

A spokesman for Tembisa Hospital did not know how many people had been injured.

Relating the events Mr Mabaso said:

"At about 9 pm on Monday, I saw more than 500 people armed with sticks, guns and axes, coming from the hostel to our section of the township.

"They smashed the windows in my house and some of them got into the house. Luckily, I escaped before they arrived ..."

He said furniture and clothes were stolen from his home.

When representatives of The Star arrived in Tembisa yesterday, women from Ethafeni had gone to talk to the Tembisa town council.

The mayor of Tembisa could not be reached for comment.

Bop police, army hunt scores at Leeuwfontein

JOHANNESBURG. — Bophuthatswana police and soldiers have mounted an intensive dragnet to arrest scores of people in the wake of the clashes at Leeuwfontein, which left nine security police and two civilians dead.

The homeland's deputy commissioner of police, Brigadier D C Waller, said yesterday that hundreds of people had fled the area "to escape police action".

"It is now a question of search-and-seek to apprehend the culprits, but I can't say how many people have already been arrested as reports will come in only tomorrow from outlying stations," the brigadier said.

He would not say whether a commission of inquiry into the clash would be instituted and declined to comment on whether lawyers would be granted permission to visit their clients in prison.

Lawyers representing the community have rushed to Leeuwfontein and Mmabatho in an effort to see their clients.

But a spokeswoman for the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (TRAC), Ms Joanne Yarwitch, said the legal representatives had been denied access to those in prison.

Meanwhile, a lawyer representing two Leeuwfontein residents in police custody in Bophuthatswana sent an urgent message to Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pik Botha and Minister of Education and Development Aid Dr Gerrit Viljoen urging them to intervene personally and guarantee the safety of his clients.

Mr James Sutherland, who represents Mr Dadelik Majasa and Mr Puse Sebogodi, confirmed that Bophuthatswana officials had not granted him permission to see his clients. — Sapa

Clashes: Key leaders arrested

JOHANNESBURG. — Two key community leaders were arrested yesterday in police raids in Leeuwfontein, Bophuthatswana, where villagers opposed to incorporation into the homeland killed nine homeland policemen in a bloody clash at the weekend.

According to Ms Joanne Yawitch, a spokeswoman for the Transvaal Rural Action Committee, the two arrested were Mr Dadelik Majasa, a headman in Leeuwfontein and Mr Pupsey Sebogodi, acting chief of Braklaagte.

And, also according to Trac, scores of villagers were arrested yesterday when police swooped on Leeuwfontein after Saturday's violence in which two civilians also died.

Police said the 10.30am clashes were sparked when police moved to break up what they believed was an unlawful anti-incorporation meeting.

Leeuwfontein villagers are resisting incorporation into Bophuthatswana.

Bophuthatswana police spokesman Colonel David George yesterday said police patrolling Leeuwfontein were attacked by the large crowd armed with petrol bombs, axes and stones.

"As a result of the attack, four policemen were burnt to death when a petrol bomb was thrown into a Buffel troop carrier and five others were killed when they were attacked with stones and axes."

'Unprovoked'

Colonel George said two civilians died of gunshot wounds when police opened fire to defend themselves from the "unprovoked" attack.

Ms Yawitch said it was difficult to ascertain exactly what happened as the community's lawyers had not been granted access to the area.

She said the area had been sealed off and roadblocks had been put up.

Police spokesman Lt R W Olivier denied the South African Police were involved. — Sapa-Reuter-AP and Own Correspondent

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200 believed held after 11 are killed in anti-Bop fight

SIPHO NGCOBO

ZEERUST — At least 200 people are said to have been arrested following the killing of nine policemen and two civilians on Saturday atLeeuwfontein, the western Transvaal village incorporated into Bophuthatswana against the wishes of many residents.

Residents in the area, who did not wish to be named, said the arrests took place during Bophuthatswana police follow-up operations.

Leeuwfontein itself was virtually deserted yesterday. Hundreds of villagers were said to be hiding in the hills.

The battle between Bophuthatswana police and the villagers is said by the residents to have been provoked by the police, who in turn accused residents of refusing to be incorporated into Bophuthatswana.

Tearful wives whose husbands had fled spoke of harassment by Bophuthatswana police.

The Bophuthatswana Defence Force manned roadblocks at Leeuwfontein.

Those arrested include two headmen, Dadelik Majasa of Leeuwfontein and acting Chief Pupsey Sebegodi.

DANIEL SIMON reports that senior Bophuthatswana police officer Brig D Waller yesterday described the climate in Leeuwfontein as "quiet and relatively normal". Several arrests had taken place and were continuing but he could not give a figure. No one had been charged.

Transvaal Rural Action Committee (TRAC) spokesman Joanne Yawitch said the two villagers killed were Mpaki Mosimane and 16-year-old Anton Mathe. Lawyers representing the community were prevented from entering the area by police, she said.

Yawitch referred to a speech by President Lucas Mangope on May 19 at Leeuwfontein appealing to residents to accept incorporation.

TRAC documented repeated telexed appeals to Minister of Development Aid Gerrit Viljoen not to go ahead with the incorporation plans, complaining the residents' views had not been heard.

Viljoen's office had not responded to questions late yesterday.

Leeufontein 'quiet but tense' after 11 deaths in weekend clashes

DANIEL SIMON

LEEUFONTEIN village, recently incorporated into Bophuthatswana, was described yesterday as quiet but tense after violent clashes between villagers and homeland police on Saturday.

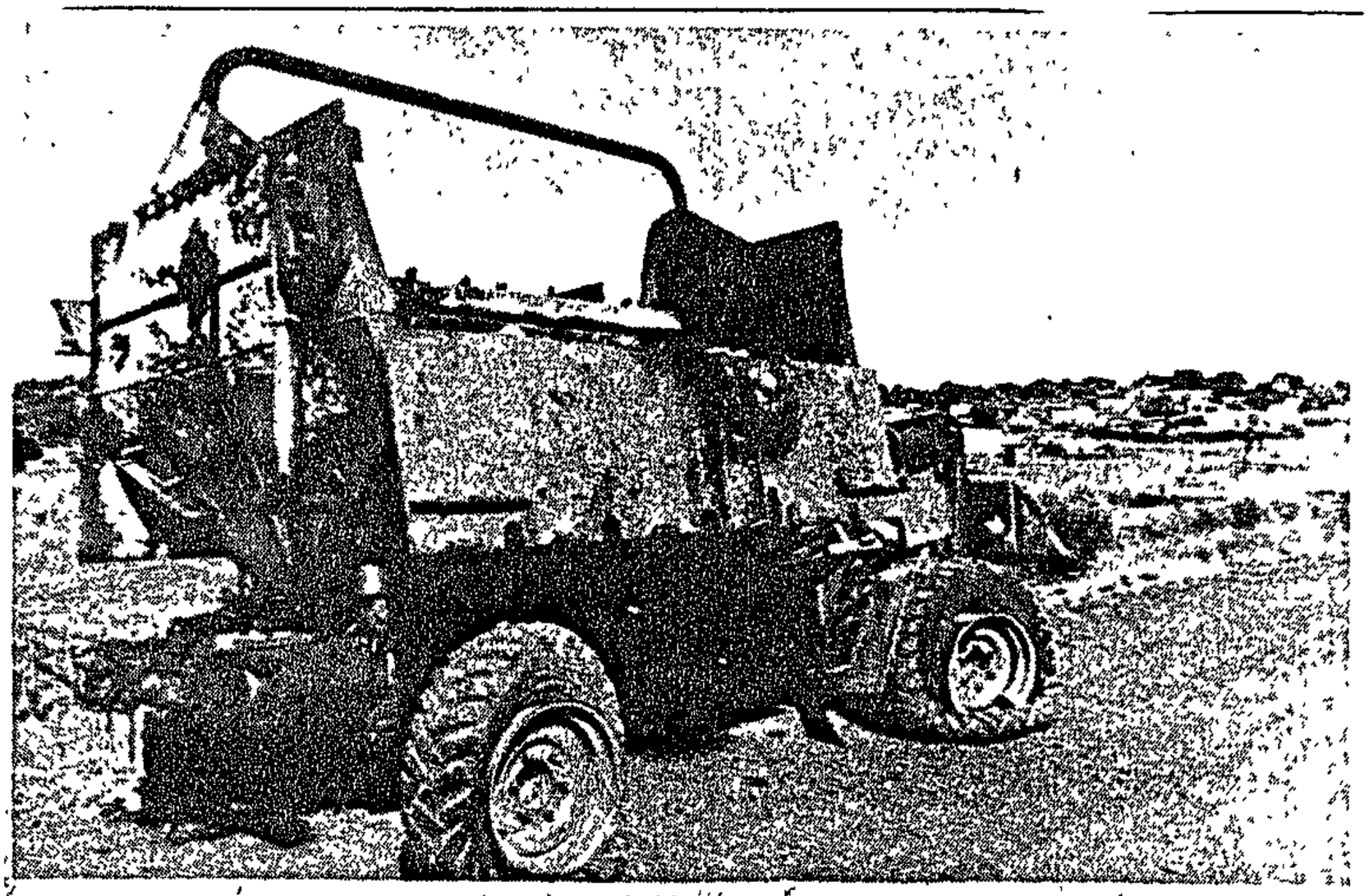
The clashes, in which nine policemen and two villagers died, were apparently sparked when police moved to break up what they believed was an unlawful anti-incorporation meeting.

Bophuthatswana police spokesman Colonel David George said yesterday police patrolling Leeufontein were attacked by the large crowd armed with petrol bombs, axes and stones.

"As a result, four policemen were burnt to death when a petrol bomb was thrown into a Buffel troop carrier and five others were killed when they were attacked with stones and axes."

George said two civilians had died of gunshot wounds when police opened fire to defend themselves.

A Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac) spokesman said the clashes took place after police opened fire on the crowd with automatic weapons.



AFTERMATH: A burnt-out Buffel at the roadside. Four policemen died when it was set alight at Leeuwfontein.

Nine police die in mob charge

From NORMAN CHANDLER
The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Top police and army officers in Bophuthatswana met today to seek a solution to weekend violence which claimed 11 lives — including those of nine policemen — at Leeuwfontein, near Zeerust.

Reinforcements were drafted into the area, recently incorporated against residents' wishes into Bophuthatswana, following pitched battles between police and villagers at a residents' meeting.

Police had tried to break up the meeting — because, it is understood, they thought it to be against incorporation — but retreated to their vehicles as villagers, carrying picks, axes and stones, advanced on them.

A petrol bomb exploded under a Buffel troopcarrier and four policemen were burnt to death.

Another five were hacked and clubbed to death by the mob as police fled under cover of gunfire. Two civilians were shot dead and another seven injured during the shooting.

All the injured are under police guard in clinics and hospitals in the area, which is about 150km west of Pretoria.

According to unconfirmed reports 2 000 people in the villages of Leeuwfontein and nearby Braklaagte were rounded up in a swoop on possible suspects on Saturday afternoon and evening, and again yesterday. Police were today unable to confirm the number of arrests.

Yesterday roadblocks were set up on approach roads to the area. Police officers refused to allow pressmen into Leeuwfontein.

Gunmen cut down Soweto policeman

PRETORIA. — A policeman was killed when gunmen opened fire on a police patrol vehicle in Soweto.

According to the weekend police unrest report Detective Constable M Manzu, of Meadowlands, who was shot in the head and body, was certified dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital.

In Langa, 18 men were arrested after a private vehicle was extensively damaged in a stone-throwing incident. — Sapa

Students won't let Zach speak

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LEFT: The disrupted meeting at Wits. **RIGHT:** Dr De Beer after the disruption.

Democratic

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — More than 100 chanting students yesterday disrupted a Wits University debate because they objected to Democratic Party co-leader Dr Zach de Beer being allowed to speak on campus.

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the nazi generals of the past. They are no different from people like Klaus Barbie," he said.

Sapa reports that Dr Slabbert said the disruption was "symptomatic of the absurdity of holding an election for the minority".

However, he added: "Even under the most repressive circumstances opportunity for debate and discussion should be used.

"It would be foolish for people to under-estimate the depth of frustration and anger among those in the extra-parliamentary arena who have had their meetings and organisations banned and their peaceful gatherings disrupted."

Dr De Beer planned to call on all South Africans who believed in democracy and freedom to work together for peaceful change as soon as possible.

NO CHANCE TO SPEAK . . . Dr Van Zyl Slabbert waits his turn to speak at the Transvaal Indian Congress on Sunday. Yesterday the meeting he and Dr Zach de Beer were to address at Wits was disrupted. Picture: REUTER

According to his prepared speech, Dr De Beer would have told students that everyone, including the Mass Democratic Movement, should calmly and resolutely insist on the introduction of democratic values to counter the contrived hysteria caused by NP pre-election attempts to create the impression of a climate of violence and disruption and play upon resultant fears.

(Report by S Ngcobo and M Robertson, 11 Diagonal St, Johannesburg)

from speaking at Wits and called on the DP to leave Parliament and join the ANC

Dr Van Zyl Slabbert of Idasa and Mr Steven Friedman of the Institute of Race Relations were also due to speak at Wits.

The meeting was called off and the speakers were whisked away by the university authorities

The principal of Wits, Dr Robert Charlton, said the disruption was a gross violation of the university's most cherished values. He said disciplinary action would be taken against the students

A spokesman for the Black Students' Interim Committee (BSIC) said they knew the consequences of disrupting the meeting and were prepared to face them. They would regard any action taken against them as akin to sentences handed down by "apartheid" courts.

Before the debate was due to start the 100 black students, part of the audience of 1 000, began chanting ANC slogans and singing songs in praise of Umkhonto we Sizwe.

SRC president Ms Bettina von Lieres tried to address the meeting, but was also ignored. Security officials tried to force the students out of the hall.

BSIC co-ordinator Mr Nepo Kekana then began speaking to initial jeers from white students

"The battle lines have been drawn. No National Party nor Democratic Party leaders will make speeches here for as long as we are on this campus. What you are seeing today is just the beginning," he said.

He said those who accused the BSIC of violating the freedom of speech on campus should remember that the ANC and other student and community organisations were banned and that leaders like ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo and Mr Joe Slovo were in exile and could not come back and speak on Wits campus.

He said Parliament represented nazism and that the DP was no different.

"The DP represents nazism. Their leadership is no different from

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Passenger dies in bus attack

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PRETORIA. — One passenger was killed and six others were wounded when a group of men attacked a bus in Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, according to yesterday's police unrest report.

In Inanda, a man was fatally wounded by a policeman in a shootout. The policeman had allegedly been returning fire after being fired at by a group of men.

One man was stabbed to death and another wounded by a group of people in Mpophomeni, near Howick.

In Mpumuza, Edendale, a group of men fired shots at two private vehicles and then set them alight.

In Lenasia, a home was petrol-bombed.

In Slangspruit, outside Maritzburg, a bus was stoned. Three men were injured when police used birdshot to disperse the crowd. — Sapa

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Miners add muscle to defiance moves

By EDDIE KOCH

BLACK mineworkers around the country have added their muscle to the defiance campaign launched by resistance groups this week.

The 200 000-strong National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) yesterday announced its members had staged protests in segregated toilets, canteens, change rooms and mine medical stations around the country.

NUM said the protests included:

● A lunch-time sit-in at the all-white canteen of Mintek research laboratories by about 200 workers yesterday.

● At the Ergo Refinery in Brakpan black workers yesterday began using change rooms for white miners.

● Management of the Impala Platinum Refinery in Springs locked its all-white toilets and issued keys to white workers after black labourers defied segregation in the latrines.

● Since Monday black workers from Anglo American's Springfield Colliery have been riding on white buses and white workers have refused to board with them.

● A shaft steward at the Lyttelton Dolomite Mine in Pretoria has been charged for making tea in a kitchen reserved for whites.

● On July 20 black workers used change rooms for whites-only on Anglo American's President Steyn Gold Mine in the Free State.

● On July 30 police prevented Rustenburg mineworkers from staging a sit-in at parks reserved for whites.

Union members in other areas would "campaign against racial segregation in different ways according to conditions on different mines", said NUM.

A war of words has erupted between Anglo American and NUM over the union's claims that race discrimination remains an integral part of every-day life on the mines.

A report from researchers commissioned by the union early this year found racist practices in the allocation of housing, lifts, canteens, change rooms, medical stations, kitchens and sports facilities.

A NUM representative told the *Weekly Mail* that union members complained that medical stations on the mines were accident-oriented and did not provide adequate treatment for illnesses and disease.

White workers do not use the first-aid stations as they were covered by medical aid and could consult private doctors, said the NUM representative. Most mine managements, however, refused to give black workers sick leave on the basis of certificates from private doctors.

Anglo has issued press statements, as well as pamphlets on its mines, claiming that it was corporation policy to provide facilities, wherever possible, according to skill and seniority rather than race.

"The corporation does not segregate on the basis of race. However, this policy is constrained by legal requirements which the mining industry is challeinging in the courts," said a company press release.

The great bed battle rages on

By SOPHIE TEMA and CONNIE MOLUSI

THE Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) won the first round of their defiance campaign against segregation when about 271 black patients were treated at 'white' hospitals last week.

The MDM consider this an important victory because of the disciplined and peaceful way the public responded

"South Africans were treated in 'white' hospitals and the sky did not fall, the State was forced to refrain from using violence and the day went by peacefully Hospitals were not swamped and health services were not disrupted," said an MDM statement.

Actstop, the South African Health Workers Congress (SAHWCO), the National Medical and Dental Association (Namda) and the National Education and Health Workers Union (Nehawu) said they would hold discusssions with monitoring groups to ensure the campaign was not reversed.

MDM spokesman Murphy Morobe said some hospital superintendents had promised that they would treat genuinely ill black patients but would later transfer them to black hospitals

Superintendents interviewed by *City Press* were adamant that treating black patients this week did not mean a change in hospital policy.

Dr Reggie Broekmann, superintendant at Johannesburg Hospital, said "It is policy to treat black patients in emergency situations and, when stabilised, to transfer them to the relevant hospitals."

He said there were practical problems with the admission of black patients The Johannesburg hospital had a shortage of doctors and nurses and lacked the funds to buy additional beds.

According to the MDM, white hospitals have one bed for every 102 patients while black hospitals have only one for every 337 patients.

"The white Johannesburg hospital spends R185 a patient while Baragwanath spends R46.

"Tuberculosis kills about 10 to 15 black people every day and malnutrition claims the lives of thousands of black babies every year

"At the same time wards lie empty in white hospitals because there are no patients," the statement said.

The dean of the Wits medical school, Professor C Rosendorf, told an MDM rally that Johannesburg Hospital had been designed to accommodate 1 800 beds.

"There are at present 830 beds commissioned and this number is shrinking, while black hospitals such as Baragwanath are bursting at their seams with patients sleeping on the floor"

The MDM said its people will continue to demand treatment at the hospital closest to their places of residence, which is able to give them competent treatment.

"If that happens to be a white hospital, people will demand admission and refuse to be transferred unless it is on genuine grounds"

DEFIANCE VICTORY!

By S'BU MNGADI

74-YEAR-OLD Miriam Jwara of Chesterville was wheeled into Durban's whites-only Addington Hospital on Wednesday.

She set the clock back to 1952 when, as a middle-aged housewife, she participated in the ANC's first defiance campaign

This week Jwara was the MDM's first "volunteer" in the defiance campaign against the same laws she has vigorously opposed for 37 years.

Over 2 000 people, who alighted from 13 buses and 7 minibuses, converged on Addington Hospital to [illegible] dian Congress, pushed Jwara through the aluminium-and-glass doors.

He said: "I am now pushing her through the doors which I have been told are for whites only." Jwara suffers from chronic arthritis.

A white security guard tried to stop them, referring them to the entrance for "first timers", but Ramgobin, backed by others, shouted: "You discriminate against her, she is a sick woman." The guard gave in.

Before Jwara's admission card had been processed they were met by Dr Ralph McCarter, who told them that an entire [illegible] had been set as de[illegible] the SA police patrolled the beach front

Two of them interrogated patients in the admission hall but MDM lawyers intervened, asking the security policemen to either detain those being questioned or leave them alone.

A high-powered delegation of MDM leaders led by Curnick Ndlovu, the national executive chairman of the UDF, was refused a meeting to present a memorandum to the hospital's superintendent, Dr Patrick Fitzgerald.

The memorandum said: "Our actions are planned such that the routine services provided will [illegible] General Hospital black patients were treated at the outpatients' section. Outside the hospital protesters held placards saying "Apartheid. health stops here", "Money for health not guns" and "We are patients not radicals".

Dr Aslam Dasoo, spokesman for the South African Health Workers Congress (Sahwco), said this week the MDM would consider all hospitals open from now on. Should the Transvaal Provincial Administration fail to open hospitals, the MDM would do it for them.

■ Patients were also treated at the Vereeniging Hospital [illegible] A police video crew who wanted to video-tape a discussion between the hospital's superintendent, Dr Dirk van Rooy, and the leader of the MDM group of patients, AR Dawood, left when Dawood objected to their presence.

■ At the Paardekraal Hospital in Krugersdorp a handful of black patients were admitted after a larger group was initially turned away.

■ About 300 people gathered at the University of the Witwatersrand's Medical School protesting against segregated hospitals.

■ In Welkom in the Free State small [illegible]

City Press man joins in

By S'BU MNGADI
Durban Bureau Chief

WHEN 74-year-old Miriam Jwara defiantly entered Durban's whites-only Addington Hospital, my curiosity was overwhelming.

We waited apprehensively for police or hospital authorities to act against scores of black and Indian patients who had followed Jwara. But they did not.

A black guard smiled broadly as he searched white patients' bags. An angry look crossed his face each time a black person passed by.

It was my turn at 10.25am. I registered with an MDM "receptionist" near the gate. Behind us were 2 000 people standing quietly. She took my name and sickness – acne.

A white matron took my details and I joined 59 others on sofas.

A white staffer asked for and obtained a volunteer to interpret for some of those admitted.

The temperature rose as the crowd swelled to 80 in the small waiting-room.

A security policeman asked some patients: "Who sent you here? Was it the ANC?"

An MDM legal adviser intervened and asked the cop to detain them or leave them alone. Many sighed with relief when the policeman chose the latter.

One black woman asked about employment. She was told to apply to black hospitals like King Edward V111.

A nurse told me the "consulting rooms" were offices opened to cater for the MDM influx. She then gave me a bottle to urinate in.

There were 10 people in the [illegible] toilet and I

defied the government's segregated health services.

For the first time in the history of the hospital, bordered by whites-only North Beach, African and Indian patients who were not emergency cases were treated

The hospital has a separate ward for coloureds This recently sparked off a boycott by interns of the Medical School of the University of Natal

Mewa Ramgobin, vice-president of the Natal In- by the MDM.

'Many patients had their names taken by MDM doctors and nurses outside before entering the gate for "first timers"

Within an hour hospital staff started referring patients to black hospitals

Thirsty visitors asking for water were helped by a black female security guard who brought them water in a steel bucket and gave them plastic cups

About 100 members of In a press statement later the MDM said that, by refusing to see them, the superintendent had aligned himself with segregated hospitals.

The protest ended with a rally outside the hospital. Leading members of anti-apartheid groups addressed the meeting.

Dr Fitzgerald said in an interview about 120 people had been treated as outpatients As far as he knew, none would be kept for the night.

■ At the Johannesburg stop's Casualty [illegible] the presence of the diplomats seemed to have a calming influence on the authorities.

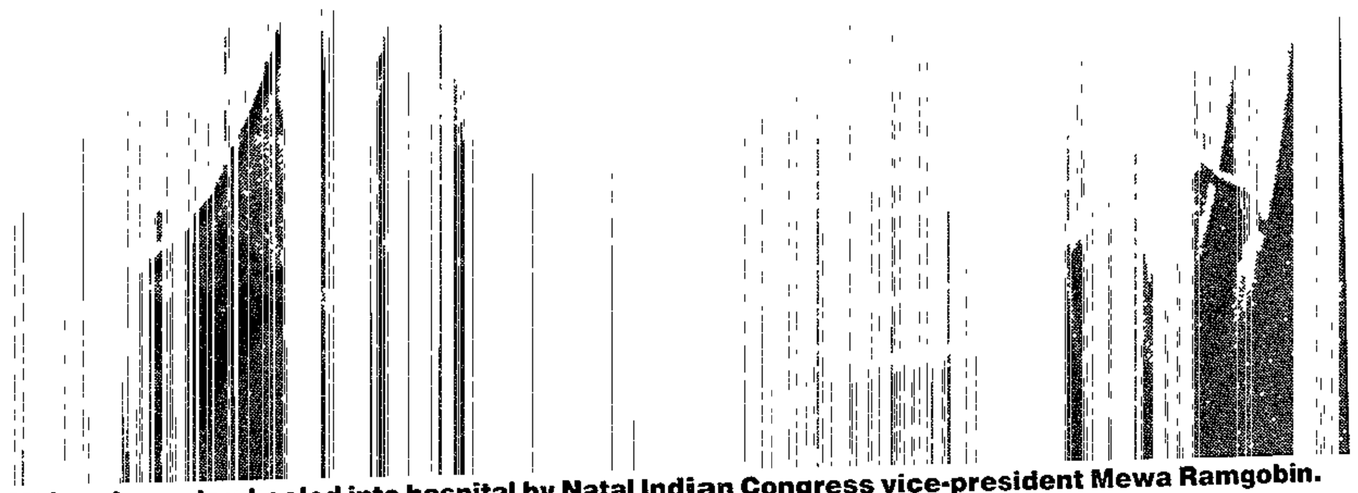
Members of the Mohlakeng Youth Congress, three of whom were treated, said "we now consider this hospital open".

■ At the HF Verwoerd Hospital in Pretoria police staged roadblocks at two entrances and allegedly searched vehicles but about 15 people succeeded in getting treatment. [illegible] entitled to the local hospital.

■ In the Western Cape, 18 former detainees openly defied their restriction orders by appearing at a press conference in Cape Town.

They included almost the entire leadership of the UDF in the Western Cape.

In Mitchells Plain, barricades burned and teargas canisters flew for the second week in a row.



Miriam Jwara is wheeled into hospital by Natal Indian Congress vice-president Mewa Ramgobin.

filled the bottle.

At 12.38pm I met the white doctor. When I told her I was suffering from acne, she said she could hardly see acne but would give me a lotion.

One minute and 15 seconds later I was ushered out.

I asked a staffer when I should come back. He snapped: "It won't be necessary. But should your acne deteriorate, go to King Edward".

Speedy cure at 'white' hospital

By CONNIE MOLUSI

A WHITE hospital this week came up with a cure for Dorothy Ndlela . . .

Ndlela "felt better" after being treated for a fractured arm at the Johannesburg General Hospital this week

She injured herself two weeks ago when she fell down the stairs of a block of flats where she lives

Despite having gone to the Hillbrow hospital several times, she was only given pain killer.

This week doctors at the Johannesburg hospital apparently saw the seriousness of her injury and put a plaster cast on her arm.

Moments after Ndlela's hand was put in the plaster she said even the pain seemed to be easing after two weeks of hell.

"If this is the treatment we have been missing by being prevented from going to white hospitals, things have certainly changed," she said

At Johannesburg General she was attended to by a doctor within two hours, was treated and left the hospital for home – happy

Doctor Aslam Dasoo of the South African Health Workers Congress (SAHWCO) and a registrar at Hillbrow hospital said Hillbrow had been experiencing a crisis, with sometimes 200 percent over-occupation.

Ndlela was impressed with the treatment The doctor and the nurses were nice with her and "did not give her hassles," she said

All quiet on the Pretoria Front

By CHARLES MOGALE

WHEN a City Press team arrived at the HF Verwoerd Hospital in Pretoria, a heavy contingent of the SAP was stationed about a block away from the entrance.

It was here that a group of 7 000 Medunsa students were reportedly turned back while trying to enter the hospital.

Every single vehicle was stopped and checked before being allowed past. After producing Press cards, we were allowed through by an obviously reluctant police constable.

The defiance campaign was scheduled for 10,30am but by noon it seemed like it was never going to be – the hospital seemed as "safe" for the police as the legendary Bank of England.

We joined the large group of local and international Pressmen waiting at the main entrance

Out of "nowhere" a group of about 22 blacks surfaced and marched into the hospital. The Pressmen sprang to life, jostling each other in a mad rush to record the defiance of the whites-only status of the hospital.

"Open the hospitals to all. Open the hospitals to all," a youth chanted in the crowd He need not have bothered The receptionists, apparently acting on orders from above, bent over backwards to help their black visitors

A nurse with a fixed smile on her face led the sick people to the registration counter and disappeared with them behind a sign that read: "Patients only."

An ageing man with a nameplate identifying him as Dr JA Louw approached the battery of Pressmen and charged: "Get out of here or I will get the police to take you out"

Louw refused to be photographed and grabbed *City Press* photographer Bongani Mngumi's camera when he tried to photograph him However, he did answer the question: "Are you going to admit black patients?"

He answered. "They will be examined and those who need admission will be admitted subject to there being a bed available."

NUM declares war on racism

By CONNIE MOLUSI

THE National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) has joined the MDM's defiance campaign by declaring war on segregation in the workplace

Despite a warning from the Anglo American Corporation (AAC) that workers taking part in such action would face disciplinary action, the NUM reported that:

■ A shaft steward at the Lyttelton Dolomite mine near Pretoria has been charged for making tea in the facilities reserved for whites.

■ Workers at Welkom's President Steyn mine and at Ergo, near Springs, have been using changing rooms reserved for whites;

■ Workers at Mintek used a canteen reserved for whites,

■ Springfield Colliery workers boarded whites-only buses; and

■ Workers at Impala Platinum Refineries, near Springs, are using whites-only canteen and toilet facilities

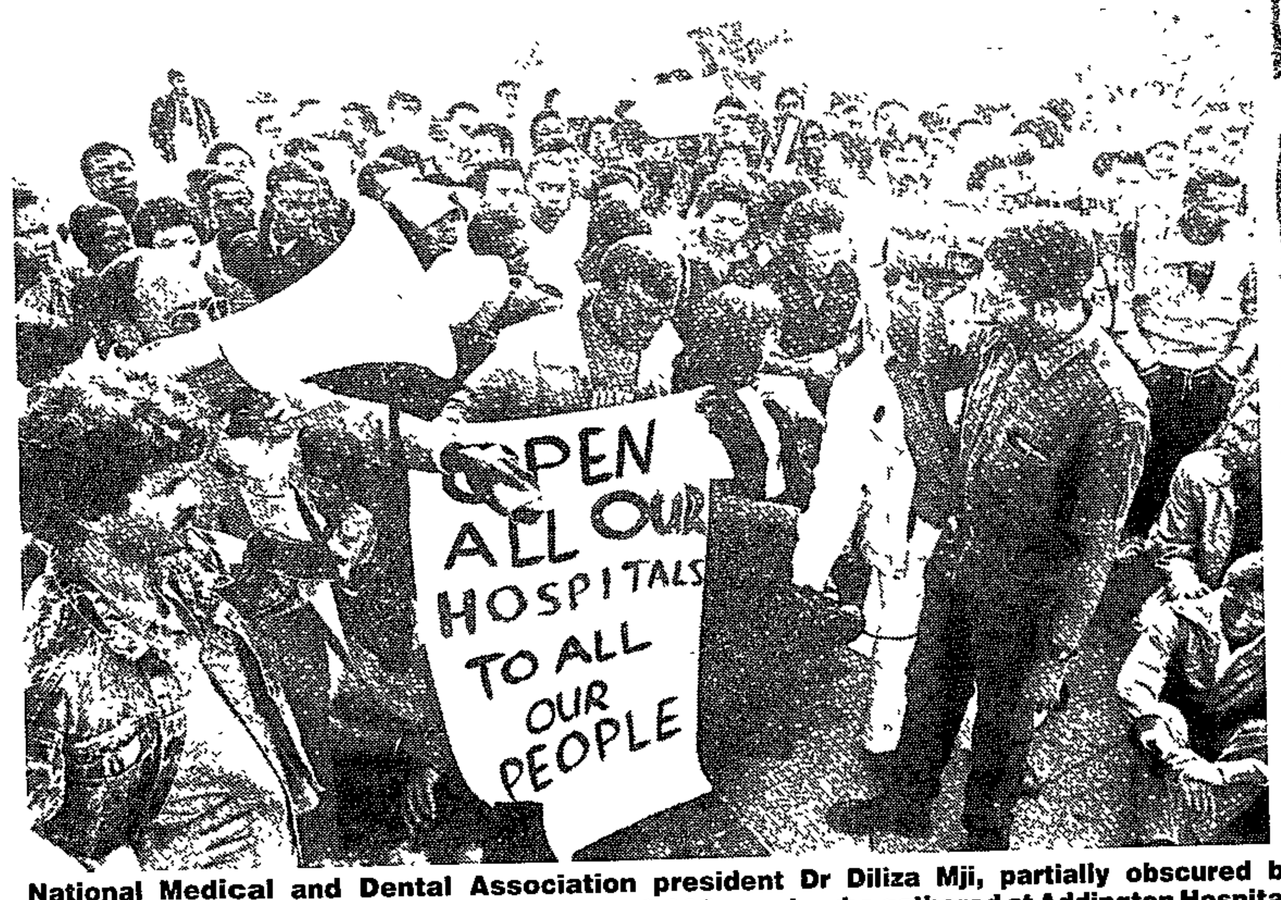
The NUM has disputed claims by AAC that its facilities are not racially segregated but that some of them are reserved for senior people

"Apart from wages and housing, Anglo mines practise racism in the allocation of lifts, toilets, changerooms and medical facilities

"The NUM rejects with contempt all Anglo's claims of being non-racial. Mineworkers, like all victims of racial domination, must enjoy equal rights in the workplace," a NUM spokesman said.

Patients taking part in the Mass Democratic Movement's defiance campaign against apartheid health services queue for treatment outside Durban's Addington Hospital.

Confrontation, consternation – satisfaction: a woman patiently waits for doctors at the Johannesburg Hospital to treat her baby.



National Medical and Dental Association president Dr Diliza Mji, partially obscured by loudspeaker, addresses the crowd of about 2 000 people who gathered at Addington Hospital.

capital for the fourth consecutive day.

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Venda college boycott

JOHANNESBURG. — About 600 students at the Venda College of Education refused to continue with their mid-year examinations yesterday in protest against the detention of a fellow student.

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Hotel workers reinstated

JOHANNESBURG. — Southern Sun Holiday Inn has — subsequent to June 16 last year when 142 workers at six hotels were dismissed — agreed to reinstate all 142 workers unconditionally with two weeks' back pay.

IMMACULATA CLOSES

CLASSES at Immaculata High School in Soweto have been suspended after yesterday's class disruptions that led to pupils terrorising Diepkloof residents.

The school management committee's decision followed a confrontation between pupils and a Diepkloof family in which an unidentified man was shot and had to be hospitalised.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Three pupils were arrested in connection with the incident.

A Zone 6 businessman, Mr Isaac Malinga, said his home and cars were stoned by a group of more than 150 boys from Immaculata High School, who wanted to hijack his truck last week.

"These boys have started a reign of terror," he said.

"They are terrorising everyone in the neighbourhood. Since yesterday morning they have been hijackng cars and chasing people around."

The management committee said they suspended classes because they fear for other people's lives.

"We do not know what is happening and why," the school manager, Mr R M Makobane, said.

"For two weeks the situation has been explosive."

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Photographer threatened

20 held as police lash Cosatu crowd

By Sue Olswang and Anna Louw

Police with sjamboks and batons dispersed a crowd of about 500 outside the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The crowd had gathered for the court appearance of 27 members of the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

Cosatu has claimed the charges relate to the singing of "freedom songs" on trains, an accusation denied by the SAP.

Just before 9 am hundreds of people fled as police and traffic officers chased them.

Most of the 500 did not return to the court buildings, including most of the accused.

Two plainclothes policemen and a police sergeant threatened The Star's photographer, Herbert Mabuza, when he attempted to take photographs of the fleeing crowd and the chaos outside the court buildings.

"If you lift that camera once, I will smash it for you," one policeman said.

Another policeman later threatened Mabuza when he tried to take photographs of some of the injured who had returned to establish whether the court case would go ahead.

A police liaison officer yesterday said 20 people were arrested when about 300 people arrived simultaneously at the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court to attend the trial of 27 men on charges under the Transport Services Act.

He said 300 people arrived at the court at 8.50 am. They were asked to disperse and when they did not comply policemen used whips, and arrested 10 people.

At 9.30 am about 100 people returned to the court, he said, adding that they were asked to disperse and policemen arrested a further 10 people.

Lawyer Mr A Cachalia, who was due to appear for the Cosatu accused, said he had expected the accused would appear in three separate cases. Yesterday's case had to be postponed.

The accused failed to come forward when the court orderly called out their names three times, and the magistrate, Mr R le Roux, issued warrants for the arrest of the 27.

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20 held

TWENTY people were arrested and dozens of others injured when policemen used quirts to disperse a crowd outside the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court yesterday, a Cosatu spokesman said.

Cosatu official Mr Ariel Mabalane said those injured were among the scores of people who arrived at the court yesterday morning to attend the trial of 47 men arrested for singing and dancing the *toyi-toyi* on trains.

Those injured were treated at Hillbrow Hospital.

He said, however, only 27 Cosatu members made a brief appearance in court.

The case was postponed and the 27 will appear in court on different dates in November and December.

A police spokesman told Sapa that 20 people were arrested when 300 people arrived simultaneously at the court to attend the trial the 27 men charged under the Transport Services Act.

Police with sjamboks scatter marchers at court

HUNDREDS of Cosatu members, marching on the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court, where 27 of them were due to appear for singing freedom songs on a commuter train, were yesterday scattered by police using sjamboks.

A police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed the incident and said 20 members of the crowd were arrested.

The 27 accused were scattered with the crowd, many of whom suffered sjambok wounds, and did not appear in court.

Lawyers from Cheadle Thompson and Haysom who arrived in court without their clients secured a postponement to November 20.

Warrants of arrest would be issued against the 27 for not appearing, but would be held over until November 20, a Cheadle Thompson and Haysom spokesman said.

But if the workers again failed to appear on November 20 they would be arrested, he added.

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police suffered sjambok injuries and were taken to the Johannesburg General Hospital.

In a statement yesterday, Cosatu condemned the "brutal, cowardly and unprovoked police attack". It said the sjamboking took place at about 9.30am when a crowd of about 500 workers, supporting the workers, marched to court

Disperse

They were confronted by police outside the court and given three minutes to disperse. As the workers were still debating the matter, the police charged and began to sjambok them.

It said instead of being allowed into court, the workers were "blocked, chased, and brutally assaulted by uniformed police, security police and even traffic cops".

"Having seen the "ferocity" of the police action, the workers decided to disperse and return to the station. But when they returned to the station they found that the police were blocking their way, the statement said.

The people then faced another charge and some workers, many of them injured, were forced to walk to nearby police stations, the statement alleged.

Instead of being allowed back onto the trains, some faced yet another charge. Some workers, many of them injured, were forced to walk from Kempton Park to Isando Station, others to Van Riebeeck Station.

Cosatu has instructed its attorneys to investigate legal proceedings against the police.

A police spokesman confirmed 20 people were arrested when about 300 black people arrived simultaneously at the court.

They were asked to disperse, but when they did not comply, police used quirts and arrested 10.

At 9.30am about 100 of them returned. They were asked to disperse. A further 10 people were arrested, police said.

Police sjambok Cosatu marchers

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Hundreds of Cosatu members, marching on the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court where 27 of them were due to appear for singing freedom songs on a commuter train, were scattered by police using sjamboks yesterday.

Police outside the court gave the crowd three minutes to disperse. As the workers were still pleading, police charged at them and the sjambokking started.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said 20 members of the crowd were arrested.

The 27 accused were scattered with the crowd, many of whom suffered sjambok wounds, and did not appear in court.

Lawyers who showed up at the court without their clients secured a postponement of the case to November 20.

As a result of their failure to appear, warrants of arrest would be issued against the 27, according to a spokesman for the lawyers.

The spokesman, however, said the issuing of warrants was a mere formality as workers would not be arrested. He said the warrants would be issued but held over till November 20.

But if the workers failed again to appear on November 20 they would be arrested.

About 18 of the workers who scattered received serious sjambok injuries and were taken to the whites-only Johannesburg General Hospital for treatment.

Soweto teachers in fear of gun-toting pupils

JOHANNESBURG. — While politically-motivated class disruptions and boycotts seem on the decrease in Soweto schools, thuggery and disorder have set in as gun-toting pupils threaten the lives of teachers and fellow-pupils, the Sowetan reported yesterday.

Tension has been running high at a number of Soweto high schools in the past few weeks, particulary in Diepkloof where there have been several class disruptions. The beginning of 1989 has seen assaults on teachers by students becoming a common practice.

Pupils at Naledi High School recently attacked two teachers with pick handles and baseball bats.

Several principals in Diepkloof are reported to have received threatening letters ordering them to "stop oppressing comrades".

Pupils have been shot in school premises, two of them fatally, while knife fights and rape incidents have also been reported at different schools.

"Teaching in Soweto is like sitting on a time bomb," said a Soweto high school teacher, who may not be named for fear of victimisation. "We have to watch our mouths and actions to avoid being branded 'sellouts'! We can no longer carry out our disciplinary duties.

"Before the 1986 class boycotts the teaching profession was a challenge; we felt we were doing something for the nation and the children were prepared to learn. Now they are not interested in their studies, they are unresponsive and have a negative attitude towards their studies."

Concerned parents have formed committees to solve the problems.

Youth and student organisations have also pointed to the negative results of the boycotts.

Azanian Students Movement publicity secretary Mr Sipho Maseiko said: "While the Department of Education and Training's refusal to consult with student and parent organisations is the main cause of school chaos, previous class boycotts without alternative tuition have always contributed to the chaos."

A spokesman for Action Youth, Mr Salim Valli, said the boycotts of the early '80s should be taken as a lesson, and violent boycotts avoided.

DET Regional Director Mr Peet Struwig attributed classroom thuggery and disorder to demotivation. — Sapa

SADF must pay man who lost eye in assault

JOHANNESBURG. — Thembisa resident Mr Dumisani Ncgobo, 34, is to be compensated for the loss of one eye and other injuries by Defence Minister General Magnus Malan.

It follows an incident in 1987 when SADF members severely assaulted Mr Ncgobo and hit him in the face with a rifle butt.

In passing judgment in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday, Mr Justice Van Schalkwyk did not give a ruling on the total amount to be paid by General Malan, as medical evidence is still to be heard. He said, however, that the court found the general liable to compensate Mr Ncgobo.

Lawyers acting for Mr Ncgobo originally served notice to sue General Malan for R52 540 on August 14, 1987, after Mr Ncgobo was assaulted by four SADF members in the early hours of April 22 in a shebeen in the Mthombeka section of Thembisa.

The judge said the court was dissatisfied with the way the SADF and its defence had handled the matter. "It was in the public interest that the incident receive thorough investigation, yet it did not."

He said the incident had harmed public confidence in the SADF and its administration. He was perturbed that the SADF had never carried out an inquiry into the incident.

"I hope this is an isolated incident," he said.

Pupils

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — About 6 900 students — the total student body of the University of the North — were in their second day of class boycott yesterday in protest against police raids on campus.

Nusas has called on acting State President and Minister of National Education Mr F W de Klerk to stop "his vicious security police" from harassing students.

A university statement said a mass student meeting on August 11 resolved to "extort a public condemnation of what they call persistent police raids".

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on the Cape west coast. Balmy days and blossoming fruit trees have signalled the early arrival of the pre-summer season.

Workers hurt in shotgun accident

MR SILBER: "We are very disturbed."

AT LEAST 19 people from Mama's Pies bakery in Malvern, Johannesburg, were injured yesterday after 450 workers had been locked out by management and police used firearms to restore order.

A police spokesman said later that "shots were fired with shotguns", but the workers were injured when a constable tripped and fell.

Mama's Pies managing director Mr Louis Silber said that after talks between the management and the Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) became deadlocked, the company had exhausted all legal procedures.

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"We had no option but to institute a legal lockout. This morning (Friday) the workers were banging on the front door and windows. Office staff were jostled on arrival.

"A customer was mobbed and rocked in his car and was so afraid he drove off.

"Our delivery vehicles were unable to get out of the yard.

"Out of a very real fear for the safety of our staff and our property, we

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Shop stewards were 'agitated'

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had no choice but to call the police."

Mr Silber said that while management was talking to workers, the shop stewards became "agitated" and the police commander ordered his men to charge.

Mr Silber said: "The incident was a very unfortunate one and management is disturbed about it. It is in our interest to investigate the matter fully."

He added that the injured were brought into the offices and treated.

"We called paramedics and they were treated further, then taken to hospital by ambulance.

"At least 15 policemen were involved."

He agreed that firearms were used to disperse the workers, but referred to the injuries as "scratches and bruises".

An East Rand police spokesman said four workers were injured when a shotgun went off. She said police had not fired intentionally at the crowd, but in all probability the shot went off when a constable tripped and fell.

Another 15 workers complained of minor injuries sustained when they ran away from police.

A statement issued by police headquarters in Pretoria said some workers hurled stones as they fled form the scene after an order to disperse.

The workers were warned to disperse and were given time to do so. When they did not, they were dispersed with horsewhips, the statement said.

"Shots were fired with shotguns," it added.

Late yesterday, Fawu representatives were locked in a meeting with management to seek explanation for the police action. While the talks were going on, some workers were collecting their wages.

A spokesman for the Food and Allied Workers Union said in a statement that a number of workers were arrested after police took action against those who ignored a lock-out.

He added that the wage dispute remains unresolved.

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Protesters beaten, activists arrested in week of defiance

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CP Reporters

RIOT police used rubber whips and batons to beat hundreds of black protesters who streamed onto a whites-only beach yesterday in defiance of South Africa's race laws.

At least four people were injured as police whipped and chased demonstrators along the Bloubergstrand beach, about 15km west of Cape Town.

Witnesses said at least one white man was badly beaten by police and three blacks were treated for injuries in an ambulance.

And in Johannesburg and Durban police arrested at least 27 MDM activists this week.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the leader of the beach protest, mediated between police and demonstrators. He persuaded a hostile crowd of about 1 000 blacks and coloureds to leave the beach after the police action.

"You have made your point, you have broken the law. Perhaps it is time for a strategic retreat," he told the crowd.

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In fine style for Maseru fling

DANCERS Jabu Mahlangu and Petronella Kgaphola are using every free moment to prepare for the 1989 Annual Ballroom and Latin American Dance festival to be held at the Maseru Sun from September 22 to 24.

The National Dance Teachers' Alliance festival will attract competitors aged from eight upwards in skill categories from novice to professional.

Designing champions in

... after the police action

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Tutu, dressed in a red sweater, black trousers and takkies, walked along the Strand beach about 40km east of Cape Town as police armed with pistols, whips and dogs prevented supporters from joining him.

Tutu and several other black clerics had earlier vowed to lead thousands of blacks for a swim at the beach to protest at laws which reserve some of country's best beaches for whites.

In response, police sealed off the area and set up roadblocks on all main roads to the beach.

Soldiers armed with semi-automatic rifles manned the roadblocks and searched all approaching vehicles.

Police covered up whites-only signs on the beach and replaced them with notices saying a police dog training exercise was in progress.

Police said Soviet-made limpet mine had been discovered on Friday in a beach toilet and was harmlessly detonated

In Durban napping World XV players were rudely awakened yesterday afternoon at their beachfront hotel by MDM protesters yelling at them to "boycott apartheid" and "go home".

The demonstration, which included restricted activists, was shortlived as police moved in to arrest at least 16, taking them to the nearby CR Swart Square.

Johannesburg police yesterday confirmed they had arrested 10 people, including two journalists, involved in two demonstrations against the earlier arrest of MDM official Moosa Valli.

Col Frans Malherbe said the arrests took place after police dispersed groups of protesters.

The first demonstration took place shortly after 10am when about 150 placard-wielding protesters were stopped in Smal Street and ordered to disperse.

In Durban two foreign television crews, BBC and Visnews, and a Durban Press photographer had their films confisticated by uniformed police at the the World XV's hotel.

Following the arrests, the remaining protesters delivered a letter at the hotel's front desk addressed to World XV manager Willie-John McBride.

The letter said: "The apartheid regime must be isolated until such time a new dispensation, accepted by the majority, is achieved."

The players would be naive if they thought their presence in South Africa would hasten the ending of apartheid, the MDM's letter said.

A similar letter had been prepared for DE Hogan, general manager of First National Bank, which sponsors the tour. It could not be delivered as the demonstration could not move to the the bank's regional offices as scheduled.

While lawyers were negotiating the release of those arrested, others pledged to continue with today's "unban yourself" protest.

Meanwhile, security has been stepped up at Durban's Kings Park Rugby Stadium and kitskontabels with shotguns have camped there since Friday night.

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The sponsorship had to be looked at in the context of economic turmoil, the rising rate of inflation, high unemployment and "people earning below a living wage."

The bank's communications head, Brent Chalmers, said the bank regretted the move and said it would like to talk to the school.

Nonsense, ANC about

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CP Correspondent

THE ANC yesterday described as "nonsense" reports that it was moving out of Zambia under pressure from the Zambian President and his government.

This was emphasised to the Africa News Organisation by an angry ANC spokesman who dismissed such reports as having been used out of context

"No, we are not under pressure from Kenneth Kaunda to move out of Zambia. We have been building a new centre in Tanzania which will in the end accommodate 15 000 ANC members from all over the world, including South Africa.

"The project was started three years ago and is not supposed to accommodate ANC members from Zambia only. The Tanzanian project was agreed on long ago and definitely has nothing to do with either pressure from President Kaunda or the forthcoming meeting between De Klerk and Kaunda on August 28.

"Moreover, there have never been more than 1 000 ANC members in Zambia at any time since the ANC was banned in 1960. So, how can we move 5 000 members from Zambia?

"The Tanzanian centre will also accommodate the steady stream of South African people who need resettlement – Zambia cannot support all these people."

He referred to an ANC Press conference in Lusaka this week.

"At that conference it was explained that 5 000 ANC cadres from Zambia, South Africa and other countries would be sent

Groups welcom anti-apartheid

CP Correspondent

THE ANC and the PAC have welcomed the announcement that anti-apartheid forces are holding a conference on October 7 to map out the most effective way to end apartheid.

The Conference for a Democratic Future was announced in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

The ANC welcomed such a conference at a time when the majority of South Africa's people were excluded from voting.

A spokesman said the conference was an important initiative to unite anti-apartheid forces within the country.

"It is also indicative of the growing strength and vision of the organisations of the oppressed black majority which, after four years under a state of emergency, have not been

Bloody murder disrupts school

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Classes at Meadowlands High School were disrupted for the whole of last week after students went on a manhunt for a man who killed their colleague.

A 19-year-old pupil at the school, Michael Cindi was stabbed to death at a shebeen in Zone 2. He was buried yesterday.

"Michael went with his friend to the shebeen to look for his friend's brother. On arriving they found the brother involved in a brawl with the assailant," said Mrs Cindi, the deceased's mother.

"The man pounced on Michael and his friend without any provocation. Michael could not flee from his assailant as the shebeen doors were suddenly locked, giving the murderer - who kept sucking blood from the wounds as he repeatedly stabbed him - ample time to kill him," added the mother.

A teacher at the school said pupils gathered as usual for the morning devotion on Monday but later left the premises after deciding to go on a manhunt for the killer.

"The situation has not gone back to normal as pupils have not been going to class," said the teacher.

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3 held for boarding 'whites-only' bus

PRETORIA. — Three black men who tried to catch a "whites-only" bus here yesterday afternoon in the latest phase of the defiance campaign against apartheid facilities were arrested.

The three would-be passengers were removed from the first step of a bus they had boarded in Church Street.

They were placed in one of a number of police vehicles lining the street.

Police said they would be charged with "conspiracy".

The three were the only black men from a group who had attempted to board segregated buses at six different points throughout the day.

Earlier protesters had been stopped from boarding buses by police blocking their path and transport officials who drove buses away — leaving white passengers stranded.

Two press photographers were also briefly held. Officials from the Australian, British, Canadian, French, Swedish and US embassies were present.

Men to be charged with 'conspiracy'

No violent incidents were reported during the protest, but several members of the campaign said they had received death threats from a right-wing group.

The protest began at at 7.30am in the densely-populated suburb of Sunnyside when Mr Phascha Ramakopa stepped forward with a ticket at the doors of a "whites-only" bus.

He was accompanied by another two protesters.

The driver allowed some of the white passengers at the stop to board but closed the doors in Mr Ramakopa's face on the instructions of a bus inspector.

The bus then drove off, leaving other white passengers behind.

"I just tried to get onto the bus and they closed the door," Mr Ramakopa said.

Later 10 policemen arrived and blocked the doors of the buses, allowing whites through but obstructing blacks.

Although the bus campaign got off to a quiet start, there were several violent incidents on the eve of the campaign for which the "Wit Wolwe" claimed responsibility.

These included:

- Twelve shots being fired at the house of one of the organisers of the "Stand for the Truth" campaign, the Rev Ivor Jenkins of Koinonia, sending him and his family into hiding.
- Seven shots fired into the Queenswood house of Mr Louis Bredenkamp, a member of several extra-parliamentary organisations in Pretoria.,
- A petrol bomb attack at a Colbyn home, believed to have been aimed at Ms Alet Schoon, 21, a member of the Students for a Democratic Society. A car on the premises was burnt out.
- Half-bricks hurled at the Laudium house of Transvaal Indian Congress executive committee member Mr A R Dawood.

— Sapa and UPI

Defiance meeting on Wits campus

JOHANNESBURG. — Emergency regulations were openly defied yesterday at a meeting on the University of the Witwatersrand campus called by student organisations to protest against police intimidation at Pietersburg's Turfloop University.

A member of the restricted Black Students' Society, Mr Nepo Kekana, who chaired the 700-strong meeting wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the restricted United Democratic Front's emblem, set the tone by announcing that the BSS would start operating on campus as from tomorrow — in defiance of the restrictions placed on it.

The announcement appeared to tie in with Mass Democratic Movement defiance campaign attempts recently to declare unbanned those anti-apartheid organisations banned and restricted.

There was no visible police presence or action. — Sapa

Weekend of violence

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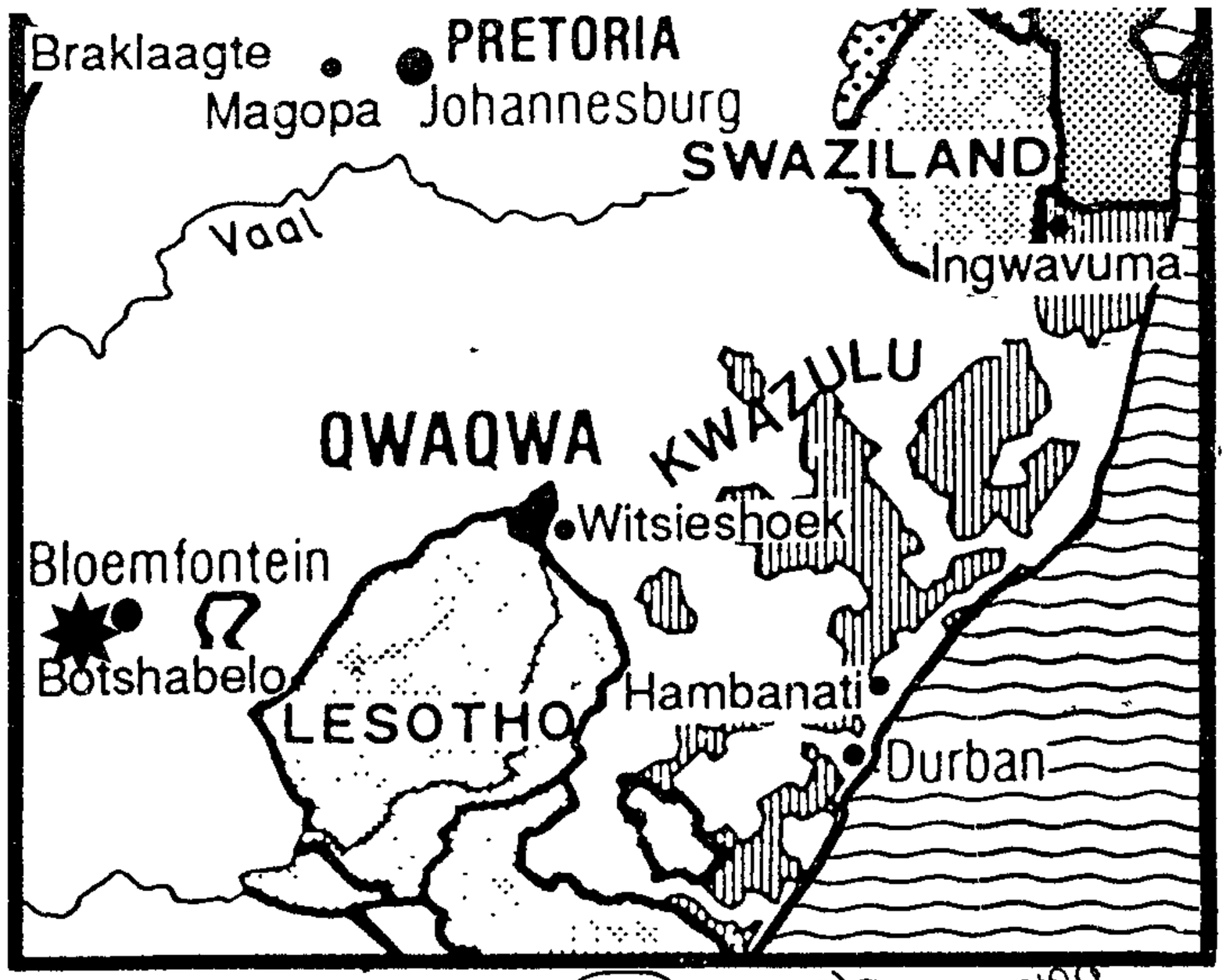
TWO black soldiers were burnt to death and a Krugersdorp man was killed in a grim weekend of violence.

The two South African Defence Force soldiers were still alive when police found them at Kubusie near Stutterheim, but one died on the way to hospital. The other was admitted to Frere Hospital in a critical condition.

A police unrest report issued yesterday said that seven men armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire on Lancaster Mining Town, a private dwelling in Krugersdorp, killing an occupant and seriously injuring another. No arrests have been made and investigations are continuing.

A school in Mofolo, Soweto, was extensively damaged by arsonists, police said, but provided no further details.

At KwaMashu, near Durban, a special constable was shot and wounded by three attackers, and at Katlehong a private house was set alight.



Thousands in march against incorporation

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

MORE than 50000 people on Sunday marched through the streets of Botshabelo, to protest against the incorporation of the township into QwaQwa.

Their demand was simple: the township should be withdrawn from the hands of the QwaQwa administration, and services such as health, education, and the traffic system should be handed back to South Africa proper.

Argument

The arguments about the incorporation of Botshabelo into the homeland run deep.

"It is an undisputable fact that Botshabelo is part and parcel of QwaQwa," asserts Mr M M Makhalamele, the national chairman of the ruling Dikwankwetla Party in the homeland, in response to a series of questions from the *Sowetan*.

No talks

No it's not, say the people of Botshabelo in their response.

"At no point were we consulted about the incorporation of Botshabelo into QwaQwa, nor were any steps ever taken to find out our views and wishes in this regard."

Makhalamele explains that the QwaQwa government "successfully negotiated with the Republic of South Africa and the Bophuthatswana government to move the homeless South-Sotho, who were living at Kromdraai and other ThabaNchu farms, to settle on the newly-purchased area of Vaalkraal and Onvervacht - present-day Botshabelo.

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"It is clear that Botshabelo was meant for the South-Sothos, although at a later stage other ethnic groups settled themselves in the area," he says.

As a result of these negotiations, explains Makhalamele, an agreement was entered into by the cabinets of Bophuthatswana, QwaQwa and the South African Minister of Bantu Administration and Development in Cape Town on February 7 1977.

"But," argue the people of Botshabelo, "the incorporation of Botshabelo was not based upon a consideration of the interests of the inhabitants of Botshabelo, nor upon the nature and the identity of those inhabitants, nor upon future political developments in the area. The sole consideration was the agreement and undertaking of 1977."

That agreement of 1977 arose from practical considerations involved in the independence of Bophuthatswana coupled with what appeared to be the aspirations of QwaQwa. It could not have been based on the interests of Botshabelo residents, since the place had not yet come into existence.

"At no time thereafter was any attempt made to establish our wishes and aspirations," said the communique from the residents of Botshabelo.

"It is improper for the lives, rights and property of the inhabitants of Botshabelo to have been the subject of a "deal" which was concluded in 1977, which deprives them of any semblance of self-determination.

Majority

"Our complaint against the failure of the governments of South Africa and QwaQwa to consult with us, or to establish the views and wishes of the people of Botshabelo, is not merely a matter of form. We can state without hesitation that the majority of people in Botshabelo are opposed to the incorporation," the communique said.

The ruling party of QwaQwa is adamant: "In the manifesto and public political utterances of Dikwankwetla, it is stated countless times that we will not opt for Pretoria-style independence.

"It is instructive to note that in the QwaQwa general election of 1985, where one of the controversial points was the incorporation of Botshabelo into QwaQwa, the majority of voters demonstrated willingness to have the area incorporated. The ruling party won a landslide victory," Makhelemele says.

No growth

Concluding their argument, the people of Botshabelo submit: "The two regions differ vastly in nature, population, situation, ethnically and socially. We see no future for our own growth and development by being linked to QwaQwa.

"The two regions are 270 kilometres apart, and this will inevitably cause administrative problems.

"There is, we believe, no prospect of peaceful co-existence between the residents of the two areas. It will have been a 'forced marriage', resulting in an atmosphere of unthinking domination on the one hand and bitter resentment on the other."

NUM seeks court order on protest

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The National Union (NUM) of Mineworkers is to bring an interdict against the Johannesburg City Council over its refusal to grant permission for a mine workers' march.

Union members planned to march on Saturday to protest against the Chamber of Mines centenary celebrations.

A NUM source said yesterday the interdict was scheduled to be heard in the Rand Supreme Court today.

The NUM, reacting to a newspaper advertisement recently marking the chamber's centenary, said it saw no reason to celebrate the event. If the chamber wanted to thank mineworkers, it should do away with racism, low wages and poor working conditions on the mines.

Commission set up to probe Lebowa violence

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LEBOWAKGOMO. — A commission of inquiry is to be set up to investigate the causes of faction fights in Lebowa, the Chief Minister of the homeland, Mr Nelson Ramodike, said late on Wednesday.

A wave of terror is sweeping Lebowa where villagers are being threatened by armed vigilantes.

The Sowetan newspaper reports that one person has been killed and several homes in the Brooklyn, Arthur City and Rooiboklaagte villages have been burnt in the latest violence.

Eight activists who are members of the Bushbuckridge Youth Congress have gone into hiding after their homes were razed by a group calling itself "Sofasonke".— Sapa

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Faction fighting given as most likely reason for spate of killings

Three shot dead on Jo'burg streets

By Craig Kotze,
Crime Reporter

Three men were shot dead in separate incidents in Johannesburg yesterday.

Their deaths bring to five the number of suspected faction murders or attempted murders in the city since the weekend.

It has put the spotlight on dozens of unsolved suspected action killings in the city in recent years.

Police said the latest killing took place when two gunmen opened fire on a man on the corner of Rissik and Jeppe streets. The man was hit in the head and shoulder and died instantly

The killing happened between 6.30 am and 6.45 am. Detectives found three empty cartridge cases at the scene.

Tribal rivalry

Witnesses saw two men, believed to be Zulus, fleeing the scene. Police say they believe the murder might have been linked to tribal rivalry.

The name of the victim has not yet been released and no arrests have been made.

Two men were also shot dead within minutes of each other in Johannesburg yesterday afternoon by unknown assasins, police said.

At 5 pm at an underground parking lot on the corner of Jeppe and Von Wielligh streets, a man was shot dead at the luxury Johannesburg Sun hotel.

The victim, aged about 30, was shot four times. There were no witnesses.

Seven minutes later, on the corner of Delvers and Pritchard streets, a man aged about 40 was gunned down as he walked out of a cafe.

On Tuesday, the body of a man stabbed to death was found in a Hillbrow alley near the corner of Pretoria and Catherine streets He has not yet been identified.

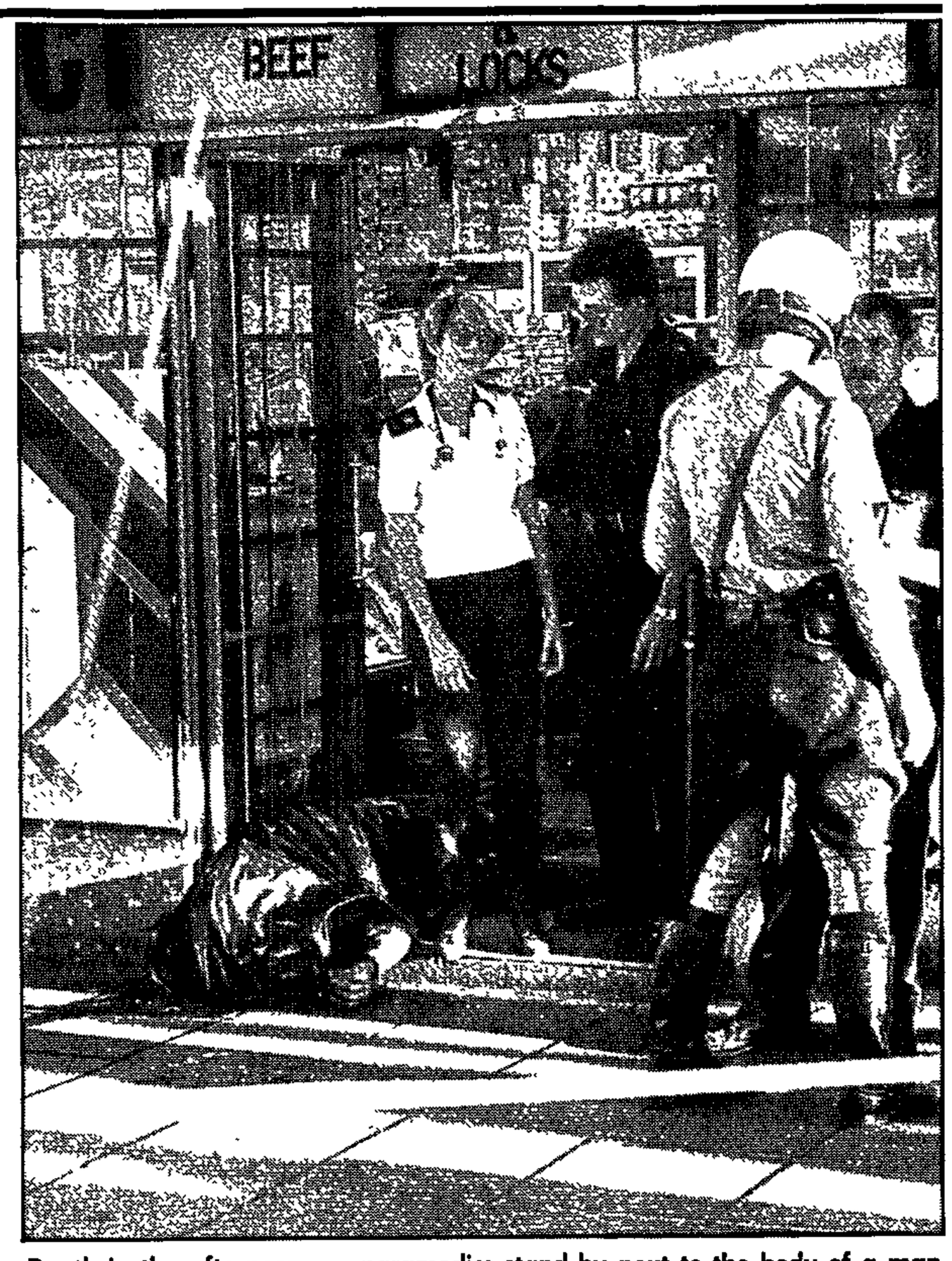
On Monday an unidentified man with bullet wounds in his head and leg was found on the corner of Hancock and Claim streets in Hillbrow. Once again, a faction fight is believed to be the motive for the shooting.

In recent weeks at least two other suspected faction-related killings have been reported by police in Johannesburg.

A man was shot dead by unidentified gunmen as he climbed off a bus in Barry Hertzog Avenue and another man was dragged off a bus in Hillbrow and stabbed to death.

"These killings just erupt and we cannot be everywhere at once," said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

Street slaying . . . gasping in horror, a bystander looks at the body of a man who was gunned down by two men on the corner of Rissik and Jeppe streets in Johannesburg at 6.30 pm yesterday. The man was hit in the head and shoulder and died instantly. ● Picture by John Hogg.



Death in the afternoon . . . paramedics stand by next to the body of a man shot dead on the corner of Delvers and Pritchard streets in Johannesburg. He was one of three men shot in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

officer, residents and police said.

NUM win march action

JOHANNESBURG. — Thousands of mineworkers will march through central Johannesburg on Saturday October 28. The Rand Supreme Court yesterday ruled in favour of a National Union of Mineworker's application to hold the mass protest march brought after the city council refused to allow the march.

Reports by Staff Reporter, Own Correspondent, Sapa-Reuter-AP and UPI

Schools empty after violence

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

PUPILS at four Diepkloof high schools yesterday called for a stayaway from school following the outbreak of violence between pupils and a gang known as the Jackrollers, in which at least three pupils have been killed in the past week.

The stayaway call comes barely two weeks before the start of matriculation examinations.

Pupils interviewed at random in Diepkloof yesterday said they had been called by their teachers who told them to stay at home until the situation returned to normal.

However, the *Sowetan* received a telephone call from a person who said he represented Diepkloof high schools. He said the suspension of classes became necessary "because more than 10 pupils have

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been seriously injured by the Jackrollers, who are moving from school to school".

He claimed that eight pupils: Stanley and Archie Maluleka, Ronald Mnisi, Vincent Mahlawule, a boy known only as Godfrey, a girl whose surname is Mabuza, Sydney Thabethe, and Michael Mothake, have been hospitalised with either gunshot or stab wounds. Some, he said, had also been knocked down by fast-moving cars since the fighting began.

The deputy regional director for the Department of Education and Training, Mr J N Vermaak, confirmed that only two of the six high schools in Diepkloof were functioning, although attendance at these was not 100 percent.

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5 killed in widespread unrest

PRETORIA. — Five people were killed in different incidents over the past 24 hours, according to yesterday's police unrest report.

The bodies of two men — one stabbed to death and the other burnt — were found at Mpumalanga, Natal.

In another incident at Quinabout, near Port Shepstone, an 18-year-old youth was killed when a group of people gathered.

A man was killed by a group of people at Inanda.

A robber was fatally wounded when police opened fire at four men at Edenvale when they stopped a bakery delivery vehicle, robbing it of cash.

In another unrest incident at Tokoza, near Germiston, an F1 grenade exploded in the back yard of a private dwelling. A second unexploded grenade was later found in the same yard.

Police said no injuries were reported, but that the dwelling was slightly damaged. — Sapa

Don't apply unions told

THE Media Workers Association of South Africa at the weekend called on the two main labour federations in the country not to apply for permission for the planned march against the Labour Relations Act.

In a resolution adopted by Mwasa'a third national council held in Port Elizabeth, the union said applying for permission to march in protest against government laws "signifies a desire to beg for easing aspects of oppressive laws."

Mwasa said the marches, which started in Cape Town last month to protest killings in surrounding ownships on the eve of the elections, could cause confusion among workers who might believe that the moves signify a "change in the ruling class attitude to the elimination of oppression and exploitation."

The union called for "an intensive education campaign among workers to place protest marches in the true revolutionary context."

Students to return to violence-hit school

STAR 11/10/91 By Thabo Leshilo (278)

A meeting of concerned parents, students and teachers of Diepkloof, Soweto, decided yesterday that pupils of the beleaguered township should resume classes today, a spokesman announced.

The three-hour meeting was held at the Dutch Reformed Church, Diepkloof, Zone 4. Another meeting will be held at the local community hall at 6 pm today.

Class attendance at the township's six high schools was recently brought to a halt after violent clashes between pupils and the notorious Jackrollers gangsters had reportedly left people dead and several injured.

The recent confrontation was sparked by the death of Miss Salome Thelma Kutwane (Bapela), a Std 8 pupil at Madibane High School who was killed after a suspected gangster allegedly ran her down with a car. (82)

Three attempted murder dockets had been opened at the Diepkloof police station after the shooting of three pupils by gangsters last week, police spokesman Major Noel Hartwell said.

No arrests had been made in connection with the shootings, the major said. He asked anyone with information to contact Captain F H Dempsey of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad at (011) 980-8108 during office hours or at (011) 673-2364 after hours and on weekends.

Protest by undertakers

A DELEGATION of Transvaal funeral undertakers is to meet the superintendent of Baragwanath Hospital, Dr Chris van Heerden, today in an attempt to persuade him to ease some of the restrictions regarding entry to the hospital to collect corpses.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

The chairman of the Transvaal Funeral Undertakers Association, Mr D Nkomo, yesterday said they were concerned about the procedures to be followed in order to collect corpses.

Hospital authorities have banned undertakers from entering the hospital premises to collect bodies without written permission. The permission is to be obtained by the bereaved family while the undertaker will be expected to wait outside the hospital premises. This was done to end touting at the Government mortuary.

Widow

Nkomo said that the conditions imposed on them were seen to be violating some of the black traditions such as when a widow would be expected to walk long distances to the mortuary to identify the body and then go back to the undetaker outside the premises.

"We feel that the hospital acted without a mandate from the black people The restrictions belittle black customs and we want to change them because they were imposed by white officials who do not know our culture," he said.

The meeting starts at 8 am.

ON GUARD . . . "Comrades" guard the Sisulu family's home in Soweto yesterday.

Sisulu supporters teargassed

SOWETO. — Police fired teargas at people gathered outside the home of Mrs Albertina Sisulu yesterday, and a child was injured in the leg when she was hit by a teargas canister, witnesses said.

Groups of mostly young people and journalists gathered outside the Sisulu household throughout the day in anticipation of the release of Mr Walter Sisulu.

Witnesses said a group of "comrades" arrived about 5.30pm. The comrades were singing and toyi-toying.

About 6pm members of the Soweto riot squad arrived in two trucks and soon three teargas canisters were fired at the crowd.

A warrant officer in charge of the police detail also ordered media representatives to disperse after the incident, citing emergency regulations.

A man who was standing next to the child who was injured said the victim — about seven years old — had been hit by a teargas canister.

She was taken to hospital.

There were no immediate reports of arrests.

According to police on the scene, a senior officer or officers were expected soon to address journalists.

More than 30 vehicles belonging to foreign and local media packed the side of the street outside the Sisulu home during the day.

Three young activists acted as guards at the home's main gate.

Only members of the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) and other prominent people were allowed into the premises by the three guards.

Meanwhile, a group of UDF-affiliated Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw) sang freedom songs and chanted political slogans in praise of Mr Sisulu and the ANC.

Neigbours stood at the gates and watched while local shopkeepers came out of their shops and gazed in apparent disbelief.

Train passengers at the near-by Phefeni railway station peered through the windows and watched.

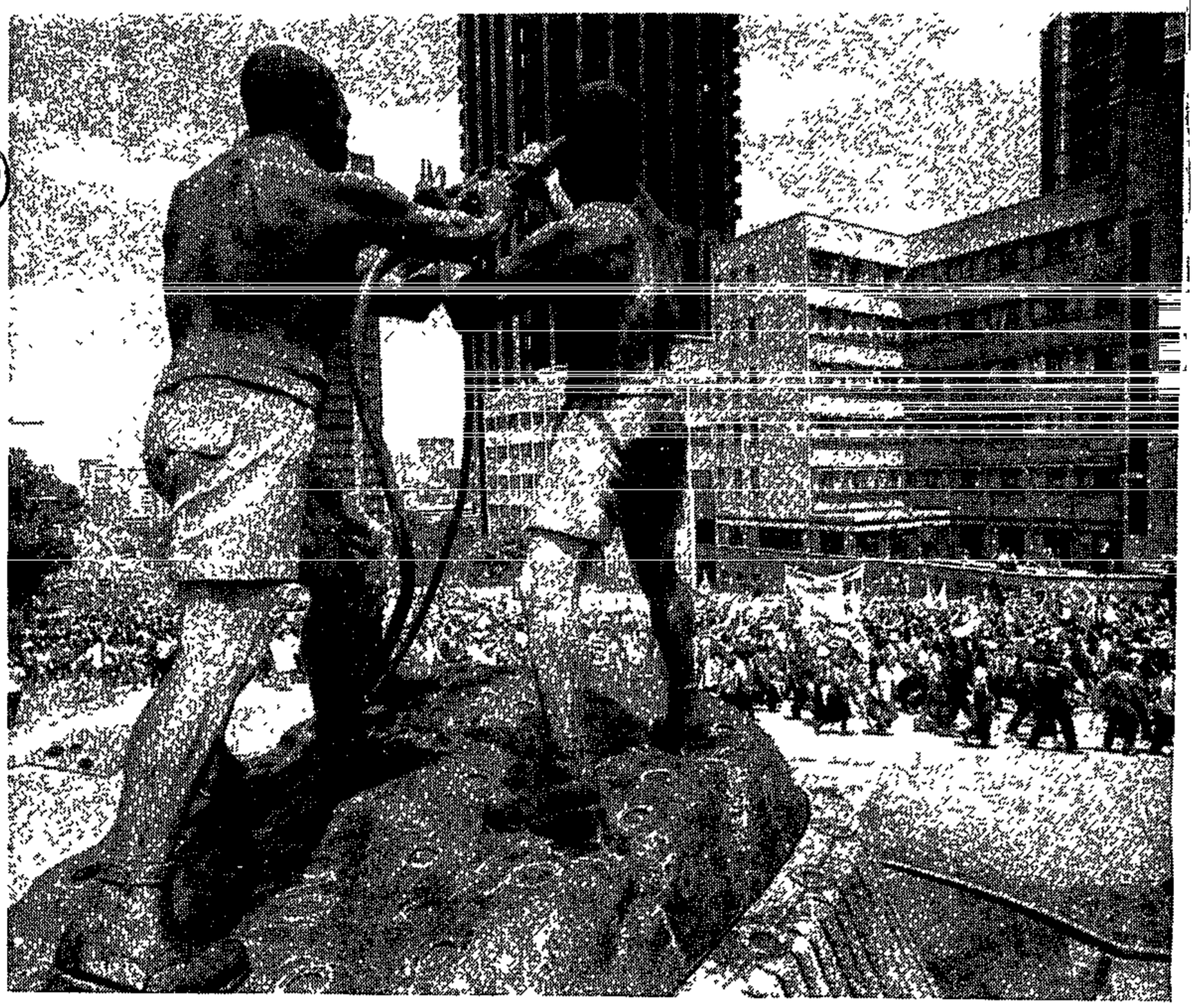
At one stage, pandemonium broke out when Mrs Sisulu arrived and tried to sneak into her home through a small side gate.

Like a swarm of bees, news reporters and foreign television crews rushed to the small side gate and unintentionally nearly squashed it. — Sapa

In Port Elizabeth, the clergy-led procession winds through white residential areas, watched by curious onlookers Pictures: AFRAPIX

A Saturday of a kind Secunda hadn't seen

Throughout the country, workers protested against the labour laws last Saturday. CASSANDRA MOODLEY visited Secunda to see how a conservative town responded to the *toyi toyi*



In Johannesburg, two bronzed miners labour busily while their real-life counterparts march by Picture: GIDEON MENDEL

THE Conservative Party stronghold of Secunda has been put on the political map — by 5 000 *toyi toyi-ing* workers brandishing an "Unban the ANC" banner.

The little Eastern Transvaal dorp, dominated by the Sasol II plant, has never attracted much opposition attention. However, last Saturday, almost 5 000 workers marched to the local police station and presented a petition protesting the "anti-union Labour Relations Act".

They were part of more than 100 000 workers around the country who marched against the labour legislation in response to a call by the Congress of South African Trade Unions and National Council of Trade Unions.

Moments before the start of the march police informed union officials "they did not have permission to march." But nothing could persuade the restive crowd they needed permission.

As a compromise, union officials negotiated for the marchers to take a short route to the police station — rather than walking right around the town.

Chanting and singing workers, in colourful yellow T-shirts with slogans of, among others, the Chemical Workers Industrial Union and National Union of Mineworkers, marched in lines of 20.

Martials instructed participants where to go. They used whistles to signal to the crowd whenever they approached a large contingent of police, or when police vehicles came too close for comfort ... and the *toyi toyi-ing* would become frenzied.

Songs praising Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo, and worker songs about justice and freedom, rose from the 5 000.

Stony-faced policemen stood with rifles along the route.

Three workers handed the petition to a policeman sitting at the desk in the local police station. He told the workers he would "hand it to the brigadier". When he asked the workers for their names they refused to reply and he did not push the issue.

Then began the march back. The chanting of the workers reached a crescendo as a police helicopter droned overhead.

As marchers neared the taxi rank they became agitated by the number of policemen flanking the column, shouting angrily at them. But organisers and marshalls were in control and the crowd swept by to the parked taxis and buses without incident.

Buses and taxis charged the marchers half the normal fare for the journey back to the Embalenhle township.

And the day was not over ...

Weary marchers crowded the township community hall singing, dancing and chanting the name of Cosatu executive committee member Chris Dlamini who had come to address them.

His simple message was greeted by more joyous, hopeful *toyi toyi-ing*: "We have proved that you, the people of South Africa, can unite and fight the LRA and apartheid.

"Your march was a march for freedom and unity.

"It is a means to an end, not an end in itself," he said.

● It has been announced that the police are investigating charges against Cosatu because the CP town council had not granted permission for the Secunda march to take place.

Sowetan 20-26/10/89.

Rally of welcome

By ESMARE VAN DER MERWE, of The Argus Correspondent in Johannesburg

PEOPLE packed Soccer City outside Soweto yesterday to welcome back seven recently-released African National Congress stalwarts at a peaceful and uneventful all-day rally, the first since the ANC was banned in 1960

The less-than-capacity crowd, estimated at 85 000 by the organisers, erupted in spontaneous applause as the men — Walter Sisulu, Ahmed Kathrada, Wilton Mkwayi, Elias Motsoaledi, Oscar Mpetha, Andrew Mhlangeni and Raymond Mhlaba — entered the stadium shortly after noon

They were accompanied by a uniformed guard of honour, the Young Lions of the South African Youth Congress, and Mr Govan Mbeki, who has been severely restricted since his release in 1987.

Ailing ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo delivered an in absentia opening address read out by Mr Murphy Morobe of the National Reception Committee, established to organise the men's return to politics after almost three decades in jail. Mr Tambo may not be quoted in South Africa

Low profile

Police regularly patrolled the main streets leading to the stadium, between Soweto and Johannesburg, but kept a low profile

In his half-hour address Mr Sisulu made a strong plea for peace in South Africa, calling on all people, regardless of colour and political affiliation, to unite on the ANC's principles of non-racialism and democracy.

"We share the ideals of peace-loving people the world over. We are interested in the new phase of political openness a[illegible] that [illegible]fold-

"If such a climate is created, the ANC is prepared to disucss the suspension of hostilities on both sides There can be no question of us unilaterally abandoning the armed struggle.

"To date, we see no clear indication that the government is serious about negotiations. All their utterances are vague."

Rejecting the government's plans for ethnic elections, Mr Sisulu said the ANC was looking forward to the election of a constituent assembly elected on the basis of universal adult franchise.

Representatives

"This is where the true representatives of the people will discuss the future If the government is serious about a permanent and lasting solution, they will agree to this logical step."

Mr Kathrada said the ANC had never advocated black majority rule, but a struggle for all South Africans across the racial divide.

"The new government under the ANC could be all black, mixed or all white It will be a government in which colour plays no role. It has never been the aim or policy of the ANC to drive whites into the sea, to harm the heritage, culture or language of the Afrikaner."

Attempts by the government to portray the black population as a "monster' which was determined to destroy whites were irresponsible, despicable and dangerous.

'Selfish gain'

"They know they are doing this for selfish political gain."

He rejected the FW de Klerk administration's emphasis on [illegible] rights and

Mr Walter Sisulu and Mrs Sisulu at yesterday's rally at Soccer City near Johannesburg.

...ng all over the world. By eradicating apartheid we will be contributing to peace at home and to world peace. We dedicate our lives to this end."

But he vowed that the armed struggle and the call for sanctions would be intensified in order to "get the regime to discuss the issue of the normalisation of the situation" in South Arica. He called on the traditional leaders of the homelands and those in government-created institutions to "seize the moment and join the struggle of freedom".

Troops

He also called upon Cosatu, the UDF and Inkatha to continue their quest for peace in strife-torn Natal.

Before negotiations could take place, the Nationalist government should release all political prisoners, unban political organisations, remove the troops from the townships, end the state of emergency and cease all political trials and executions.

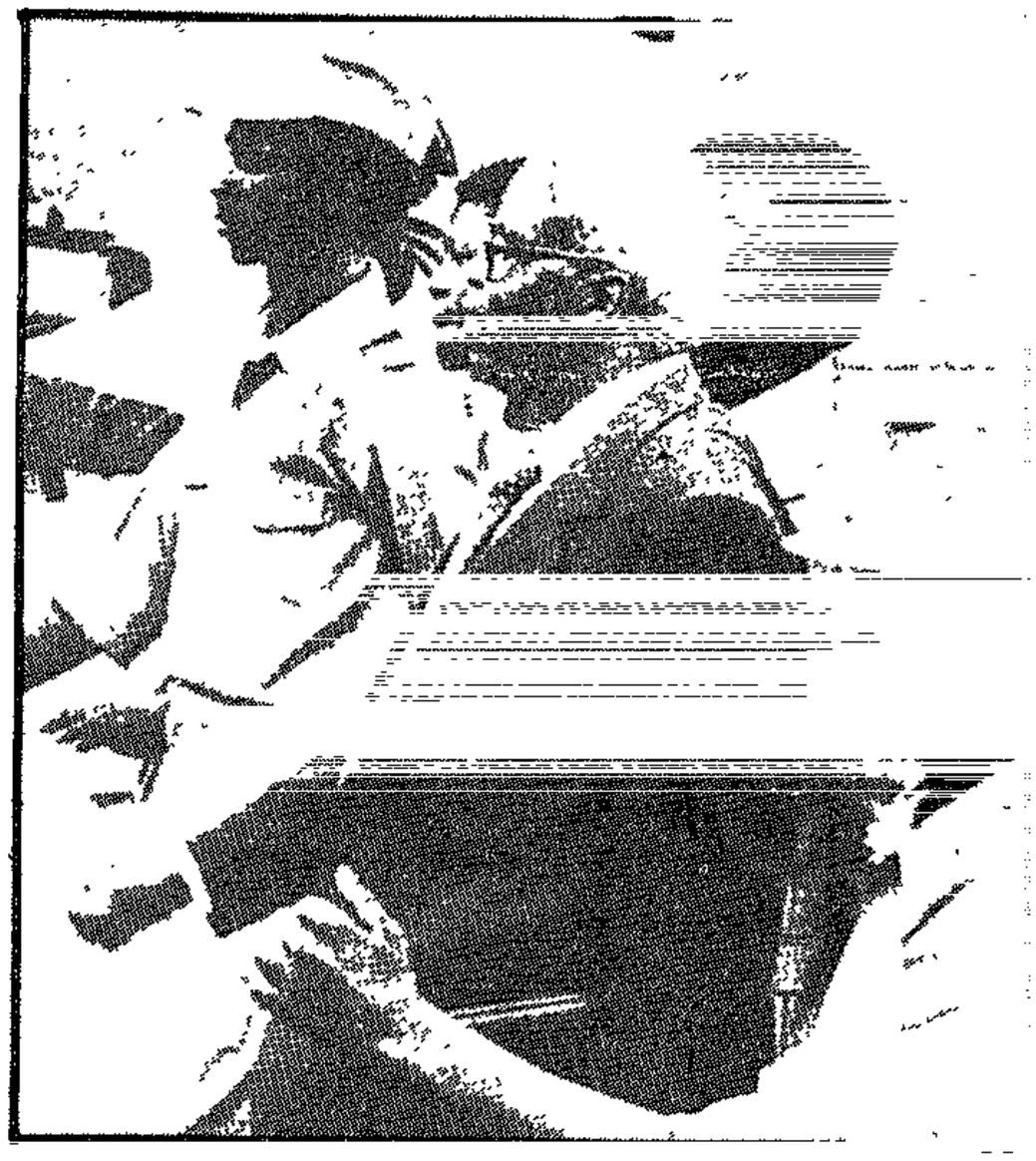
participatory democracy as just a change in terminology for which the Nationalists were well-known.

"We are still waiting for De Klerk to acknowledge the mistakes of the past and to show remorse for 40 years of Nationalist misrule. We are still waiting on them to apologise to the people of South Africa for the hardships and cruelty inflicted on South Africa."

The future, happiness and safety of all South Africans did not lie in group rights, but in individual human rights.

One of the ANC's most important tasks was to eradicate whites' fears. This would take time, since the Nationalists had "insulted the intelligence of the Afrikaner" by deliberately preventing whites from hearing and independently assessing the ANC's policies.

Earlier, National Receeption Committee member Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, who chaired the rally, read out messages of support from across the world.



Mr Raymond Mhlaba is escorted into Soccer C...

From all over SA they came . .

By DAWN BARKHUIZEN of The Argus Correspondent in Johannesburg

THEY came in all shapes and sizes from across South Africa, on foot and in buses, to the Soccer City stadium, Johannesburg, for South Africa's first ANC rally in nearly 30 years.

That "the ANC has today captured centre stage in South Africa" was clear as the massive stadium was swathed in a sea of black, green and gold flags and a huge banner proclaimed "ANC Lives! ANC Leads!"

Significantly the rally was opened in absentia by ANC president Oliver Tambo, and the final message of support came from the general secretary of the South African Communist Party, Joe Slovo.

Speeches from the recently-released ANC stalwarts, Raymond Mhlaba, Walter Sisulu and Ahmed Kathrada roused a well-ordered crowd to their feet and saw Soccer City throbbing with on-the-spot "Toyi toyi" dancing in an otherise incident-free event.

The only scuffles were when people dropped their flags and others dived to hold them on high.

Police presence at the stadium was low key. Occassionally a yellow and blue helicopter with what appeared to be a TV camera attached to the nose buzzed the stadium and the odd vehicle circled outside.

Alongside the ANC flag on the official podium the red, black and gold colours of the SACP were emblazoned and that flag was dotted throughout the audience. Also in evidence were banners by Nusas, the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee, the United Democratic Front, Swapo and numerous trade unions.

There were also homemade banners, including one which pictured PW Botha, FW de Klerk and the silver-haired Oliver Tambo and read: "Enough crazy bald heads, let's have a leader with hair".

Also spotted in the crowd was a "Comrade" waving a wooden AK47.

A high moment came when the leaders and their wives walked onto the soccer pitch lead by a uniformed guard of honour, and later when restricted Ri-

Supporters salute and chant songs of welcome to the speakers at the rally.

vonia trialists, Govan Mbeki, stood up and shouted his greetings to the masses.

The mood waned during lengthy speeches detailing the history of the ANC.

Included in the audience were the wife of former ANC leader, Chief Albert Lethuli, veteran civil rights campainger Mrs Helen Joseph who arrived in a wheelchair, Democratic Party MP for Claremont Mr Jan van Eck and representatives of the Finnish, Swedish, American, British, Japanese and West German governments.

Running in tandem with the spirit of liberation was an entrepreneurial spirit and members of the audience who did not arrive wearing a "Struggle" T-shirt could buy their own from makeshift stalls all over the stadium.

Also on sale were posters, poems and literature.

● The Argus Foreign Service reports from London that the rally has had wide coverage in the British media, with most commentators saying the large crowd was evidence of support for the still-banned organisation.

The rally was among the top items on Britain's abbreviated Sunday television news bulletins and made the front pages of several of the national dailies today.

Most observers emphasised the lack of violence by the crowd.

Independent Television News said the rally had shown "unprecedented support for the ANC .. (which) has resurfaced after almost three decades underground".

The BBC news said the ANC "does not look like a banned organisation any more". The Times said in a front-page report today that the sight of so many ANC supporters had been "unthinkable two weeks ago".

The Financial Times said symbols of militancy had been everywhere — including militant youths carrying toy guns — but the language of those who addressed the crowd had been "surprisingly conciliatory". The conservative Daily Mail highlighted Mr Sisulu's statement that the armed struggle would not be abandoned unilaterally. It was the only paper to interpret this as a call for "renewed violence".

Marshals toyi toyi in front of the podium at the rally.

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Police praise ANC crowd

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police have praised the crowd at the Soccer City rally here for good behaviour and for acting within the norms of democratic society.

Major-General Herman Stadler, police public relations chief, said there was no need for the police to act at yesterday's rally — held to welcome seven released ANC leaders — and the event passed without incident.

"Last week we appealed to those who intended attending the rally to act in a spirit of peace and this appeal was heeded. We thank the people for behaving within the norms of democratic society," General Stadler said.

Government ministers were not available for comment today, as virtually the entire cabinet was on a retreat to discuss policy, but a spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order said police were grateful the rally had gone off peacefully

Kept low profile

A feared rightwing extremist demonstration before the rally did not materialise.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said police monitored the proceedings thoroughly but kept out of the way.

Captain Opperman said police video teams filmed the rally from the ground and the air.

"Our monitoring was routine and low-profile and we merely did what we always do at marches or rallies of this nature," he said.

Regarding possible contraventions of the law and the Internal Security Act, Captain Opperman said: "We will be able to see from our footage whether any contraventions of the law took place These will then be investigated and handed to the Attorney-General for his decision"

There is some concern in government circles, however, about the display of ANC and communist banners and the shouting of slogans supporting the ANC, writes The Argus Political Correspondent, Tos Wentzel.

A spokesman for President De Klerk's office said there was no immediate reaction to

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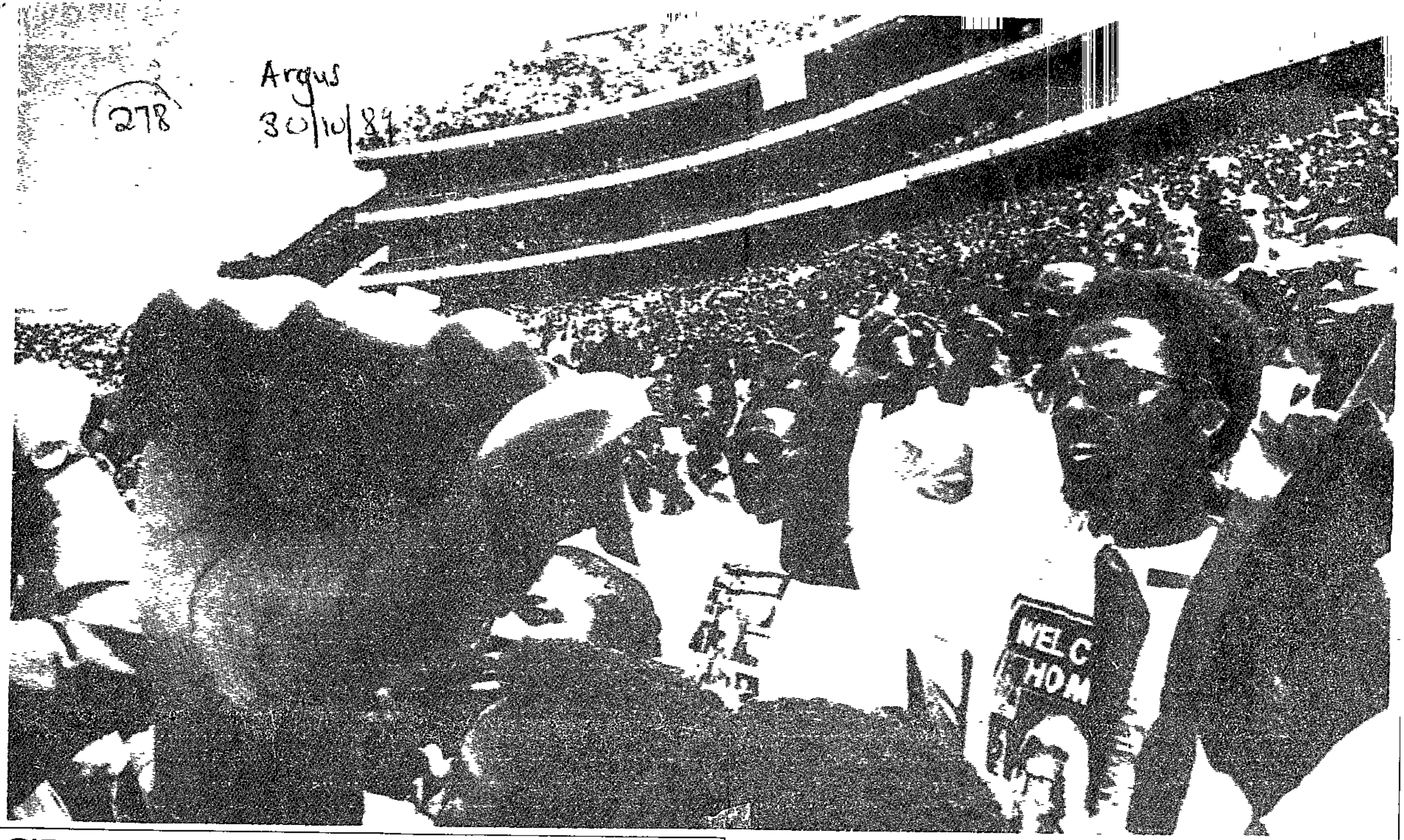

HISTORIC RALLY: Part of the crowd of more than 70 000 people which filled Soccer City outside Johannesburg for the "Welcome Home" rally for seven recently released ANC veterans, led by Mr Walter Sisulu.

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main speaker Mr Walter Sisulu's indication that the ANC would consider suspending its armed action if certain conditions were fulfilled.

'Impressive event'

Dr Denis Worrall, co-leader of the Democratic Party, said the rally was an impressive event marked by a high level of maturity.

The ANC's continued commitment to the armed struggle and the call from the rally for continued international sanctions was predictable.

While the Democratic Party would concede that external pressure had had some effect in driving home to whites the moral indefensibility of certain aspects of apartheid, the effect had been limited.

Mr Sisulu's statement regarding the armed struggle was actually quite flexible.

Dr Worrall said he did not believe that President De Klerk and his government should be discouraged by this statement because the government had only begun to move toward realising some of the conditions for negotiation to begin.

"What absolutely amazed one was SATV's scanty treatment of the event. This was the international event of the month, much more important than the release of Sisulu and company.

"SATV failed in its duty to educate and prepare the public by not reproducing any part of Mr Sisulu's speech. I believe that some explanation is required," Dr Worrall said.

Mr Sisulu's speech has been interpreted by some as a hardening of his stance and Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht warned the government that it was creating a revolutionary climate.

WELCOME HOME: ANC leader Mr Walter Sisulu raises his arms in salute at the rally for him and six other released ANC veterans near Johannesburg at the weekend.

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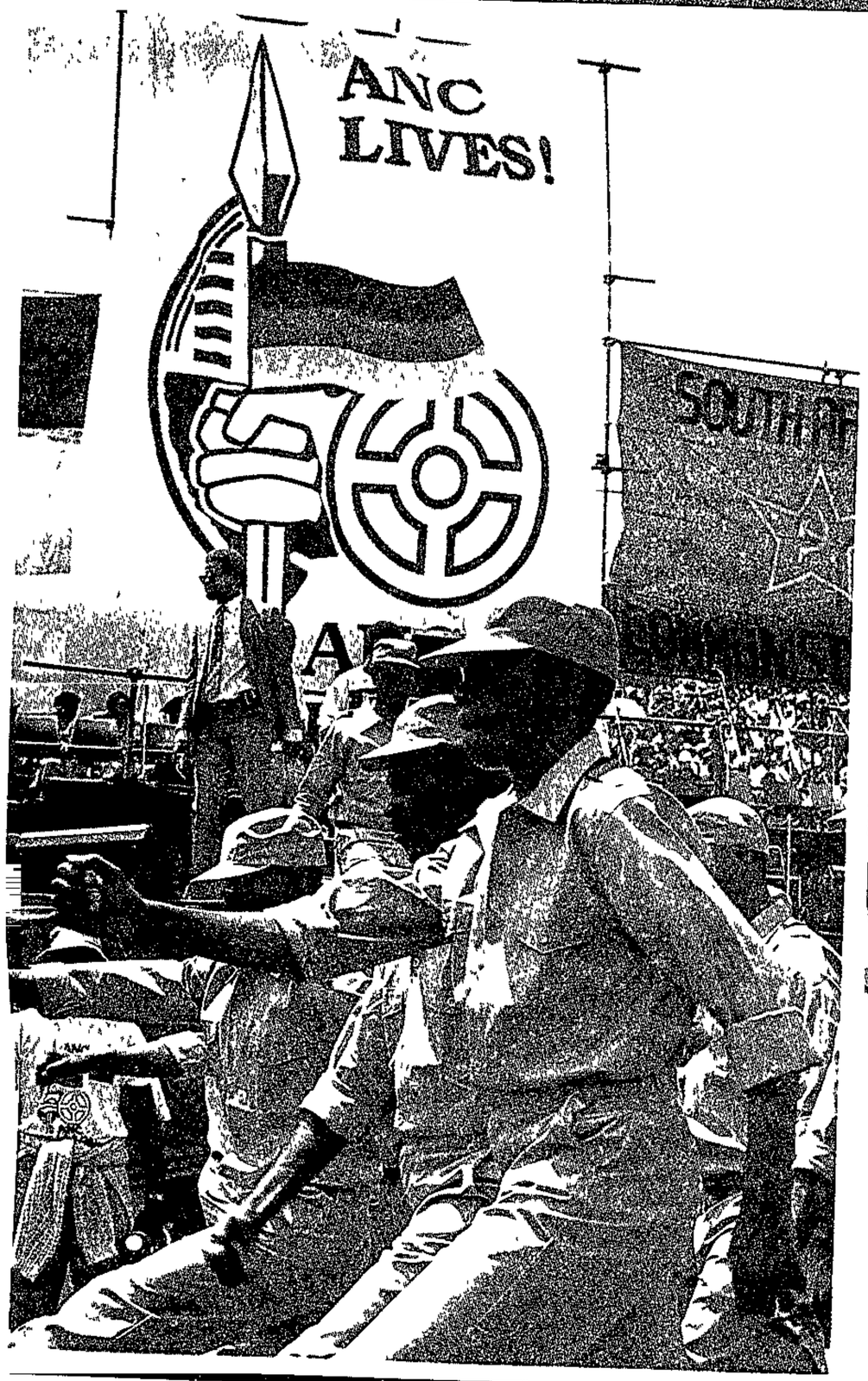
Thousands welcome ANC leaders



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ABOVE . . . ANC marshals seen marching against a colourful backdrop, an ANC banner and a South African Communist Party flag, at Sunday's rally at Soccer City in Soweto. **RIGHT** . . . Mr Oscar Mpetha being wheeled into the stadium for the ANC rally. An estimated 85 000 people took part in the rally which passed without incident. **TOP RIGHT** . . . A packed Soccer City for the rally held to welcome the seven released ANC leaders.

CP-controlled towns shocked by marches

By Therese Anders and Dirk Nel

White residents in three Conservative Party-controlled Transvaal towns watched in disbelief at the weekend as thousands of protesters marched through their streets chanting, singing and waving African National Congress and South African Communist Party flags.

The marches were part of 17 organised nationwide by trade union umbrella bodies Cosatu and Nactu to oppose the Labour Relations Amendment Act and to celebrate the release of eight political prisoners.

In Secunda, the Conservative Party mayor, Rev Casper Breedt, said he would demand an explanation as to why Saturday's march through the town was not stopped.

On Friday, the Secunda council refused the protest organisers permission to walk through the Eastern Transvaal industrial town. Evander's chief magistrate had earlier given his blessing on condition the council did likewise.

However, on Friday night a Cosatu spokesman told The Star that the march would go on even without the council's approval.

PROTEST BANNERS

In Witbank, freedom songs, political protest banners and huge ANC and SACP flags were encountered for the first time.

Coal miners and industrial workers were joined by the Catholic Bishop of Witbank, religious sisters, Muslim priests and most of Witbank's Indian community in the 40-minute, incident-free march.

In Pietersburg, a police Casspir vehicle escorted protest marchers through the town on Saturday in a remarkable display of cooperation. There were no incidents.

In Pretoria, 4 000 workers marched to the offices of the Department of Manpower where they handed officials two envelopes.

In Cape Town, the ANC and SACP flags were draped over a statue of General Louis Botha in front of Parliament and the South African flag was briefly lowered while thousands of marchers sang "Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika".

In Durban, about 5 000 protesters marched peacefully through the city.

In Maritzburg, arrests were reported after 2 000 workers marched through the streets.

In Port Elizabeth, 10 000 singing and dancing protesters, waving placards, marched behind a line of clergymen.

In Bloemfontein, 2 000 marchers, well controlled by their organisers, marched through the city while police watched.

MDM warns of takeover at beaches

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Political Staff

DURBAN — The Mass Democratic Movement warned yesterday it would extend its defiance campaign and again take over exclusively white beaches in Durban, as it did in a protest on South Beach last month.

This followed the National Party's decision to keep Durban beaches closed to blacks.

Although Durban City Council voted 16-14 in favour of opening the beaches, the required two-thirds majority to overturn the previous vote was not achieved, and the whites-only decision stood.

In addition to warnings by the MDM leaders that it would defy beach race laws, Mr Ismail Omar, chairman of Solidarity and newly appointed MEC, threatened yesterday to swim on an exclusively white beach.

NP Natal leader Mr George Bartlett appealed for patience and indicated that the Government could announce a decision on the future of the Separate Amenities Act within two weeks.

According to another NP source, this was the main reason NP councillors voted against opening the beaches.

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Residents rattled by Defence Force blasting

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By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

Middelburgers are being rattled by regular blasts and shockwaves from an SADF ammunition demolition centre 12 km north-west of the town.

About three months ago the centre began detonating loads of expired ammunition, with sometimes up to 30 blasts a day.

"Living in Middelburg is like being in a scene from 'War and Remembrance'," said Mrs Greetjie Matthews of Gholfsig.

A Mhluzi resident says the blasts are causing plaster to crack in some houses.

CONCERNED

Other Middelburg residents say the blasts are often so strong that windows rattle, buildings shake and curtains are ruffled by the shockwaves.

A local farmer claims the blasts have cracked his dam wall, though the SADF denies this.

The officer commanding Witbank's 92 Ammunition Depot, Colonel Jan Blaauw, said he was concerned to hear that Middelburgers were being worried by the blasts.

Colonel Blaauw said he had ordered his men to take the detonation load down to the minimum and told them not to blast when the wind was blowing towards Middelburg.

STRONG WINDS

"The reason the blasts have been felt in Middelburg is because of the strong winds we have had over the past few months. I think this has caused thermals which have carried the shock."

Colonel Blaauw said the ammunition being detonated included mortar bombs, landmines, rockets, fuses and quick-firing ammunition.

He said the ammunition not considered dangerous was dumped far out to sea.

The current detonation programme would be over before December.

Colonel Blaauw said the SADF was not responsible for all the blasting in the Middelburg area — the detonation site itself was often rocked by blasts from nearby mines.

Rally row: CP plea to recall House rejected

By TOS WENTZEL
Political Correspondent

CLASHES between the government and opposition parties over the Soweto rally continued today with the rejection of an appeal for parliament to be recalled to discuss the issue.

The call came from Conservative Party leader Dr A P Treurnicht. He said concern was mounting over the government's allowing leftist forces to become established.

At the same time the Democratic Party called for the scrapping of apartheid laws and the state of emergency so that ordinary law could apply.

President De Klerk referred inquiries about Dr Treurnicht's statement to the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee.

Mr Coetsee said it was not necessary to recall parliament as the rally had been within the parameters of the law. The government was in firm control and there was no reason for political parties to panic.

The peaceful nature of the rally augured well for the future, he said.

The government's first objective — a peaceful and orderly outcome — had been attained It could now consider further steps to normalise the political situation

However, certain activities at the rally which had not been "in keeping with the spirit of the arrangement with the organisers" would have to be "evaluated".

ANC event

This was an apparent reference to the organisers' presenting the rally — ostensibly intended to welcome home Mr Walter Sisulu and other released African National Congress leaders — as an ANC event

Flags of the ANC and the SA Communist Party were displayed and speaker after speaker affirmed the alliance between these two movements.

Other government sources said today that Mr Sisulu's statements at the rally had differed in subtle but important respects from the standpoint of certain ANC hardliners.

Dr Treurnicht said the ANC and SACP were being given freedom to propagate their aims.

The CP had instructed its legal advisers to investigate the apparent breaking of the law on propaganda by banned organisations and to take steps.

Mr Tian van der Merwe MP, spokesman on law and order for the DP, said each time the government scrapped or reformed an apartheid law, it had been only when the law largely had been abrogated. This caused contempt for the law and confusion among policemen who had to apply it.

● The SABC has blamed the National Reception Committee, organisers of the rally, for the absence of Mr Walter Sisulu's voice in its radio and television coverage of the event.

This comes in response to DP co-leader Dr Denis Worrall's criticism that the SABC's coverage was "scant" and required an explanation.

The chief director of SABC News, Mr Carel van der Merwe, said: "The essence of Mr Sisulu's speech was used on both TV and radio.

"The reason why inserts of his voice were not used was the refusal by the organisers of the event to allow the SABC near the podium."

As a result, the sound quality had been too poor for broadcasting, he said.

Parties ask for clarity after rally

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

OPPOSITION parties yesterday demanded that the government urgently clear up the wholesale confusion reigning over the boundaries between lawful and unlawful behaviour following the massive ANC rally at Soccer City at the weekend.

Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht demanded that President F W de Klerk recall Parliament to discuss the "complete freedom" being afforded the banned ANC to propagate its aims and the resultant crisis to the state's authority and law enforcement.

Democratic Party law and order spokesman Mr Tian van der Merwe called on government to immediately unban the ANC and other political organisations "to bring the law into line with hard political realities".

The government should end the "ridiculous pretence" that the Soccer City meeting was not an ANC rally. "They are bluffing nobody — just creating further confusion about what the law demands and placing unfair pressure on the police who are expected to enforce the law."

Mr Van der Merwe said the government should "without delay" take the following steps which would help to reduce growing "contempt for the law" among the public and reduce the confusion in the ranks of those who had to enforce the law:

● Scrap discriminatory legislation such as the Group Areas and Separate Amenities Acts — or at the very least make it clear that such legislation will be repealed during the next session of Parliament so that police do not have to conduct any further investigations or prosecutions in these areas.

● Lift the state of emergency so that the ordinary law can apply. It was vital that the government's more open approach in recent weeks be formalised by restoring "normal legal structure" and explaining these changes to the public and SA Police.

● "Stop creating confusion by the use of threatening rhetoric which blurs the boundaries between lawful and unlawful behaviour."

● "Take other steps to simplify the police's job and not expect them to make decisions that their political masters refuse to take."

The government had increasingly forced the police to take greater discretion about when to enforce apartheid laws because it "lacked the courage to remove racially discriminatory laws, but at the same time did not want to suffer the unpleasant publicity generated by criminal action against offenders".

Dr Treurnicht yesterday demanded that President De Klerk convene Parliament for a special sitting "as soon as possible" to discuss the direction the government was taking.

He said in a statement to Sapa in Pretoria yesterday that "great concern is mounting" in the country over the way in which the government was allowing "leftist forces" to become established.

"The ANC, under its own flag and that of the Communist Party alongside, is enjoying complete freedom to propagate its aims and ambitions and issues one ultimatum after the other.

"So-called 'peace protests' are escalating and are accepted by the government as legal utterances of grievances, while unrest is increasing.

"The government's authority to maintain law and order and to enforce the laws of the land is being blatantly challenged with threats of violence if the government does not stop enforcing laws," he said.

Police spokesmen have praised the behaviour of the crowd at Sunday's rally but no comment was forthcoming from the office of the State President yesterday on the latest developments.

cuss the latest direction of the government in relation to the ANC and an alleged breakdown in law enforcement.

The Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, said the government was in control of the law-enforcement situation and there was no reason for South Africans to become "panicky" about recent events.

Mr Coetsee said the ANC's Soccer City rally had taken place within the boundaries of the law and had met the government's requirement that the gathering be orderly.

As such, there was no reason for Parliament to be reconvened.

Meanwhile, police indicated yesterday that an investigation had been instituted into whether any laws had been broken at Sunday's rally.

NP rejects 'demand' by CP on ANC rally

Political Staff

THE government last night rejected the Conservative Party demand for Parliament to be urgently convened to dis-

'No conflict' among govt on ANC rally

JOHANNESBURG. — A spokesman for the State President's Office said yesterdaythat there is "no conflict of perception" about Sunday's proposed ANC rally.

"The ANC as such is a banned organisation, but the seven leaders who will be speaking at the rally have been unconditionally released and are therefore entitled to speak to their people if they so please," said the State President's Office spokesman "They now operate as any other citizens in South Africa"

A government spokeswoman said yesterday that there was no substance to the reported ambiguity of the government's position on the rally on Sunday, and reports about a conflict of perception between the State President and the Ministries of Justice and Law and Order had no foundation.

'Current position'

Freed ANC leader Mr Wilton Mkwayi said the conflicting statements made by the government were perhaps motivated by the move towards reform on the president's part, and on the part of the Minister of Law and Order the need to address the unfounded fears of the right-wing element in South Africa.

On Wednesday, Brigadier Leon Mellet, of the Ministry of Law and Order, said: "The African National Congress is still a banned organisation and in his speech in Bloemfontein Mr (Adriaan) Vlok was merely reiterating the current position of this organisation.

"At this stage the rally has been given permission to go ahead as a welcome-home rally for the released men. However, the position is quite clear that the ministry expects the rally not to contravene the law." — Sapa

200 in defiant Boksburg frolic

BOKSBURG. — A leisurely picnic was held at the whites-only Boksburg Lake by about 200 residents of Reiger Park and Vosloorus townships yesterday in defiance of the town council's implementation of petty apartheid measures

"The lake is open to everyone," declared Mr Mahommed Navsa, chairman of the Boksburg Support Committee, which has pledged to break down the segregationist regulations.

The police did not show up at the picnic, although an activist said he had seen some plainclothes security police on the scene.

The number of protesters, who whiled away the day taking soft drinks, hitting balls and braai-ing, increased as the day progressed.

Local and foreign news media covered the event.

"The writing is on the wall," Mr Navsa said. "This is the way South Africa will look tomorrow."

Mr Navsa said residents would continue to use the lake regularly and added that tomorrow they would take the protest to the library — also exclusively for whites. — Sapa

Some of the people who defied the Boksburg Town Council and held a picnic at Boksburg Lake yesterday.

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Picnic at forbidden lake

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

MORE than 200 people yesterday defied the CP-controlled Boksburg Town Council and held a picnic at the "whites only" Boksburg Lake.

The incident-free picnic was arranged by the Save Boksburg Committee.

No application was made for permission to hold it. Residents from Vosloorus and Reiger Park arrived at the lake as early as 10am. Some arrived in buses while others travelled in cars.

Members of the SAP and officials of the council kept a low profile. When a team of reporters from *Sowetan* arrived at the lake the residents were having a braai while others played a game of football.

Chairman of the committee Mr Mohammed Narsa said they were not breaking any law by holding the picnic.

"We are residents of Boksburg and these facilities belong to us," Narsa said.

"We will continue using them in the future. If the council is not prepared to open them to all races, we will do it for them as we have done today."

The council reintroduced petty apartheid in October last year. They closed facilities like the lake and sports grounds to blacks saying that they had these facilities in their own areas.

By SY MAKARINGE and THEMBA MOLEFE

IT'S all systems go for the mass rally planned for the First National Stadium on Sunday to welcome seven African National Congress leaders released from prison two weeks ago.

Pledging solidarity with the ANC 7, the Black Consciousness Movement (BCM) yesterday said it would participate in the rally.

The organisers of the rally, the National Reception Committee (NRC), said all arrangements were in place. Transport to ferry people from various parts of the Reef had been organised.

Decision

Hundreds of marshalls, drawn from the ranks of the Mass Democratic Movement, would ensure that the rally runs smoothly, the committee said.

Mr Murphy Morobe, spokesman for the committee, said more than 100 foreign diplomats had also been invited.

At a Press conference in Johannesburg, the BCM said its decision to

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By SANDILE MEMELA

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On inquiry, it was revealed that none of the celebrants were voters who had put the right-wing party into power. Neither was the Conservative Party aware of the festivities arranged by neighbouring Reiger Park residents

An ironic twist marked the first year of CP power when scores of pensioners, students and children converged at the Boksburg Lake in defiance of regulations

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A large crowd of Reiger Park residents had stayed away from work to express their revulsion to the stand taken taken by the CP

In an open spirit of defiance, large crowds had invaded the "whites only" Boksburg Lake to demand their right to be freely admitted to facilities and amenities in the area

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Picnickers wearing slogan-bearing T-shirts and waving banners crowded Boksburg Lake last week to protest against the first anniversary of the reintroduction of petty apartheid in the East Rand Town by the Conservative Party-controlled council.

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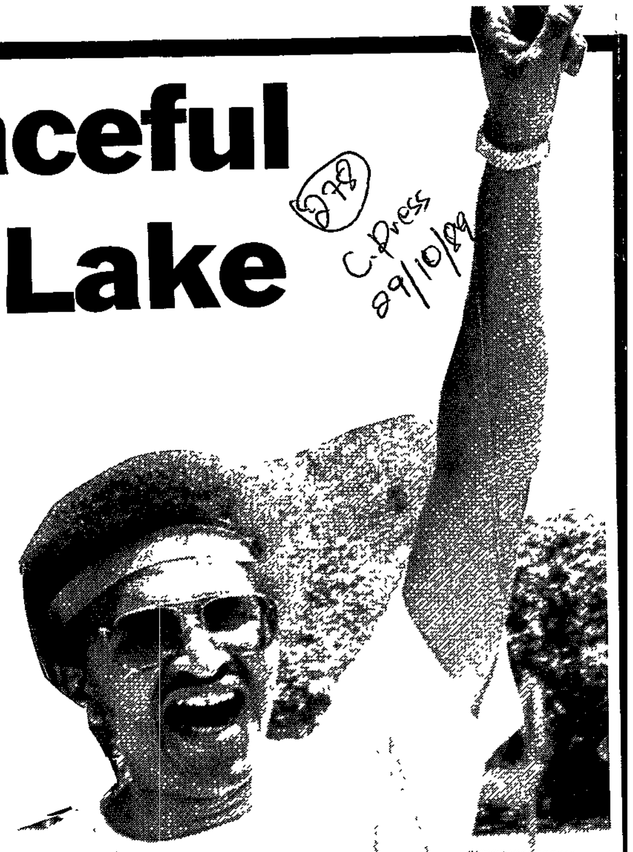

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BCM sends out a call for unity in action

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE Black Consciousness Movement will not negotiate while the South African Government remains committed to "dubious" policies.

Real change through negotiation is a pipedream while FW de Klerk controls the keys to jails, the conduct of the economy, the security forces and the right to permit people to hold marches, said BCM spokesman Muntu Myeza at a Press conference this week

He said the BCM welcomed the leadership of Walter Sisulu and the seven other political leaders, and said BCM members will attend the rally in their honour today at Soccer City.

Myeza called for united action and said any negotiations that take place must be within the liberation forces themselves.

"At this stage FW de Klerk's call for talks renders such a move impossible because he has rejected the fundamentals for negotiations."

He said these are:

- One person one vote in a unitary South Africa; and
- The recognition of individual. not group rights

The BCM believes meaningful political negotiations only take place between equals and rejects attempts to sideline these crucial aspects with "conditions".

Myeza said the BCM has championed the cause of principled unity and placed socialism firmly on the agenda of liberation.

Myeza welcomed the released ANC leaders back into the struggle and said it was of "no earth-shaking consequence" that they did not belong to the BCM.

"We are [illegible] released comrades return after

CP lays charges against Soweto rally speakers

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Conservative Party has laid criminal charges against the organisers and speakers at the "Welcome Home" rally held for the seven released African National Congress leaders at the weekend

The move comes amid growing dissatisfaction with the government's handling of the rally and rumours of police dissent about the government's blind eye approach to anti-apartheid acitivities.

Conservative Party deputy-leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg, acting on behalf of the CP, yesterday laid formal criminal charges at the Pretoria Central branch against the National Reception Committee (NRC), the organisers of Sunday's rally, Soccer City and the speakers, Mr Walter Sisulu, Mr Ahmed Kathrada, Mr Raymond Mhlaba and Mr Andres Mlangeni for allegedly contravening the Internal Security Act.

FLAGS DISPLAYED

The ANC and the South African Communist Party, whose flags were openly displayed at the meeting, are banned, while some of the organisations' leaders who were quoted at the meeting are listed in terms of present legislation.

And in another development, the Commissioner of the SA Police, General Hennie de Witt, emphatically denied rumours of widespread dissent in police ranks

In a statement General de Witt said rumours that members of the SAP were threatening to resign because of the way in which anti-apartheid gatherings were being permitted had not come to his notice or the notice of head office.

He dismissed such rumours as maliciious efforts to place the police in a bad light.

In his statement, Dr Hartzenberg alleged that the organisers and speakers at Sunday's rally, for which government permission had been obtained, had contravened the Internal Security Act.

Dr Hartzenberg said there was no doubt that the police would have been thoroughly informed about the rally and that they would have given the government a detailed account before the rally.

"I therefore have to accept that the Minister of Justice (Mr Kobie Coetsee) knew beforehand that it would be an ANC gathering and that he tacitly allowed it to take place."

Bid to get Chikane back as pastor

A RALLY to focus on "horrors" in the Apostolic Faith Mission Church is to be held at the Funda Centre in Soweto on Saturday.

Among the speakers will be the Reverend Frank Chikane, a pastor of the church who was suspended in 1981 for alleged political activity by the executive council of the church's black section.

The Reinstate Frank Chikane Campaign, which is organising the rally, said in a statement:

"This rally is aimed at giving us an opportunity to reflect on our church and take a stand against the horrors that we behold helplessly."

Chikane is the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

The RFCC said his suspension had exposed racial divisions in the church and its "alliance with the apartheid regime."

Chikane: suspended

"They suspended him for allegedly being involved in politics while many white pastors take part in elections and are members of the Conservative Party," the RFCC said.

More than 600 signatures had been collected for a petition demanding Chikane's reinstatement, it added.

Although stripped of his pastoral duties at Kagiso on the West Rand, Chikane is a parishioner and member of the board of the Naledi parish in Soweto.

The AFM executive council meets tomorrow to decide on Chikane's suspension.

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March halted – no permit

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THE march to the Klerksdorp police station by the Standing for the Truth Committee and the Mass Democratic Movement was aborted at the weekend after permission was refused by the Chief Magistrate of the town.

The demonstrators had planned to march to the police station where they were to demand to see Mr Boiki Tlhapi who was reportedly detained in 1986.

About 50 would-be demonstrators gathered at the local offices of the National Union of Mineworkers early on Saturday morning, but had to abandon the planned action after learning that permission to march had been refused.

The South African Council of Churches said last week that Tlhapi was arrested in March 1986. Although the police said they released him on the day he was arrested, a spokesman for the SACC said he had not been seen since. - Sapa.

Protesters turn up at the wrong hospitals

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Staff Reporters

A hospital-segregation defiance campaign planned for "white" hospitals on the Witwatersrand failed to materialise yesterday as black patients turned up at the wrong hospitals.

Unemployed black workers were to present themselves for free treatment at five white hospitals in Johannesburg and on the Reef, but none turned up.

Instead, small groups arrived at the black Hillbrow Hospital and at the black section of the Boksburg/Benoni Hospital.

Angry doctors at Hillbrow complained to The Star that protesters had caused a disturbance and prevented them from treating sick patients.

EXAMINED

Hospital authorities said the protesters' presence had delayed patient care but there were no major disruptions, despite some placard-waving and singing.

A Hillbrow Hospital spokesman said each protester who presented himself for treatment was examined, and those found to be ill were admitted.

Boksburg-Benoni Hospital superintendent Dr Louis Kaplan said a taxi-load of blacks arrived for treatment at the hospital shortly after 10 am.

He said they proceeded directly to the hospital's black section, which is separate from the white section, and did not try to enter the white section.

When The Star reached the black section, it was impossible to determine which of the people had arrived in the taxi.

Extra security was placed at those hospitals targeted for the campaign. Policemen kept watch in the grounds of the Hillbrow Hospital.

March in Klerksdorp banned

'Protests restricted to city centres'

By Janet Heard

It appeared that the right to peaceful protest was largely restricted to city centres where the mass media were present, said the Rev Eric Adolph, one of the organisers of a planned march in Klerksdorp which was banned at the eleventh hour last weekend.

Rev Adolph, who travelled from Potchefstroom to address a Johannesburg press conference yesterday, said the march was banned at a time when the Government was granting permission for protests to proceed in city centres without police intervention.

The march, organised under the auspices of the Western Transvaal Council of Churches, was planned to highlight the fact that Mr Boiki Tlhapi had been missing since he was detained by police at a Klerksdorp roadblock in March 1986.

While police in Klerksdorp have confirmed that they took Mr Tlhapi in for questioning, they claim he was released.

Permission for the march was initially granted by the town council and police, but restrictions were placed on it.

These included a public liability policy or bank guarantee to the amount of R100 000 which was to be submitted to the council to cover any damage and a provision which made the organisers responsible for the costs of additional traffic and fire brigade personnel required for the march.

The authorities also restricted a meeting planned at the offices of the National Union of Mineworkers to 253 people.

Mr Adolph said they could not comply with the "unreasonable" restrictions. The march was subsequently banned.

Roads sealed off

In a statement issued by the "planning committee of the march", the organisers alleged that on Saturday, the day the march was due to take place, all roads to Klerksdorp were sealed off by police and "peace-loving people were forced by police to return to the townships at the roadblocks".

Despite the harassment, the statement said, people "marched through the dusty and bumpy streets of their various townships"

Mr Adolph said subsequent action to protest against the disappearance of Mr Tlhapi and the conduct of the police, was being considered by community organisations in the area.

Rally okay - but no flags

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PERMISSION to hold a joint Cosatu/Nactu Labour Relations Act Campaign rally at Embalenhle Stadium near Secunda on Sunday has been granted, a campaign spokesman said in a statement yesterday.

One of the conditions is that no African National Congress or SA Communist Party flags, banners, placards or posters are to be be displayed at the rally.

The rally is expected to attract over 1 000 people from different areas in the Highveld and Lowveld.

It is scheduled to start at 9am and speakers will include Mr Cunningham Ngcukwana, Nactu assistant general secretary, Mr Jackson Mthembu from the Namibian Solidarity Committee, Mr Isaac Vilakazi, Cosatu regional chairman, and Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa from the Institute of Contextual Theology.

There will be cultural activities with performances by the "people's poet" Mzwakhe Mbuli and his band, Hotstix Sipho Mabuse, the Cosatu Living Wage Group and regional workers' groups.- Sapa.

Woman killed in grenade blast

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PRETORIA. — A woman was killed and her husband injured yesterday in a grenade attack in Tembisa east of Johannesburg, police reported.

Police said that two hand grenades were lobbed at the couple's home at 1.30am, killing the 42-year-old woman and injuring her 47-year-old husband.

Police are investigating the attack.

At Makwalini, near Margate, a group of people gathered with the apparent intention of attacking a local chief. When police arrived on the scene, they were stoned.

One policeman was slightly injured. Police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse the crowd.

A girl was fatally wounded and three others were injured and arrested. A woman and four youths were also arrested.

A group of men attacked and assaulted another man, seriously injuring him in Springs. A man was later arrested by the police. — Sapa

R10-m policy is march condition

Highveld Bureau

A R10 million insurance policy against damage is one of the conditions Middelburg's Conservative Party council has set for this Saturday's proposed protest march.

The council has refused the Mass Democratic Movement's application for a march through the town, but proposed an alternative route from Mhluzi township to the outskirts.

In a letter to the MDM, Middelburg's town clerk, Mr Peter Colin, said the conditions for allowing the alternative route would be "that proof of an insurance policy (including political riot) for the sum of R10 million for damage be submitted to the town clerk".

Middelburg's chief magistrate, Mr Gerrit Gous, refused permission yesterday for the march to take place along the original route. However, Cosatu have indicated some 15 000 peaceful marchers were determined to go ahead.

March clash avoided

By DE WET POTGIETER
and CHARIS PERKINS

POLICE averted a clash between khaki-clad rightwingers and Mass Democratic Movement supporters when a banned march went ahead in Brits yesterday.

And in Johannesburg, the "human chain" to Soweto was marred by an incident in which police threatened to use batons and teargas against a group of men clad in ANC colours who refused an order to disperse.

In Brits about 1 000 MDM supporters who defied the protest march ban were met by about 150 whites blocking their route with tractors and a front-end loader.

Only the timely intervention of the police saved a black man wearing an ANC T-shirt from injury at the hands of a group of whites who had already cut his shirt.

The man was eventually taken to safety in a police vehicle.

In separate incidents an SATV cameraman was assaulted and a tyre on TV journalist Pieter Theron's car was deflated.

Led by dissident AWB executive member Mr Manie Maritz, the whites included Professor Johan Schabort, whose banning order was lifted this week, and AWB defector Dries Alberts.

The tense situation was defused only after police held negotiations with march marshals, who agreed that the protesters should move to a nearby bus terminus and leave town.

● The human chain from Johannesburg to Soweto, organised by the Standing for the Truth Campaign in protest against the Group Areas Act, saw thousands of people join hands shortly before noon.

HUMAN CHAIN WATERED DOWN

Link-up was waterbombed

BY SANDILE MEMELA

COLD water was thrown over a "human chain" link-up in Johannesburg yesterday – literally.

The incident put a damper on the demonstration, planned by the Witwatersrand region of the Standing For Truth Campaign, and broke what was to have been a multi-racial human chain stretching for 20km from the city centre to Orlando Stadium in Soweto

The campaign organisers are calling for the unification of Johannesburg and Soweto and the scrapping of the Group Areas Act.

More than 1 000 people had begun to assemble at the Library Gardens starting point in Harrison Street when a white man in a city building tossed water down at part of the "human chain" bel "

Tempers were at boiling point as people ran for cover

Traffic was slightly disrupted by a group of toyi-toying people

Police confronted those who refused to disperse with batons and spray canisters

The crowd swelled, bystanders shouted angry insults and a waterbomb dropped from a building narrowly missed a constable

The crowd dispersed after more police arrived

Meanwhile, hundreds of people raised fists down the length of busy central Johannesburg streets and sang Nkosi Sikelel i'Afrika

Police spokesman Maj Reg Crewe said there had been no arrests

A campaign spokesman told Sapa there were a couple of gaps in the chain "But for a first attempt, we're quite happy"

One chain link said: "We are not a black race and a white race, we are only a human race. We made SA together, we must enjoy it together. And if we suffer, we must suffer together We want to break the artificial barrier of apartheid."

White people – a sprinkling of nuns, some energetic-looking octogenarians and plenty of younger protesters – sang and chanted in the chain

Plan to prevent clash in Namibia

By ZB MOLEFE

NAMIBIAN officials have contingency plans to contain any violence that might break out when the results of this week's election are announced, the office of the Administrator-General said yesterday

"In the past week we have heard many rumours of violence I hope we will not be made to put the plan into effect," said spokesman Gerhard Roux

Although confident polling would be completed yesterday, he said it

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Right-wing group cuts shirt from man's body

JOHANNESBURG. — A group of khaki-clad right-wingers grabbed a black man on a street corner in Brits on Saturday and cut his T-shirt from his body with knives.

They also threatened to beat him up, but police arrived on the scene and averted a clash between the right-wingers and members of the Brits Fellowship of Churches who were about to stage a protest march.

The protesters, many of whom had come from outside Brits, broke up peacefully when the police informed them the march was illegal.

The incident occurred on a street corner where about 100 right-wingers had gathered when it became clear that the march was off.

The police eventually managed to get the right-wingers, who were led by Professor Johan Schabort, head of the Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging (BBB), Mr Manie Maritz, a leading member of the AWB, and Mr Dries Alberts, also of the AWB, to leave. — Sapa

Alex to march

Sowetan 14/11/89

RESIDENTS of Alexandra are bracing for a march to the town council offices and the local police station on Saturday to air housing and other grievances.

The Alexandra Action Committee said in a statement on Monday it had applied for permission for an open-air rally and the march to the magistrate of Randburg.

The committee did not say whether it would flout any order prohobiting the planned march.

It said the march was to protest against "the current housing policy being practised in Alexandra and to report back on the AAC's negotiations to solve the housing crisis".

In a meeting on Sunday residents decided to continue opposing the reselling of old stands occupied jointly by many families.

The AAC said in the statement it believed reselling the old houses "is exploiting people for no good reason.

"They have been paying rent for many years. The houses are old and the rents paid more than cover their value." - Sapa.

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Trojan Horse men 'knew consequences'

Supreme Court Reporter

SECURITY force members knew how shotguns worked and were aware of the possible consequences of firing at a large crowd, it has been argued in the Supreme Court, Cape Town.

Giving legal argument in the closing stages of the "Trojan Horse" private prosecution of 13 security force members charged with murder, Mr Jules Browde SC told the court the men had to have foreseen the consequences of their action on October 15 1985.

The men, at the time members of the army, police and railways police, are charged with the murder of Shaun Magmoed, 16, after nine of them fired shotguns, without warning, into a crowd in Thornton Road, Athlone. They were concealed in crates on the back of an unmarked truck.

All the men, including the officers who planned the joint operation at Manenberg police station, have pleaded not guilty.

COMMON PURPOSE

Mr Browde, for the prosecution, told the court he would be relying on the doctrine of common purpose for their conviction.

The planning and execution of the operation had rendered it "a virtual certainty" that someone would be killed.

As an alternative to the murder charge, the prosecution would seek a conviction on culpable homicide in that the accused had caused the death of Shaun Magmoed through negligence.

They had fired indiscriminately into the crowd the minute the vehicle was attacked and had not taken precautions to prevent anyone being killed or injured.

They had acted provocatively in driving along the route a second time after the vehicle had been ignored by the crowd on Thornton Road the first time.

Mr Browde said this was "an invitation" to the crowd to attack it.

Asked by Mr Justice D M Williamson whether he was suggesting that it was "improper enticement", Mr Browde said he believed it was improper to send a vehicle down the road, knowing it would be attacked, "with the intention of shooting people if they did".

Returning to the scene after not having been stoned the first time had been done purposefully, with the defiant attitude of "Stone me and see what happens to you!"

The hearing continues today.

10 hacked to death

LUSAKA. — Axe-wielding Mozambican rebels have hacked to death 10 Zambian civilians, including six children, the government says. Security secretary Mr Alex Shapi says rebels attacked a school near the border with Mozambique on Sunday. — Sapa-AP.

Protesters point to Geneva Protocols

'Soldiers not criminals'

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Hangings in South Africa have become a major issue internationally, as indicated by the recent Anti-Death Penalty Campaign Awareness Week and the events to mark the 25th anniversary of the hanging of trade unionist and ANC activist Vuyisile Mini:

Protesters at Mitchells Plain Town Centre highlight opposition to hangings. The demonstration was one of several held throughout South Africa

PIC: YUNUS MOHAMED

By NOEL BRUYNS

JOHANNESBURG. — Opposition based on humanitarian grounds and the barbarism of hanging are partly what motivated the recent Anti-Death Penalty Campaign Awareness Week observed throughout the country.

Lawyers both here and overseas have argued that captured ANC combatants on Death Row should not have to face the hangman but instead should be treated as prisoners of war.

Prisoners on trial are appealing to international law, more specificially the International Law of Armed Conflicts and the Geneva Protocols, in claiming prisoner-of-war status.

International law recognises the legitimacy in the use of force in the struggle for basic human rights and national liberation.

The Geneva Convention of 1949 inter alia laid down conditions on the treatment of prisoners of war which precluded torture and maltreatment

Legitimacy

Even South Africa ratified the conventions, but they originally were meant only for conventional warfare between states.

But with the rise in the 1970s of liberation wars against colonialism in Southern Africa, the legitimacy of this type of warfare was widely recognised.

In 1977, protocols to the 1949 Geneva Conventions were added.

Protocal I condoned "armed conflicts in which people are fighting against colonial domination and alien occupation and against racist regimes in the exercise of their right of self-determination"

The ANC formally signed the Protocols, vouching "to protect and be guided by the general principles of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts".

The South African government has refused to acknowledge the Protocols and to treat captured ANC combatants as prisoners of war

The Protocols have not been accepted as South African domestic law, and even international legal experts are not in agreement about whether they are part of International Customary Law

But Johannesburg-based lawyer Peter Harris refers to the Geneva Protocols to establish what he calls "informal prisoner-of-war status", which could be used to establish extenuation or mitigation of sentence.

In an address to the Society for the Abolition of the Death Penalty in South Africa, he referred to an argument in extenuation by saying that socio-political conditions caused people to follow a particular political course.

"The fact that ANC combatants view themselves as being engaged in an international conflict and fighting a just cause in an army of national liberation should operate as an extenuating circumstance, reducing their moral if not their legal guilt," Harris contends.

He says the question as to how captured ANC combatants should be treated has raised a moral and political dilemma for the South African government.

There is increasing pressure on Pretoria to view them as soldiers and prisoners of war rather than criminals to be hanged

"This raises many problems for the South African government, not the least of which is the fact that if the South African courts and the Executive are to hang ANC soldiers, they must anticipate that neighbouring states will show little mercy to captured SADF soldiers," Harris says.

This is all the more relevant because, as he points out, "there has been a change in attitudes of the public and groupings such as the commercial press, churches, business and more recently in certain judgments in the Supreme Court to no longer view ANC combatants as 'terrorists' but rather as soldiers involved in a conflict".

Harris is not alone in his views. Campaigning for recognition of prisoner-of-war status and against apartheid executions are also among the aims of the London-based Lawyers Against Apartheid.

It was formed three years ago to mobilise the legal community in Britain to support the liberation struggle in Southern Africa.

Mr Kader Asmal, an exiled South African who teaches law at Trinity College in Dublin, contends that under international law, ANC combatants should also avail themselves of the protection of the Geneva Protocol I of 1977.

At a recent conference against the death penalty in South Africa, he said Pretoria's continuing "to torture detainees and to execute captured combatants" constituted "grave breaches of the laws of war".

Lawyer Harris concludes that all the legal arguments would be obsolete were it not for Pretoria's racist policies.

"Let us not forget what is often behind the death penalty in this country," he says.

"I am reminded of what Jabu Masina, the ANC commander, said to a packed Delmas court room after having been sentenced to death.

"He leaned forward and said in a clear voice that 'if it were not for apartheid we would not be sitting here, we would be with our brothers and sisters, both black and white'."

Appeal to Minister to lift ban on Alex march

Star 16/1/86 (2)

By Janet Heard

An urgent appeal has been sent to the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, to override a Randburg magistrate's decision to refuse permission for a mass meeting and protest march through the streets of Alexandra on Saturday.

Organisers vowed yesterday to go ahead with the action and said they expected at least 30 000 residents to attend.

The peaceful protest was organised to highlight the housing crisis in the township, and a list of grievances and demands was to be presented to the local council.

The chairman of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC), Mr Moses Mayekiso, said at a press conference yesterday the decision ran contrary to the climate in the country.

"The Government has raised in recent months a legitimate expectation amongst people in the country, that open air meetings will be permitted provided they are done in an orderly and peaceful manner and with due respect for the law of the land. Why has Alexandra been singled out?" he asked.

The demands to the council include:

- The building of affordable housing for the lowest income groups.
- Residents must be allowed to rent flats that are for sale, many of which are empty because people cannot afford to buy them.
- Proper consultation with the community on the development of Alexandra.
- Alexandra should be expanded and more land be granted to the township.
- Sports facilities should be built.
- All evictions and forced removals to Orange Farm should be stopped.
- All rent arrears arising from the rent boycott be written off.

Mob stones, stabs man to death near Durban

PRETORIA. — Two men died and four were injured, two seriously, in unrest-related incidents in Natal over the past 24 hours.

Police said a man was killed at Ntuzuma, near Durban, by a mob who first stoned and then stabbed him to death.

Police found the body of a man with gunshot wounds at Kwamashu, Durban. In several other incidents in this area, a group shot and wounded a man, arsonists caused extensive damage to a house and a group fired shots at police and bystanders. The attackers were dispersed with shotgun and rifle fire, but no injuries were reported.

SERIOUSLY INJURED

A group shot and seriously wounded a man at Taylor's Halt, in Natal, and at Hammarsdale, also in Natal, a group fired shots at the police, who retaliated with shotgun fire. No injuries were reported and four men were arrested.

Two men were seriously injured when a group threw a petrol-bomb at a squatter shack at Inanda, Durban. In another incident in the area a delivery vehicle was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

In the only incident outside Natal, a house in Soweto was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack. No injuries were reported. — Sapa.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Many outraged at service for 'Wit Wolf' Strydom

ARGUS 6/11/89 (2-78)

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Angry members of the public expressed their outrage at a service organised to "commemorate" the Strijdom Square shootings while extra-parliamentary groups have said that people should have freedom of expression.

Many callers telephoned the Pretoria News (sister paper to The Argus) to express their dismay at the happenings, saying they were "despicable" and "callous".

One from as far afield as Cape Town said: "I just think it's despicable — I think these people need help."

Commenting on last night's service for mass killer Barend Hendrik Strydom, the director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, said meetings should not be banned in terms of the emergency regulations, but rather in terms of their substance.

Police last night arrested 15 people who attended an illegal meeting in Alexandria.

Dr Max Coleman of the Human Rights Commission said: "The Pretoria gathering was to commemorate an act which clearly violated human rights while the gathering in Alexandria was organised for the purpose of fighting for human rights.

Commenting on the difference in handling of the two meetings a police spokesman said: "Each individual officer has the discrimination of how to act to avoid violence."

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Govt opens beaches to all

STATE President Mr F W de Klerk yesterday announced the immediate opening of all beaches to all races and said the Government wanted to repeal the Separate Amenities Act as soon as possible.

In a wide-ranging address to the President's Council, he also delivered a rebuke to victorious Swapo leader Mr Sam Nujoma, reaffirmed Walvis Bay's status as part of South Africa, and

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Beaches open

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declared the Government's seriousness about the path of reform on which it had embarked.

His speech, his first to the council since his assumption of the presidency, contained a formal request to the council to investigate political conflict-resolution mechanisms, a national environmental management system and ways of getting consumer cooperation in the fight against inflation.

The State had spent R167 million in upgrading beaches since the 1983/84 financial year, multiplying and providing new amenites at beaches, he said.

"The Government is also willing, within limits, to provide temporary financial assistance in this regard to smaller local authorities," De Klerk said.

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Sats employee Peter Mhlangu, 45, was hit on the back of the head, allegedly by a kitskonstabel, during clashes between police and striking workers in Germiston yesterday.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Sats strikers, police hurt in clash

ADELE BALETA

AT LEAST 300 Sats employees at Cape Town's Table Bay harbour stopped work yesterday, while strikers and police clashed at Germiston station in the Transvaal.

Sats spokesman Alan Lubbe said yesterday it was not yet clear whether the Cape Town harbour workers were on strike, as talks in the region were in progress.

The union was unavailable for comment late yesterday.

A further 1 207 employees were dismissed in Johannesburg, and 46 at Sats' catering department in Durban, for ignoring a return-to-work deadline. This brings the total number of dismissals nationwide so far to 1 879, Lubbe said.

He could not say if Sats was still considering new proposals for negotiation with the workers representative committee, but confirmed no talks had taken place yesterday.

Police and the SA Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) gave conflicting accounts of the confrontation at Germiston station on the East Rand early yesterday.

Sarhwu Germiston office organiser Tozanile Taai said police attacked and beat 50 Springs workers at the station after they alighted from a train to attend a meeting at Cosatu's regional office.

He said policemen and ticket examiners attacked the group with batons. A worker had three fingers chopped off, allegedly by a panga-wielding ticket official.

Later about 200 striking workers from Delmore hostel, East Rand, were attacked at the Cosatu offices, he said.

He claimed police chased the workers from the station to the offices, where they took knobkieries from workers and beat the Sats employees

Five people were taken to hospital: three Sats employees, an SAB employee and a bystander.

Pretoria police spokesman Maj Marius Bonthuys said six policemen were injured in the incident.

He said the Springs workers armed with sticks and sjamboks had not paid their fares. Police gave them five minutes to pay up or travel on.

Police then tried to make arrests but were attacked by workers who pelted them with stones from the railway line.

Three policemen were injured. Police fired two shots with a pistol and the group scattered. No injuries other than those to the police were reported.

Bonthuys said that at about 10.30am police received information Sats workers were being attacked at Cosatu's offices.

They found about 150 people in front of the building and in the street, singing, dancing and holding knobkierries and iron pipes.

The police warned them to disperse, but instead they charged, injuring three policemen. No arrests were made.

Aids fears after boys molested

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JOHANNESBURG. — An unknown number of young boys in the Vaal Triangle, Secunda and Hendrina power station areas may be unaware that they could possibly be infected with Aids.

This follows the disclosure in the Vereeniging Regional Court that a 30-year-old man, who yesterday was convicted on three counts of sodomy, has tested positively for the disease.

It is now feared that the discovery "could lead to a major tragedy involving young, innocent boys", according to Regional Court prosecutor Mr Louis Venter.

Jan Abraham Sadler, who formerly resided in the Vaal Triangle area and now lives and works in Secunda, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by Magistrate Mr Dries Visagie after being found guilty of committing indecent acts with a 15-year-old Vanderbijlpark boy on three separate occasions.

The offences were committed towards the end of last year against the teenager's will while Sadler, a bachelor, boarded with the boy's parents. He initially admitted guilt on the three counts, but a plea of not guilty was entered by the court.

The possibility that he had associations with other young boys has not been ruled out.

The court yesterday heard that Sadler was found to be infected with Aids after blood samples were taken from him while he was being held in custody pending the hearing.

He was positively identified as an Aids sufferer on Thursday.

Sadler, a process controller at the Sasol 3 plant in Secunda, told the court that he had not been tested for Aids previously, adding that he had no idea he was infected with the virus.

Before sentence was passed the prosecutor, Mr Louis Venter, requested that Sadler be removed from society and imprisoned in an attempt to protect other children.

He stressed that there was no way of telling how many other potential victims could be infected by the accused if he was not jailed.

In passing sentence Mr Visagie stated that offences involving indecent acts towards children were on the increase, and that no less than four other similar cases were heard in Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday.

He said that from the evidence led in the trial it was obvious that the accused tried to curry favour with the 15-year-old boy and his sisters by buying them presents.

It appeared that the accused was also responsible for the boy running away from his home after indecent acts were carried out on him against his will.

During a brief press conference after the hearing, Mr Venter appealed to all young boys who were possibly "involved", or had any association, with Sadler to confide in their parents or house doctor and to have Aids tests immediately.

"The accused refused to say whether he was involved with any other boys apart from the Vanderbijlpark teenager. It is thus vitally important for anyone who was in any way involved with the accused to report for an Aids test without delay.

"A major tragedy involving innocent young children could be looming," said Mr Venter.

Meanwhile all members of the police who investigated the case, as well as prison staff who were in contact with Sadler while he was in custody, are to be tested for Aids. — Sapa

Worker protest over lost jobs

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By LEN MASEKO

ABOUT 80 former Blackchain employees picketed outside the supermarket in Soweto at the weekend, demanding their jobs back.

The incident-free demonstration took place outside the supermarket's Diepkloof branch on Saturday.

Blackchain spokesmen were not available for comment yesterday.

The 84 workers, all members of the Federal Council of Retail and Allied Workers (Fedcraw), were apparently retrenched about two months ago. They said they were retrenched by new management who took over the supermarket and told the shop would be closed soon.

Instead of closing the supermarket management continued to trade and hired scab labour, according to Fedcraw.

A Fedcraw spokesman said the workers were not given their pension when they were laid off.

"We were surprised that the store is still operating despite what management told us," a former Blackchain employee said.

In September Mr Paul Gama, then managing director of the supermarket, announced that the shop had been leased to a group of businessmen after suffering a loss of thousands of rands in turnover since January this year.

Fedcraw has decided to contest the retrenchments in the Industrial Court.

Joyful end to Boksburg boycott

Cape Times 20/11/89 (778)

BOKSBURG. — A year-long boycott of white shops in Boksburg, conducted in protest at the reimposition of petty apartheid, ended in a joyful mood on Saturday when more than 800 coloured residents of Reiger Park mounted a car cavalcade into the city's commercial area.

Packed buses, cars and vans — many draped with colourful posters and banners — were led by members of the Save Boksburg Committee, the organisation that staged the protest, into the city centre, where they alighted, shook hands with managers of shops and browsed about.

"This is our victory day We have shown that we cannot be taken for granted We have been on this defiance campaign for little more than a year And with the people fully behind us, we have shown that we will not bow down to the dictates of the Conservative Party-controlled town council," said a jubilant Mr Danny Cassel, a leading member of the Committee's executive

Scores of shoppers, wearing a variety of political T-shirts, were greeted by smiling managers who earlier had placed signs in their windows welcoming back the Reiger Park residents

Youths walked along the streets congratulating and smiling at scores of white shoppers, many of whom returned the joyful gestures.

Hundreds of other whites congregated outside office blocks and stared from windows as they watched the peaceful gathering move around the city centre.

No incidents were reported, despite the CP-council refusing to back down on the question of harsher apartheid in the city. However, it is virtually powerless in the face of the announcement by state president, Mr F W de Klerk, that the Separate Amenities Act would be repealed as soon as possible

After about four hours, the residents gathered outside the city council building, boarded their vehicles and left for the township, where preparations were being made for a celebration.

"This day has shown the people of Boksburg that we can move forward together towards a non-racial South Africa where everyone will be judged on merit and not on the colour of their skin," said Mr Cassel.

The boycott of Boksburg's shops began in October 1988, when the council decided to ban residents from a local lake as well as to restrict the use of council facilities to whites only. — Sapa

Police fire on station crowd

CAPE TIMES 22/11/87

PRETORIA. — Police used shotguns, rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse a crowd of about 3 500, apparently striking SATS workers, at Reunion station, Umlazi, on Monday, according to yesterday's police unrest report.

The crowd had surrounded a ticket examiner and police on duty at the station to guard against intimidation.

One of the crowd allegedly incited others to kill the police, the report said, and a shot was fired at the police from among the crowd.

Twelve men and three youths were wounded.

At Muzimhlope station in Soweto, a group set fire to a passenger carriage. Damage was extensive.

Two private homes at Mpumalanga, in Natal, were damaged in petrol-bomb attacks. A number of shots were fired at a third house. Two occupants of the house, a man and a woman, were wounded. — Sapa

March to protest rent hike

Sowetan 23/11/89

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RESIDENTS of Daveyton on the East Rand have planned a peaceful march for Saturday to protest against a proposed rent increase by the town council.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

A statement released by the Daveyton People's Delegation said a resolution to send a deputation to the Transvaal Provincial Administration about town council management was taken at a mass meeting held at the weekend.

The delegation was mandated to demand:

* A commission of inquiry into the council's financial records and council activities.

* Suspension of the council and its monthly allowance and;

* The building of low cost houses.

"The march is aimed at showing solidarity with the delegation," a spokesman for the delegation said.

"Banners and flags of political organisations will not be displayed. Only those placards conveying rent-related messages should be hoisted. The march starts at 8.30am from the Sinaba Stadium to the Lionel Kent Centre," he added.

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Supreme Court protest

South 23-29/11/89

From NOEL BRUYNS

JOHANNESBURG. - The ongoing campaign against the death penalty received a boost when more than 120 attorneys and advocates protested against hangings on the the steps of the Supreme Court here on Wednesday.

The lawyers, many in court robes, held a 30 minute silent demonstration and displayed placards saying "Stop the Hangings", "Abolish the death penalty" and "Hangings are a crime against humanity".

One attorney said no judges or state prosecutors participated in the demonstration.

There was no police presence at the protest, organised by the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (NADEL).

"We urged all lawyers opposed to this inhuman practice of hangings to add their voices to those of the many groups campaigning for the abolition of the death penalty."

Welkom march gets nod

THE Welkom Town Council has granted permission for a march to take place on Saturday, December 2, a Mass Democratic Movement spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Franse Baleni, MDM organiser in Welkom, said the council had initially refused permission but after reconsidering the matter said the march could go ahead if the route was changed.

The march was to have been routed through the CBD and main shopping centre. The council said the shopping centre must be avoided.

The march is to start at the Thabong Roman Catholic Church and will end at the Welkom police station where a petition will be handed to a police officer.

Kagiso residents meet to plan stronger boycott

By VUSI GUNENE

RESIDENTS of Kagiso township on the East Rand are following the Mass Democratic Movement's call for the "rebuilding of people's structures" and rejecting their town council.

The Kagiso Interim Co-ordinating Committee (KICC) has called on residents to attend a meeting this weekend to discuss strategies of intensifying the rent boycott — now in its second month.

Residents have planned a march to the council offices on December 2 to deliver a memorandum demanding the suspension of the rent increases and the resignation of the town council.

For the past two months residents have been holding block, street and area committee meetings to discuss the proposed rent increases, which range from 50 to 150 percent.

According to a KICC representative, some of the residents have already received eviction notices from the council because of their refusal to pay rent.

"Our attempts to seek reasons for the increases have been met with inadequate answers and the community has engaged lawyers in a bid to resolve the matter," the representative said.

Residents argue that they have been paying for electricity bills since 1979, but have not as yet had any electricity installed in their homes.

"Since 1979 we have been paying R2.61 (per month) for electricty which to date has not been installed in our houses," said one resident, Annah Kgofela. "Instead, we are receiving letters from the council which says we must first pay R2 100 for electricity installation. We feel the we have already paid for the installation and in fact the council owes us," she said.

The mass meeting will be held at the Methodist Church in Kagiso on Sunday at 2.30pm.

Approached for comment, the town clerk's office said it was not aware of the rent boycott and declined to comment about the rent increase and the electricity levy.

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Picture: CEDRIC NUNN; Afrapix

Protesters poised to march

By VUSI GUNENE

TWO protest marches, one in Daveyton and another in Alexander, hang in the balance as organisers wait for magistrates' permission.

The decision to hold the Daveyton march was taken at a meeting attended by more than 500 residents.

The meeting also elected a delegation to visit the Transvaal Provincial Administration in Pretoria next week.

Besides the rent crisis in the township the delegation will discuss: the appointment of a commission of inquiry into the council's activities; the suspension of the July rent increase; an end to evictions; the suspension of the council, and the building of low-cost housing in the township.

"The aim of the march is to register the anger of the Daveyton community at the increased rentals and the R25 paid monthly to the council by shack-dwellers," organisers said.

Meanwhile, the Alexander Action Committee and other Mass Democratic Movement structures in the township have approached the Randburg magistrate and the government to seek permission for a mass meeting at the township's stadium.

Last week, a proposed meeting and march was banned.

AAC representative Obed Bapela said the Ministry of Justice asked for a letter from the council confirming that the meeting would take place on the Saturday, but that the council refused to submit such a letter.

The AAC intends to draw the following grievances to the council's attention: the lack of houses and poor living conditions; an expensive housing policy beyond the reach of most Alexandra residents; the threatened destruction of shacks and forced removals to Orange Farm; and the relocation of residents to parts of the township where they are accommodated in old buses and zinc shacks.

The AAC has threatened to seek a supreme court interdict if the march is not allowed.

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Squatters claim 5 killed in Alberton community

FIVE residents of a large squatter community near Alberton have been shot and killed in the past 17 months, Catholic community worker Prince Mhlambi says. Two of these were killed and another two injured in the past 10 days by gunmen. B1 Day 24/11/89

All those shot were resisting the forced removal of their four-year-old community, he said.

Two women, whose names were not disclosed, were seriously

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wounded after being shot in Pholapark, a squatter community of 35 000 people near Thokoza, Alberton, on Wednesday night.

Three nights before, a member of the community's executive committee, Lucky Sipho Nhlangothi, 30, was shot dead outside his home.

The week before, another committee member, Themba Mayaphi, 48, was also shot dead and mutilated after a residents' crime-watch patrol was attacked by gunmen.

Mhlambi said the first killing took place in June last year when residents began resisting removal. Two resident committee members were stabbed to death in February, and another two shot dead this month. (278)

The community claims "kitskonstabels' are responsible and have laid charges. The police deny this.

Alex march to go ahead

JOHANNESBURG. — Permission for a march to take place in Alexandra township today has been refused, but the Alexandra Action Committee says the march will go ahead. Permission was also refused for a protest march which was to have been held in King William's Town yesterday.

MDM marches in support of Sats and SAB strikers

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By CONNIE MOLUSI

THE Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) has scheduled a series of protest marches at Witwatersrand townships in support of striking Sats and SAB workers.

The marches are to protest against the use of violence against strikers, to express support for their demands and to put pressure on managements to settle the disputes.

The MDM said in a statement that both Sats and SAB workers have legitimate grievances, relating to their demand for a living wage and recognition of their union.

They accused management of using a range of tactics which have led to violence instead of negotiation.

The four-week-old Sats strike has led to the death of two workers, shot by police in separate incidents, while there have been three casualties as a result of the SAB action.

- This week a white ticket examiner was admitted to hospital suffering multiple burns after he was doused with petrol and set alight;
- A dismissed Sats worker was shot dead at Langlaagte station on Tuesday for allegedly attacking a policeman and ticket controller with a baton;
- A Fawu shop steward was charged with attempted murder after a shot was fired at casual workers on Wednesday in Maritzburg; and
- Five people were arrested and several workers and policeman were injured in strike-related violence in Newlands.

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New Zealand, who is to become Bishop of Dunedin.

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Marchers sent home

JOHANNESBURG. — More than 1 000 people were sent home on Saturday morning after they grouped at a stadium in Alexandra in anticipation of a protest march on the local town council. Permission to hold the march had been refused.

Kathrada addresses 10 000

JOHANNESBURG. — About 10 000 people yesterday packed the local stadium at KwaThema on the East Rand to hear recently-released ANC leader Mr Ahmed Kathrada.

The air of festivity and revelry was marred by high winds and blinding rain that drove the crowds to shelter as Mr Kathrada and Mrs Winnie Mandela took the platform. After several false starts, Mrs Mandela said in a speech that Mr Mandela wished them to know he would be ready for release "as soon as he got a package from the government on the transition of power from the minority to the majority". — Sapa

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Eleven die in unrest

PRETORIA — Eleven people were killed, several others injured and at least six arrested in a spate of overnight violence that hit several black townships around the country on Sunday. (2 78)

According to a police report, most of the violence occurred in the Kwa Mashu township outside Durban.

The report said one man was stabbed to death and two others burnt by a mob in the township. A police constable also fatally wounded a fourth man when he fired birdshot to disperse a group of attackers.

Also in Kwa Mashu, police found the body of a 35-year-old man after they dispersed a crowd with tear-gas. He apparently had been attacked earlier.

At Hlanzeni, near Camperdown, a man was shot dead by an unknown assailant. At Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, two black people were shot dead by unidentified gunmen.

At Steadville, on the Natal South Coast, a municipal policeman was attacked and killed by unidentified people. BDay 28/11/89

Police also reported they had dispersed several groups of youngsters around the country. An arson attempt had also been made on a school at De Doorns, near Worcester. — Sapa.

NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 to January 1989:	668
February 1989 — November 26 1989:	338
Past 24 hours' official toll:	11
TOTAL:	1017

Student mob set house alight, witness tells court

Star 29/11/89 (298)

By Montshiwa Moroke

A Soweto father recalled in the Protea Regional Court yesterday how he was called from work to find some of his furniture on fire in his Mofolo home.

Mr English Ndlovu was giving evidence in the trial of 24 student teachers of the Soweto College of Education who have been charged with 11 counts including public violence.

Other counts include kidnapping, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, arson, malicious damage to property, theft and intimidation.

They have pleaded not guilty and are out on bail of R300 each.

CHARGES WITHDRAWN

Their appearance follows an incident on August 30 when a crowd of students allegedly set a house in Rockville on fire after the death of a fellow student, Mr Stanley Jabulani Tshabalala.

The State dropped charges against 84 others on Monday.

Mr Ndlovu told the court he had left home at about 6.30 am on August 30. At about 2.30 pm he received a message which compelled him to go home.

"When I arrived home I found all the window panes smashed. I went to the back of the house and in the kitchen found the refrigerator had been turned upside down on the floor and crockery strewn around from a cupboard which had also been turned upside down."

Ms Beatrice Luthuli said she was in the house when she looked through a window and saw a mob of about 400 in the street in front of their house.

She suggested to Mr Thulani Luthuli that they should lock the doors, but he refused. She went out of the house and was grabbed by people from the mob.

She was manhandled and slapped and asked where "Funani" was. Later she saw that her home was on fire.

Mr Thulani Luthuli said he saw a crowd in the street armed with knives, garden forks and spades. Part of the crowd surrounded someone, saying "he must talk" while they slapped him.

"When I saw them entering our yard, I dashed to the kitchen, bolted through the back door and fled by scaling the fence. Later I returned to find the house had been set on fire."

Captain John Facer, of the Soweto Riot Unit, said he received a radio message which said a house was burning in Rockville. He summoned the fire brigade and drove to the address.

Later he received another message and went to Mofolo where he found a group of students in the road surrounded by SAP and SADF members.

BROKEN WINDOWS

"While I was there I received a message that house No 223 in Mofolo had been attacked. I went to the house and found all the windows broken. Inside, the contents of the house had been smashed. I assumed the crowd of students was responsible for the damage."

The accused are Mr Lucky Khumalo (22), Mr Tebogo Mogomane (25), Mr Godfrey Mavimbela (26), Mr Paulus Tladi (22), Mr Bernard Sekete (23), Mr Tsietsi Mukoma (22), Mr Marcelino Matshinye (20), Mr Victor Maseko (20) Mr Elington Makua (23), Mr Xolani Kosi (23), Mr Takalani Mawelewele (22), Mr Dumisani Makhubu (20), Mr Billy Majafa (22), Mr Mdunduzi Buthelezi (25), Mr Jackie Lethoko (25), Mr Hendrik Tshabalala (23) Mr Raymond Khamandisa (21), Mr Raymond Chabeli (26), Mr Thomas Mafate (22), Mr Patrick Nkasa (25), Mr Zama Hadebe (23), Mr Theophilus Kunene (21), Mr Meshack Pharoe (35) and Mr Nehemia Radebe (22).

Peaceful stayaway for Alexandra march

Star 29/11/89 (278)

By Janet Heard

Alexandra residents will stage a peaceful stayaway tomorrow to protest against the "intransigence" of the local authorites in not granting the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) permission to hold a march and mass meeting about the issue of high rentals.

The decision to conduct the stayaway was taken at a meeting at the weekend of representatives of local youth, student and women's organisations after the AAC said it had failed in all its efforts to obtain permission for the march to proceed.

A statement issued yesterday by the "Stayaway Committee", which consists of delegates from civic structures in Alexandra, demanded that the council resign.

"We want the whole world to know that repression in Alexandra is so high that peaceful marches, which are being allowed in parts of the country, are not allowed here, even under the new political climate which Mr F W de Klerk has created."

The statement said consultations were under way with businesses and requests had been made that all shops, including those at the Wynberg Shopping complex, shebeens and hawkers stalls, close between 9 am and 4 pm; that no taxis or Putco buses operate and that the Kings Cinema close during the day.

The march was initially planned for more than two weeks ago but was postponed at the 11th hour after the Randburg chief magistrate refused permission for the action to go ahead.

The aim of the march was to present a list of grievances and demands concerning the housing crisis to the town council.

A second application was submitted to the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, requesting he override the decision of the magistrate.

The magistrate replied that only if the city council granted permission for the use of the hall and the streets, could he allow the action to proceed. The town council refused.

Mr Obed Bapela, the AAC publicity secretary, yesterday received a letter from Democratic Party MP for Sandton, Mr David Dalling, which stated he had written to Mr Coetsee in a bid to assist the community in its attempt to air grievances.

Mr Bapela said that tension was running high in the township and he feared a riot.

Police use birdshot on Jo'burg protesters

A POLICEMAN was stabbed three times and at least 15 people injured when police and protesters clashed in central Johannesburg yesterday.

Police have not yet released the name of the injured policeman but said his condition was not serious.

Several hundred workers, marching in solidarity with striking Sats (Sarwhu) and SA Breweries (Fawu) workers, were involved in a clash with police that led to hundreds of people fleeing through central Johannesburg while police fired teargas and birdshot.

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Police and worker versions of the incident differed. Police said they teargassed workers after they refused to disperse. Workers said police had begun teargassing and beating them with batons as singing workers gathered for the march in Wanderers Street.

Doctors who treated some of those injured said most injuries were minor, but three of those treated had extensive birdshot wounds.

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Protest clash

The march was planned to protest at violence surrounding the strikes and as a gesture of solidarity with striking Sarwhu and Fawu workers. The Sarwhu strike is in its fourth week, while the SAB strike has dragged into its eighth week.

There have been numerous allegations from all sides of violence and intimidation, and at least 10 workers have died in strike-related incidents.

Sapa reports that police said an "unknown explosive device" was detonated next to the SA Breweries head office in Johannesburg early yesterday.

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The blast, at the intersection of Jan Smuts Avenue and Ameshof Street, did only slight damage. No casualties were reported.

Fawu president Chris Dlamini said: "It is regrettable that an explosion, from whatever source, had to take place at the SAB head office at a time when the wage dispute negotiations between Fawu and SAB have made significant progress.

"These talks which have been in progress with Fawu, SAB and their respective lawayers since Thursday last week have reached a critical point."

Alex residents protest refusal to hold march

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ALEXANDRA residents will stage a peaceful stayaway tomorrow protesting the "intransigence" of the local authorities in not granting the Alexandra Action Committee permission to hold a march and a mass meeting.

The AAC is up in arms over high rents in the township.

Representatives of local youth, student and women's organisations decided on the stay-away after a weekend meeting in which the AAC said it had failed in all its efforts to obtain permission for the march.

A statement issued this week by the "Stayaway Committee" demanded the resignation of the council.

"We want the whole world to know that repression in Alexandra is so high that peaceful marches, which are being allowed in other parts of the country, are not allowed here even under the new political climate which Mr F W de Klerk has created."

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The statement said consultations were underway with businesses and requests had been made to all shops, including those at the Wynberg shopping complex, shebeens and hawkers stalls, to close between 9am and 4pm.

The committee has also asked buses and taxis not to operate and that King's Cinema close during the day.

The march was planned more than two weeks ago, but was postposed at the 11th hour last week when the Randburg chief magistrate refused the organisers permission.

The aim of the march was to present a list of grievances and demands concerning the housing crisis to the town council.

A second application was submitted to the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, requesting him to rescind the decision of the magistrate.

The magistrate replied that he would give permission for the march if the council granted permission.

The town council refused.

Mr Obed Bapela, the AAC publicity secretary, this week received a letter from the Democratic Party MP for Sandton, Mr David Dalling, which stated he had written to Coetsee in a bid to assist the community in its attempt to air grievances.

ration before submitting his entry.

Marchers not charged

PRETORIA. — A total of 111 people, among a group who marched on the Union Buildings in the "Women Against Repression" march in September, had charges against them withdrawn when they appeared in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday.

Provisional warrants of arrest were issued against 31 who failed to appear, but it seems the state will withdraw charges against them. — Sapa

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Alexandra residents during one of three attempts to stage a protest march yesterday. Each time they were stopped by police.

Police thwart three Alexandra protest bids

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By Janet Heard and Kaiser Nyatsumba

Three attempts by Alexandra residents to stage a protest march yesterday were thwarted by police using teargas and rubber bullets.

Four people, including three Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) members, were arrested, and police confirmed late yesterday that they were being held under the emergency regulations.

Security police took the names and details of photographers and reporters and in terms of the emergency regulations, ordered them to leave the township.

Tension has been building up in the township and thousands of residents stayed away from work yesterday in protest against the "intransigence" of the local authorities who refused to grant them permission to air their grievances by holding a peaceful march.

The first incident occurred at about noon when about 300 people gathered to march to the town council offices.

A few minutes later police arrived, told the people the gathering was illegal and gave them a few minutes to disperse. According to reporters and eyewitnesses, as the crowd was dispersing, police fired teargas at them.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman told The Star the people failed to disperse and police were forced to take action.

When protesters tried again to march, the police officer in charge declared Alexandra an unrest area and took the particulars of the team from The Star and followed it out of the township.

According to Captain Opperman, another incident occurred at about 3 pm at 12th Avenue and John Brand Street. He confirmed the previous two incidents and said that each time police were forced to fire teargas and rubber bullets after the crowd failed to disperse.

The four who are being held under the emergency regulations are Mr Mzwanele Mayekiso, Mr Richard Mdakane and Mr Paul Tshabalala, all AAC members, and Mr Sipho Khubeko, general secretary of the Print and Paper Allied Workers' Union.

80 strikers hurt in clashes

Staff Reporters and Own Correspondent

About 80 people were injured in violent clashes between striking workers and police at the Boerstra Bakery in Pretoria early yesterday. Star 11/2/89

Colonel Vic Haynes, police liaison officer, confirmed the incident, saying about 200 people had been arrested during the police operation.

According to Food and Allied Workers Union organiser Mrs Ella Mnguni, about 900 workers went on strike yesterday over commission for drivers and other grievances, which were first raised with management in January this year.

After four meetings with management failed to settle the dispute, striking workers decided to sleep in the factory. (278)

Mrs Mnguni said a supervisor had called police after complaining that strikers' singing was disturbing residents in the area.

More than 50 policemen arrived at the factory and tear-gassed and baton-charged workers without first warning them to disperse, she said.

"The operation lasted 1½ hours. People were lying everywhere and being beaten."

Colonel Haynes said police had reacted to a complaint of workers disturbing the peace and asked the large group of singing and shouting strikers to disperse.

"After being attacked by the workers with, among other things, bread crates, police moved in with batons and tear-gas. At least five policemen were slightly injured," he said.

Of the 80 strikers treated at the Kalafong Hospital, 50 had already been discharged, said superintendent Dr J A Kunzmann.

"The others are being treated for aches and pains and bruising," he said, adding that all the injuries appeared to be minor.

In a statement Boerstra management said the strike had been illegal.

"It started as a wildcat strike with staff members staying on the premises and refusing to negotiate with management. We have yet to determine the grievances which prompted the strike."

COPS BREAK

A policeman removes a man from a crowd of protesters who had gathered in Alexandra township yesterday The protest was held to air residents's grievances against the banning of a march which was intended to present township grievances to the council.

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Isaac Hayes in secret visit

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RIOT police broke up a planned march to the local town council offices in Alexandra yesterday and arrested three community leaders.

One of them, Mr Mzwanele Mayekiso, the brother of trade unionist Moses Mayekiso, was removed by police from the crowd which he had just addressed.

As he was escorted to an waiting van, he shouted "Amandla Viva AAC Viva!"

Minutes thereafter he was joined in the police van by Mr Paul Tshabalala and Mr Richmond Mdakane, both members of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC)

Hundreds of residents who heeded a call for a stayaway in Alexandra gathered several hundred metres away from the town coucil offices They were to present a petition listing residents' grievances after they were refused permission to

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March in Welkom

BETWEEEN 20 000 and 30 000 people, including a number of clergymen, are expected to take part in a protest march organised by the Mass Democratic Movement in Welkom and its Thabong township tomorrow.

An organiser, Mr Frans Baleni, said on Thursday the marchers were being drawn from Welkom and neighbouring towns and townships.

They would march from Thabong's Roman Catholic Church to the Welkom Police Station.

He said organisers were still awaiting confirmation from Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of Nelson Mandela, and the president of the SA Youth Congress, Mr Peter Mokaba, who had been invited to lead the marchers.

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Cops break Alex demo

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march last week.

According to sources in the township, the petition listed complaints dealing with housing and rent. Another demand was for the town council to resign.

Several policemen in a combi were seen filming the gathering while others took photographs.

They were later joined by scores of other police in riot gear backed by security members who arrived in a convoy of vehicles.

People in the gathering toyi-toyied and sang freedom songs.

The police gave the crowd three minutes to disperse.

When the crowd sat down defiantly, two tearsmoke canisters were fired and the crowd scattered in all directions.

• Several police in riot gear were seen following the crowd into another street and came back escorting another resident who they later allowed to go.

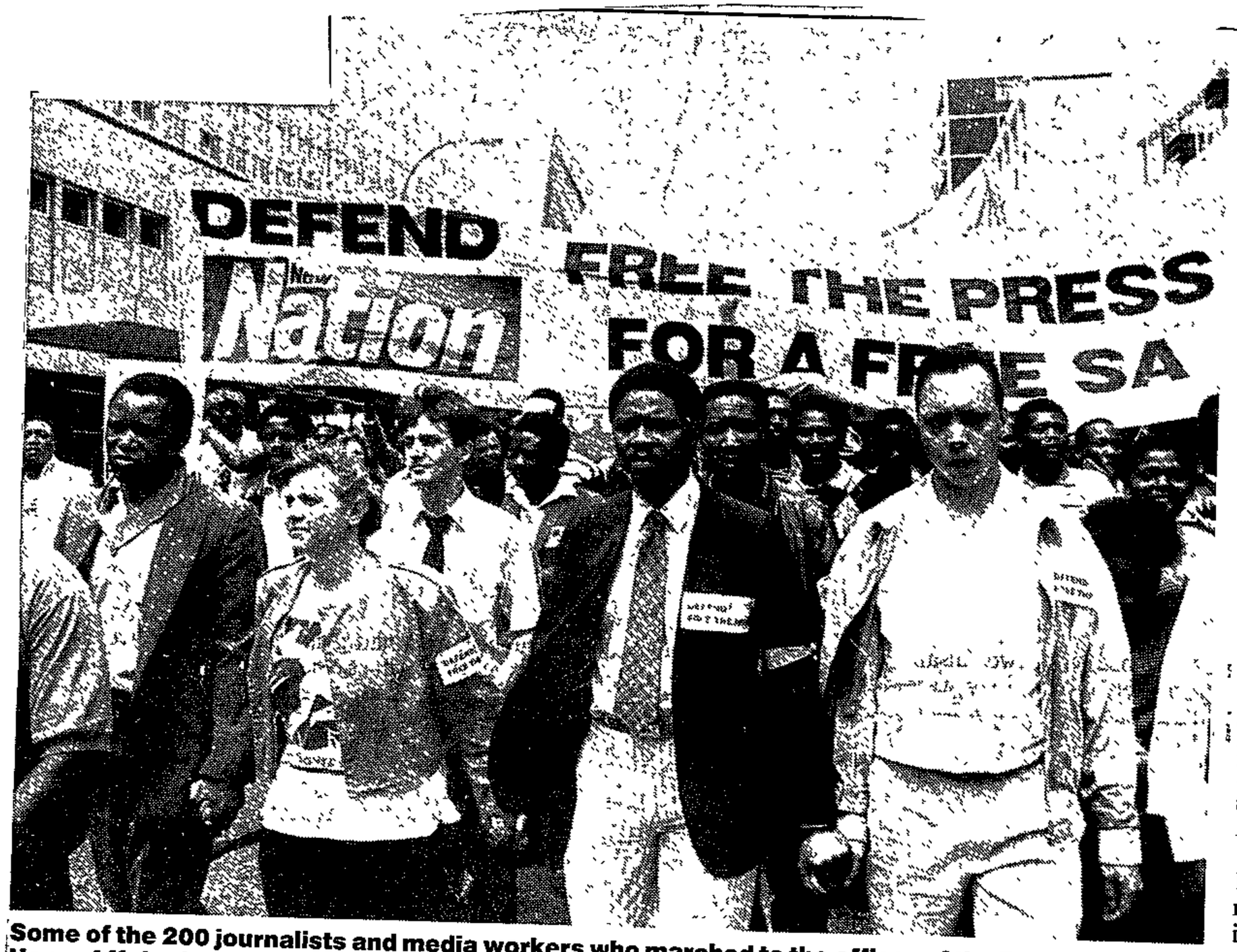
A police spokesman confirmed that police dispersed a crowd and arrested four men.

According to the police, the crowd was warned that the march was illegal in terms of Section 48 of the Internal Security Act and was told to disperse.

Tearsmoke was used when the crowd refused to disperse.

In another incident police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd which had regrouped.

A spokesman would not say whether those arrested were detained under the state of emergency or not. No one was injured.



Some of the 200 journalists and media workers who marched to the offices of the Department of Home Affairs in Johannesburg this week in protest against the threat to suspend *New Nation*.

200 march to save New Nation

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By CONNIE MOLUSI

ABOUT 200 journalists and media workers marched through the streets of Johannesburg this week to protest against the threat to suspend *New Nation* newspaper.

The march, led by acting editor Gabu Tugwana, started at the Central Methodist Church and moved to the Department of Home Affairs where a petition was delivered.

It demanded the lifting of the emergency media regulations, an end to the harassment of journalists and the threat to close *New Nation*.

Marchers defied the 150 limit imposed on the march by the Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg, as 200 participated.

The defiance extended to the carrying of banners.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that an appeal by the Catholic Bishops Publishing Company – publishers of *New Nation* – against the rejection of an application challenging the validity of certain emergency regulations has been dismissed with costs by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein.

The application also challenged the warning issued to the Catholic-sponsored weekly.

Chief Judge Corbett said the grounds advanced to support the invalidation of the media regulations were not well-founded.

On the action taken by the minister, the judge said he was satisfied the minister sufficiently set forth the grounds for his action.

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Houses burnt after colleague killed

15 Soweto students cleared of violence

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By Montshiwa Moroke

Fifteen of the 24 students from the Soweto College of Education, who were charged with public violence and related charges, were acquitted in the Protea Regional Court on Friday.

The court found that although they had been part of a group responsible for certain incidents of violence, the State had not proved beyond reasonable doubt they had actively taken part.

Those freed were Mr Tebogo Mogomane (25), Mr Godfrey Mavimbela (26), Mr Paulus Tladi (22), Mr Tsietsi Mukoma (22), Mr Marcelino Matshinye (20), Mr Victor Maseko (20), Mr Elington Makua (23), Mr Takalani Mawelewele (22), Mr Jackie Lethoko (25), Mr Raymond Khamandisa (21), Mr Raymond Chabedi (26), Thomas Mafate (22), Mr Zama Hadebe (23), Mr Theophillus Kunene (21) and Mr Nehemia Radebe (22).

All granted bail

Charges against 84 of the original 108 arrested students were withdrawn by the State on Monday.

Other charges are kidnapping, assault, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, malicious damage to property, theft and intimidation.

All pleaded not guilty amd were granted bail of R300 each.

Their appearance is a sequel to an incident on August 30 when a crowd of students allegedly set a house in Rockville on fire and attacked another in Mofolo after the killing of a fellow student, Mr Stanley Jabulani Tshabalala.

Mr T F Veldman had ruled as inadmissable a statement made by Mr Mavimbela. The magistrate said the State had not proved beyond reasonable doubt that Mr Mavimbela had not been coerced into making the satatement.

Mr Veldman said he did not know whom to believe — Mr Mavimbela or a Lieutenant van Deventer, who had taken down the statement. Mr Mavimbela said he had been afraid and had given the statement of his own free will.

He said he had told Lieutenant van Deventer that he did not wish to make a statement. However, the police officer had been threatening in his tone. He thought he was obliged to give a statement.

Defence counsel, Mr G Rautenbach, said there were two tests. The first was whether there was sufficient evidence on which a court could convict.

The second was whether the defence's case could possibly take the matter further for the State.

Mr Rautenbach said for certain of the accused the State had not provided any evidence and they should therefore be discharged. The fact that they were on the scene did not take the State's case any further.

The remaining accused are Mr Lucky Khumalo (22), Mr Bernard Sekete (23), Mr Marcelino Matshinye (20), Mr Dumisani Makhubu (20), Mr Billy Majafa (22), Mr Mdunduzi Buthelezi (25), Mr Hendrik Tshabalala (23), Mr Patrick Nkasa (25) and Mr Meshack Pharoe (35).

The case was postponed to December 6.

Vigilantes destroy the homes of six activists

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By Janet Heard

A group of vigilantes destroyed the homes of six activists in Acornhoek in the north-eastern Transvaal last week, forcing the owners to flee the village in fear of a further attack.

In a statement, the Bushbuckridge Youth Congress (Buyco) to which all six men be long alleged that further attacks had occurred since then and the violence was spreading to surrounding areas.

The statement said an attorney was seeking a court interdict against the group and a delegation of church and community leaders would be meeting the chief magistrate and the head of police to express concern about the alleged failure of the police to take any action against the assailants.

Speaking from a hideout, one of the activists, Mr Jacqui Modipane, told The Star that he was at his Broeklyn home on Sunday when he saw a big crowd approach armed with all types of weapons.

Mr Modipane said he got into his car and sped away but he saw the crowd destroying his home and later setting it alight.

He said the group then went to the homes of five other activists and set them alight.

According to the Buyco statement, one activist was allegedly assaulted with an axe and later admitted to Tintswalo Hospital at Acornhoek.

The attack was said to be due to the success of the Buyco in calling for a boycott of a levy imposed by the tribal authorities for "non-existent" water, and for organising a mass protest march attended by more than 30 000 people.

A sergeant from the Acornhoek police confirmed the attacks but said no arrests had been made. He said there were very few police on duty on Sunday and officers had reached the six homes only after they had been set alight.

He added that the owners of the homes were not co-operating with the investigation, and did not wish to speak to the police.

Cosatu stage march

THE Witwatersrand region of Cosatu is to stage two marches on the New Canada police station in Soweto, near Johannesburg this morning to protest against alleged intimidation of workers on trains by soldiers.

Asked to respond to the allegations, SADF spokesman, Colonel John Rolt, denied knowledge of the incidents.

He said the allegations would be investigated whereupon a statement would be issued if found to be true.

In a statement yesterday, Cosatu regional secretary, Ariel Mabalane, said their members had complained of soldiers spraying teargas at them while they sang songs on the way to and from work.

"All the harassment is taking place on the New Canada and Orlando/Naledi stations.

"The SADF members are using teargas sprays in all the train coaches where our members are singing freedom songs. Some are being beaten up while others are being sworn at," alleged Mr Mabalane.

The marches, scheduled to take place at 6,50am and 7.30am, are aimed at forcing "the station commander to hear our grievances on the SADF harassment," explained the Cosatu official. - **Sapa.**

Wits stone throwing: four appear in court

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Springbok cyclist Gary Wilson and three co-accused appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday for allegedly throwing stones at police during an unlawful gathering on the University of the Witwatersrand campus earlier this year.

Mr Wilson (23) of Honeydew, Mr Gontle Sebopedi (23) of Hillbrow, Mr Abram Ranto (22) and a 14-year-old youth have pleaded not guilty to charges of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm on August 31 this year.

Lieutenant Adam Buitendach told the court he was in charge of a police riot squad which had attempted to prevent a youth defiance rally taking place.

A crowd of up to 1 000 people gathered before the Great Hall where they were ordered to disperse in terms of the emergency regulations, the court heard.

"When the crowd refused to disperse, I ordered my men to start preparing to storm the crowd with batons, and teargas was fired into the crowd."

The lieutenant said he saw a youth throwing a stone at policemen and he was arrested a while later.

Constable R Goosen of the security branch told the court he saw Mr Wilson pick up stones and throw them in the direction of riot squad policemen.

Defence for Mr Wilson put it to the court that he had thrown a rubber bullet in the direction of trees after his friend had been hit with the bullet.

The trial continues.

Police find youth with bullet wound in neck

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PRETORIA. — A youth was found dead with a bullet wound in his neck and a man was knocked over and killed by a train, the police said in yesterday's unrest report.

A police spokesman said the body of a youth with a bullet wound in the neck was found by police at Mafakhatini, in the Taylor's Halt area in Natal.

The youth was not named.

At Phomolong railway station in Soweto, unknown people set fire to a railway coach.

Police said extensive damage was caused.

A man, who ran away from the scene was knocked over and killed by another train, police said.

At Bremer, near Port Edward in Natal, a group of people set fire to a number of dwellings causing extensive damage.

1 000 march against SAP intimidation

JOHANNESBURG. — About 1 000 people marched to the New Canada Police station in Soweto yesterday morning in protest at alleged intimidation of workers on trains by police and soldiers.

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The delegation agreed to draw up a list of grievances and hand it in at the police station. The crowd then dispersed. — Sapa

1000 march on police station

Sowetan 7/12/89 (278)

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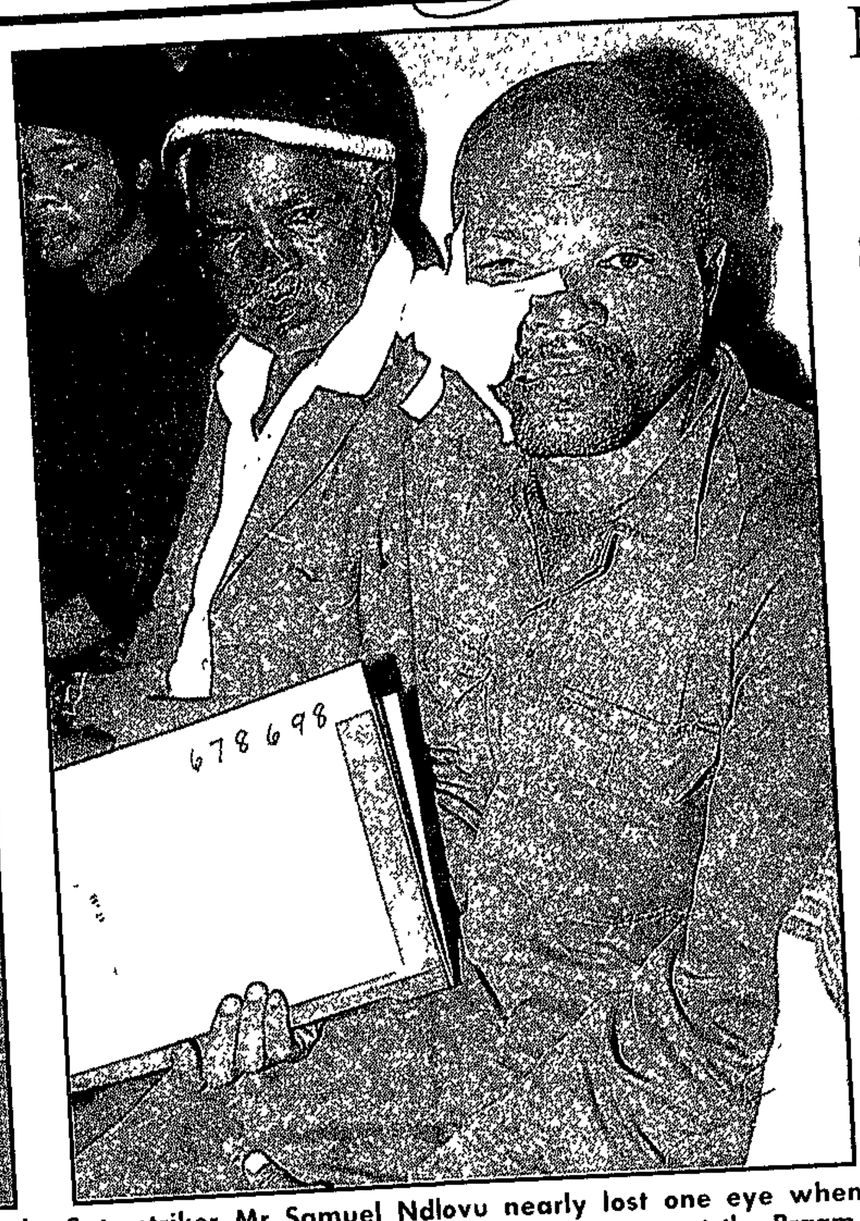
Mr Mabelane said the delegation was later joined by another police officer who "disrupted the meeting and ordered that the marchers disperse.

"The delegation was told to draw up a list of grievances and hand it to the New Canada police station.

Mr Mabelane added that this was agreed on and the crowd returned to the New Canada railway station where they boarded a train and began singing "without incident."

SAP public relations spokesman, Major Reg Crewe, said yesterday: "A group which gathered illegally at the New Canada police station were asked to disperse and complied." - Sapa.



Mr George Modise (50), a Sats striker, was among the injured when train commuters were attacked at Johannesburg's Braamfontein Station yesterday.

Sats striker Mr Samuel Ndlovu nearly lost one eye when he was injured in an attack on train commuters at the Braamfontein Station. ● Pictures By Herbert Mabuza.

Man killed, 17 hurt as strike conflict intensifies

By Drew Forrest, Labour Reporter

A man believed to be a striking SA Transport Services worker was shot dead by a Sats security guard following an alleged attack on him, police said last night

The man was part of a group who allegedly attacked the guard who fired a round of birdshot, fatally wounding one man, according to the police

Sats dismissed another 1 400 strikers and at least another 17 people were hurt in violent clashes at Braamfontein Station as conflict in the five-week rail strike intensified yesterday

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The SA Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) said non-strikers boarded a train in Braamfontein and indiscriminately attacked commuters The Congress of SA Trade Unions alleged that police had been present but had not intervened.

Police said they arrived after the incident had taken place.

In other developments.

- Sats won Supreme Court interdicts against strikers in Durban and Maritzburg, the area worst hit by labour unrest.
- Sats agreed to allow two evicted workers to move back into its hostel at Delmore, Germiston, after the workers challenged the evictions in the Rand Supreme Court.
- Two railway coaches were destroyed and two damaged in arson attacks on Wednesday in Daveyton and kwaDengaza in Natal, Sats said

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Train travellers and strikers tell of clashes

By Jovial Rantao

Commuters and South African Transport Services (Sats) strikers who were injured in an attack on a train at Braamfontein Station in Johannesburg yesterday described their ordeal to The Star from Hillbrow Hospital.

At least 17 people were injured when a group of men dressed in brown overalls, believed to be non-strikers and strike-breakers, pounced on a Johannesburg-bound train and attacked commuters.

The injured were taken to hospital in ambulances and police vans.

Mr George Modise (50), a striker, said he was attacked by colleagues not on strike.

"My friends, who I used to drink tea with, attacked me with axes and iron bars. I tried to talk to them ... but they would not listen." Mr Modise has multiple head injuries.

Mr Oupa Montsho (29), who is not an employee of Sats, received a head injury. He said that as the train moved into Braamfontein Station, scores of armed white and black men dressed in brown overalls attacked the train.

"They were armed with axes, pangas, knives and iron bars, and attacked everyone at random. There was blood everywhere."

Mr Joseph Mokomela had both his arms broken in the attack.

Mr William Maboko, who was stabbed in the head, said "They attacked us for no reason. We are innocent people who were going to work"

An employee of a car hire company, Mr Joseph Ramocha (33) said that after he was attacked he was taken to a warehouse where he was interrogated and assaulted again. He was released after his assailants had confirmed his employment with his manager.

Captain Eugene Opperman, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said. "Police heard about the incident, and when we arrived at the scene it was all over. A number of weapons lying around were seized."

Wits stone-throwers convicted, three fined

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By Celeste Louw

Springbok cyclist Gary Wilson and three co-accused were nearly convicted of a crime that no longer existed — attending an unlawful gathering — the Johannesburg Magistrates' Court heard yesterday.

However, Wilson (23) of Honeydew and Abram Ranto (22) were convicted on charges of attempted assault for throwing objects at police during a meeting at the University of the Witwatersrand. Each was fined R300 or three months.

Gontle Sebopedi (23) and a 15-year-old youth were found guilty on charges of assault. Sebopedi was fined R300 or three months, the youth was cautioned and discharged.

The court found that the men had thrown objects at riot squad policemen during an unlawful defiance campaign rally on August 31 this year.

Counsel for the accused, Mr A Joubert, said in mitigation that the incident had occurred six days before the last general election. There was nervousness that the elections would be disrupted, he said.

Since then, circumstances had changed and peaceful meetings were now allowed, he said.

"They were almost convicted of a crime that no longer exists," Mr Joubert said.

An appeal against conviction and sentence will be lodged.

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Racial clash at picnic

The Argus Correspondent in JOHANNESBURG

ANOTHER racial incident occurred at Boksburg Lake when a Reiger Park family was threatended by a sjambok-wielding man who told them to leave the picnic area, a spokesman for the Save Boksburg Committee said

Dr Billy Jabobs said the incident, late yesterday, followed clashes on Saturday He said no one had been injured and the family had left the picnic area immediately

On Saturday, a protest picnic erupted into violence between Reiger Park residents and members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging

The clashes between the two groups started at the lake when Reiger Park residents and right-wingers wanted to use the same facilities at the picnic area

Reiger Park residents went to the lake to protest against the reservation of the park for whites by the Conservative Party-controlled town council. Fists flew an hour later when CP supporters arrived with their families to picnic.

Teargas

Police had to intervene and teargas was fired in an attempt to keep the two groups apart.

Dr Jacobs said last night that ten people had been arrested on charges of disturbing the peace, but it was not known if they would be prosecuted.

The Reiger Park residents and their supporters were dragged off by police after the AWB assaulted and physically removed them from what they termed "our braai area", Sapa reported.

Witnesses said that women in the CP group started using abusive language when coloured women wanted to use the toilet.

CP councillor Mr Koos van der Merwe said the fighting started when a Reiger Park resident, who was braaing opposite him, started swearing while talking to friends.

Mr Van der Merwe asked the man to stop using bad language and then squirted him with water after the man swore at him too

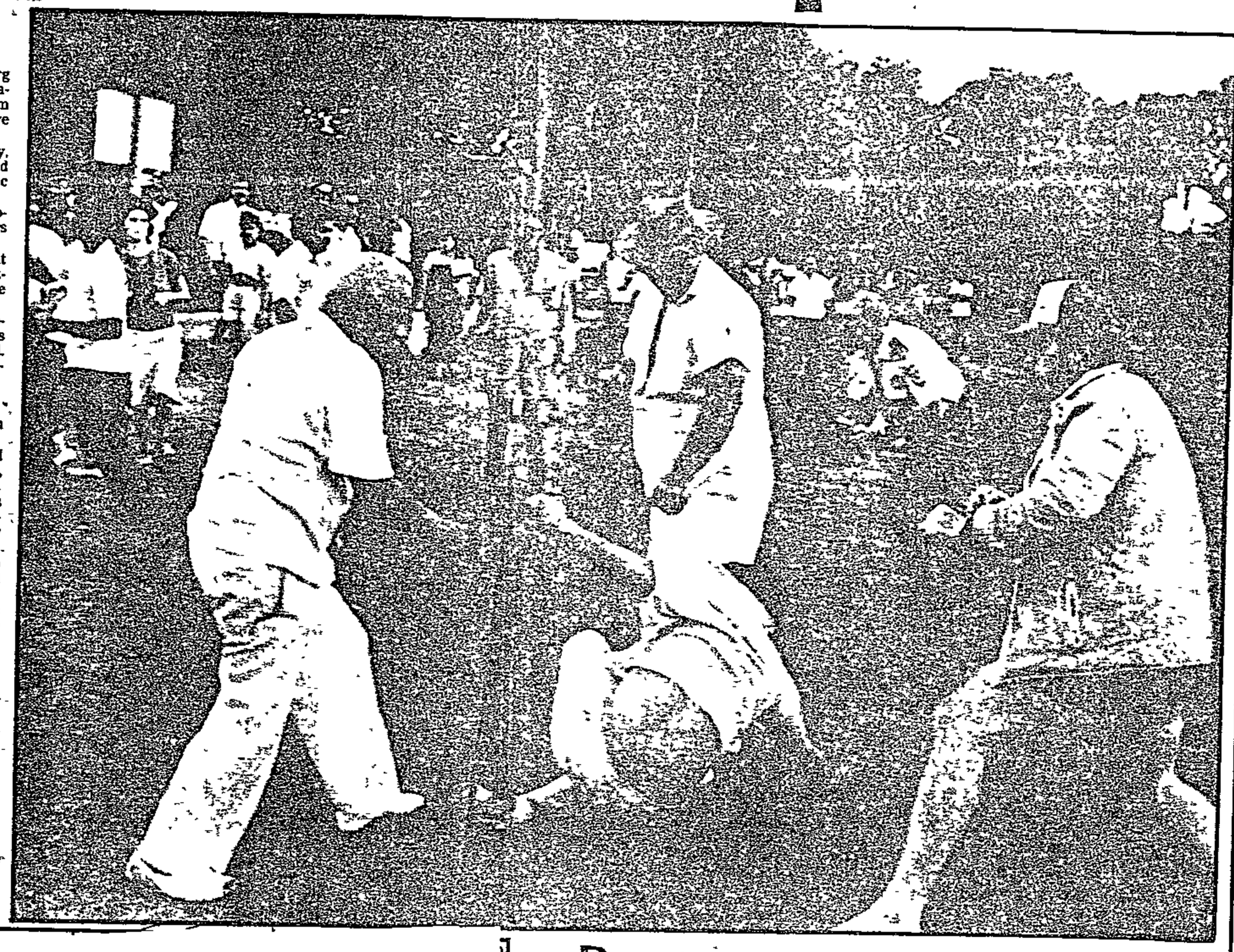
Partial

Spokesmen for the Save Boksburg Committee have accused the police of being partial during the violence.

Police did not step in immediately when the violence started, it was said.

"They shot teargas in the direction of blacks only, they arrested blacks only and the two whites who were arrested were supporters of Reiger Park's people," the committee said.

"We will go back to the Boksburg Lake which is now a symbolic target to claim our rightful place as full citizens of our town."



Protest erupts into violence

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members clash with picnickers at a recreation spot run by the Conservative Party at Boksburg Lake.

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Cops bar mourners

By ALI MPHAKI

THOUSANDS of mourners hoisting a huge banner of the outlawed African National Congress were yesterday barred by police from marching to the Avalon Cemetery for the burial of one of the two Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres who died in Monday night's Johannesburg station bomb blast.

The 25-year-old part-time Unisa student, Mr Prakash Napier, who was called a hero throughout the service, was cremated at the Muslim section of the cemetery.

More than 5 000 people attended the funeral.

Police, who had kept a low profile during the service, stopped the march to the cemetery when the cortege was about to leave the Via Christen Church in Lenasia.

Some of the mourners were preparing to march for about 2km to the cemetery.

A photographer working for a foreign agency was taken away by the police, but returned a short while later. Another was nearly knocked down by a police vehicle.

Speaking at the cemetery, a representative of the South African Railway and Harbour Workers Union (Sarwhu), who would not give his name, said Napier and Yusuf Akhalwaya (who was buried on Tuesday night) were members of the union's underground network.

50 dispersed in Mayfair

A CROWD of about 50 people was dispersed at Mayfair railway station yesterday morning, police said.

No force was necessary and those gathered had left peacefully, an SAP spokesman added.

He said members of the group, some of whom were armed with knives, pangas and knobkerries, had been questioned.

They had claimed they were there to settle a grudge with a mob which had attacked them at Denver hostel early yesterday.

They emphasised they had nothing to do with the SA Transport Services strike violence, the police spokesman said.

Congress of South African Trade Unions spokesman Neil Coleman earlier claimed the group constituted "vigilantes" opposed to striking SA Transport Services workers.

A fruit vendor at Mayfair station told a Sapa reporter on the scene there had been about 100 people grouped at the station, but confirmed they had left peacefully after the police had arrived.

He could not say who they were.

Mob

Coleman said it was possible the mob had moved on to Germiston station.

Reports from there indicated a heavy police presence but no further sign of trouble.

Meanwhile four people died, 15 were hurt and five railway coaches were damaged by fire in unrest incidents around the country on Tuesday, the official police report said yesterday.

A special constable died after he was thrown from a moving train near Kathlehong on the East Rand where two coaches were also extensively damaged.

A youth was shot dead when police returned fire on a group who had shot at an SAP vehicle at Inanda near Durban.

Two youths were arrested following this incident.

A man was stabbed to death by unknown people in Inanda, the report said and added that a number of squatter shacks were set alight causing extensive damage in the same area.

Burned

At Salt River Railway Station near Cape Town, a man was burned to death by a mob, the report said.

At Athlone near Cape Town, three trains were set alight in separate incidents.

No injuries were reported and the damage caused was not very serious. - Sapa

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6 residents and 6 policemen injured in Ermelo clash

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Teargas, birdshot fired at marchers

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

A five-year-old boy and a woman washing in a yard were among at least six people injured by police birdshot in a day of confrontation yesterday between authorities and residents of Ermelo's Wesselton township.

Police said six of their men were injured during stone-throwing incidents

The confrontation started soon after dawn as thousands of Wesselton residents started walking to Ermelo for a court judgment on 88 residents who had refused to pay town council service charges

Nearly 400 residents were detained outside the Ermelo Magistrate's Court

Police confirmed that six people were injured by birdshot in the township One woman, Mrs Beauty Maphosa (37), was shot in the neck.

An executive member of the Wesselton Action Committee claims that many more people were injured either by birdshot or during baton charges — but they would not go to hospital because of the police presence there

During the day a reporter was arrested in the township for being in an unrest area. Her film was confiscated, but she was later released.

Wesselton Action Committee says:

"Most people in Wesselton stopped paying service charges about three months ago in protest against the exorbitant rates and because of the continued alleged corruption in the council

"Many hundreds of residents have been summonsed for their arrears, and judgment was to be given for the first 88 today. The people wanted to go to the court to hear the judgment. We had given the police the undertaking that there would be no formal march, but people would just walk by themselves.

"However, during the night police put up cordons around the township. When the people got to the cordons the police fired teargas into the crowd. We deny that anyone was armed. If they were, why did the police not confiscate any weapons.

"We also deny that police were stoned. In fact, we are going to lay charges against the police for the injuries caused."

The committee said the crowd numbered about 5 000.

The police say:

"The police were busy deploying forces at 6.30 am when a crowd of between 8 000 and 10 000 began to march from Wesselton to Ermelo. Some of the marchers were armed with pangas, sticks and knobkerries They were chanting and fairly militant.

"They were warned to disperse, and at about 6.50 am teargas and stungrenades were used to break the crowd up. They then re-formed into smaller groups and began stoning the police. Birdshot was then used.

"Due to the small number of policemen available, members of the SADF were called in.

"Later in the day the mayor's house was petrolbombed twice, and the municipal police offices stoned.

"Outside the Magistrate's Court, 397 residents were detained and released later

6 hurt as Ermelo violence erupts

PRETORIA. — Six policemen were injured, a mayor's home badly damaged in a petrol-bomb attack and five people arrested when violence broke out in Wesselton township near Ermelo yesterday, police reported.

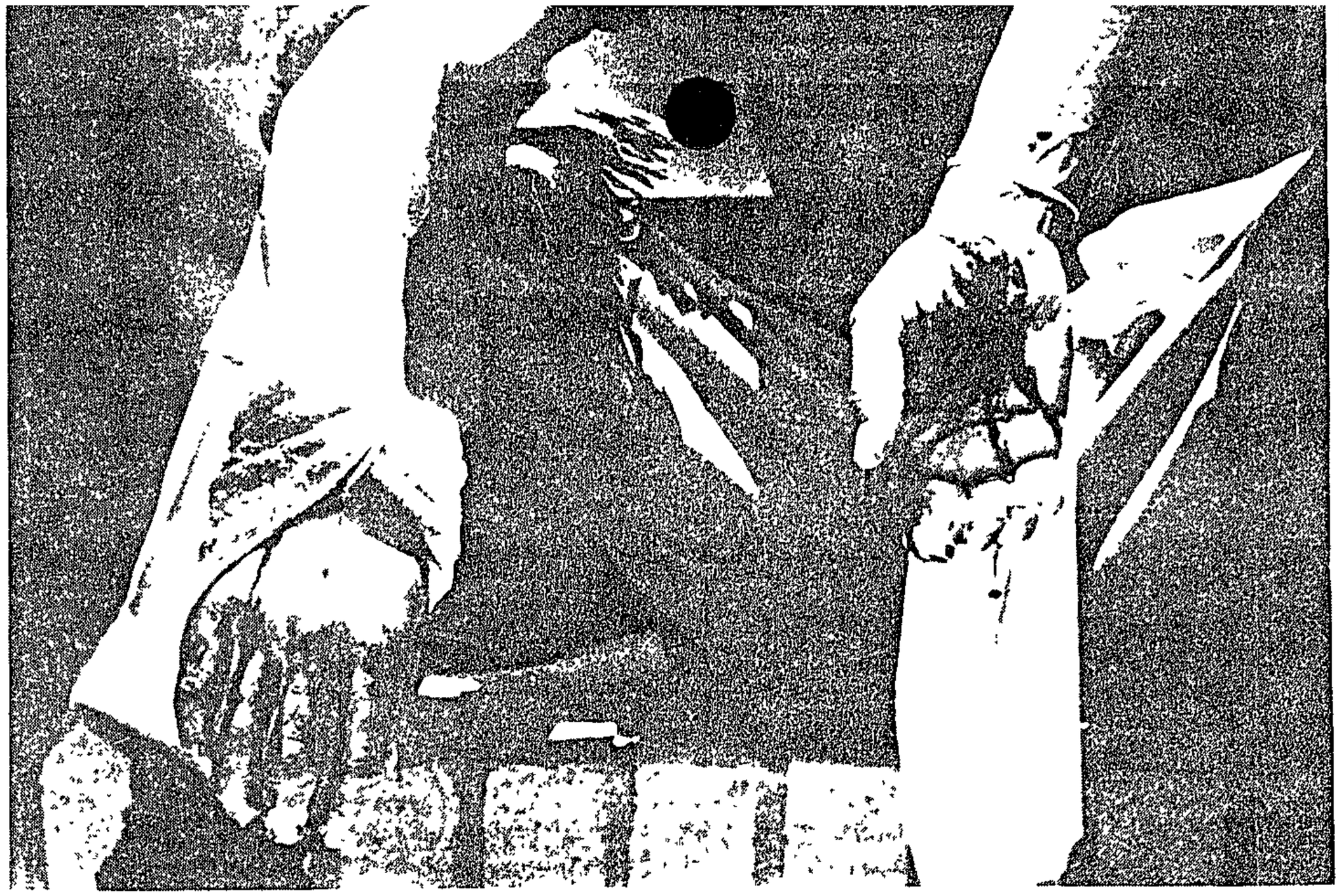
The violence erupted when police tried to halt a march to Ermelo by about 10 000 people who were protesting charges against 88 residents for electricity arrears.

The 88 residents were to appear in the Ermelo Magistrate's Court this week.

Police said the march was staged in contravention of an undertaking given by the organisers, the Wesselton Action Committee, on Tuesday. They had been informed during talks that the march would be illegal.

In Wesselton, while other people marched to Ermelo, a mob attacked municipal offices and the mayor's house. The mayor's home was badly damaged when one of two petrol bombs tossed at it exploded. Six people were hurt when police fired on a mob to disperse them. Five people were arrested.

Another 397 people were arrested outside the Ermelo Magistrate's Court after police called in the defence force. — Sapa



Bloodied and bruised ... injured Ermelo resident waits for treatment

A small town's morning of terror

Reporter PHILIPPA GARSON arrives in Ermelo on a routine assignment ... and drives into teargas and violence

DOZENS of residents of Ermelo's Wesselton township have told how police and soldiers fired teargas and birdshot indiscriminately after an attempt at a peaceful protest march.

I interviewed these people shortly after the outburst of violence on Wednesday — and they described events that bore no resemblance to the version given by police in their terse unrest report.

Police sealed off the township with barbed wire and escorted journalists out of the area. However, I spoke to residents shortly afterwards and they told how many of them were shot while doing day-to-activities such as walking down the street or doing their washing.

Police fired many rounds of teargas — even inside houses in an attempt to flush out panic-stricken people. A baby in one of the homes was overcome with tearsmoke and only regained consciousness 12 hours later. The parents, fearing arrest, were too scared to take it to hospital.

Nearly 100 people, most of whom were afraid to go to hospital for treatment, had birdshot wounds all over their bodies, their faces and genitals. I personally saw about 60 of these people.

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Major push to raise housing aid

By MAGGIE ROWLEY
Business Staff

A MAJOR campaign to have the first-time homebuyers subsidy extended has been launched by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in a urgent attempt to prevent further deterioration in the home building industry.

National chairman of the NAHB, Dr Llewellyn Lewis said today that unless the subsidy scheme was not only continued but extended "the bottom will fall out of the industry".

He said that contractors had reported major drops in turnover in the past year due to the affects of higher interest rates. If this trend was allowed to continue without extended relief from the first-time homebuyers' subsidy the livelihood of many in the industry would be threatened and attempts to correct the serious housing shortage would grind to a halt, he said.

Dr Lewis and a top level deputation from the NAHB this week held separate meetings with Mr Sam de Beer, Minister of Housing in the House of Assembly, Mr David Curry, Minister of Housing in the House of Representatives and Mr Chris Stals, Governor of the Reserve Bank to lobby for a higher subsidy allocation in next year's Budget

A confidential document, prepared by the CSIR for the NAHB and presented this week to the Ministers and the monetary authorities, states that fluctuating interest rates have had a severe effect on the levels of affordability of prospective homeowners and consequently on the effective demand for housing However, the first time homebuyers subsidy had to some extent cushioned the effects of rising interest rates

In the case of whites the most marked effect were for loan amounts of R30 000 or more While approximately 81 percent of whites can afford a loan of R30 000 at a 12 percent rate of interest only 68,9 percent could afford it when interest rates reached 20 percent With a subsidy the number of people who could afford the loan at 12 percent rose to nearly 94 percent and at interest rates of 20 percent, a R30 000 loan was affordable for nearly 88 percent of whites.

In the case of the coloured population the most marked effect was at loan levels of R10 000 to R20 000 While 42 percent of this sector of the population could afford such loans when interest rates were 12 percent this dropped to only 23 percent when interest rates reached 20 percent. The subsidy boosted the number of people who could afford the loan to 55,3 percent at 12 percent interest rates and 36,4 percent at interest rates of 20 percent.

The report states that 69 percent of Asians could afford a loan amount of R20 000 with a 12 percent interest rate With interest rates of 20 percent this

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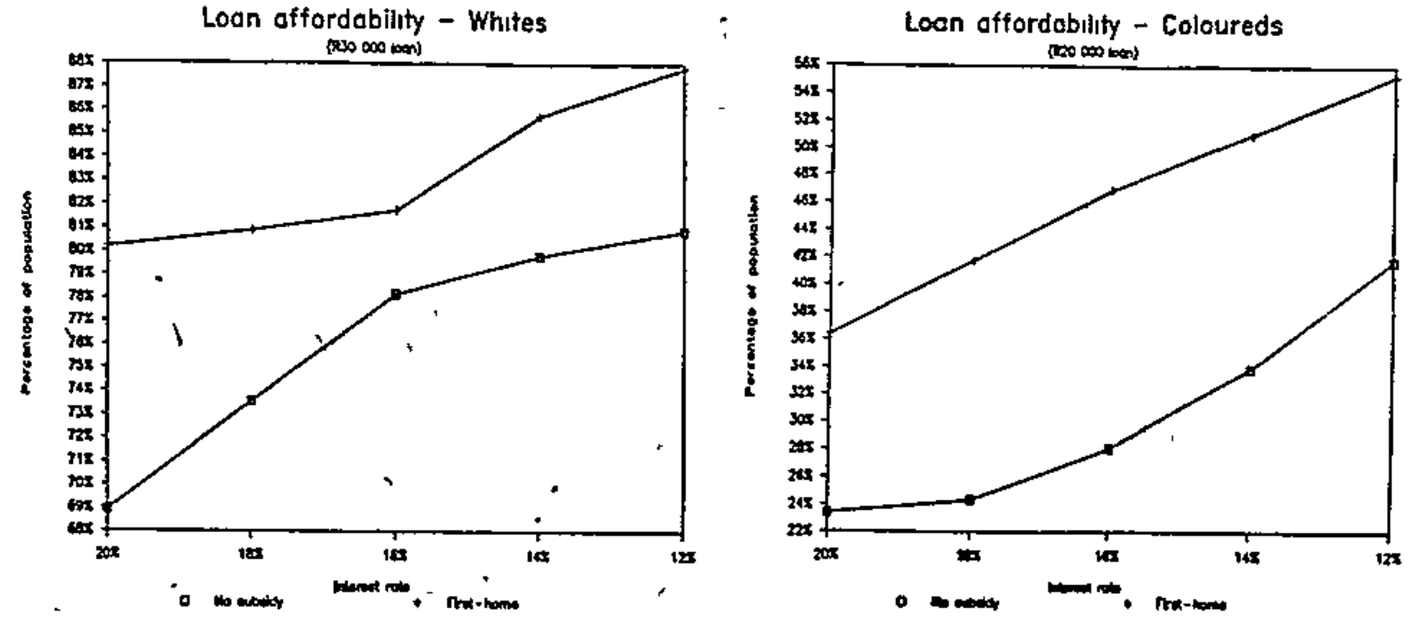

THE above graphs, taken from a report by the CSIR for the National Association of Home Builders, show the drastic drop in percentages of buyers who can afford housing, with and without the first-time homebuyers' subsidy when interest rates rise.

Push to raise housing aid

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dropped dramatically to set 45 percent. However, with the subsidy the number of people who could afford to borrow at 12 percent interest jumped to 82,6 percent and 62,4 percent at an interest rate of 20 percent.

When a 12 percent interest rate prevailed 58 percent of blacks could afford A R10 000 loan against 33 percent at an interest rates of 20 percent. With a subsidy, 54 percent could afford the loan when interest rates were running at 20 percent while 68,8 percent of blacks could afford it when interest rates were 12 percent interest rate.

According to the report the "severe effects" that interest fluctuations have on existing and prospective homebuyers can be seen in that a person wishing to buy a dwelling of R30 000 would have to earn R2 406 a month if interest rates were at 24 percent. At interest rates of 12 percent and 18 percent he would have to earn R1264 and R1821 a month respectively.

Monthly repayments on a loan of R10 000 at 12 percent interest would be R105 and would require the buyer had a monthly income of R421. At 24 percent interest the buyer would have to earn R802 a month, of which he would have to pay R201 on the loan.

To obtain a R100 000 loan a buyer would have to earn R4213 a month when interest rates were 12 percent. His repayments would be R1053. With interest rates at 24 percent, the buyer would have to have a monthly income of R8021 and repay R2005 monthly.

In an interview this week Dr Lewis said the first-affordability levels of prospective homebuyers and the future of the home building industry

"It is essential that the scheme is not only continued but that a larger allocation is made for it in the next Budget.

"Demand for housing is elastic The more funds that are allocated the more housing will be built. But when interest rates go too high it knocks the bottom out of the market."

He said unless the building industry had some assurance that the subsidy scheme was not only to be continued and extended, many contractors would be hesistant to move into areas of the housing market where the greatest demand was and where margins were low and they had to rely on economy of scale.

"If the subsidy scheme is not continued or extended the future of these projects will be threatened and developers will be left high and dry," he said.

While the NAHB welcomed the extension of the first time homebuyer's subisdy scheme to include existing structures as of June this year, the association strongly believed this subsidy should be separated from that of new houses.

The subsidy scheme for white housing has come to a standstill in the past month because of unanticipated demand from this sector.

"There should be a separate allocation for existing houses which should not detract from the amount allocated to new housing," he said.

The CSIR report was commissioned as a service to NAHB members to provide them with strategic information. Dr Lewis said it would be limited to members and certain government departments for a six month period to provide NAHB members with

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Bloody morning in Ermelo

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The police unrest report that day said only 12 people were injured — six policemen and six residents — and five of the residents were being held on charges of public violence.

According to the report, 10 000 people armed with "iron pipes, pangas, knokerries, stones, etc" attempted to march on the magistrate's court, despite an undertaking given by the Wesselton Action Committee (WAC) that the march would not take place.

Dozens of Wesselton residents I spoke to said they had not been armed when trying to march to court, and a WAC representative described the report as "lies".

He said WAC could not stop the thousands of residents marching to court: "They wanted to hear the court case, since many of them have been issued with these court summonses

"Police told them to go back and when they refused, saying some had to go to court anyway. Police fired teargas and birdshot on the crowd, and sjambokked people "

Then came the real violence.

Albert Maphosa told me how how his wife and a child were shot: "A friend saw my wife, Beauty, doing her washing and a (five-year-old) child was standing in the doorway. A police van drove by and the next thing he knew my wife was covered in blood and screaming."

The mother was rushed to hospital with serious neck wounds The child, also in hospital, was shot in the legs

Though the hospital superintendent, Dr M Veltman, was not available for comment, nurses said 25 people were treated for injuries and 16 were admitted to hospital. Beauty Maphosa was in critical condition but her condition has since stabilised

The unrest report says "no serious injuries were reported".

Nurses say nine people were discharged — some of whom were arrested — and the rest are under police guard in hospital

'Barricades burnt at every intersection and thick palls of smoke billowed in the sky ...'

Lawyers for residents say they took statements from 52 injured people, or their families, none of whom had gone to hospital fearing they would be arrested.

On Wednesday morning I arrived in Ermelo — a Conservative Party-run town bordering on Wesselton — to report on the court appearance of 88 Wesselton residents who are boycotting rent More than 700 have been issued with court summonses in the past two weeks

The residents refuse to pay levies to a town council they consider inept and corrupt Lawyers say a further 2 000 residents were expecting court summonses.

Ermelo was quiet, and businesses were operating with a skeleton white staff, since the entire Wesselton community was either staying away from work or had to go to court .

People outside the magistrate's court told me that about 400 township residents, who had been sitting on the court lawns waiting for the case to begin, had been sjambokked, attacked by police dogs and arrested These were people who had gone to court early in the morning and had not been stopped by police

Accompanied by a WAC member, I left the town and entered the location through a side road The township looked like a war zone, with scores of police and South African Defence Force troops having sealed off entrances with razor wire. Hippos and Casspirs patrolled on the outskirts and riot police in minibuses drove around firing teargas cannisters.

Barricades, erected by the residents, burnt at almost every intersection Thick palls of smoke and teargas billowed in the sky.

As I was driving along the township streets I heard the sounds of gun fire.

I then went back to the magistrate's court where lawyers of the residents and the town council were negotiating. They agreed to the following: outstanding court summonses would cease and a meeting between lawyers for the opposing sides and the Transvaal Provincial Administration would be held on January 10 to discuss residents' grievances with the town council. Lawyers agreed that if negotiations broke down, court proceedings would resume seven days later. The hearings of the 88 were postponed to January 11

A lawyer for the residents, Haneef Valli, told me that a Captain Botha of the Ermelo police had requested that Valli's team and the WAC go back to the burning location to "calm" the community and inform them of the latest developments regarding their court appearances

I went back with the lawyers to Wesselton where police and defence troops had left the area, but still manned the entrances. Thousands of angry, distressed residents crowded around, chanting "viva, viva", their fists held high. A huge meeting ensued outside the local disco, where lawyers communicated the latest developments.

Injured people who were not being nursed at home, or who had not been taken to hospital, came forward. Some were carried, others limped towards us I saw scores of people, even tiny children, covered with birdshot wounds and dripping with blood.

One man was riddled with wounds on his legs, inner thighs and genitals. Another, barely conscious from loss of blood, had gaping dog-bite wounds on his arms and hands.

A shocked mother, Sophie Mswe-ni, showed us the contents of a plastic bag she clung to: inside were the bullet-ridden, bloodsoaked clothes of her 21-year-old son Kenneth, who she said had been lying unconscious on the road,, overcome with tear-smoke when police fired birdshot at him: "My son's one eye has come out and he is now lying in hospital coughing blood," she said.

A badly wounded Meshack Nkosi, who was taken to hospital soon after he spoke to me, was one of the 88. He describes how he was fired at while walking to the court: "We were walking there in a group. They turned us away by shooting. They did not utter a word of warning to us first."

Another man with birdshot wounds on his face, angrily said: "I just want to tell the newspaper, and the head of the white people that this is no good. We go to court to hear our case but we get shot. We don't fight but we still get shot."

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Walk to court led to violence, say victims

Injured under guard in Ermelo hospital

By CHARLES MOGALE

WESSELTON, the small Eastern Transvaal township outside Ermelo, was rocked this week when police fired birdshot at residents who marched through the township

Police said 19 people were wounded, but residents said the figure could be 50. Many did not want to go for treatment in case they were arrested Those who went to Ermelo Hospital are under police guard and statements were taken from them in hospital

Among incidents reported were

■ Two infants received medical treatment after inhaling teargas;

■ A housewife was seriously injured when she was shot; and

■ A 79-year-old pensioner was shot in both legs

The local hospital was overflowing with birdshot victims

Maj RA Crew, of the SAP public relations directorate in Pretoria, said in a statement that Wesselton Action Committee officials had reneged on their pledge not to stage a march

The statement said "On December 13, 1989 at about 6 30am while police were deploying their forces, a group of between 8 000 and 10 000 blacks marched from Wesselton towards Ermelo

"The mob was in an aggressive mood and some of the people were armed with iron pipes, pangas, knobkerries and stones

"Police warned them the procession was illegal and that they should disperse The warnings were ignored and police used tearsmoke and stun-grenades to disperse them The mob broke up into smaller groups of between 500 and 1 000."

According to Wesselton Action Committee officials there was no march

They said trouble started when residents tried to walk to the local magistrate's court for the hearing in which 88 residents were to be charged for failing to pay service charges and rent

The leaders said some made it to the court, but many were shot, baton charged and sjambokked.

Kelby Manda described how his two-month-old baby was choked by teargas

"I was sitting in my shack with my wife and baby when teargas was fired into the house. The whole house was soon filled with smoke. We did nothing to deserve this treatment."

A 27-year-old mother of three, Busi Kambule, said she was walking down a street with two friends when a police vehicle approached her.

Three dogs were unleashed on them and she was bitten on the thigh and hand.

A doctor stitched her wounds.

Action Committee public relations officer Hezekiel Kubheka said his organisation had tried to reassure police before the incident that no march or stayaway was planned.

However, he said, the security police insisted they were aware of a "planned" march.

As a result of the violence, the case of the 88 was not heard.

One of the women in Ermelo Hospital who was injured after police sjambokked and fired birdshot at a group of Wesselton residents allegedly on their way to a court hearing this week. On the right is another victim who sustained birdshot injuries and is now lying under police guard in the hospital.

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Blacks hit as whites go on rampage

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By Guy Jepson

Violence erupted in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, last night when a group of white men went on the rampage, randomly assaulting passers-by and shouting racial insults.

At least two people are believed to have been seriously injured and several shots were fired during the incident which occurred at about 8 pm outside the El-Dorado cafe on the corner of Smit and King George streets.

According to eyewitness accounts, between three and six white men ran down Smit Street, kicking and punching black people.

Joubert Park resident Mr Patrick Ncube (23) told The Star he walked out of the El Dorado cafe and saw three white men, one of them wearing a security guard uniform, attack a black man before punching him.

Police confirmed the incident.

2 shot dead in faction fight

Two men were shot dead in central Johannesburg last night in what police believe was a faction fight.

The incident occurred at about 8 pm at the corner of Hoek and Plein streets, according to police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

The men died from chest and stomach wounds, apparently after being shot with a 9 mm pistol. No one else was injured in the incident and no arrests have been made. — Staff Reporter.

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Police raid Mandela home

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By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

Police raided the home of Mrs Winnie Mandela in Diepkloof, Soweto, yesterday following a stone-throwing incident during a party at the home of journalist, Mr Ezra Mantini.

According to Soweto's police liaison officer, Captain Joseph Ngobeni, the incident happend at 4.25 am

Although no one was injured during the pre-dawn attack, the plush house of Mr Mantini was extensively damaged. He was out of town at the time of the incident and the house was looked after by a relative.

According to the police, an uninvited youth said to be staying at the home of Mrs Mandela, forced his way at a party held three blocks away When he was ordered to leave the house by the organisers of the party he resisted and a brawl broke out The man left but came back later with a group of other youths.

He threatened the revellers with a hand grenade and after he was forced out of the house, he and his campanions allegedly hurled stones and bricks at the house shattering windows and damaging a car parked outside. A hi-fi set was also smashed.

Ngobeni said police searched Mrs Mandela's home after they received leads that the man was seen at her house.

Police searched the house after they werre granted permission by Mrs Mandela, but could neither find the alleged man nor explosives.

No arrests were made and police were continuing with their investigations.

One of the youths who was at the party said the intruder was often seen at the Mandela home. A youth who did not want to be indentified for fear of victimisation, confirmed seeing Mrs Mandela in the company of the man alleged to have attacked the house minutes after the incident

Sowetan could not confirm the allegations with Mrs Mandela because, according to her daughter, Zinzi, "she had not made any appointment to meet the press" yesterday

Sats fire blamed on arson

ARSONISTS are believed to have been responsible for a fire which caused minor damage to the Eerste Fabrieke railway station in Mamelodi near Pretoria.

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The fire, at about 3.30am on Monday, destroyed two ticket machines and their paper contents, and caused smoke damage to the office.

No one was injured.

Buses open to all this month

4/11/90 Star Staff Reporter

Johannesburg buses will officially be open to all races by mid-month, but a few "difficult" bus drivers continue to harass black commuters trying to board white buses.

Commenting on the latest racial incident yesterday in which a white bus driver shouted at a black woman trying to board his bus, a Johannesburg Transport Department spokesman said buses would probably be open to all races by January 15.

Yesterday afternoon, Ms Patricia Majeke (41) was humiliated when a white bus driver on the Johannesburg to Hillbrow route was allegedly aggressive towards her.

"The impression I got was that he did not want me on the bus," she said. "If I am not allowed on the bus I want to know, as a human being. I felt humiliated to be treated like that. My dignity is gone. Black as I am, I respect other races and only expect the same," she said.

The transport spokesman said the incident involving Ms Majeke was regrettable and would be investigated.

"Legally, blacks are still not allowed to travel on white buses. We have only had a few incidents in the past few months with some of the drivers who are a bit difficult.

"Most drivers don't enforce the rules, but if a person admits he is black the driver can refuse permission to board."

He added that a driver was not entitled to ask about a person's race — and not permitted to act in an aggressive manner.

Soweto police to pull out Casspirs

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By Craig Kotze

Police Casspirs are to be withdrawn from Soweto, the township's new police chief, Major-General Johan Swart, told a press conference yesterday.

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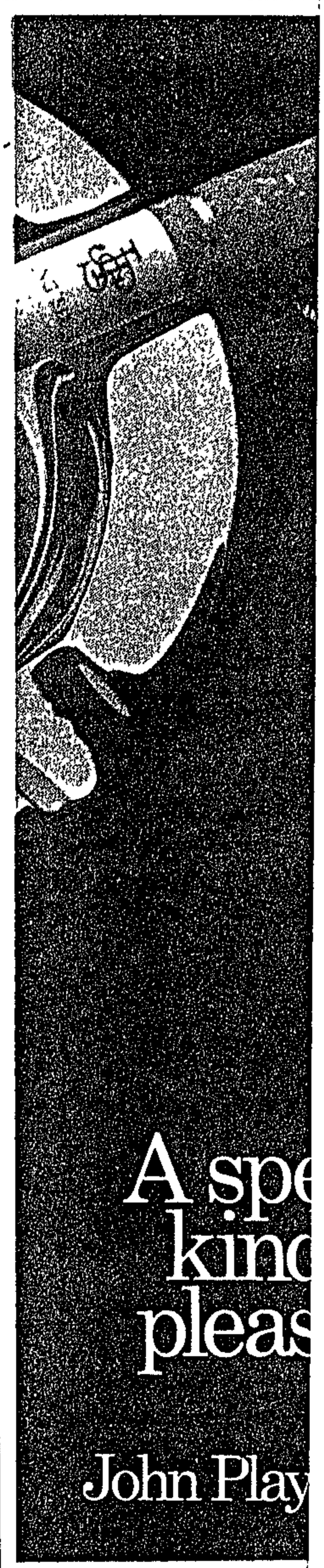

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Mixed reaction to Casspir pullout plan

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The plan to remove police Casspirs — armoured vehicles used to suppress unrest — from Soweto has been met with a mixture of hope and scepti-sim from anti-apartheid leaders.

They were responding to comments made by Soweto's new Police Chief, Major-General Johan Swart, at a press conference on Wednesday.

Treaurer of the United Democratic Front Mr Azhar Cachalia said the presence of the mili-tary and para-military in South Africa's town-ships had been the main cause of tension.

"The decision to withdraw Casspirs from Sowe-to is a refreshing approach to the situation," he said, but it also showed recognition that they were unpopular.

"The Government is openly admitting they are wrong," he said

Mr Cachalia said it was too early to speculate whether the removal of Casspirs indicated an overall plan to demilitarise townships.

A Soweto Civic Association spokesman said troops should be removed from all townships.

"In the past we have continually called for the removal of troops because they disrupted the edu-cation of our children," he said.

He was highly sceptical of General Swart's de-cision to consult civic leaders to determine what residents expected of the SAP.

"When General Swart talks of consulting, the SCA would like to know who he is referring to. For all we know it means talks between commu-nity councillors and the SAP," he said.

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Winnie denies

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A report linking Mrs Winnie Mandela to the vandalism of a neighbour's house in Soweto was flatly denied by the president of the South African Youth Congress, on her behalf at a press conference at her home yesterday.

According to an article in a Sunday newspaper, bricks and stones were hurled through the windows of Mr Ezra Mantini's house last week and Mrs Mandela expressed her regret over the incident.

Reading a statement, Sayco leader, Mr Peter Mokaba, said: "We reject the article as malicious, dishonest, dangerous and aimed at discrediting the Mandela family."

"Our mother was not in any way connected with the incident nor did she have any control over the culprit who was allegedly responsible for the vandalism and consequently has nothing to be sorry about as the article stated," Mokaba said.

He explained that the photograph which appeared alongside the article was taken at the request of Mr Mantini and Mrs Mandela consented to the picture as a sign that there were no hard feelings and a sign of good neighbourliness.

Alleged thug's home is bombed

THE home of a 17-year-old Soweto youth, alleged to be a leader of the notorious "jackrollers", was extensively damaged by petrol bombs yesterday.

The youth's father, Mr Jabu Bucibo, said he was awakened at 1am yesterday by the sound of shattering glass as petrol bombs landed in the main bedroom.

More petrol bombs were thrown through the bathroom window, causing slight damage to the tiles. No one was injured in the attack.

Bucibo said R10 000 damage had been caused to his luxurious house.

Colonel T Halgryn of the Soweto police confirmed the attack but put the damage at R5 000. The house is being guarded by policemen and kitskonstabels. Sowetan 8/11/90

Bucibo said he believed the group of youths who attacked his house wanted to kill him and his wife.

His wife and some family members had fled, he said, for fear of another attack.

He said an anonymous caller had threatened his family earlier in the week. (278)

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family earlier in the week.

He did not report the threats to the police because he did not take them seriously.

He said his son, Howard, also known as Teboho, was "somehow" involved in a feud among three gangs in Klipspruit, Zondi and Emndeni.

He said he did not know the nature or extent of his son's involvement. He claimed his son had been arrested and held by the police on a matter related to the attack.

Grenades used in Soweto attacks

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PRETORIA. — Handgrenades were used in attacks on two homes in Soweto, according to the police unrest report.

In the first incident two handgrenades were thrown at a councillor's house. One detonated in the front yard and the other in the back yard. A 15-year-old was injured.

Two grenades were also used in the second incident. One detonated in the lounge and the other in the front yard.

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No casualties were reported, but fairly serious damage was caused to property.

Police are investigating both incidents.

In another incident the body of a black man was found outside his home at Kwanobuhle in Uitenhage. He had apparently been stabbed to death. — Sapa.

CAPE TOWN, TUESDAY

At least six dead, many hurt in rail strike battle

Station bloodbath

Argus 9/1/90

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least six people were killed and many injured in clashes between railway strikers and strike-breakers at Germiston station today, according to the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and police.

A legal source at the station complained that in spite of being urged to disperse the vigilantes, police had failed to intervene in the conflict

The source said strikers wearing union T-shirts were being singled out for assault as they alighted from trains

An East Rand police spokesman said the clash happened about 9am

Strikers were apparently waiting at the station when non-strikers arrived in a train

A fight broke out and knives, pangas and stones were used Riot police used teargas to disperse the mob

Knobkerries

The secretary of Cosatu's Witwatersrand region, Mr Ariel Mabelane, said strikers had been attacked with sharp instruments and knobkerries on their way to a meeting at the offices of the South African Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) in Germiston.

Ambulances ferried dozens of injured workers to the Natalspruit Hospital and the Willem Cruywagen Hospital in Germiston, he said

The conflict is the first serious violence linked to the 10-week strike It takes place as railways management is awaiting a response from Sarhwu to the latest proposals for ending the strike.

Sarhwu has pledged to contact the management once it has a mandate from its members and a negotiating meeting could take place this week.

Blast rocks Tladi

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A FAMILY of five narrowly escaped death when two grenades were thrown at their Tladi, Soweto, home on Monday night.

And one person was injured when shots were fired at a house in Orlando West the same night at 10pm.

Police said no further details were available about the Orlando West shooting where damage was estimated at about R5000.

Police declined to disclose the name of the injured person.

No one was injured in the Tladi attack. Damage could amount to several thousands of rands.

Police could not establish motives for both attacks.

The Orlando West family confirmed that two family members belonged to the police force.

The owner of house 1800 Tladi, Mrs Lwane Rampota, her family was lucky to be alive.

"Minutes after the lights went off there was this big bang which left us shaking and screaming for help," she said.

She said the family rushed through the back door after the second blast and within minutes neighbours arrived and helped put out the flames in the house.

The blast was heard several blocks away.

Soweto police liaison office, Captain Joseph Ngobeni, confirmed the attacks.

He said no arrest had been made and police were investigating.

SAP role at battle challenged

Station alert as bloodbath row erupts

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Police were today on the alert at dozens of railway stations following yesterday's battle at the Germiston Station, amid further allegations that police did not do enough to stop the slaughter.

Yesterday's clash between South African Transport Services workers and strikers left six dead and 67 injured, 12 critically.

Unionists have accused police of failing to intervene timeously, but the police have defended their actions and have claimed they prevented more bloodshed than that which had occurred.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) said it would seek a Supreme Court interdict against the SAP and Sats to restrain them from "making further attacks on striking workers".

Police denial

Police today vehemently denied allegations that they had stood by and allowed the clash to turn into a pitched battle between workers and strikers.

Cosatu claimed that:

- At 8.45 am two trains carrying striking workers and ordinary commuters arrived at Germiston Station, where they found "huge gangs of as many as a 1 000 armed vigilantes". Dressed in Sats uniforms, the "vigilantes" were armed with pangas, spears, knives and steel pipes
- When the "vigilantes" threw stones at commuters inside the train, the police fired teargas into the carriages and not at the "vigilantes".
- When the commuters tried to flee the coaches, they were brutally hacked, stabbed and beaten by the "vigilantes".

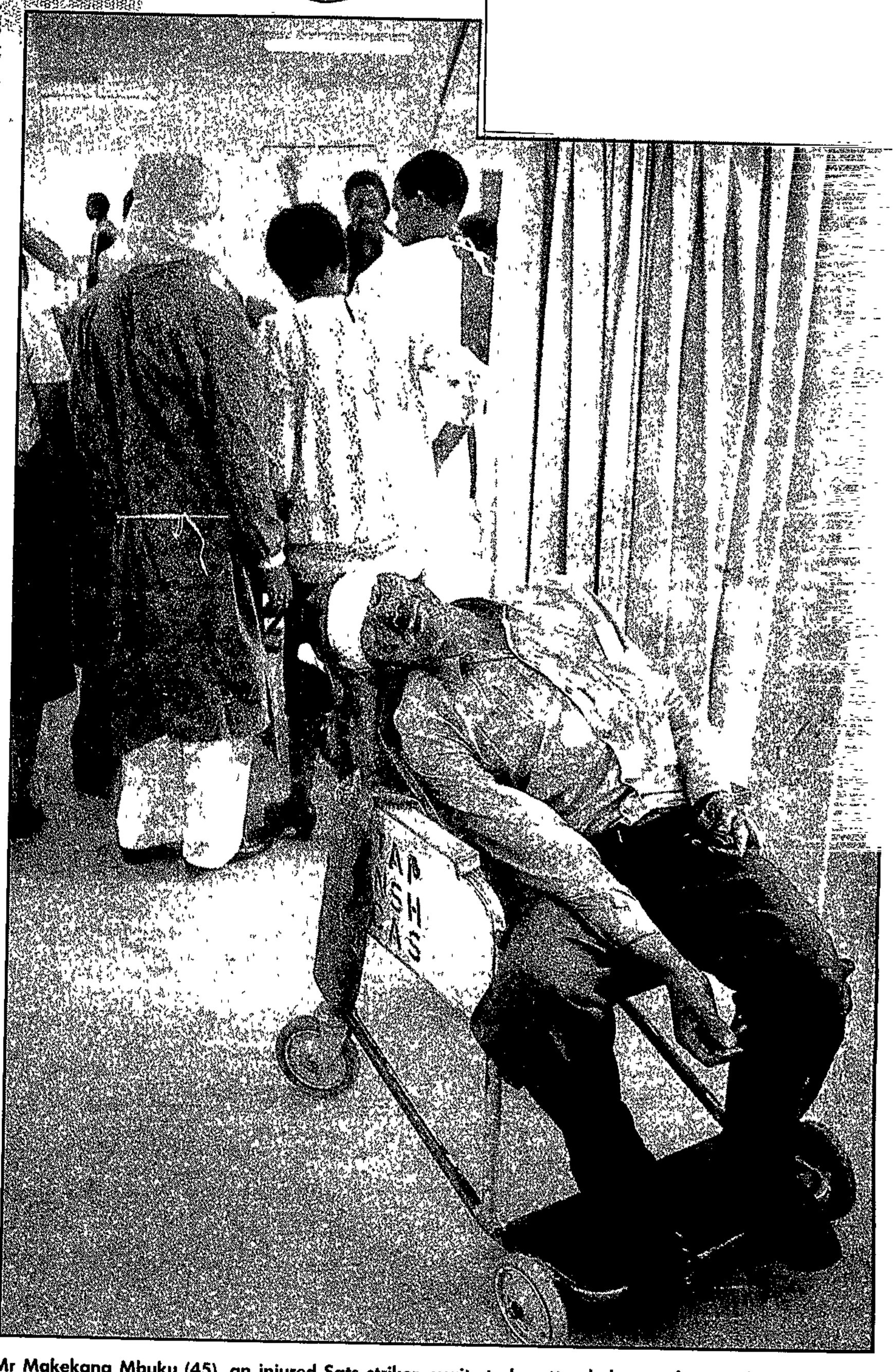
However Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said police had prevented many more deaths and dismissed as "absolute rubbish" claims that police had sided with non-strikers.

"The police were on standby duties at Germiston Station because of the railways strike. No one expected a clash. When the fighting started, the contingent on duty was far too small to stop the fighting without placing their lives in danger Reinforcements were called in.

"It was only when they arrived that the fighting could be stopped. Our intervention in fact saved many more people from death and injury. We acted very quickly in the circumstances.

Ignored warning shots

"Even so, it took 35 minutes to get the mob dispersed There was a mob of about 2 000 people. They weren't just looking at the police — they were fighting each other. They did not even hear shotgun blasts fired as warning shots," he said.



Mr Makekana Mbuku (45), an injured Sats striker, waits to be attended to at the Natalspruit Hospital while doctors deal with more serious cases in the background. ● Picture by David Sandison.

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Pools of blood on platforms after clash

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Pools of blood, shattered glass and hundreds of stones lay on platforms three, four, five and six at Germiston station yesterday after a violent clash between railway workers and striking union members.

SA Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) union member Mr Joseph Ratsie said he was on the 8 am train from Daveyton to Germiston.

When they pulled into the station, he said, the train was met by a crowd of railway workers in brown overalls bearing pangas.

When the train stopped, the passengers tried to close the door, but windows were shattered when the attackers threw stones. Mr Ratsie said four policemen fired teargas cannisters into the coach which passengers threw out again

"Everybody tried to run away. We had to get out, but they started to assault us."

A conductor, Mr Nick Rothner, said he saw 11 dead bodies and witnessed people having their arms chopped off by pangas.

Conflicting versions of what took place at the station were given to The Star by the injured from their hospital beds.

Fourteen injured men were admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital. The superintendent, Dr Norman Kerns, said their condition was stable. An other five were still being X-rayed.

One man had died on arrival at the hospital and another, Mr Sobby Mashego, was airlifted to the Johannesburg Hospital for a brain scan.

Twenty people were treated and discharged, Dr Kerns said.

An unemployed commuter, Mr Frans Sibisi, who broke his leg and suffered a head injury, said he was forced to jump from a train at Germiston station because he was assaulted by strikers.

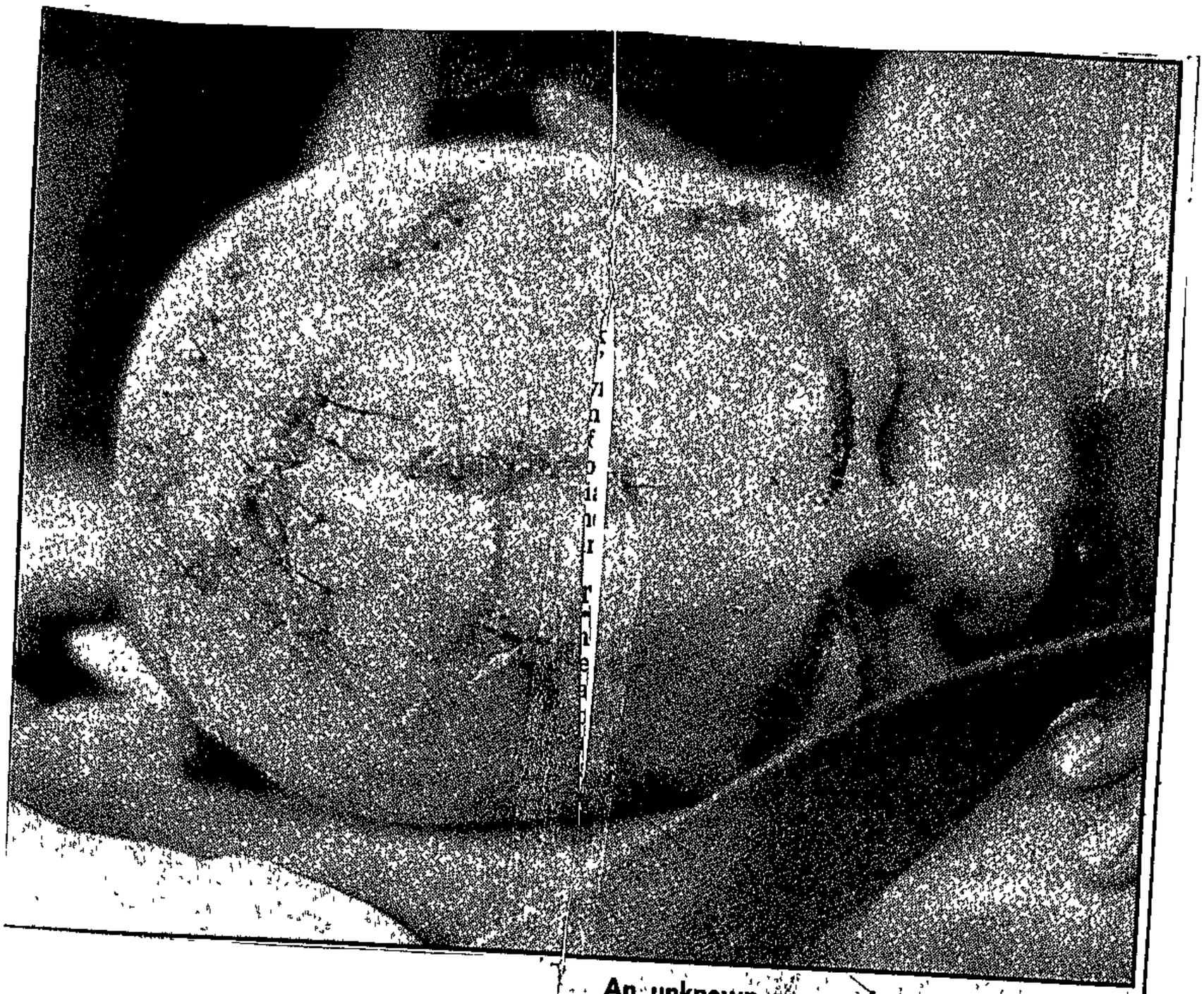
"I was on my way from Tembisa to Johannesburg when a group of men at Germiston station demanded my train ticket.

"After I had produced it, they assaulted me and said I was not supporting the strike," he said.

Cosatu said the "vigilantes" wore Sats overalls and were recognised as coming from Sats depots. At least four of them were identified as policemen from Germiston.

"The blood of the massacred workers is on the SAP's hands as if they themselves had wielded the pangas," Cosatu said.

In BBC Television's main news broadcast yesterday, reporter Mr James Robbins said police did nothing to disarm the crowd and made no arrests. "They only intervened as people were being beaten and stabbed, firing teargas canisters into the carriages, driving the strikers into the battle."



An unknown man, who suffered multiple head injuries during a clash between Sats strikers and non-strikers, lies unconscious at Natalspruit Hospital.
● Picture by David Sandison.

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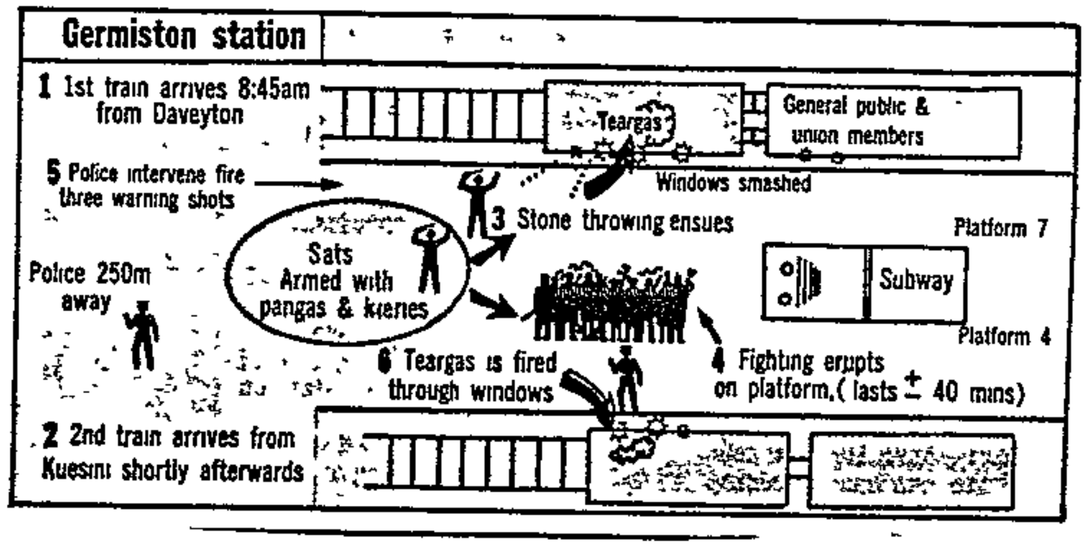
Seven die as 1 000 workers ambush Sats strikers at Germiston station



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More than 40 were injured in the ensuing 45-minute battle.

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Police said the train was carrying between 500 and 800 striking workers, apparently en route to a South African Railway and Harbours Workers' Union (Sarhwu) meeting at the union's office in Germiston.

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Witnesses, among them Sats conductor Nick Rothner, said fighting broke out as people tried to leave the train.

The police spokesman said fighting spread to two other platforms shortly after another train carrying strikers had pulled into the station.

"There was fighting all over the station, particularly on platforms five, seven and nine."

A non-striking Sats employee, Saquthe Bhambada, whose arm was broken during the confrontation, said the strikers on the train shouted "save your job" and "stay away from work" as the fight began.

The police spokesman said police "could not deny" the waiting workers were armed.

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Germiston fire and ambulance teams arrived at the station to treat the injured after the fighting had subsided.

Fire and ambulance deputy chief Paul Kruger said: "We sent three ambulances and a disaster bus — a mobile hospital manned by six paramedics — to the scene.

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Police leave Germiston railway station with a body after fighting between Sats workers and strikers yesterday. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Sats battle

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"There was still a good deal of shouting and uproar while we were there, and people were jumping on and off a train when it pulled in."

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Natalspruit superintendent Dr Norman Kernes said 41 injured people were brought to the hospital. Of these, 14 were admitted and 20 discharged.

Sats public relations chief Leon Els said the incident was being viewed in a serious light.

"We condemn the violence that happened this morning and we have taken steps at shop-floor level to ensure it does not recur," he said

"Sats appeals to Sarhwu ... to come to the negotiating table to discuss the proposals issued on Friday."

Late yesterday union leaders and representatives of the mass democratic movement said they were considering legal action against Sats police and Sats itself following the violence

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Reacting to the claim, SAP spokesman Col Malherbe said "Many do not realise Sats has its own security force, and these men wear uniforms similar to those of the SAP."

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Own Correspondent

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'Stay away'

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One of the first injured was non-striking SATS employee Mr Simon Nkwe, who was stabbed near his heart with an assegai

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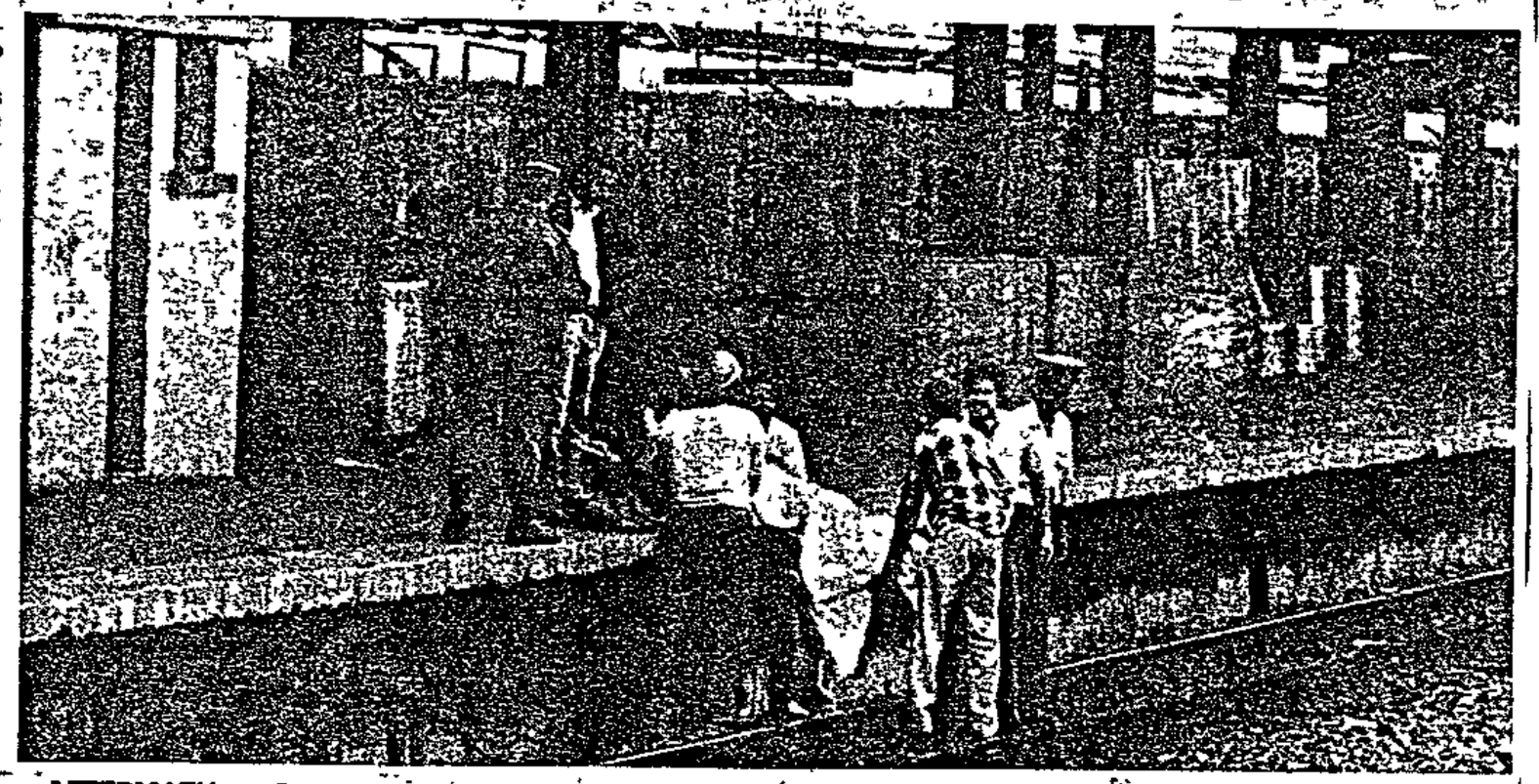
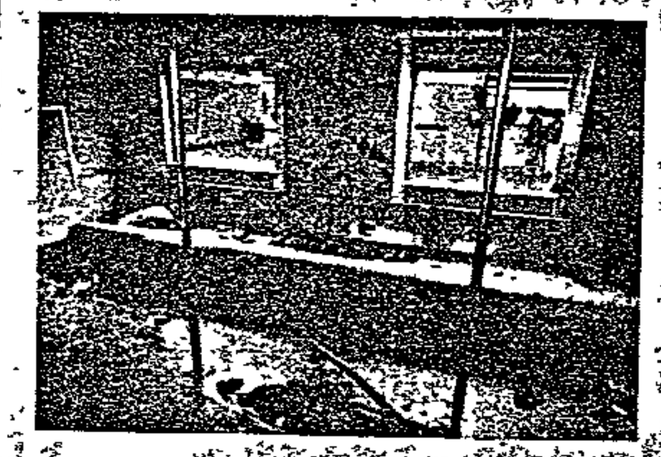


AFTERMATH ... Police remove the body of a man killed in fighting between striking SATS workers and employees opposed to the stoppage.



DAMAGE ... The bloodied interior of a carriage after clashes at Germiston station left seven dead.

Violence 'will delay' moves to end strike

JOHANNESBURG. — Spokesmen for SATS and Sarhwu said last night that yesterday's violence would delay the union's response to SATS proposals for ending the 10-week strike.

SATS spokesman Mr Ian Bleasedale said proposals for ending the strike were presented to Sarhwu on December 18 and January 5 and deal with recognition of Sarhwu as a union and the re-employment of workers.

SATS would like to avoid further violence and was taking steps at the worker level to ensure an incident like Tuesday's could not happen again, Mr Bleasedale said

Another 302 sworkers were dismissed yesterday, bringing the total of dismissals to 22 763.

SATS figures indicate the strike has claimed 17 lives to date.

Damage to rolling stock is estimated at R38,5 million and the strike has resulted in a loss of over nine million labour hours and R28,5 million in wages, according to Mr Bleasedale. — Sapa

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Police and ambulance workers carry the bodies of two dead railway workers - piled on to the same stretcher - out of the Germiston building after yesterday's 45-minute clash between strikers and non-strikers. Picture: ALF KUMALO

6 DIE IN RAIL RIOT

By THEMBA MOLEFE

AT LEAST six people were killed and up to 80 injured when passengers - many of them striking railway workers - were attacked by alleged vigilantes at the Germiston station yesterday.

The Natalspruit Hospital, where many of the injured were taken, was like a disaster area with

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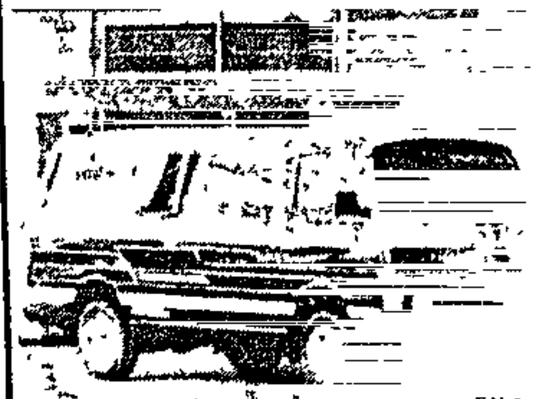

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the staff treating the victims throughout the day.

A nurse told *Sowetan* that the superintendent, Dr N Keirnes, was not available for comment as he was helping doctors in the theatre to cope with the "disaster".

Witnesses described how two trains - one from Katlehong and another from Daveyton - were ambushed by men wearing South African Transport Services overalls.

They indiscriminately attacked passengers with an array of weapons, including pangas and assegais.

Some, claiming that up to 20 people were killed, said bodies were strewn in the carriages and on platforms.

Witwatersrand police confirmed the six deaths and said about 31 people had been injured in the fighting which broke out at 9am.

Spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said police fired six teargas canisters to disperse the group of about 1 000 people.

Bloody

The incident was another bloody chapter in the 10-week-old Sats strike.

More than 50 people have been killed in strike-related violence.

The South African Railway and Harbour Workers Union, which represents many of the injured workers, yesterday charged that Sats had hired vigilantes to attack striking workers who were on their way to a report-back meeting in Germiston.

The union also accused the police of not intervening when armed vigilantes wearing Sats overalls attacked two trains at the station.

Opperman said the fact that tearsmoke was fired shows police helped in dispersing the crowd because the people disappeared after the action.

He said Sats had its own security force which wore uniforms similar to those of the SAP.

Two passengers and Sarhwu members, Mr Joshua Mbobo and Mr Joseph Ratsie, said police fired teargas into the full coaches and people were attacked by the "vigilantes" as they fled.

Sarhwu general secretary Mr Martin Sebakwane said the attack was premeditated and calculated to intimidate the strikers.

Sats spokesman Mr Ian Bleasdale said management regretted the incident and was very upset.

Worker killed, home bombed

Sats makes peace bid to end violence

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Staff Reporters

One more South African Transport Services worker has been killed and the home of another petrol-bombed in strike-related incidents as proposals to end the strike are under consideration.

Yesterday's killing followed this week's bloody clash at Germiston Station between Sats strikers and non-strikers, which left seven dead and more than 60 injured.

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Police said today a non-striker, identified as Mr Alpheus Malandzi, was murdered inside his Daveyton, East Rand, home early yesterday — only hours after the Germiston killings.

A mob stormed into the house and killed the man, police said.

In another incident, unknown assailants petrol-bombed the home of a Sats worker at 11.50 pm on Tuesday night. He was not injured.

Urgent call

Last night Public Enterprises Minister, Dr Dawie de Villiers, made an urgent call to all involved in the Sats strike to refrain from violence.

He said he was satisfied with the way Sats management was handling the strike and satisfied that they were not involved in Tuesday's violence.

But the Democratic Party's deputy spokesman on transport affairs, Mr Robin Carlisle, said Sats management was clearly incapable of handling the dispute

He called for a judicial commission to investigate the role of the Sats management and Sarhwu in what he said had become an "industrial civil war".

Mr Carlisle asked how the police could have allowed a group of 1 000 non-strikers, whom they admit were armed, to assemble at Germiston Station.

In two violent incidents on the railways yesterday:

- Two men, one a Sats employee, were slightly hurt when they were thrown from trains in the Cape peninsula.
- Eleven coaches of a passenger train were derailed in Umlazi.

'Intimidation' led to battle

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'Fed up with the attacks on us' — claim

JOHANNESBURG. — Both sides in Tuesday's bloody SATS battle have claimed that "intimidation" by the other side led to the violence that spilled over and burst at Germiston station.

Seven people died and more than 44 were injured when about 1 000 non-strikers, who had gathered at the station as early as 8am, attacked between 500 and 800 union members who arrived arrived on two trains at 8.45am to attend a union meeting.

SATS said preliminary investigations showed that non-striking workers from Germiston "put out a call" for help and supporters from as far afield as Braamfontein and Krugersdrop turned up on Tuesday morning.

"It appears they were fed up with the attacks on them and decided to do something about it. They told us they had asked for protection but were not getting it," a spokesman said.

No official inquiry will be instituted by SATS into the clash, the spokesman said, but "everything will be done to prevent a recurrence of the incident".

Unionists have claimed that SATS "vigilantes", armed with pangas, spears and knives and wearing SATS overalls, were seen coming from SATS depots on Tuesday.

They have accused SATS and police of complacency and assisting in attacks against strikers.

SATS has denied "categorically" that management had anything at all to do with Tuesday's violence.

Police have also strongly denied any complicity.

A policeman who witnessed the fighting yesterday said the crowd of non-strikers were gathered at the station as early as 8am. "I saw the crowd there and one of the people in the crowd told me: 'We are taking the law into our own hands. No one will help us. We're sick and tired of this'," he said.

He said the crowd were asked to disperse by a senior police officer but they refused to go.

A SATS employee said yesterday that there had been "serious intimidation" of non-strikers at Germiston since the strike began.

Over Christmas about 100 workers of a staff of 120 were forced to stay away from work because of intimidation, he said.

Victims of the clash yesterday told how they fell into an ambush of non-strikers and police and were attacked with pangas, axes, assegais and stones as their trains pulled into the station.

All the victims, speaking from their Natalspruit Hospital beds, are striking members of Sarhwu.

Mr Klaasen Mehlomakhulu, 52, said the attack took them by surprise and they could not escape as all platforms were blocked by the attackers. "As we pulled into the station, before we could get out of the train, the attackers, who included policemen, were upon us, hitting and hacking indiscriminately. We were both outnumbered and unprepared. It was only later that police shot teargas to disperse the attackers."

Mr Wilson Mzinyelwa, 47, said SATS was using non-strikers to break the Sarhwu strikers. "We know they have promised R200 above the R600 SATS is paying its cleaners," he said.

The DP has called for a judicial commission of inquiry. — Own Correspondents and Sapa

ASSAULTED ... SATS worker Mr Dawood Willemse, 59, of Tafelsig, who says he was hurled from a fast-moving train.

Picture: ANNE LAING

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Sats rail violence toll rises

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By THEMBA MOLEFE

THE death toll after the "Germiston station battle" yesterday rose to eight after a railway worker died at the Johannesburg Hospital.

Seven people were killed and at least 67 injured on Tuesday when alleged "vigilantes" wearing South African Transport Services' overalls attacked two trains at Germiston Station

The South African Railway and Harbour Workers Union (Sarhwu) has identified two of the dead men as Mr Samuel Mokoena of QwaQwa and Mr Supi Mashigo of Zeerust

Critical

A union official said the other six had not been identified yet

The superintendent of Natalspruit Hospital, Dr Norman Kernes, yesterday said two of the 23 people admitted on Tuesday were still critical

No one among those admitted at the hospital had died

Mashigo, believed to be 30 years old, was airlifted from Germiston to the Johannesburg Hospital on Tuesday for a brain scan

He died yesterday

He was out on R2 000 bail after he was charged with intimidation and public violence shortly

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Sats death toll rises

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after the railway strike began in December.

On Monday a Germiston magistrate postponed his case to January 28.

In an earlier incident, Mashigo was shot in the head at Sarhwu's offices in Germiston during a confrontation between workers and the police last December 16.

Meanwhile, Sarhwu general secretary Mr Martin Sebakwane yesterday said the South African Transport Services (Sats) had undertaken in writing to ensure that such an incident did not recur.

Sarwhu had charged that Sats engaged armed vigilantes on Tuesday.

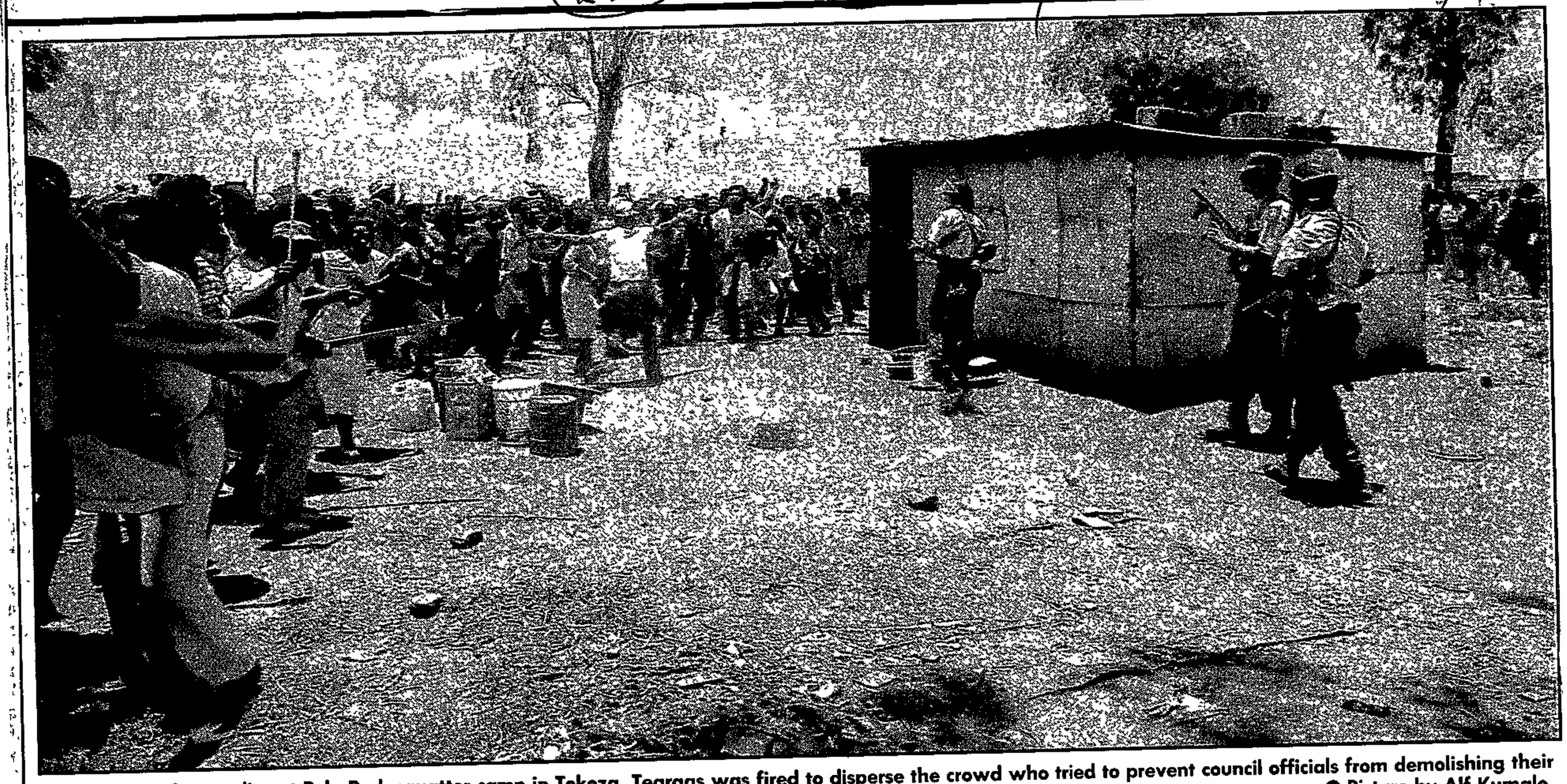
It also accused management and police of complacency and assisting in attacks against striking workers.

Police have denied any complicity and Sats has "categorically" denied that management had anything to do with Tuesday's violence.

Sapa reports that a Sats spokesman yesterday said if Sarwhu or Cosatu (the Congress of South African Trade Unions) had any proof management was involved in any way they should come forward.

Meanwhile, workers injured in the attack yesterday told *Sowetan* that they saw scores of Sats workers who came from depots outside Germiston arriving in trucks at Germiston station.

Sarhwu worker Mr Thozamile Taai said the violence could have been prevented had Sats officials taken action when he telephoned its head office after seeing workers armed with pangas.



Squatters confront police at Pola Park squatter camp in Tokoza. Teargas was fired to disperse the crowd who tried to prevent council officials from demolishing their shacks. ● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

Battle rages as shacks are razed

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Police fired teargas yesterday as thousands of squatters, armed with sticks and bricks, battled to prevent their shacks from being razed at the three-year-old Pola Park Squatter Camp near Alberton.

Tokoza Town Council staff removed furniture and belongings from the shacks before they began to demolish them.

Thousands of students from Tokoza township arrived to help the squatters.

Police fired teargas at the crowd. Six shacks were demolished.

When police left, the squatters rebuilt the razed shacks.

A police spokesman said last night that police were protecting council officials. Police fired teargas when the crowd refused to disperse

Ms Trinkie Jonas, of the Pola Park Squatters' Committee, said the destruction was unfair as residents were negotiating with the council.

A council official at the scene, Mr Barend Britz, said the council would destroy 20 shacks daily. He said an initial 2 800 of the about 6 000 shacks would be destroyed.

The town council wants to relocate the squatters at Riefontein, about 30 km from the industrial area.

The spokesman for the squatters' lawyers said early this week 20 families were given 24 hours' notice to vacate the area.

Although the Illegal Squatting Act empowered the councils to demolish shacks without a court order or notice, Pola Park residents could not be considered squatters because they had stayed at the site by consent and with the knowledge of the council, according to a recent decision by the Appelate Division, the lawyer said.

An urgent interdict is being sought to prevent the shacks from being destroyed.

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MORE STRIKE VIOLENCE

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The Sats strike entered its 10th — and most bloody — week when at least six men were killed and 31 seriously injured in a confrontation between strikers and non-strikers at Germiston station.

The violence came at a time when the strike seemed to be winding down (*Current Affairs* January 5). Both sides are claiming that they still want a negotiated settlement.

"It's imperative that the union come forward and talk to us," says Sats spokesman Leon Els. "The strike must end," says Ariel Mabalane, of Cosatu, a spokesman for the striking SA Railway and Harbour Workers' Union. "Both sides must come to the table."

But each side is also sticking to its original wage demand: the union is calling for a R1 500 minimum monthly wage and Sats is saying that wages are not negotiable now.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, spokesman for the SA Police, called Tuesday's violence the worst yet. He said 1 000 people armed with stones, pangas, knobkieries and other weapons fought for 45 minutes before they were dispersed by police firing teargas He said the crowd did not respond to two warning shots fired over their heads

The union claims that at least 30 people were killed and 60 injured in the melee which, it says, was instigated by as many as 2 000 "vigilante" Sats workers who met the strikers' train.

Mabalane says the strikers were on their way to a meeting to discuss Sats' latest proposals.

Sats sacked 54 strikers on Monday, bringing to 22 461 the total number of workers dismissed so far A total of 3 492 workers are still responding to the union's strike call, according to Sats

It is hiring replacements and keeping trains running with increased overtime for permanent employees and with casual labourers.

Progress in rail strike talks

Strikers held for making petrol bombs

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Police have arrested 85 railway strikers in Soshanguve near Pretoria after receiving information that petrol bombs were being manufactured and people assaulted, a police spokesman said.

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A police spokesman said the arrests were made after police received information that petrol bombs were being made at the Soshanguve Sats offices and that people were assaulted.

Police arrived at the scene and alleged offenders were pointed out and arrested, the spokesman said

The talks between Sats and the SA Railways and Harbours Workers' Union (Sarhwu) took place against the background of further violence on the railways, the arrest of unionists and a conciliation attempt by a high-powered Mass Democratic Movement delegation

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Re-hiring offer rejected

But the parties were still widely separated on Sarhwu's demand for the reinstatement of all 23 000 fired strikers Sats has offered to re-employ half of them, with the possibility of severance pay, at the discretion of an arbitrator, for the remainder

Mr van Vuuren said further talks would be held today

Yesterday, a Sats conductor was stabbed and burnt to death and a driver stabbed eight times when a Sats bus was attacked in Mobeni, Durban, by a mob

In a second killing, a non-striker, identified as Mr Alpheus Malandzi, was murdered inside his Daveyton, East Rand, home Police said the house was stormed by a mob

Sats yesterday met an MDM team comprising SA Council of Churches secretary-general the Rev Frank Chikane, top UDF officials Mr Murphy Morobe and Mr Mohammed Valli, mine unionist Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, Institute of Contextual Theology director Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa and Cosatu's Mr Sydney Mfumadi

Issues discussed included strike-linked violence and ways of resolving the 10-week dispute, said Sats spokesman Mr Leon Eis

Sarhwu's Mr Peter Munyani said several union members were arrested in Pretoria yesterday after police "surrounded and occupied our offices"

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● A memorial service for unionists killed on Tuesday at Germiston station in a bloody battle between strikers and non-strikers will be held today at the Anglican Church in Germiston

● An urgent application by Sarhwu against the Minister of Law and Order was expected to begin at 10 am today An interdict to prevent the police assaulting union members or allowing others to do so was mentioned before Mr Justice M J Strydom in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Orders to be slashed

● Plans to slash SA Transport Services orders in the current financial year were not linked to the railway strike or privatisation, Sats said today

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Sats would not confirm reports that these had a contract value of about R100 million

Hardest hit will be orders for rolling stock to be completed both by Sats' own workshops and outside companies

The spokesman added that spending in other areas — for example, motor cars — would also be cut.

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By Stephen McQuillan

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Firebombs, assaults: 85 Sats arrests

The Argus Correspondent

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Police undertaking settles union's plea

JOHANNESBURG. — The urgent application by the South African Railways and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) against the Minister of Law and Order was settled yesterday when police gave an undertaking to prevent anyone acting unlawfully

The Rand Supreme Court application for an interdict against the minister and the station commander of the South African Police, Germiston station, arose from Tuesday's violence which resulted in seven deaths and more than 40 injuries

The union alleged police had assaulted members and done nothing to stop others assaulting members.

The Commissioner of the South African Police, General Johan van der Merwe, gave a written undertaking, which was not made an order of court, and there was no order as to costs

The matter was mentioned in front of Mr Justice M J Strydom.

The undertaking does not comment on the allegations made by Sarhwu, which are still under investigation. Police said the reason for their failure to comment did not mean the allegations were correct, but that they were still under investigation.

General Van der Merwe said that from the information available to him at present, he could assure the union the police had not acted as alleged.

He assured the union it was police policy to prevent anyone acting unlawfully against any member of the public.

He undertook to take all reasonable steps to ensure this policy was strictly adhered to by all members of the SAP.
— Sapa

Paul Moeketsi at Baragwanath Hospital where he is being treated for

Wrong house fire-bombed!

Soweto man's home mistaken for Sats worker's

By HAPPY ZONDI

AN UNEMPLOYED Klipspruit man and his family had a close shave with death when their home was set on fire because he was mistaken for a Sats worker.

Paul Moeketsi's home is opposite that of a Sats employee who is working during the strike.

The neighbour's house was bombed later this week, following a tip-off that the wrong house had been hit.

Speaking from his hospital bed, 48-year-old Moeketsi said he was still puzzled by the incident and did not have enemies.

He told *City Press*: "I never thought it could happen to me."

Moeketsi's Pimville home was petrol-bombed a few days before Christmas.

He said he was awakened by a strong light from nearby.

"When I opened my eyes there was fire, fire all over me. I shouted for help and rushed to wake my family. Suddenly, the neighbours were helping us extinguish the fire."

The following day he went to a clinic, which referred him to Baragwanath Hospital where he was treated for third-degree burns.

According to the family two petrol bombs were found in the bedroom where Moeketsi was sleeping. The entire mattress was burnt and some of the walls have deep cracks and could break at any time.

Kliptown police are investigating the incident.

■ Another Sats worker, Joseph Tladi, was shot dead last month when he was surprised in his Vosloorus home by men who accused him of working while they were on strike.

He could not join the strike because he had just bought a dream house and had to fork out R800 monthly bond repayments.

THE RAIL STRIKE

Heavy toll in strike bloodbath at Germiston

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By CONNIE MOLUSI

DEATH came to the East Rand's Germiston Station on Tuesday morning this week when the South African Transport Services (Sats) strike took an ugly turn.

Seven of the eight who died were Molele Solomon Ngako, Samuel Mofokeng, Nowowo Mbhabhatho, Makhado Nditsheni Pheneus, Solly Mashego, Samuel Mbongwa and Mboyi Mishizane.

In the clash between non-striking Sats workers and striking colleagues 67 were injured, 12 critically.

The blood-stained white shirt and torn pants of Clarkson Mehlomakhulu, a diesel mechanic at Sats Germiston depot, told the story.

He suffered a gash from a panga just above the knee, a gaping wound on the head and a deep cut above the right eye.

Mehlomakhulu, a father of two, still believes his attackers were not responsible for the violence.

"This was my first encounter with death. It was the first time in 20 years that I have been viciously attacked by colleagues that I trusted," he said.

Another victim who narrowly escaped death was Sam Ramavhunga, who believed the assault was premeditated.

"The attack was obviously well organised because when the train arrived on the platform there were all these heavily armed people.

"They knew exactly what to do. They surrounded trains and closed the doors. As the train halted they hit us with pangas, kieries and other weaponry."

Ramavhunga escaped by jumping out of the window and running for dear life.

Medics attend to one of the Sats strikers injured on Tuesday in a bloody clash with non-strikers at Germiston Station.

Injured striker John Malapala lies semi-conscious on a stretcher in Katlehong Hospital. ■ Picsi: TLADI KHUELE

Villagers in unrest area flee to Bop sanctuary

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MAFIKENG. — More than 100 residents of the strife-torn area of Braklaagte and Leeuwfontein have fled from these villages to nearby Haartebeeslaagte, apparently because of threats against them for refusing to oppose incorporation into Bophuthatswana.

Haartebeeslaagte farm was one of the farms incorporated into Bophuthatswana last year, according to Chief M Moila of Leeuwfontein.

The area has been rocked by unrest and demonstrations since the two villages were incorporated into Bophuthatswana early last year.

Chief Moila said the Bophuthatswana government was providing residents who had fled the area with tents at Haartebeeslaagte. — Sapa

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Killings: police evidence is 'lies'

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THE evidence of a police captain who has admitted killing two demonstrators in Mamelodi was a fabrication, counsel for the families of the Mamelodi residents who were shot dead by security forces submitted in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court yesterday.

By ALINAH DUBE

Mr Morris Basslian made the submission before magistrate Mr JP Pretorius during an inquest into the death of 12 people in Mamelodi on November 21 1985.

He was cross-examining Captain Hermanus Arnoldus Le Roux on the first day of the hearing after its postponement five months ago.

According to Le Roux he shot and killed Mr Paul Mavimbela in section C, Mamelodi West, because he was a leader. Mavimbela, the policeman said, was the first person to attack an army vehicle at the scene and had instigated people against army members.

The court heard that Mavimbela was fatally wounded as he was about to throw an object at a caspir Le Roux was in.

In another incident the policeman said he shot and killed another man from the roof top. He said the man's body was later found in the backyard with a brick lying next to it.

He said people staged what appeared to have been an organised attack on security force members. He said lives of both the police and army members were endangered as the mob hurled stones, bricks and other objects at their vehicles.

Pupils flee as police take action

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By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

WITBANK — Panicking school pupils scaled barbed wire fences and others were crushed as they tried to flee a school property in Witbank's township yesterday after police had taken action at a meeting held about the township's education crisis.

Witbank Catholic priest Father Chico Medeiros, who was at the meeting, described the police action as "unreasonable and provocative".

SAP headquarters media spokesman Captain Ruben Bloomberg said he could not comment, as the police did not issue interim unrest reports unless there was a major incident.

A report would be issued today.

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Father Medeiros said the meeting, attended by about 4 000 pupils from schools throughout kwaGuqa township and the nearby squatter camps, was legal and had the blessing of the principal of Kopanang High School, where it had been held.

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Pupil dies in cell

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dents of arson in Khutsong.

Police patrolled Khutsong throughout the day yesterday after a house belonging to local Constable Simon Lethlake was stoned and torched by youths on Tuesday.

This week's events in the township were a build-up of a series of violent incidents which began last Saturday when fighting broke out between youths and blanket-clad "Russians".

About six shacks belonging to the "Russians" have been gutted since the fighting began.

Russians

Residents said Lethlake's house was burnt after scores of youths were turned away from the Carletonville Magistrate's Court where several pupils appeared on charges relating to the violence.

According to those interviewed the mass arrests began on Monday when pupils at one of the high schools refused to go to class demanding the release of their colleagues who were arrested at the weekend.

Others said pupils were picked at random and loaded into police vans and locked up at Khutsong and Welverdiend police stations.

A resident said fighting between pupils and "Russians" dates back to about a year ago with the youths charging that the "Russians" were being employed by the police against them.

SATS worker shot at station

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A SA Transport Services worker was shot and wounded after a group of people, possibly responsible for firing at the man, alighted from a train at the Doornfontein Railway Station near Johannesburg yesterday. SAPA 18/11/90

SA Police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Capt E Opperman said in a statement the man had been walking on the footbridge at Doornfontein station when a train stopped on the platform below.

A group of people alighted from the train, and a shot was fired which may have originated from the group, Capt Opperman said.

The 47-year-old man was shot in his stomach and is recovering in the Hillbrow Hospital where his condition is satisfactory.

"At this stage the police are unable to confirm whether the incident is related to the Sats strike," Capt Opperman said. - Sapa.

Teargas, batons as police disperse anti-tour demonstrators

Batons, teargas as police disperse anti-tour cricket demonstrators

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Police today used teargas and batons to disperse anti-tour demonstrators in a series of clashes inside and outside Jan Smuts airport.

The demonstrators, mainly PAC and ANC groups, had gathered outside the main concourse. There was also a small demonstration in the overseas arrival section, with protesters holding anti-tour placards and shouting slogans.

Police arrested several anti-tour demonstrators inside the building following a placard demonstration.

Placards read: "Gatting go home" and "Isolate SA sport until Azania is free".

Police seized and destroyed pamphlets being distributed by the demonstrators.

Earlier police mounted roadblocks to stop bus loads of protesters getting to the airport.

Others armed with batons, shotguns and dog teams blocked entrances to the airport.

Every vehicle was searched.

The airport itself was swarming with policemen.

Last night the SAA flight bringing the team was delayed for three hours at Heathrow, London, after receiving bomb threats, according to SAA public relations manager Mr Francois Louw.

He said the flight crew received a telephoned warning shortly before departure.

"Our people immediately asked all the passengers to get off and the plane was thoroughly searched. The threat was found to be a hoax, and the plane left three hours later.

He said he was still trying to establish from London if the anonymous caller had identified himself to be belonging to any organisation.

The flight was now expected to land at Jan Smuts Airport at 12.15pm, three hours later, he said.

Bused in

Mr Bill Jardine, an executive committee member of the anti-tour National Sports Congress, said none of the 11 buses carrying protesters had been able to get through.

Also at the airport today were MDM spokesman, Mr Cassim Salojee, and Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of the jailed ANC leader.

They were among a small group of protestors who managed to get past the heavy police roadblocks.

● The clashes at Jan Smuts had not been connected with the cricket tour, said the head of police public relations, Colonel Vic Heyns.

He confirmed that riot police dispersed about 300 demonstrators but said the people had gathered to demonstrate in support of released ANC activist Walter Sisulu, due to arrive at Jan Smuts at 10.15am.

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Woman killed in SATS strike

Mrs Dolly Khoza - shot dead.

Sowetan 22/01/90

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A student was shot dead and three children seriously burnt in three separate incidents as violence sparked by the SATS strike flared in the West Rand township of Kagiso at the weekend.

This brings to 37 the number of people killed in the labour unrest so far

Mrs Dolly Khoza (26), of 6138 Kagiso, a student reading social work at Rand Afrikaans University, was asleep when she was shot in the head on Friday night.

A petrol bomb was also hurled into her house.

Flames

Her two children Keto (2), Guguletu (4) and husband Bevans Khoza, an employee of SATS in Johannesburg and a relative, narrowly escaped death when flames engulfed their bedroom while shots were fired in the house.

In another incident in the township Maria Phakedi (11) and Thami

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Krish Naidoo gets a death threat

LAWYER Mr Krish Naidoo yesterday received a death threat from a person claiming to be Mr Geoff Dakin, the president of the South African Cricket Union, he has revealed to the *Sowetan*

Naidoo said he had charges with the police at John Vorster Square immediately after the telephone call in the morning.

Naidoo said the man said he knew the people who were out to get him (Naidoo) and who were prepared to kill Efforts to trace the call proved

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THE AFTERMATH: Some of those who escaped injury at Friday's Jan Smuts Airport fiasco carry shoes belonging to scores of anti-cricket tour protesters which were left behind when people fled from police dogs unleashed at them as they arrived to demonstrate against Mike Gatting's English "rebel" team.

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Woman dies in SATS violence

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(3), were severly burnt when their homes was petrol-bombed, apparently by the same group. The two children were admitted to Leratong Hospital where their condition is said to be improving. Their father Victor is an employee of Sats.

Another employee, Mr Albert Mashitha, had his house petrol-bombed causing damage estimated at more than R2000 as violence against Sats employees spread in the township.

It is understood that the latest victims of the spreading violence were attacked by radical groups for not participating in the 11-week strike that has claimed many lives. Several homes of Sats employees have been attacked and their homes destroyed since the strike started.

A spokesman for the SAP directorate in Pretoria yesterday could not confirm the incidents and neither were they contained in their unrest report. The unrest report said that in Soweto,petrol bombs were thrown at living quarters of the Sats workers and no one was injured. No arrests were made. Damage was negligible, the report said.

Mr Johan Khoza, whose sister-in-law was shot dead, told the *Sowetan* yesterday that while they were asleep at 1am on Friday there was a sudden explosion. Shots were fired.

"I managed, with the help of my brother, to lock the children in a separate room while we tried to put off the inferno of flames that had engulfed the house. We later discovered that my sister in law was lying dead in a pool of blood on her bed," he said.

Mrs Maureen Phakedi, whose two children were burnt, said petrol bombs were thrown into her bedroom by a group that was travelling in a combi. The children got injured as the family tried to extinguish the fire.

"I battled with my husband to save our children from the fire that was spreading into the house and during the process I also suffered minor burn wounds on my hands. It is through the grace of the Lord that we are alive," she said.

Mother of two killed, children hurt in attacks

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A young student and mother of two was shot dead and two children were injured in a rampage against non-striking Transport Services employees by a gang in Kagiso on the West Rand last week, police said.

The SA Railway and Harbour Workers Union (Sarhwu) angrily denied that strikers were responsible.

"It's outrageous that such actions are always linked to the strike," said Sarhwu treasurer Mr Elliot Sogoni. "What proof is there that this was the motive?"

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe said three attacks against Sats workers were carried out, all with petrol bombs, in Kagiso on Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Mr Bevan Khoza woke at 1 am on Friday when he heard a loud bang. A petrol bomb was hurled into the room where he, Mrs Khoza and their two children, Keto (2) and Guguletu (4), were sleeping.

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Mr Khoza grabbed the children and ran into the kitchen. When he returned, he found his wife dead in their bed, a bullet wound in her temple.

In another incident, two children suffered serious burns when their home was petrol-bombed.

Maria Phakedi (11) and Thami Phakedi (3) were admitted to the Leratong Hospital near Krugersdorp.

Damage estimated at R1 000 was caused to the house.

Mrs Phakedi said the attackers were driving in a minibus and hurled petrol bombs into her bedroom.

"I battled with my husband to save our children from the fire that was spreading into the house and during the process I also suffered minor burns on my hands," she said.

The home of another Sats worker, Mr Albert Mashita, was also petrol-bombed during the night, resulting in damage estimated at R2 000.

No arrests have been made. Security police are investigating.

"rebel" English cricket tour to SA. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Tour columnist gets caught out

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MATTHEW CURTIN

"THE blood was still damp at Jan Smuts airport when Mike Gatting and his rebel cricketers arrived in Johannesburg yesterday, three hours after the terrible violence that left me feeling weak and nauseous."

So begins a graphic account of the clash between anti-tour protesters and the police at the airport on Friday by columnist Paul Weaver of London's Today newspaper.

"I felt a strange empty feeling in my stomach as I saw the blood on the walls," he wrote.

But Weaver himself admitted yesterday he had missed the entire incident.

He said he regretted the emotional tone of the article, written when he was still shocked about seeing the blood. His story compares the SAP to the Hitler Youth.

Weaver said his story was based entirely on interviews with people milling around after the event.

The tabloid reporter arrived at the airport about 11am, almost two hours after the protest had ended. He had been directed to the airport by the tourists' media liaison representative Colin Bryden.

Yesterday Bryden said he was sorry most of the journalists who had come over to cover the tour were concentrating on the news angle rather than the cricket itself.

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Snooker star released on bail

Own Correspondent

LONDON South African snooker champion Silvino Francisco, 42, has been released on bail while detectives continue probing an alleged R1,4-million betting fraud

Officers of Scotland Yard's international and organised crimes squad arrested Francisco at his home in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on Tuesday but charges were not laid

Francisco is to present himself at Chesterfield police station on February 1 for further questioning.

Reef school now non-racial

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — For the first time in Barnato Park's 102-year history, black and white pupils sat together on the first day of school

The former Johannesburg High School for Girls — closed by the government at the end of last year — reopened yesterday as a private non-racial and co-educational high school

The 256 pupils who started yesterday were predominantly from Soweto

Frankness from first Mandela daughter

Cape Times 25/1/90

From SIMON BARBER

WASHINGTON. — Ms Makaziwe "Maki" Mandela, daughter of ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela by his first marriage, says she was "very angry" that her father "chose arrest rather than exile"

She was bitter that he tried to make her answer to Mrs Winnie Mandela rather than her own mother.

She believes she received more help in life from the SA Institute of Race Relations than from her own family.

Her remarkably frank views are laid out in a lengthy interview she gave recently to the Washington Post from her home in Amherst, where she is reading for a doctorate in anthropology at the University of Massachussets.

She ascribes what she sees as her father's choice of arrest in part to a sense of "self-aggrandisement", but she also accepts that he believed "some leaders have to stay inside and be the galvanising force for the people".

She still feels he treated her mother, Ms Evelyn Ntoko, badly.

The divorce took place in 1958, when she was four.

"My father never discussed the whole issue with her. My mom just read about it in a newspaper. The man didn't even have the decency to let her know 'Look, I no longer love you'."

Mr Mandela was arrested when she was eight and at boarding school in Swaziland.

"My father had the opportunity to leave the country when he travelled throughout Africa and went to London. You ask yourself 'Why did he go back to SA?' because he definitely knew he would be caught. He was hunted. I have really been bitter for not having my father, and very angry — at my father — for not being there."

Reconciliation began slowly in the late 1970s, when her mother persuaded her and her brother Makgatho — now a store owner in Cofimvaba — to visit their father on Robben Island.

Even then there was "friction" because "whatever we would request from my father, my father would say 'Go to Mama-Winnie'."

Ms Mandela studied at Fort Hare till 1981 and did social work in Transkei for a while before being prodded by her parents to finish her degree at the University of Natal.

With more such "prodding", she won the Fulbright scholarship that brought her to Amherst.

Only last year, when Mr Mandela was allowed to celebrate his 71st birthday with a broad array of family and friends, did the two finally come to understand each other.

"Our inhibitions were thrown out there. For the first time he opened to me as a father."

She prefers not to talk about the controversy that has surrounded her stepmother recently — the Soweto mansion, the soccer club — but she has little doubt that it will make her father's life more difficult when he is free.

She worries that too much will be expected of him once he is out.

"He has earned this image of being this more-than-hero, this fairy godfather, who has a magic wand in his hand, who, when he comes out, will make everything rosy. No single man can achieve that."

Police open fire — two killed

Cape Times 25/1/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Police opened fire on a crowd stoning a police vehicle during a protest gathering in Carletonville yesterday, killing two people and wounding three others, police said

Thirteeen people were arrested

In an unusual midday statement on political unrest, police acknowledged that two people died in police gunfire after some 5 000 people gathered to protest at the death of a youth in police custody.

Organisers of the rally, the National Union of Mine Workers, said police opened fire without provocation, killing the two and wounding as many as 20 people. But the police announcement said police used live ammunition only after demonstrators stoned a police vehicle, smashing its back window

In Ntuzuma, KwaZulu, on Tuesday, police exchanged gunfire with demonstrators near a courthouse in the township, killing one woman, police said.

Police liaison in Pretoria yesterday that a man was hacked to death with pangas in Soweto and a man was shot and fatally wounded by a group of men in KwaMashu, near Durban.

Also in kwaMashu two policemen were shot and wounded by schoolchildren Police headquarters at Ulundi said a Sergeant Simamane and a Constable Zuma were talking to staff at a school on Tuesday when they were attacked by gun-wielding children.

Sgt Simamane is in a critical condition in hospital and Const Zuma's condition was described as satisfactory The reason for the attack is not known — Sapa, UPI

Two die as police shoot at marchers

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From MONO BADELA

JOHANNESBURG. — Police opened fire at a 5000-strong crowd in Carltonville on Wednesday after demonstrators began marching from the Khutsong Stadium.

Two people were killed in the shooting, at least nine others were injured and 13 arrested

National Union of Mineworkers (Num) spokesperson Jerry Majatladi slammed the authorities for what he called the "wanton killing of innocent residents".

"This is the type of action which has to be condemned as barbaric. It confirms our belief that apartheid cannot be reformed," Majatladi said.

The march was in protest against police harassment and the mysterious death of a pupil in detention last week South 25/11/90 - 31/11/90

The local magistrate refused to give permission for the march.

A police spokesperson said police opened fire on the crowd after stoning began. He confirmed that two men had been killed and 13 marchers arrested.

Samuel Finti is recovering in the Leratong Hospital after being shot during a clash between police and residents of Khutsong, Carletonville. PIC LEN KUMALO

Two gunned down

Police open fire in fresh unrest

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AT LEAST two people were shot dead and several others were injured when residents and police clashed in Khutsong, Carletonville, yesterday.

One of the dead has been identified as Mr Benjamin Tshoba, a 40-year-old father of two

The other was a 27-year-old woman

Although residents say at least four were shot dead, the identity of the other two victims could not be established at the time of going to press

A police spokesman in Pretoria could only confirm two deaths following police action against a crowd of people who had allegedly stoned police vehicles

The confrontation came minutes after thousands of residents gathered at the local stadium to march to the police station in town to demand the release of 32 pupils they believe were detained there

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE and SY MAKARINGE

They have already appeared in the Carletonville Magistrate's Court on various charges, including arson and causing a public disturbance

Riot and Security Police stopped *Sowetan* reporters from entering the township to confirm the alleged deaths

Roadblock

At a roadblock outside the township, a Major van Heerden said, in terms of emergency regulations, the Press would not be allowed into the township

He said the situation in the township was tense, but could not elaborate

He asked *Sowetan* staffers and other Press members to leave the area

However, a grim picture of events inside the township later emerged

Truckloads of riot police - some armed with shotguns - were seen speeding from the city to the township

Minutes later, ambulances were seen entering and leaving the township and heading for Leratong Hospital.

A worker at the local clinic, who wished to remain anonymous, said two people died at the clinic and another was seen in an ambulance

While facts were hard to come by, one informant could hardly

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Dead. Benjamin Tshoba

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describe the "horror" she witnessed through her window.

She said over the telephone: "It's hell... people are falling like flies..."

She said police were firing teargas into their homes.

An ambulance driver, who made three trips to ferry casualties to Leratong Hospital, described the township as a war zone.

"It's bad... burning tyres, barricades, gunfire and police everywhere," he said, offloading three injured people at Leratong Hospital.

Several injured people were treated at the hospital.

Their names were not immediately available.

Doctor

A Khutsong doctor said he treated more than 16 people.

He said most of the victims, whose ages ranged between 27 and 36, were shot in the back.

Three of the more seriously injured patients were referred to Leratong - about 30 kilometres away - for further treatment.

By late yesterday afternoon people were still streaming into his surgery.

All businesses, including shops, taverns and supermarkets, were closed for the day.

There was no schooling and thousands of residents also stayed away from work.

Taxis did not operate.

Mr Sipho Dlangamandla, a member of the Khutsong Civic Association, who was shot in the back, said the gathering at the stadium was peaceful.

He said the police action was unprovoked.

"They told us to move back. We were doing so when suddenly I heard gunfire," Dlangamandla said.

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Police patrol Carletonville

Two shot dead, many hurt after protest meeting

By Montshiwa Moroke

At least two people were shot and killed and several were wounded after more than 5 000 people attended a protest meeting at the Khutsong stadium, Carletonville, yesterday.

Unconfirmed reports said two other unidentified men had also died.

The police public relations directorate confirmed that police had fatally wounded two men with birdshot and had arrested one man and 12 youths.

One of those killed was Mr Zanempi Benjamin Tshoba (39) of LTA section, a father of two teenage children.

The identity of the other dead man, who was allegedly shot near the Hlabangeza Lower Primary School, had not been established at the time of going to press.

Witnesses said some of those injured had been shot with rubber bullets.

Township sealed

The township was still tense late yesterday as police continued to patrol the streets. Burnt-out tyres, car wrecks, rocks and other debris blocked the main street.

Police manned a roadblock about 500 m from the entrance to the township. Residents said the roadlocks had been set up late on Tuesday.

Residents said thousands started gathering at the local stadium at about 9 am in preparation for a peaceful march to the Oberholzer police station.

The march was to have taken place to protest against police brutality in the township and the death last week of a 16-year-old Mbuyiselo Phiri. Family members and the UDF have alleged he died after being picked up by police for questioning on Tuesday.

The UDF has called for an official investigation into his death and the interrogation methods used by police.

A spokesman said Carletonville's chief magistrate and police were informed about the march on Tuesday, but permission for it to be held was not sought.

Residents told reporters the stadium had been packed to capacity and crowds were also outside.

They said police had surrounded the stadium as the crowd left The protesters moved out into the township and were followed by police vehicles.

They said police chased youths as they sang and chanted freedom songs and did the toyi-toyi. Teargas was allegedly fired into yards of homes.

Earlier, the township had been sealed off by police. The press and non-residents were barred from entering.

Thousands of workers and pupils stayed home as they heeded a call by activists. Taxis did not operate and buses went only as far as the men's hostel at the entrance to the township.

The police public relations directore issued an interim unrest report which said that at about 9 am yesterday about 5 000 people gathered at the Khutsong stadium. At about 10.30 am they left the stadium and started gathering in the streets.

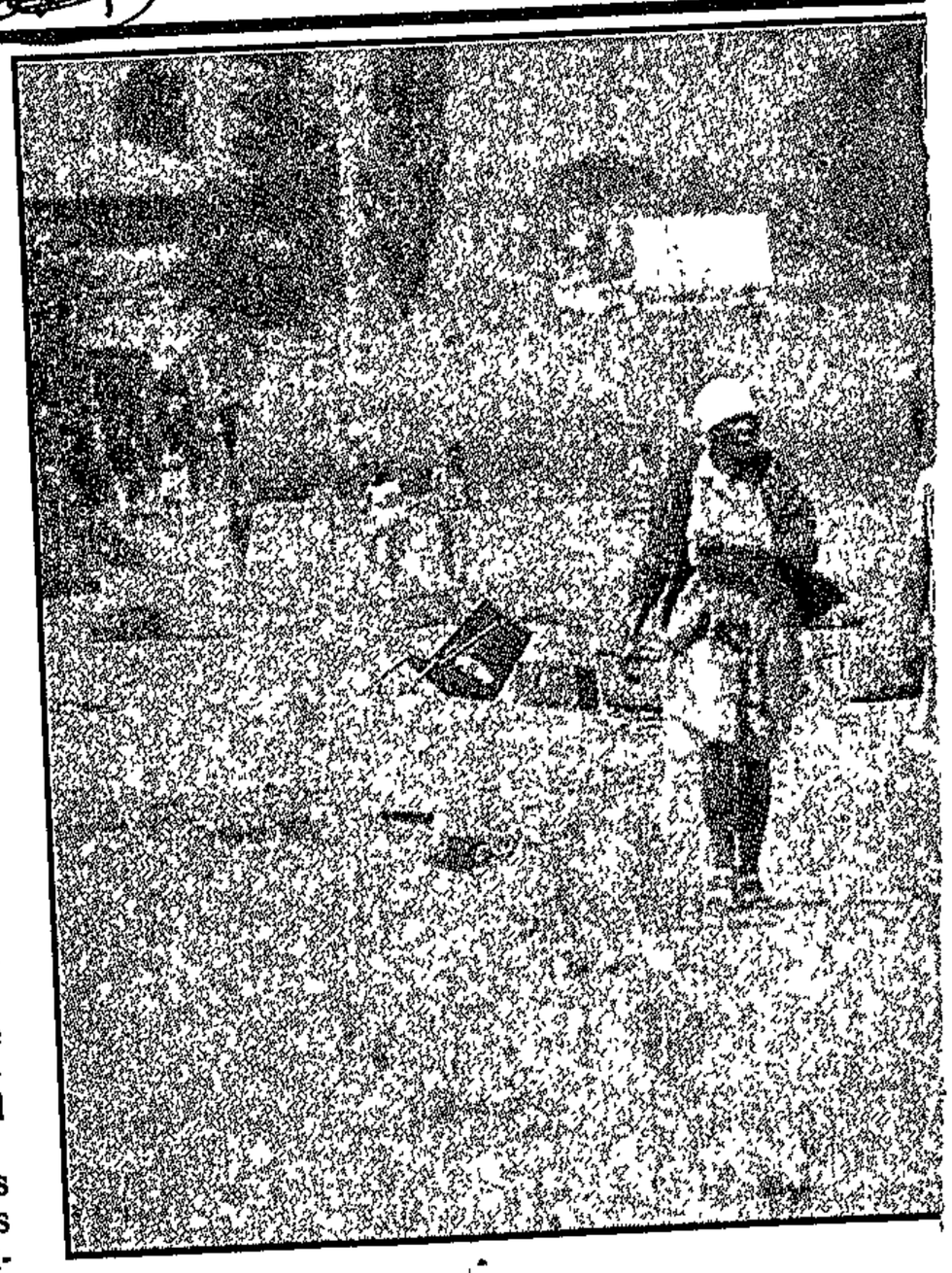
Shortly before midday, police came across an unruly group. They were warned to disperse, but started stoning the police, said the report. Teargas and birdshot were used.

Shortly after this another police vehicle was stoned. Police said they used shotgun fire (mainly birdshot) to disperse the stone-throwers. Four men were wounded, two fatally.

About two hours later a patrol came across a mob stoning a policeman's house. Teargas was fired.

Another patrol in the area was stoned, said the report, and shots were fired in the air to disperse the crowd. One man was reported to have been injured.

One man and 12 youths were arrested on charges which include malicious damage to property, possession of a petrol bomb and public violence.



This was the scene in Nxumalo Street, Khutsong, Carletonville, yesterday, after police fired birdshot and teargas at protesters who had earlier gathered at the local stadium for a planned march to the Carletonville police station. ● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

Khotsung hit by new violence

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BENJAMIN COCKRAM and GRAHAME RUSH

SPORADIC outbreaks of violence continued in Khotsung township, near Carletonville, yesterday in the wake of Wednesday's unrest in which two people were killed. B 1 Dam 26/1/90

A police spokesman dismissed allegations by local schoolteacher Christopher Seripe that another two people were killed yesterday morning.

A witness, James Mkhwanazi, said streets remained blockaded with rocks and burning tyres yesterday, while youths armed with petrol bombs confronted police.

On Wednesday, a protest march erupted into violence after police refused demonstrators leave to deliver a petition to the officer commanding Oberholzer police station.

The petition was to demand an end to police brutality, Seripe said.

The police spokesman would not comment on what the petition demanded.

The demand was prompted by the death of 19-year-old Mbuyiselo Phiri who died, it is alleged, during questioning at Welverdiend police station.

Witnesses Ishmael Booysen and Thomas Tshabalala said Phiri had been kicked and beaten before being taken into a room in which shock treatment was meted out earlier. He did not reappear, they said.

The police spokesman confirmed that Phiri had died during questioning, but he declined to comment on the allegations of the witnesses that Phiri was beaten.

Booysen and Tshabalala said Phiri and 42 others had been arrested in connection with the burning of several police houses on January 16.

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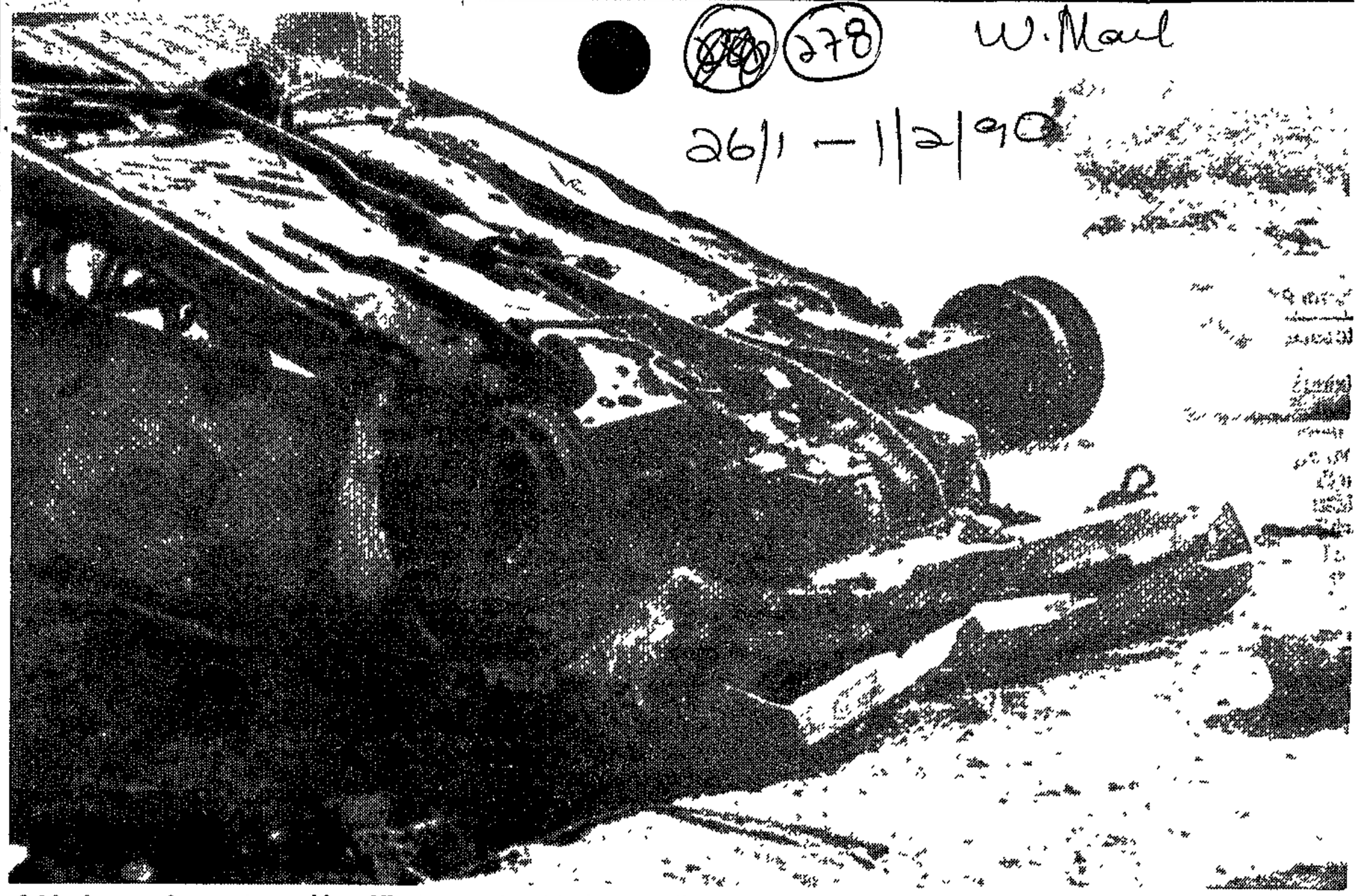

A blazing car is overturned in a Khutsong street to keep police out

Picture: PHILLIPA GARSON

'The crowd moved off - then the shooting started'

Eyewitness accounts of the police station protest that ended in violence. PHILLIPA GARSON reports

WHEN police fired birdshot on crowds in Khutsong this week, residents had already began dispersing and most of the injured were shot in the back.

A lawyer and an Australian diplomat on the scene, and a doctor who treated the injured, confirmed that the crowds had broken up and were dispersing peacefully when police opened fire, killing two and injuring more than 30.

Some sources put the number of deaths at five, although police will confirm only two.

The violence erupted after thousands of residents attempted to march on the Oberholzer Police Station to protest the death of "Nixon" Phiri, who died in police custody last week.

Khutsong residents gathered early on Wednesday morning in the township stadium, ready to march. They were prevented by a large police contingent, and informed that the march was illegal. Civic organisation members say they notified the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, about the march.

Tense negotiations ensued for more than an hour between police and parents who planned to head the march, while the crowds and riot police faced each other 10 metres apart.

The crowd then broke up peacefully, says a lawyer on the scene, Hanif Vally. He described the sickening events he then witnessed, along with an Australian diplomat, Andrew Goledzinowski, who had arrived in the township at the request of the Detainees Aid Centre: "We were talking to a Captain Myburg. Meanwhile the last of the crowd — about 20 people — were moving away in small groups. No stones were thrown, no people were singing. There was no provocation whatsoever.

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A shaken Lindy Jack (19) explained how she had been sitting inside her house, when struck by birdshot. She had gaping wounds on her arm and shoulder.

Two others were badly injured when trampled on by the fleeing crowd.

Another youth, Michael Joal (22) displayed a vicious wound on his back.

Latest reports described the township as "tense, but quiet", with pupils staying away from school and police vans patrolling the area.

The police version of the violence in Khutsong is as follows: at 9.00 am about five thousand people gathered at the Khutsong stadium. At about 10.30 am they left and started gathering in the streets.

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There was no provocation, say eyewitnesses after police shooting

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about six policemen jumped out and began to fire birdshot on the departing people. I told Captain Myburg to stop them shooting, and he simply turned his head away. I saw two men fall and screamed for them to stop. They fired at least 12 rounds of ammunition before withdrawing. I and Goledzinowski ran to the nearest man who had blood pouring out of the back of his head."

Vally says he and Goledzinowski appealed to the police to help the man, "but a Captain Du Preez pushed Goledzinowski and threatened him with arrest. The others did nothing." Vally tried to stop the bleeding, fastening his tie around the wound, but the man, Benjamin Tshoba, died shortly. Both he and the other man who had fallen were taken away by an ambulance. Police confirmed that two men died.

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Stones, sjamboks as school boycott worsens

BETHLEHEM — Two policemen's homes were damaged by stone-throwers here and the authorities used sjamboks and tear-smoke to disperse protesters last night. Star 26/11/90

In an unprecedented education crisis, all Bethlehem township schools started boycotting classes on Wednesday in support for demands that all expelled students, including the vice-president of the newly-formed Boslokong Students Congress (Bosco), be readmitted to comprehensive secondary schools. (278)

All major township roads were blocked yesterday, with burning barricades leaving scores of bus and taxi commuters stranded.

In a petition sent to the principal of the Comprehensive Secondary School, Mr P de Villiers, the students demanded readmission of all failed, removal of police from the school's premises and recognition of their SRC. — Sapa.

More clashes between police, Khutsong youths

By Montshiwa Moroke

Police yesterday fired birdshot and teargas in clashes with angry youths in Khutsong, Carletonville.

Earlier, the Khutsong Civic Association (KCA) said two members, Mr Sipho Dlangamandla and Mr Sipho Mtyotywa, a teacher at Phororong Public School, had been detained.

As tension mounted late yesterday, police in Casspirs fired teargas canisters into yards of the Sonderwater squatter settlement in the township.

Residents, including women and children, choked on the gas.

A number of youths were flushed out by teargas from the home of Mbuyiselo Nicholas Phiri (16), who died in police custody on January 16.

While businesses in the township were open, thousands of workers and pupils again stayed home. On Wednesday residents heeded a stayaway call to take part in a march to the Carletonville police station.

The march was intended to protest against police brutality and the death last week of Mbuyiselo. Family members said he died after being taken away by police. Star 26/1/90

Wednesday's march did not take place but a petition was handed to the station commander in Khutsong. Later, two people were shot dead and many others wounded by police.

Yesterday, buses and taxis went only as far as the fringes of the township. Main streets were barricaded with burning tyres, rocks and car wrecks.

Police, some wearing gas masks, maintained a heavy presence.

Angry youths carried petrol bombs. Drivers were stopped by youths who siphoned petrol from their vehicles.

Residents said they were awakened as early as 4.30 am by youths in the streets as they clashed with the police.

Hundreds of people on their way to work were ordered out of taxis.

The family of Mr Zanempi Benjamin Tshoba (38), who was killed by police on Wednesday, said they were planning to bury him on Saturday next week.

The name of the other man killed has not yet been established.

Khutsong is quiet, say sources

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KHUTSONG township near Carletonville was quiet yesterday, according to police and township sources, following the death of at least two people on Wednesday when police opened fire on dispersing demonstrators.

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Some streets were still barricaded yesterday and police maintained a heavy presence in the township.

It is believed two leaders of the Khutsong Civic Association interim committee, acting chairman Mr Sipho Dlangamandla and vice-chairman Mr Sipho Mkojwa, were arrested on Thursday.

Police could not confirm the arrests of the activists. — Sapa.

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Khutsong bursts into violence

Two dead, hundreds hurt as youths and police clash

Report: DAN DHLAMINI AND MARTIN NTSOELENGOE
Pics: EVANS MBOWENI

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Dr Malcom Tshupe said he treated about 26 people for wounds, mostly in the back

Deeper into the sprawling township, at Crossroads and Sonderwater which consist of shacks battles between police and youths raged on

Angry youths with petrol bombs were engaged in a fierce battle with police armed with shotguns

Streets were barricaded with rocks, burning tyres, disused cars and wire At least two Casspirs which fell into holes dug as traps by youths, were set alight

The homes of Khutsong deputy mayor Lazarus Mosenogi and of a policeman were damaged in the attack

There has been no schooling in Khutsong since Wednesday and it is unlikely the volatile situation will subside for some time

Carletonville was deserted as thousands of workers heeded the call for a stayaway

Khutsong Civic Association member Sipho Dlangamandla and Sipho Mtshotshwa, a local teacher, who allegedly organised the abortive march, were detained on Thursday A number of youths are also alleged to have been detained

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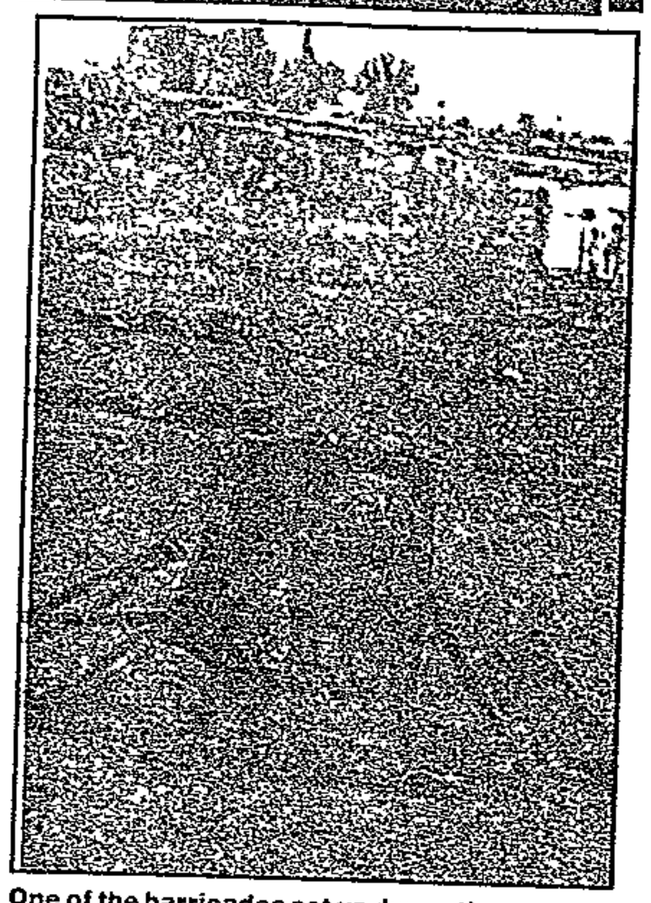


One of the barricades set up during the protest.

Husband shot dead after son's arrest

THE DEATH of a Carletonville unrest victim this week, was the second disaster in two days for his widow.

A grieving Lilian Choba, whose husband Benjamin was shot dead on Wednesday, told *City Press* her 15-year-old son Meshack was detained after he appeared in court on Monday.

She said the policeman who arrested her son with five other youths, who were with their parents, did not say why he was detaining them.

"We feared for their lives because another youth, Mbuyiselo Phiri, had died in detention not long ago," said Choba

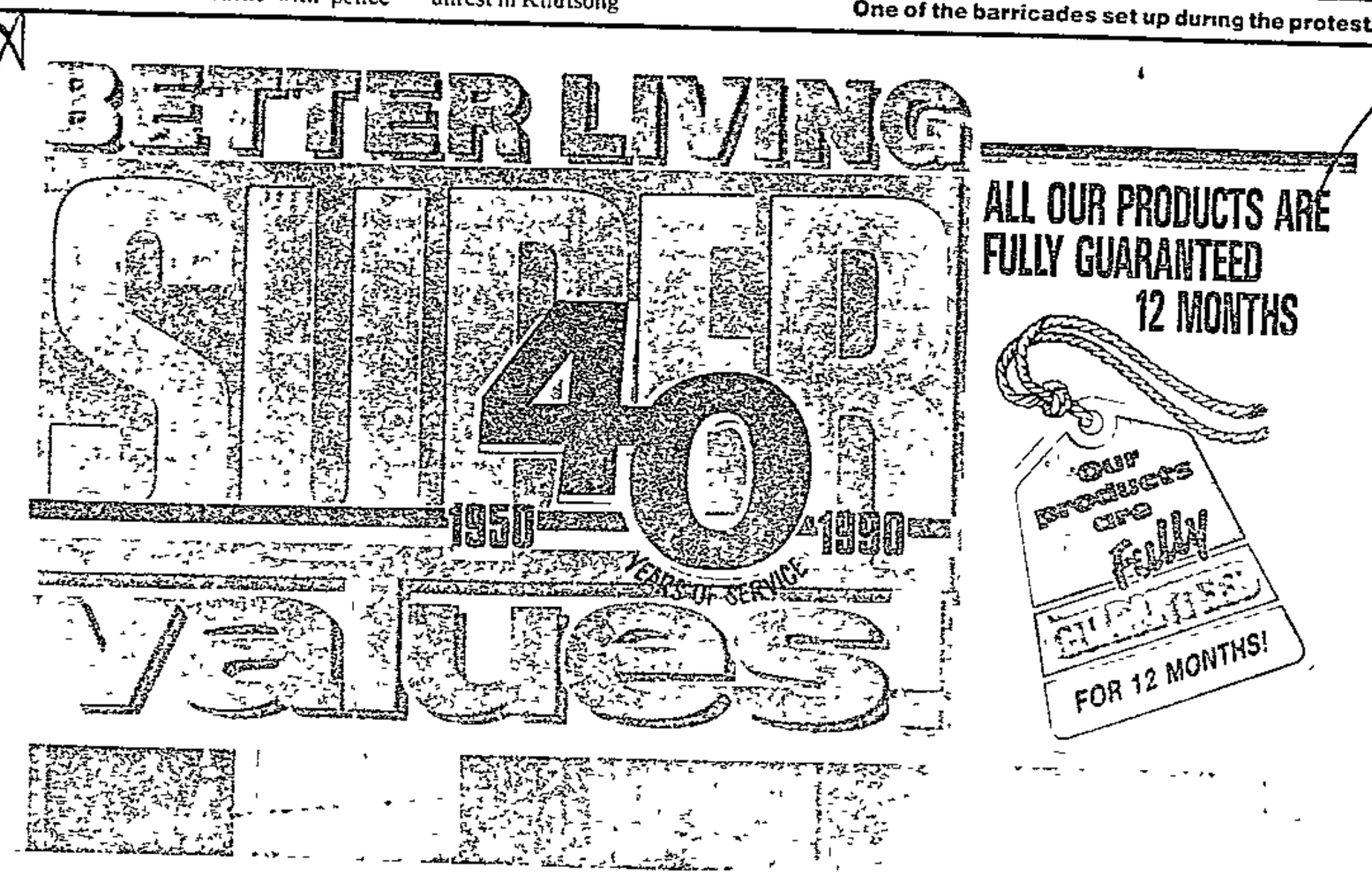
The six were among the 39 detainees whose release the community was demanding when the unrest started

She said her husband's death and the detention of her son had shattered her

"My husband was innocent. We were walking towards my uncle's home when he was shot I could not believe he was dead until I saw the gaping wound in the back of his head," said Choba

Meanwhile, more than 50 people, mostly youths, appeared in the Oberholzer Magistrate's court on charges relating to the incident.

Advocate I Hussein, who represented most of the youths, told magistrate J G Dreyer that his clients had



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He said others were taken by private cars and ambulances to hospital and to a local doctor's surgery

Dr Malcom Tshupe said he treated about 26 people for wounds, mostly in the back

Deeper into the sprawling township, at Crossroads and Sonderwater which consist of shacks, battles between police and youths raged on

Angry youths with petrol bombs were engaged in a fierce battle with police armed with shotguns

Streets were barricaded with rocks burning tyres, disused cars and wire At least two Casspirs which fell into holes dug as traps by youths, were set alight

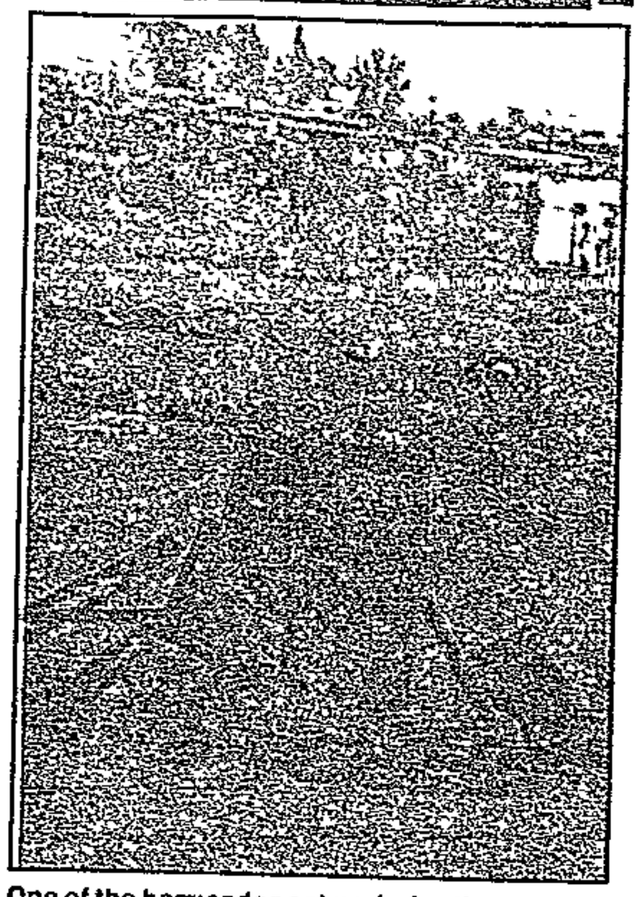
The homes of Khutsong deputy mayor Lazarus Mosenogi and of a policeman were damaged in the attack

There has been no schooling in Khutsong since Wednesday and it is unlikely the volatile situation will subside for some time

Carletonville was deserted as thousands of workers heeded the call for a stayaway

Khutsong Civic Association member Sipho Dlangamandla and Sipho Mtshotshwa, a local teacher, who allegedly organised the abortive march, were detained on Thursday A number of youths are also alleged to have been detained

More than 50 people, mostly youths, appeared in the Oberholzer Magistrate's Court on charges relating to the unrest in Khutsong



One of the barricades set up during the protest.

Protest [illegible] demonstration

Husband shot dead after son's arrest

THE DEATH of a Carletonville unrest victim this week, was the second disaster in two days for his widow

A grieving Lilian Choba, whose husband Benjamin was shot dead on Wednesday, told *City Press* her 15-year-old son Meshack was detained after he appeared in court on Monday.

She said the policeman who arrested her son with five other youths, who were with their parents, did not say why he was detaining them.

"We feared for their lives because another youth, Mbuyiselo Phiri, had died in detention not long ago," said Choba

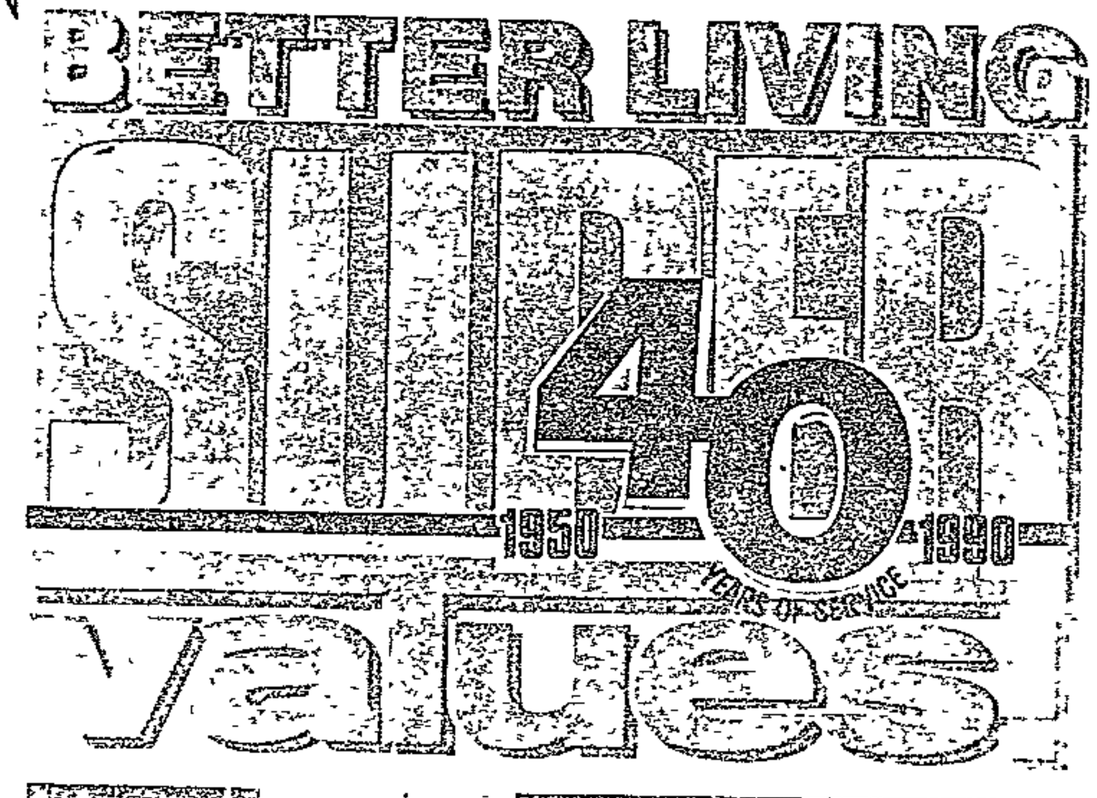
The six were among the 39 detainees whose release the community was demanding when the unrest started

She said her husband's death and the detention of her son had shattered her

"My husband was innocent. We were walking towards my uncle's home when he was shot. I could not believe he was dead until I saw the gaping wound in the back of his head," said Choba

Meanwhile, more than 50 people, mostly youths, appeared in the Oberholzer Magistrate's court on charges relating to the incident

Advocate I Hussein, who represented most of the youths, told magistrate I G Dreyer that his clients had been assaulted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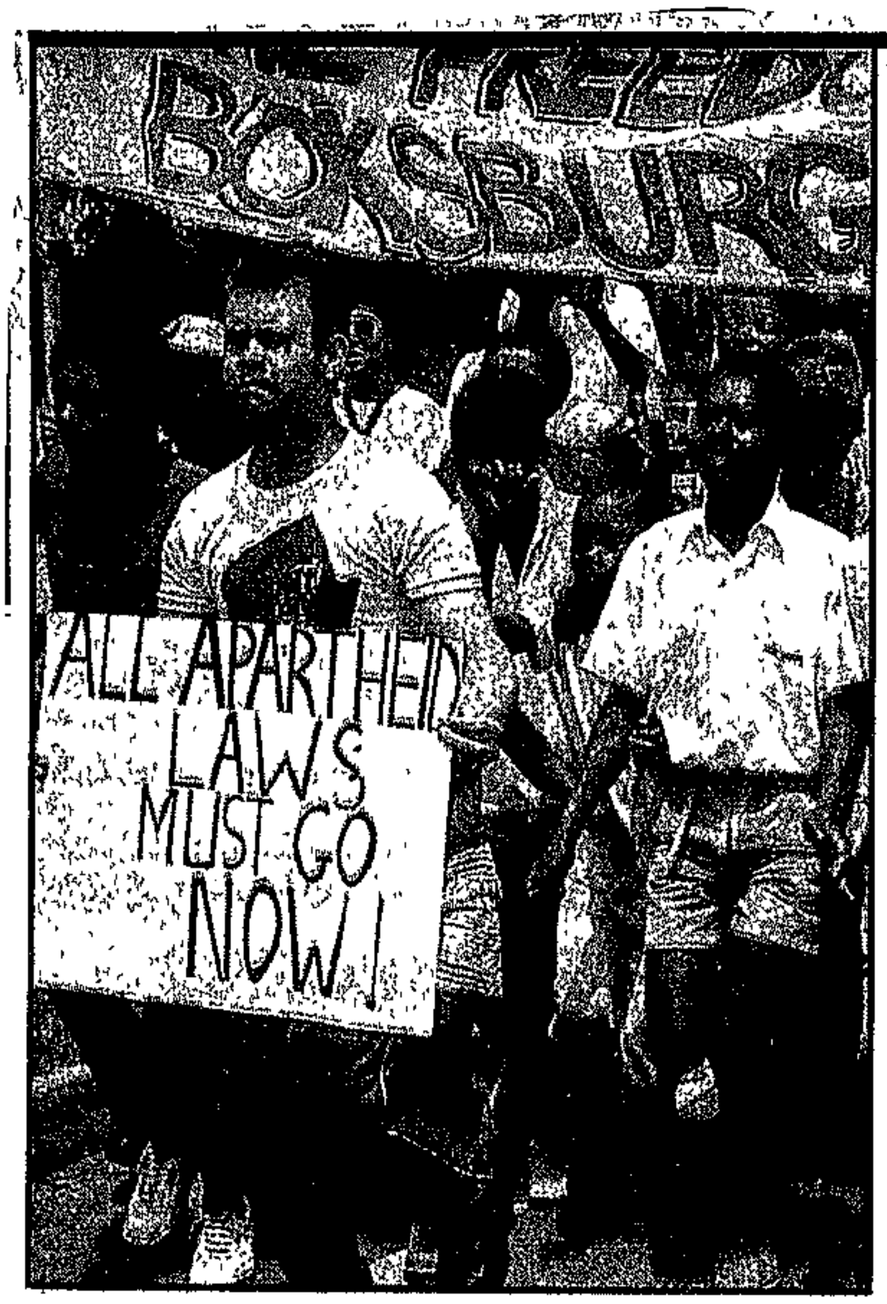

Picnickers go to the lake.

■ **Pic: EVANS MBOWENI**

Two held after picnic erupts into a brawl

TWO men were arrested by police at Boksburg Lake yesterday after tearing down a banner belonging to Reiger Park residents picnicking at the lake in defiance of rightwing threats and the Separate Amenities Act.

Earlier, five people on their way to the lake were held at Vosloorus police station for wearing ANC T-shirts They were later released.

About 100 Reiger Park residents arrived at the lake singing, chanting and bearing banners with slogans like "Boksburg Lake to be enjoyed by all".

Confrontations erupted between the rightwingers – several of them clad in AWB uniforms – journalists and Reiger Park picnickers during the course of the morning

Rightwingers armed with whips and batons allegedly scuffled with journalists and Reiger Park residents at the lake

A *Sunday Star* reporter was considering laying a charge of assault after she was pushed over a camera tripod by a baton-wielding, khaki-clad man.

The arrests occurred after two men – one clad in khaki – ripped down a banner stating: "Mandela, the freedom of Boksburg awaits you".

Subsequently the pair laid a charge against the banner-wielders for displaying it.

Save Boksburg Committee spokesman Harry Jefferies said: "If there's trouble from the AWB we will be ready for them, unlike last time."

He was referring to an incident in December when Reiger Park residents were assaulted by rightwingers at the lake. – Sapa

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At least four die in Natal weekend unrest incidents

PRETORIA. — At least four people were killed, all in Natal, in unrest incidents at the weekend, police reported.

A man was stabbed to death when a group attacked him at Inanda township near Durban and a group of youths stabbed a woman to death with knives and assegais at Ineolweni, near Port Shepstone, the report said.

At Maritzburg a group of men attacked and killed a man with knives and pangas. When the SAP arrived on the scene a shot was fired at them.

They returned the fire and a man was fatally wounded and two others were slightly injured.

Also at Inanda five private dwellings were attacked with petrol bombs and extensive damage was caused. No police action was taken.

At Table Mountain near Maritzburg police arrested seven youths and eight men after a private dwelling was set alight and two other houses were stoned.

At KwaMashu near Durban shots were fired at a South African Defence Force vehicle. The fire was returned and a man was wounded in the arm and arrested.

At Imbali near Maritzburg two men were wounded when shots were fired from a group of people. Injuries were slight.

Also at Imbali an unidentified man was seriously wounded when he was shot twice in the stomach by a group that petrol-bombed his house.

In the same area two people were slightly injured after police used birdshot to disperse a stone-throwing crowd at a local school.

At Roodepoort, in the Transvaal, a group attacked security officers at the CMR mine hospital.

A security officer was seriously injured by the crowd.

Extensive damage was done to the hospital's interior. — Sapa

Police 'were right to fire on Mamelodi residents'

A WITNESS told a Pretoria North inquest magistrate on Friday that police were justified in shooting at Mamelodi residents on November 21, 1985.

Mr Pieter Coetzee, who held the rank of captain in the "citizen force" at the time, was giving evidence before Mr J N Pretorius.

He was testifying at the inquest into the Mamelodi mass killings.

By ALINAH DUBE

He said although defence force members placed under his command did not use live ammunition in the township on that day, police actions were justified under the circumstances they were faced with.

Another witness, Miss Yvonne Maphayi of Section C, Mamelodi West, said she heard gunshots and on investigation saw people running from the administrative offices.

"Some of these people ran into my house for cover. Among them was a man with a bullet wound.

"He was bleeding and lay down on the kitchen floor," Maphayi said.

She could not establish the type of wound the injured man had suffered as the house was "full of people".

She said that shortly after that she saw a police Caspir parked in the street.

Some of the police got out and came into her home.

She said she also noticed someone lying on a pavement near a house opposite hers.

She did not see whether it was a man or a woman.

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Building site strikers stone police, cars

By Jacqueline Myburgh

A man was injured, a car badly damaged and a shop window smashed when about 200 striking construction workers stoned vehicles, workers and policemen in Pritchard Street, Johannesburg, yesterday afternoon

According to witnesses, the strikers from a site on the corner of Pritchard and Simmonds streets attacked two trucks arriving to pick up replacement workers, then turned on one of the workers

Police arrested one attacker and were pelted with stones by strikers

The police took cover behind a nearby car, which was badly damaged by stones

It is understood one man was taken to hospital for treatment for an injured arm.

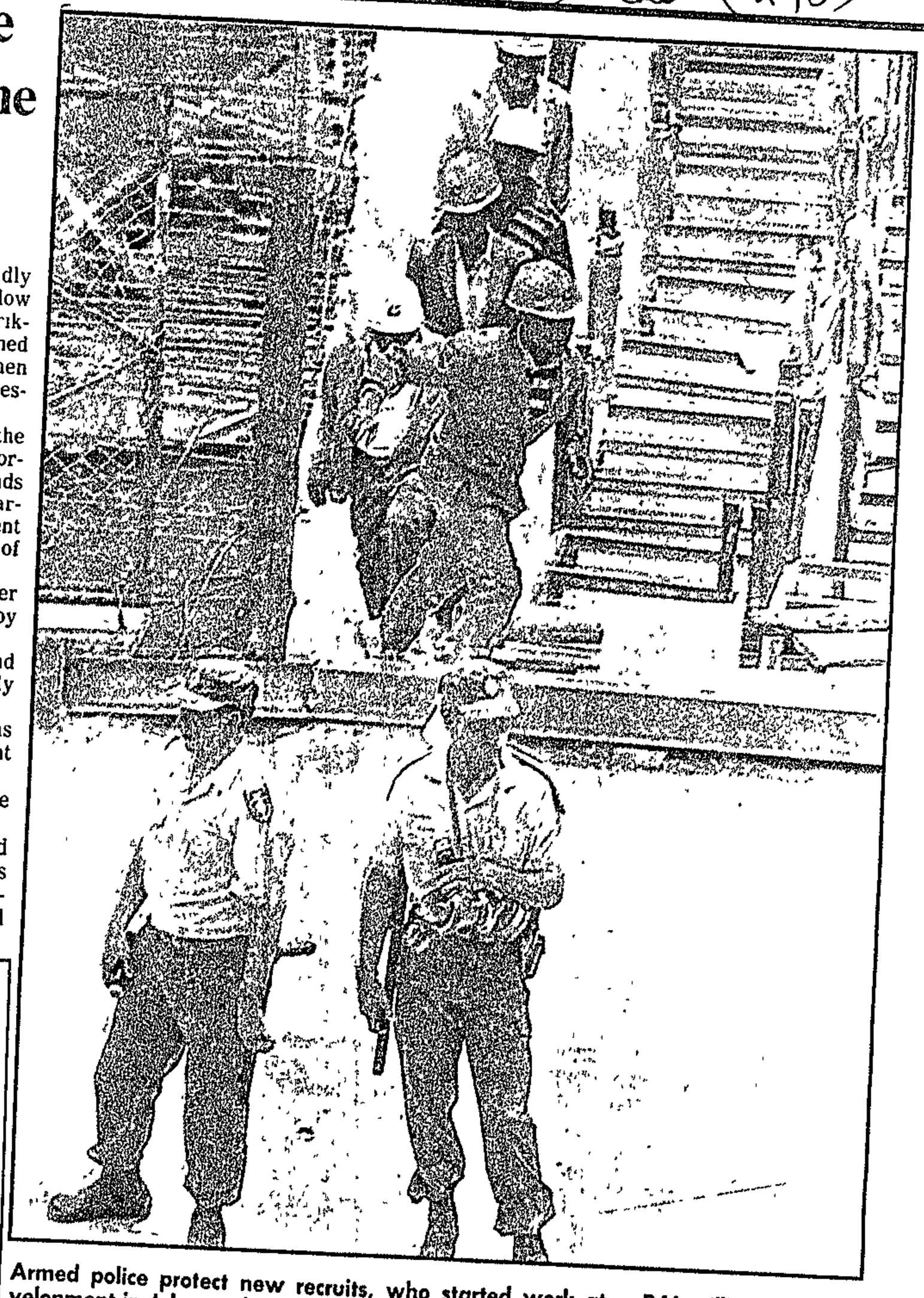
Riot police arrived on the scene and the crowd dispersed.

● Earlier yesterday, police used dogs to disperse sacked workers who tried to prevent new recruits working at the Pritchard Street site.

Murder of boy, aunt: arrest made

DURBAN — Police yesterday arrested a suspect in connection with the murder of a 13-year-old East Griqualand boy and his aunt on Sunday.

Michael John Watson and Mrs Dale Nel (36) were shot on Sydenham farm in the Cedarville district. Police scoured the area with dogs and arrested a suspect. — Own Correspondent.



Armed police protect new recruits, who started work at a R46-million office development in Johannesburg yesterday, from angry workers who were fired last year after a dispute over overtime and annual bonuses. ● **Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.**

Teargas and batons used after meeting

Police yesterday used teargas and batons to disperse a crowd of about 1 500 Sarhwu workers and bystanders making their way to Park Station after a union meeting.

Workers brandishing knobkerries danced and chanted outside Lekton House in Wanderers Street, as the officer in charge of the small police contingent called over a loudhailer: "Where is your leader?"

A bottle was hurled from an upstairs window and, moments later, teargas was fired, the police moved forward and the crowd fled. — Staff Reporter and Sapa.

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Sacked workers dispersed

JOHANNESBURG. — Police used dogs to disperse sacked building workers who tried to prevent new recruits from resuming work at a R46-million office development in Pritchard Street here yesterday.

The workers, all members of the Building Construction and Allied Workers' Union, were fired last year after a dispute over overtime and annual bonuses. — Sapa

It's back to school in Khutsong

PUPILS in Khutsong, Carletonville - the scene of last week's violent clashes between youths and police - went back to school yesterday, for the first time since last Tuesday.

However at 10am, pupils from all the primary and secondary schools, and teachers, converged at the local stadium where problems affecting pupils were to be discussed.

The meeting, which was addressed by a community leader, was marred by the presence of councillors who had earlier been advised not to come.

A pupils' spokesman said while pupils unanimously agreed to go back to school, they also decided not to receive lessons until their colleagues who are in detention, have been released.

He added that the meeting ended in disagreement when councillors tried to speak to pupils. Pupils wanted to know why councillors had attended the meeting when they had not attended Wednesday's meeting.

Wednesday's meeting at the same stadium was attended by 5 000 residents who had heeded a one-day stay-away call.

Residents said the march was to have taken place to protest against alleged police brutality in the township, the death in detention of Mbuyiselo Phiri (16) and the detention without trial of youths.

The march did not take place as police ordered residents to disperse. The police later fired birdshot and teargas, killing two people and wounding many others.

Teargas used to disperse rail workers

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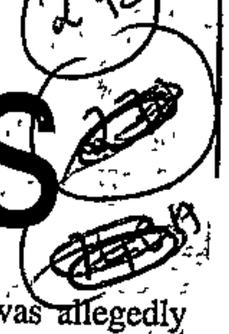

ABOUT 1 500 SA Railway and Harbours Workers' Union (Sarhwu) members and bystanders were dispersed by teargas outside the Johannesburg railway station yesterday afternoon.

The rail workers had just returned from a union meeting in Wanderers Street and were armed with knobkieries.

At one point a police warrant officer shouted over a loud hailer: "Where is your leader?" but there was seemingly no response.

Approximately 10 policemen armed with shotguns and batons were forced to retreat as bystanders joined the throng, chanting angrily.

Moments later a cloud of tearsmoke forced the crowd to run in all directions.

The situation had apparently quietened by 4pm, although many people near the stations were still holding burning newspaper in front of their faces, apparently to relieve the effects of the teargas.

Mokaba

The demonstration occured in front of Darragh House in Wanderers Street where earlier a Press conference was held by the SA Youth Congress.

Mrs Bongi Mokaba, wife of Sayco president Peter Mokaba, told the conference she believed her husband was in detention at the Pietersburg Prison.

Mokaba was allegedly detained at Seshego in the northern Transvaal on Saturday afternoon, and is being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

The police have confirmed that teargas and batons were used to disperse the crowd.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said about 500 men had left Lekton House around 3.30pm and started to group - singing, chanting and dancing.

"This constituted an illegal gathering," Opperman said.

"One teargas cannister and a baton drill was used to disperse the group after police warned them to do so.

"No injuries were reported to police after the incident," he said. - Sapa.

Eleven pupils reported injured with birdshot

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By Montshiwa Moroke

At least 11 pupils were believed to have been shot and wounded with birdshot in an incident at Ikageng township near Potchefstroom.

Three police spokesmen last night said they knew nothing about trouble in Ikageng.

The incident followed disruption of classes at the secondary and primary schools in the township apparently as a protest over the failure of the schools to re-admit some pupils.

A doctor is believed to have treated 11 pupils — eight of them boys aged from 14 to 21.

One secondary school teacher said no lessons were held after pupils "hijacked" the morning assembly.

He said pupils left the school premises about 9 am after thay had earlier been "kept inside" by the police, who blocked the route between that school and another secondary school nearby.

Approached for comment last night, police liaison officer for the Western Transvaal, Colonel J K Esterhuyzen, said he had no knowledge of the incident.

He referred The Star to a Brigadier Bothma who said he knew nothing about the incident. He promised to investigate. Late last night, Colonel B J Mouton, head of the SAP's operational branch in the Western Transvaal region, could not confirm the incident.

"As far as we know, no shots were fired. Police policy regarding schools is not to interfere in any way whatsoever. We leave it (problems at schools) to the DET." He asked anyone with knowledge of the incident to come forward.

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6 Casspirs withdrawn from Soweto

JOHANNESBURG. — Six Casspirs were withdrawn from Soweto and replaced with minibus patrol vehicles yesterday following an undertaking by the newly appointed police commissioner for the area, Major-General Johan Swart, to remove all 20 of the vehicles from the township.

"I made a promise and I stuck to it," General Swart said yesterday

The situation of troops in the township would have to be assessed before any decision on the issue was made, General Swart said after his appointment earlier this month.

"We will try to remove the remaining 14 Casspirs from Soweto if the situation in the township remains as stable as it is now," Soweto SAP liaison officer Colonel Thienie Halgryn said at Soweto police station

A media gathering watched the Casspirs leave Soweto police station yesterday for Pretoria to be replaced by six new Toyota minibuses

Colonel Halgryn said General Swart had stated he would try to have all the Casspirs removed by the end of the next financial year.

"The Casspirs are being removed from Soweto because of the stable conditions prevailing here. They are also too cumbersome, costly and less effective than a patrol van

"We want to ensure effective policing takes place in Soweto," Colonel Halgryn said

General Swart was appointed to his new position on January 2, and urged the public to see the removal of the Casspirs as a "tangible sign of goodwill on behalf of the police".

General Swart replaced Brigadier J J Viktor and was transferred from police headquarters in Pretoria where he served as the chief co-ordinator of the De Witt Committee of investigation into the restructuring of the police force

He has repeatedly asked for closer co-operation between police and the community of Soweto and has urged residents not to hesitate to contact the police. — Sapa

Police fire gas at 1 500 unionists, bystanders

JOHANNESBURG — Police fired teargas to disperse about 1 500 SA Railways and Harbours Workers' Union workers and bystanders brandishing knobkerries and chanting angrily outside the Johannesburg railway station yesterday afternoon.

The small contingent of police was almost encircled as bystanders joined a group of about 400 Sarhwu members who had just come from a meeting, and just outside the eastern entrance to the station teargas was fired.

The crowd fled in all directions

The gathering was apparently spontaneous, with workers angry and emotional after a union meeting

By 4pm, with the crowd dispersed, the situation was quiet

Meanwhile, police confirmed that teargas and batons were used to disperse a crowd of people in Wanderers Street yesterday afternoon

A spokesman said the group of 500 or so men who had left Lecton House around 3 30pm constituted an illegal gathering "One teargas canister and a baton drill were used to disperse the group after police warned them to do so.

"No injuries were reported to the police" — Sapa

Three injured in East Rand demolition

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AT least three people were injured when police demolished shacks and fired teargas and bird shot at shack dwellers in a newly-built squatter camp in Etwatwa East on the East Rand yesterday.

There were unconfirmed reports that a baby from the neighbouring section died in the incident. Municipal workers confiscated building material and some furniture, under police supervision.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Mr Tom Boya said he did not authorise the demolition and that an informal council meeting on the issue on Monday had "ended in chaos".

The squatter camp mushroomed at the weekend when about 200 families who were backyard lodgers - mostly pensioners - erected shacks from Friday to prevent the area being given to a private construction company.

Eye-witnesses said police arrived at about 9am yesterday and demanded that they evacuate the area within five minutes. Residents were sitting on the ground with their hands raised when police fired teargas and buckshot.

Teargas

The police media liaison officer for the East Rand, Leuitenant Ida Swieel, said: "Teargas was used by the Daveyton police when the crowds refused to disperse after a warning. So far we have received no reports about the injured and the dead."

A group of residents who were marching to the Daveyton town council to demand a meeting alleged that police threatened to shoot them if they did not turn back.

Mayor of Daveyton

2 injured in hostel skirmish

By MONK NKOMO

A 28-YEAR-OLD man is under police guard at the Kalafong hospital after being shot by a community councillor whose family and shop were allegedly attacked on Monday night. (278)

Injured councillor Mr Henry Nchabeleng yesterday said the attack followed an electricity power failure at the Saulsville hostel in Atteridgeville from 3pm to about 11pm. A group of hostel dwellers, angry because they could not cook or iron their clothing, attacked him at his shop situated inside the hostel premises at about 7.30pm.

Fearing for his life, Nchabeleng said he fired a warning shot but when the mob did not disperse he fired seven bullets at the group. Sowetan 31/11/90

A police spokesman confirmed that they had a 28-year-old man under guard and said they were investigating charges of public violence.

Hostel dwellers said Nchabeleng opened fire without any provocation as they passed his shop to go and negotiate with the police about the power failure.

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Shack dwellers, police clash

CHARLENE SMITH and GRAHAM RUSH

MORE than 1 000 residents of Etwatwa East, a squatter camp near Benoni, began rebuilding their shacks yesterday after violent clashes with police.

The clash followed the demolition of shacks in Etwatwa East on Tuesday. Burning barricades and roadblocks of rocks and concrete pipes were placed across roads in Etwatwa, as children stayed away from schools and workers refused to go to work in protest at the demolitions.

A meeting of more than 2 000 residents late yesterday also demanded police remain out of the dispute and called for improved infrastructure as well as a solution to the tenancy of the squatters.

Etwatwa is a legal informal settlement with approximately 10 000 residents who live on site and service plots.

Etwatwa Civic Association chairman and shack dweller Brioght Kheswa said Daveyton Town Council and Mayor Tom Boya had promised they could build shacks on the land. But it had subsequently been sold to developers.

Boya did not deny the land had been promised to the shack dwellers. He also could not confirm the land had been sold to developers. But he said there were plans to upgrade facilities in the area.

He said the council would make a decision on the matter this morning.

Violence began early yesterday morning after residents met to discuss their grievances.

They complained about the lack of water in the township — open barrels and tin drums of water are delivered to the township once a day and left alongside streets. There were also no sewage facilities other than portable toilets, ECA vice chairman Temie Bogoshi said.

In an interim unrest report last night police said on Tuesday they ordered squatters to disperse who were interfering with Davey Town Council members at the camp. When they did not disperse, police fired teargas at them. No injuries were reported.

Yesterday, a mob gathered in EtwaTwa East and teargas was used in an effort them to disperse, police said.

The mob re-grouped and attacked council buildings. Birdshot was fired at them. No injuries were reported, police said.

Demolitions: 4 500 march on East Rand

JOHANNESBURG. — About 4 500 members of the Etwatwa Civic Association (ECA) marched on the town council offices yesterday and were dispersed by teargas and birdshot, police and ECA members said.

In an interim unrest report, police said windows in the council buildings were smashed and furniture set alight.

The march followed the demolition of squatter shacks at Etwatwa East at Daveyton on the East Rand on Tuesday.

According to ECA secretary Mr Nehemiah Masomduka, Daveyton mayor Mr Tom Boya said he had ordered the shacks demolished.

Mr Boya reportedly told ECA members he was sorry about the death of a four-month-old child in yesterday's clash and would pay for the funeral.

The police report said: "A rumour was started that a child had died but to date the police have no information regarding such a death."

An earlier unrest report said that three people — including a policeman — were killed and four injured in violence on Tuesday.

Policeman shot dead

In Durban, a policeman was shot dead by an unknown gunman at KwaMashu and police found the bodies of two men with stab wounds and burns at Inanda.

In the same area a group of men attacked a special constable and shot him with his shotgun after wrestling it from him. The policeman is in a critical condition in hospital.

At KwaDabeka near Durban a man was shot and wounded by unknown attackers.

A man was shot and wounded at Mangaung near Bloemfontein when police used shotguns to disperse a crowd which attacked the township's municipal offices.

A later unrest report, issued after inquiries from the media, said that 41 injured people were treated at the Pelonomi Hospital after the shootings.

A man was injured at Batho, also near Bloemfontein, in one of a number of stone-throwing incidents.

Also, "a number of houses and vehicles were damaged in various incidents of unrest throughout the country on Tuesday", the report said. — Sapa

into hit squads.

Disperse revellers

BY PAT DEVEREAUX, STAN HLOPHE and STAFF REPORTERS

POLICE clashed with jubilant crowds in Johannesburg's city centre and Braamfontein yesterday as hundreds took to the streets after news of the unbanning of the ANC and other organisations flashed across the city.

Police were last night on a national standby after at least seven people, including three policemen, were admitted to hospital with serious injuries

A 500—strong crowd gathered beneath ANC and SACP banners in Wanderers Street and toyi-toyi dancers were baton charged and teargassed by police. A similar incident occurred in Noord Street.

South African Council of Churches staffers singing in Marshall Street were also teargassed.

Dogs were let loose on crowds at various points around the city.

A motorist in a red Ford registration LGC 693T drew his gun and aimed it at the crowd who danced past his car at traffic lights. He drove off without firing any shots.

A bottle was dropped on to a Star car from a sixth floor building, shattering the front windscreen

One of the more seriously injured hurt was *Vrye Weekblad* journalist Mr Charles Leonard who was admitted to hospital after being caught between police and revellers in Braamfontein.

A riot squad commander, Lieutenant Barry van der Walt, was hit over the head with a brick.

There was a clash when a large contingent of riot police ordered about 500 people dancing outside the offices of the *New Nation* and chanting "ANC ANC" to disperse. The press were also ordered to leave.

Minutes later a Saturday Star reporter watched running battles between police and the crowd from a nearby building. People fleeing from police smashed into a butcher shop window.

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Cut by glass

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Alexandra resident Mr Dumisani Tshabalala was cut by the smashed glass. Bystanders caught up in the fracas lost their shopping bags and shoes Teargas was sprayed at the crowd and at the base of stairwell in the *New Nation*.

In Braamfontein four people were injured when police baton charged and teargassed a mob attempting to march through the streets.

Injured Wits student Mr Kgomotso Masebe (21) said: "Police charged at us like a pack of wolves I fled but was caught and kicked and hit with batons Then I lost consciousness and woke up in hospital covered with bruises," he said.

Mr David Lerothodi (42) had both legs fractured in the fracas.

The Wits SRC and Black Student's Society welcomed the unbanning of the ANC and SACP but condemned the police action, saying "How can we welcome back the ANC and the SACP when the state of emergency allows the police to continue to act with such brutality?"

In a statement on the confrontations in central Johannesburg the police public relations division in Pretoria said. "Groups of blacks gathered at numerous places in Johannesburg and sang and danced in the streets. Traffic was disrupted and later stones were thrown. Police were forced to use tearsmoke and batons to disperse mobs.

"A police officer and two other members were reported to have been injured when stones and other objects were thrown at them."

Police throughout the country were yesterday placed on 24-hour alert to counter any possible riot situation which could lead to violence or injury

Anxious to get away . . . Tembisa residents run for cover after police fired teargas at them in the township yesterday. In the morning police broke up a protest march by 10 000 to the council offices. ● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

Police buckshot injures pupils

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By Craig Kotze

At least two people were injured after police used buckshot to disperse a large gathering of pupils — apparently gathered to attack their teachers — in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Ida van Zweel said she could not confirm that at least six students were injured in the 10.30 am clash at the Landiuwzi High School.

A doctor in the township, who wished to remain anonymous, said he had treated at least six injured people yesterday.

"So far we have established that two people were treated in hospital for buckshot wounds," Lieutenant van Zweel said.

The clash took place after about 800 students from three schools stole a municipal tractor and smashed it into a private vehicle to form a barrier against police, she said.

Police were stoned and retaliated by hurling 30 teargas grenades at the students. These did not have the required effect, the lieutenant said, and police used buckshot to disperse the students. No arrests were made.

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Barricades set up after march halted

Youths seal off E Rand township

By Stan Hlophe and Abel Mabelane

Youths in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, threw stones, burnt vehicles and set up barricades to all routes leading to the township yesterday.

Burning tyres were found on most main roads and street corners — reminiscent of events in the PWV area during the 1984/85 upheavels.

The township was filled with angry and defiant youths who stood on street corners in groups while policemen in armoured vehicles and cars patrolled the area.

The youths' actions were seemingly a retaliation following police action earlier in the day when they dispersed a march by about 10 000 residents to the local municipal offices.

Van overturned

When The Star visited the area late yesterday afternoon, the area was inaccessible.

Barricades blocked all roads. A burnt-out delivery van was found overturned, blocking the main road.

Youths stood at strategic points and stoned passing vehicles.

When police passed by, youths would run for cover and reappear a few minutes later.

The township was tense. Buses and taxis were not operating and those residents trying to get home from work were left stranded and were seen hitch-hiking in an effort to reach home before sunset.

Thousands of rands' damage was caused when the house and shop of Tembisa mayor Mr Solomon More were set alight, a few hours after police dispersed protest marchers with teargas at Tsepo Section yesterday morning.

The protesters had demanded the resignation of the mayor, the release of detainees and the reduction of allegedly excessive electricity and water charges.

Several people and a child were injured when marchers stampeded after teargas was fired. Tembisa hospital spokesmen said nobody had been admitted with serious injuries.

Some time before the shop was set alight, groups of youths stopped motorists and asked for petrol.

Later a pall of smoke was seen coming from the direction of the shop. Residents in the vicinity stood and watched while the shop burnt.

Police arrived too late to extinguish the fire.

The mayor's house at Sedibeng Section was stoned and set alight but the fire was quickly extinguished by the police. A car on the premises was destroyed by fire.

The Tembisa administration offices were out of bounds to residents as chanting youths sealed off the road leading to the council offices, which were guarded by armed municipal police.

ANC flags

Yesterday morning's march was in protest against the high electricity and water charges in the township and claims that the council had granted 85 percent of the open spaces in Tembisa to a white developer.

Several priests led the march, which started at the squatter camp near Oakmore station at about 9 am. Other people joined the march as it proceeded to the council offices, where a petition was to be presented to council officials.

The marchers, holding ANC flags and those of other organisations, were stopped by police, supported by members of the SADF, at Tsepo Section on the main road to Tembisa West.

Claims that the marchers had obtained permission for the march could not be confirmed.

Schools in Tembisa were empty yesterday with most children taking part in the march.

Two hurt in police clash with pupils

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AT least two people were injured after police used buckshot to disperse a large gathering of pupils apparently gathered to attack their teachers in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday, police said.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Ida van Zweel said she could not confirm that at least six pupils were injured in the clash at the Landiuwzi High School.

A doctor in the township, who wished to remain anonymous, said he had treated at least six injured people yesterday, including a six-year-old child.

"So far we have established that two people were treated in hospital for buckshot wounds. We have no further details," said Van Zweel.

She said the clash took

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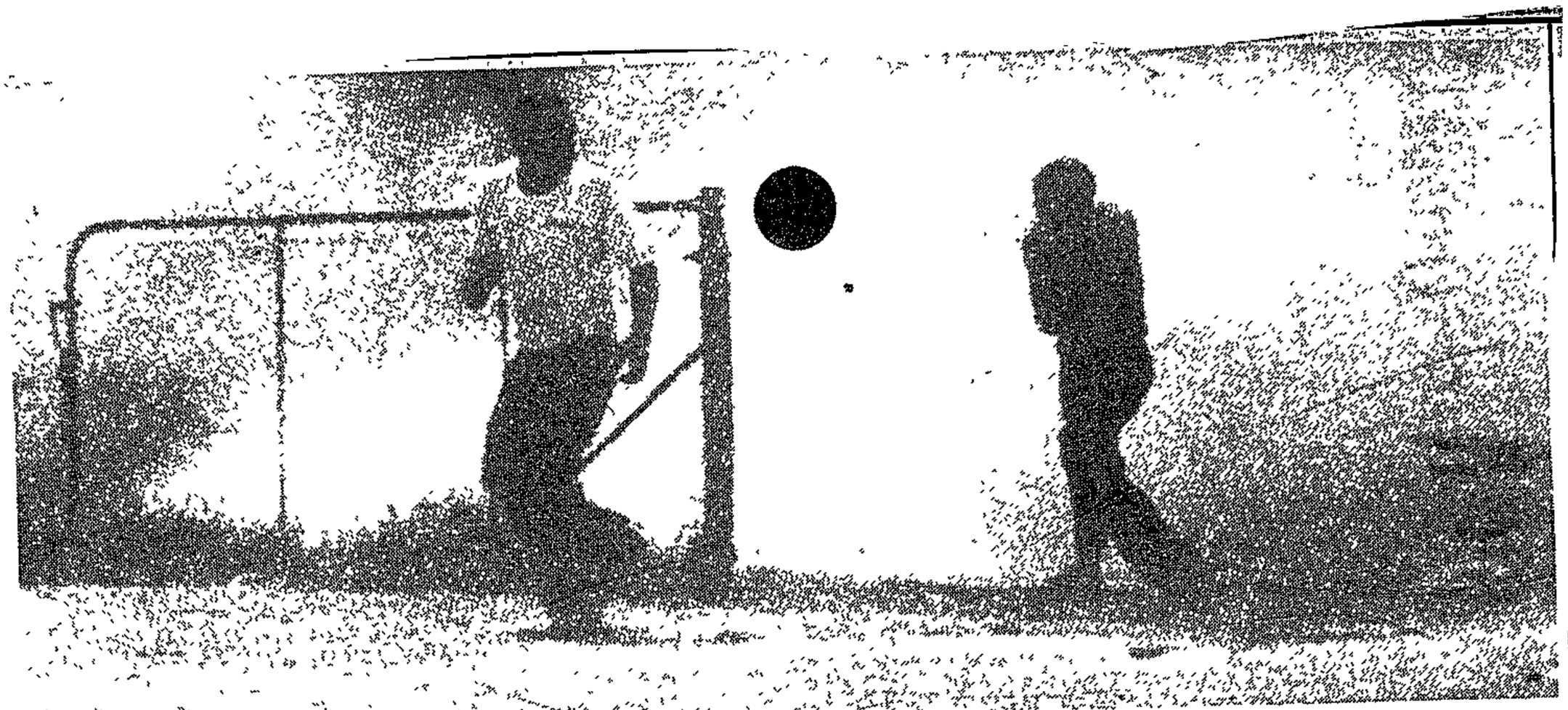
place after pupils from three schools erected barricades by stealing a municipal tractor and smashing it into a private vehicle to form a barrier against police.

Police present were stoned and retaliated by hurling 30 teargas grenades at the about 800 pupils present.

These did not have the required effect and police used buckshot to disperse them.

Van Zweel said the clash was a sequel to an incident on Friday when students had tried to set their teachers alight. Police arrived in time to save the teachers, she said.

No arrests were made yesterday.



Tembisa youths run away from teargas fired by police yesterday who appeared to have the township under "siege".

Seven hurt in 'siege'

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AT least seven people were seriously injured in Tembisa yesterday when police opened fire on thousands of residents during a protest march.

Police and the army, who appeared to have the township under siege, fired teargas canisters and birdshot at the crowds who were either sitting on the ground or lifting their hands and shouting "peace".

The police interim unrest report issued last night said a number of illegal gatherings took place in Tembisa, East Rand. Police used tearsmoke to disperse the groups.

Two private houses, a municipal store and two vehicles were damaged by arsonists. No injuries were reported.

Residents said three youths were taken into police custody.

Two injured women

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were referred to Tembisa Hospital. They were Mrs Joana Mtshali, a mother of three who was shot in the stomach and Christina Nkosi who was shot in the leg.

Others who were treated by a private doctor were Mary Motloung, Johannes Tau, Bheki Mthembu, Johnny Mashinini and a young man whose identity could not be established.

All the injured were shot at Ndulwini Section in front of the Tembisa Council Chambers.

Windows of a few houses were damaged by teargas canisters and rubber bullets.

Activities in the township came to a virtual standstill as shops and schools closed, transport and delivery services were disrupted.

The marchers, who heeded a call by the local Mass Democratic Movement, started at the squatter-camp in Oakmore Station to present petitions at the police station calling for lifting of the state of emergency and restrictions orders on 20 Tembisa activists.

They also called on the Department of Education and Traning to expel three secondary school principals and on the town council to provide housing and reasonable service charges.

Police, South African Defence Force and "kitkonstable" reinforcements were coming into the township through out the day. A police helicopter was seen surveying the area.

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'No mandate'

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scrap the Separate Amenities Act and unban prohibited organisations, Kleynhans said.

"If you say you have a mandate, it means you have spelled out your intentions specifically," he said.

"Negotiation is a general term and nowhere in the National Party's 1989 election manifesto was the electorate asked to give the Government the authority to scrap the Separate Amenities Act and to legalise the ANC, SACP or PAC."

Kleynhans stressed he was not commenting on the merits of Government's decisions, but on De Klerk's interpretation of a mandate.

Picture: RICHARD BELL

Tembisa SAP actions slated

JOHANNESBURG. — The mayor of Tembisa, Mr Solomon More, yesterday accused police of sparking violence during a protest march on Monday and came out in support of the MDM for the initial peaceful nature of the protest, despite its illegality.

Mr More's shop was burnt down and his house badly damaged in violence after police dispersed the marchers.

"Whether the march was illegal or not, police had no right to act against the march because it was peaceful.

"These are my views and I feel I have the right to voice them," Mr More said. — Sapa

80 000 in township protest procession

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Pretoria Bureau

More than 80 000 residents of Ga-Rankuwa carrying ANC flags and placards marched through the streets of the township to the local Magistrate's Court today to submit a memorandum on high service charges.

Heavily armed Bophuthatswana police used teargas and sjamboks to disperse small groups of chanting pupils in Zone 6 of the township. The pupils were on their way to the local community hall where the march was scheduled to start.

Police and military personnel manned roadblocks along main routes leading to the Magistrate's Court in Zone 5.

ANC FLAGS

A large crowd, estimated to be more than 80.000-strong, gathered at the Zone 1 traffic circle near the community centre. Most of them were carrying huge ANC flags and placards calling for a revision of service charges.

According to sources, some pupils were treated for cuts sustained when the police dispersed mobs.

A police helicopter was spotted hovering over the area.

The march followed a resolution taken at a weekend meeting by various political and civic organisations against the present monthly water, electricity and telephone charges. Organisers had appealed to residents to stay away from work and school to support the march.

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Tembisa back to normal

Dummy rail coaches were used to divert petrol bomb attacks

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

SCHOOLS, transport and delivery services operated normally in Tembisa yesterday, the site of violence on Monday which left more than seven people with gunshot wounds and two arrested.

Police confirmed that two youths were arrested for possessing petrol bombs but said no injuries had been reported.

According to residents violence escalated on Monday evening when youths attacked returning workers at railway stations and bus stops.

"For five hours the township was like a war zone," said a resident.

"People returning from work were trapped inside the trains as youths hurled petrol bombs inside the coaches. One train had to pull away with passengers when the attacks intensified. Police were shooting at fleeing youths indiscriminately. A stray bullet came through my bedroom window and nearly hit my two-month-old baby."

The South African Railway Services confirmed that they had to use dummy coaches to draw attacks away from passenger coaches. A goods train was petrol bombed although not damaged. Another one was later derailed at Limindlela Station, where a boulder barricaded the line.

The police unrest report said a number of trains were damaged by stone-throwers.

Police said they used tearsmoke, shotguns and service pistols to ward off attackers.

Three foreign media teams were also ordered out of the township.

Jesse Jackson for anti-tour march

JOHANNESBURG. — American civil rights leader the Rev Jesse Jackson, who begins a one-week tour of South Africa today, will join anti-cricket tour protesters when they march on the Wanderers sports ground tomorrow, a spokesman for the Anti-Tour Committee said.

The first test between Mike Gatting's team and the Springboks starts there tomorrow.

Mr Moss Mashishi said in a statement that the organisers would invite diplomats to join in the march.

"MERCENARY"

At a rally in Lenasia last night, activists again called on the South African Cricket Union to cancel its "mercenary" cricket tour.

Mr Mashishi said the meeting also called on captain Gatting and his team to leave immediately.

In another resolution the activists urged British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to recall the English cricketers.

They called for the blacklisting of all those playing against the "rebel" cricketers, their banning from playing overseas and any future side in a "post-apartheid South Africa".

The meeting urged white cricketers to join the South African Cricket Board and refuse to play against the team and called on Sacu black administrators to quit and join the SACB.

It also resolved to call on the international community to intensify the sports boycott until "a people's government representative of all the people is in power". — Sapa.

No permission — but cricket demos still on

JOHANNESBURG. — The Johannesburg Town Clerk yesterday refused an application by anti-tour organisers to demonstrate at the Wanderers cricket ground, venue of the first "test" between the Springboks and the controversial touring "rebel" English cricket team.

But the Transvaal Anti-Tour Committee last night announced it would go ahead with protest action today in defiance of the prohibition.

And National Sports Congress secretary-general Mr Krish Naidoo said yesterday that anti-tour campaigners were likely to take court action.

Earlier yesterday Johannesburg's Town Clerk, Mr Manie Venter, turned down an application by the pro-tour organisation, Freedom in Sport.

Mr Naidoo yesterday applied to Johannesburg Municipality on behalf of anti-tour campaigners, asking that they be allowed to demonstrate outside Wanderers on each day of the test, which begins today.

A deputy city secretary at the town clerk's office, Mr Gerhardt van der Merwe, said the applications were turned down as there was restricted space at the Wanderers entrance.

Meanwhile, staff at the five-star Sandton Sun hotel near Johannesburg, where the English team is staying, yesterday staged a lunchtime protest procession against the presence of the visitors

The officially sanctioned demonstration against Mike Gatting's men began at 1pm and continued peacefully till 1.30 when the workers dispersed.

Police observed the procession from across the road while traffic police kept curious motorists moving.

In London, the tabloid newspaper Today reacted angrily yesterday with two editorial comments, a front-page report and a leading article, to Tuesday's expulsion of its reporter, Paul Weaver, from South Africa.

In a "final dispatch from South Africa", Mr Weaver said he stood by all he had written on issues related to the rebel tour.

One editorial comment said South Africa was not a democracy, but a police state where honest reporting was still a crime. — Sapa.

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11 hurt in Bophuthatswana rent clashes

GA-RANKUWA. — Eleven people were injured yesterday in clashes between Bophuthatswana security forces and demonstrators during a protest march against high electricity and water tariffs and rent.

The clashes erupted when thousands of protesters marched from a community hall to the local magistrate's court where they handed a memorandum containing their grievances to the Chief Magistrate of the Odi region, Mr A C Greyling. The petition also contained a demand for the reincorporation of Bophuthatswana into South Africa.

The injured were admitted to Ga-Rankuwa Hospital near Pretoria. Two of them were being treated for gunshot wounds.

Police said 10 000 joined in the march.

● On Tuesday four men were burned to death in a bus at Botshabelo near Bloemfontein during stone-throwing incidents in which several buses were damaged, police said.

● At Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale, Inkatha and the UDF/Cosatu alliance representatives met on Monday after violence swept through the township at the weekend. Township leaders emphasised that the violence had abated since the weekend.

● At Sinating, Edenvale, a 15-month-old baby received slight burns and two women were wounded when a house was petrol-bombed.

● A man was injured when the vehicle he was driving was set alight and extensively damaged in KwaNdabeka, near Durban. At Sonwabile, near Maclear, police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse an illegal gathering. — Sapa

Man dies after protest march

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PRETORIA — One of 17 people treated at Garankuwa Hospital for injuries sustained during a protest march in the township on Wednesday has died, Transvaal Provincial Hospital assistant director J H Loubser said yesterday. BIOU 9/2/90

Samuel Tlou, of Mabopane, near Garankuwa, died of multiple injuries to his head and left lower leg.

He was one of 10 people allegedly knocked down by a Bophuthatswana police vehicle during the march.

Bophuthatswana authorities said on Wednesday they were investigating an accident involving a police van.

About 70 000 people marched from Garankuwa's community hall to Chief Magistrate A C Greyling's offices to present a petition demanding Bophuthatswana's reincorporation into SA.

A residents' report-back meeting on the protest to be held at a Garankuwa stadium on Sunday was yesterday declared illegal by Bophuthatswana's Odi district chief magistrate.

□ At Thabong, Welkom, pupils broke windows at four schools yesterday morning, and at one school staff vehicles were badly damaged.

A Department of Education and Training spokesman said Leseding Technical School pupils whose own council constitution had been rejected on Wednesday had walked out of school.

They held a meeting in the school grounds and then marched through town.

Other pupils joined them, and windows were broken at Teto High School, Thotogauta High School, Embonisweni Primary School and Lephola High School.

□ In Port Elizabeth, between 15 000 and 20 000 people took part in a march in North End yesterday protesting against inequalities in education.

The protesters marched to the offices of the Department of Education and Training, where they handed a petition to regional chief director Bill Staude. — Sapa.

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Cops lay siege to Alex

TOUR DEMO HALTED

An armed policeman ordering pupils out of mini-buses in Alexandra township yesterday.

By MOKGADI PELA and Sapa

ALEXANDRA township was under seige yesterday when police surrounded the township to prevent anti-tour protesters from demonstrating at the Wanderers Stadium where the English cricket rebels were playing their first test match against South Africa.

Thousands of people, mostly schoolchildren, were teargassed and allegedly beaten when a convoy of taxis was stopped in roadblocks on their way to the stadium.

A spokesman for the police, Captain Eugene Opperman, said about 2 000 school children had boarded buses on the corner of Roosevelt and 10th Avenue, but were halted by police. He said when a police order to the youths to disperse was ignored, teargas was used.

Riot police

According to Mr Moses Mayekiso of the Alexandra Civic Association, the people were teargassed and beaten up by riot police trying to disperse them. He said 30 taxis had been arranged to transport protesters to the Wanderers.

Mr Moss Mashishi of the National Sports Congress (NSC) claimed all exits from Alexandra had been cordoned off. He said people in every vehicle leaving the township were being ordered out of their vehicles and questioned by police before being allowed to leave.

Mashishi also claimed that 30 injured people had been admitted at the Alexandra Clinic.

And in Johannesburg, police dispersed a crowd of demonstrators who gathered outside the British Consulate to protest agaisnt the rebel tour.

Using batons, police drove the group of about 100 youths out of Smal Street Arcade where the consulate is situated. A police officer warned the crowd, which had been singing, dancing and doing the toyi-toyi to disperse within two minutes. When the order was ignored, the police drove the demonstrators into an adjoining street.

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Anti-tour protests 'will go ahead'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Saturday's planned demonstrations against the rebel cricket tour would go ahead, despite yesterday's protests being squashed by police, National Sports Congress (NSC) secretary-general Mr Krish Naidoo said last night.

Sapa reports the Transvaal Anti-Tour Committee (TATC) will formally request the British government to recall the rebel cricketers.

TATC general secretary Mr Moss Mashishi said the committee had "no intention" of demonstrating at Wanderers (today) because of yesterday's strong police action against protestors.

"A delegation from the TATC will present a letter (today) demanding the British government recall the cricketers as soon as possible, because we are denied our right to protest and it is also clear that the lives of our people are in danger," Mr Mashishi said.

Police yesterday teargassed about 2 000 demonstrators who were ordered from their buses in Alexandra. The application to demonstrate was turned down on Wednesday by the Johannesburg City Council.

NSC supporter Mr Ahmed Magera said free tickets were given to residents in Alexandra by the National Cricket Union, but due to police action, the people could not watch the match.

No buses or taxis were allowed into the stretch of Corlett Drive adjoining Wanderers, except for four Freedom of Sport minibuses, said Mr Magera.

Sapa reports NSC supporters claimed all exits from Alexandra were cordoned off by the police and only about 100 demonstrators managed to reach the Wanderers stadium.

About 60 demonstrators finally gathered opposite Wanderers gates at 11.40am and began singing. Police ordered the demonstrators to disperse, which they did.

Cameramen were prevented from filming by police. When the group dispersed, ten people were loaded into a police van. The police van drove past Wanderers with the demonstrators inside chanting "Gatting go home".

Alexandra Civic Organisation public secretary Mr Obed Bopela condemmed the violence. He said Alexandra was in chaos yesterday with police "continuously harassing" the people there.

At a separate incident in Central Johannesburg yesterday in the Smal Street Mall, about 400 anti-cricket tour demonstrators demonstrated outside the Nedbank Plaza offices which house the British Consulate.

NSC spokesman Mr Bill Jardine said the singing demonstrators were appealing to the British to ask Mrs Margaret Thatcher to halt the tour. Policed ordered the crowd to disperse. The protestors remained, but were then chased from the mall by the police. Nobody was injured.

BOHLOKONG VIOLENCE

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Four people were killed, five critically injured and 17 arrested as a result of the education crisis in Bohlokong (Bethlehem) on January 29 this year, according to the latest report of the HRC. WMail 9/2 – 15/2/90

The report states that the trouble started when a local high school principal refused readmission to a group of students who had failed. All of those refused were members of the local student congresses, regarded as "trouble makers" by the principal. Students then refused to attend classes and were teargassed by police who arrived. The students later regrouped and *toyi-toyi* -ed in the streets. It is alleged that three police houses were burnt down. Police then shot and killed four people, while four more are still in hospital and 17 were arrested and charged with public violence. Those who were killed were Fedile Moloi, Alini Mofokeng, James Kele and Mamoya Moloi.

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Alexandra 'crises': Cop action blamed

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

A CRISIS had been reached in Alexandra when the police used teargas, batons and other violence against schoolchildren to prevent them boarding buses to protest peacefully against the cricket tour, Mr David Dalling (DP, Sandton) said yesterday.

"Many young people were injured and will long bear the scars inflicted on them," he said during the no-confidence debate in the House of Assembly.

The State President had told senior police officers that the police force was to be depoliticised, but in Alexandria the opposite was happening.

"Civic leaders tell me that Alexandria is facing unprecedented levels of police repression right now," he said.

"Teams of kitskonstabels roam the streets and arrest those wearing T-shirts which offend them.

"I am told that assaults on members of the civic organisations are endemic. The people live in fear," Mr Dalling said.

Police use batons on protesters

JOHANNESBURG — Police baton-charged several hundred protesters in downtown Johannesburg yesterday afternoon soon after they had left St Mary's Cathedral, where a thanksgiving service for the unbanning of the ANC was held.

The United Democratic Front says 20 people were injured in the confrontation and 12 of them are allegedly in a serious condition.

Eye-witnesses said a large group of activists gathered outside the church. Police arrived and ordered them to disperse. Police said the people involved failed to do this.

Witnesses said police then "waded into" the group, who fled in all directions.

Police said one officer was slightly injured. — Sapa

Minister cleared of immoral deeds

Cape Times 10/2/90

JOHANNESBURG. — The curator of a Methodist Church house in Soweto, the Rev Paul Verryn, who was accused by the notorious Mandela Football Club of immoral conduct involving youths at the centre, has been cleared of all allegations by two investigations.

Mr Verryn hit world headlines in 1988 soon after the Mandela Football Club — at the time Mrs Winnie Mandela's private praetorian guard — abducted and tortured several youths from the centre

The mutilated body of 11-year-old Stompie Mokhetsi, a youth activist from Parys in the Free State, was found several weeks later.

Accusations were that the youths were abducted to prevent Mr Verryn allegedly indecently assaulting the refugees, who had sought sanctuary at the centre.

In a statement yesterday, the Methodist Church of Southern Africa said they had been informed by the attorney-general's office that police investigations had found no basis for prosecution.

"An internal church commission was also set up under a senior minister, the Rev Stanley Pitts, and he has reported that the commission's invitation to persons to bring evidence to support the allegations has met with no response," said the statement.

Mrs Mandela's image was severely tarnished as details emerged of the club's heavy-handed activities. — Sapa

CRACKDOWN: Police grapple with a National Sports Congress protester · Picture: RAYMOND PRESTON

Police charge and teargas protesters

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By IVOR CREWS

A PROTEST by about 50 demonstrators against the rebel English cricket tour ended in violence in Johannesburg yesterday when police teargassed and baton-charged them.

One of the victims, Mr Krish Naidoo of the National Sports Congress, slumped to the pavement with tears pouring down his cheeks after a blast of teargas from a policeman.

Mr Naidoo told the Sunday Times: "This shows the kind of lengths the police will go to to break up a peaceful demonstration."

The confrontation took place in North Road, a few blocks from the Wanderers Stadium where the Springboks were playing the touring English XI in their first Test.

After blocking the road police gave the chanting demonstrators "one minute to disperse in terms of the Internal Security Act".

Seconds later they rushed the crowd, spraying teargas and wielding batons. Demonstrators scattered in all directions. Others collapsed on the pavement after being teargassed.

One of the protesters was tackled by a policeman when he picked up a brick.

Earlier, scores of protesters gathered in Rosebank after Johannesburg town clerk Manie Venter gave permission at the 11th hour to stage the protest.

After discussions with police the rowdy demonstrators were allowed to wind their way through the leafy avenues of Melrose to the James and Ethel Gray Park. They were watched by scores of curious onlookers.

The organisers wanted the entire group of about 150 to descend on the stadium but police insisted only 50 protesters at a time would be allowed to march from the park to the stadium at intervals of 10 minutes.

But the "wild goose chase" through the streets and the park effectively led to the planned demo fizzling out by the 2pm deadline set by police.

Insults

A strong police presence was evident with police and traffic vehicles monitoring the situation. A helicopter hovered overhead.

A group of about 50 demonstrators, after arriving at the gates to the stadium, refused to move to Grant Avenue when requested to do so by police.

Tension between demonstrators and tour supporters ran high with both hurling insults at each other.

Demonstrators chanted: "We are dying", "We are starving", "We are suffering" and "Go home Gatting".

In reply tour supporters hurled beer through the gates at demonstrators and the large media contingent.

Anti-Tour Committee head Moss Mashishi said police turned five busloads of demonstrators away.

Throughout the march the demonstrators taunted the watching policemen chanting: "SAP hit squads", "Amandla" and "Viva Mandela". ANC and South African Communist Party flags were waved on high.

Anti-tour organisers blamed the poor turnout on police preventing buses leaving black townships around Johannesburg.

Police teargas cricket protesters

JOHANNESBURG. — Police teargassed and baton-charged about 100 demonstrators on Saturday afternoon soon after they staged a sit-in protest against Mike Gatting's rebel English cricket tour.

Scores of protesters gathered in Rosebank in the morning, and after discussions with the police, were allowed to wind their way through the James and Ethel Gray Park to the Wanderers cricket stadium where Gatting's team had begun the third of a five-day international.

When the group, all supporters of the National Sports Congress (NSC), arrived at the Wanderers, they sat down and began chanting pro-ANC slogans.

Tension between pro- and anti-tour supporters at the stadium entrance was high with both sides hurling insults at each other. Cricket-tour supporters at times hurled beer cans through the gates at demonstrators and a large contingent of media.

After making a statement, a protest organiser, Mr Moss Mashishi, led the chanting group away from the stadium.

As the demonstrators turned into North Road, the police blocked their way, and after brief discussions with the leaders of the demonstration, they ordered all protesters to disperse within a minute.

Shortly after, the police rushed into the crowd, spraying teargas and using batons. — Sapa

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Wounded deny police allegations of violence

By Thabo Leshilo

Some of the victims of Saturday's police shooting at Tokoza, near Germiston, yesterday denied claims by the police that they were forced to open fire after the residents had engaged in acts of violence.

The Star visited the injured at the Natalspruit Hospital, where they were being treated for pellet wounds.

Three people were shot dead and about 100 injured following a rally held at the local stadium to protest against rent.

According to a police spokesman, the police opened fire after the crowd had thrown stones and set two hostels and several cars alight.

Also, said the spokesman, police came across a robbery in progress during the unrest and fatally wounded a man at the scene. Two other bodies were later found in the area.

MARCHING

Mr David Motloung, a Std 8 pupil at Buhlebuzile High School, said that he and other protesters were walking along Khumalo Road after the rally when police started firing near the Tshabatshaba general dealer without provocation.

"I had stopped marching and was going home when I was shot at the corner of Pitso and Senokela streets," said Mr Motloung. He was hit in the buttocks and thighs.

Mr Sidwell Nxumalo (29), who was also shot in the buttocks, said that he had nothing to do with the rally.

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Father of two, Mr Marcus Mashalane (42), an inmate at the local hostel, said that he and other inmates were standing near the hostel gate when they saw policemen chasing people along Khumalo Road. They fled and Mr Mashalane was hit in the buttocks and the arm while running.

Mr Ishael Phokojoe (19), a Std 7 pupil at Thokothaba, was shot on his way home from a football match. He almost lost an eye after being shot on the forehead. He was also shot in the upper arm and leg.

Mr Abram Seabego was shot in the foot while on his way home.

Hand grenade thrown at councillor's home

— A hand grenade was thrown into the garden of Soweto town councillor Mr Moses Ditsheko last night, damaging two lounge windows, police said.

The incident occurred at 9.30 pm at 1490 Molapo. The two lounge windows were shattered but no other damage was caused.

A police spokesman said no injuries had been reported.

No arrests have so far been made. — Sapa.

East Rand riot leaves five dead and 45 injured

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ANDREW GILL and TANIA LEVY

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TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Five killed as youths clash with police

Own Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG — Five people were killed and at least 46 injured in violence at Tokoza township on the East Rand on Saturday.

In a day of fierce clashes with police, youths protesting at increased rents burnt out the properties of two local councillors before looting and setting fire to municipal hostel buildings.

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Two injured in Mandela-mania

TWO youths were seriously injured when they fell off a moving taxi outside the FNB Stadium yesterday.

The youths were part of a group of schoolchildren who marched from Soweto to the stadium in anticipation of an address by released ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela.

When it became apparent that there would be no rally, the youths filed out of the stadium and police used teargas to disperse them.

By MOEKETSI MPHAKI

In the ensuing pandemonium cars and taxis were stopped and comandeered to ferry the youths back to the townships.

Two youths who had climbed on top of a taxi fell at this point.

A police sergeant on the scene told *Sowetan* reporters: "These boys were not injured as a result of police brutality. It's your people. The taxi people. Move away from here! No pictures!"

Thousands of schoolchildren took to the streets waving ANC flags and banner.

Putco buses, trucks and vans were hijacked by the youths to ferry them to the Orlando stadium, where Mandela was expected to address them.

Meanwhile messages of welcome for his release came pouring in yesterday.

The World Assembly of Muslim Youth and its 450 associate Muslim Youth organisations the world over congratulated Mandela as the "great freedom fighter".

The National Council of Trade Unions congratulated Mandela for his "unwavering committment and dedication to the struggle for democracy and peace".

"While we rejoice on his release, it should be remembered that hundreds of political prisoners still remain in jail and the regime is dubbing them criminals," the Nactu statement read.

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5 killed at rally

FIVE people were killed and about 45 injured during a mass rally at Tokoza Stadium at the weekend.

A funeral parlour belonging to a councillor, Moses Tsotetsi, was stoned and later set alight by an angry mob. The main street in the township was also barricaded with stones and other objects.

According to a matron at the local hospital, the injured were admitted with birdshot wounds.

An East Rand police spokesman, Lt Burger van Rooyen, confirmed the shooting incident and said 45 people were injured.

"It seems that police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse the crowd and as a result of that the people were injured," he said.

Man killed as picket fired at

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By SONTI MASEKO

A MAN was shot dead and five others were seriously wounded when company employees opened fire at a group of about 100 workers holding a picket outside a construction site on Pritchard Street, Johannesburg, yesterday.

The workers, all members of the Building and Construction Allied Workers Union (BCAWU), a Nactu affilliate, were protesting against their dismissal from a construction company, Combrink. They were dismissed following a wage dispute between the union and the company in November last year.

The injured workers were admitted to General Hospital while the dead man's name was withheld until the next of kin have been informed.

Colleagues interviewed by the *Sowetan* said they were holding placards outside the construction site at midday when a security guard, a company foreman and a driver of a delivery truck opened fire at the picketers. The workers said the security guard fired from the top of a van and the injured men were hit in the back as they were retreating. The dead man is alleged to have been hit on the head.

The shooting incident was confirmed by the John Vorster police yesterday although the police version differed substantially from that of the workers.

Captain Eugene Opperman said that a group of about 50 people "in what appeared to be a labour dispute" came running down Pritchard Street screaming ANC slogans.

He said the group was armed with stones, bottles and knobkierries and attacked an AAA security guard who was on duty at a building and attempted to take his shotgun from him.

"They cornered the security guard and because the group was armed, he feared for his life and he fired one shot, which fatally wounded his immediate attacker."

Opperman said four other people who were bystanders were "slightly injured by pellets from the shotgun".

The workers also alleged that a constructions manager at the site was armed with two shotguns.

The general secretary of BCAWU, Mr Vusi Thusi, said the union held Combrink responsible for the shootings and said the union would consult with the union nationally. "We will make sure that we organise our members and they should act accordingly," he said.

Opperman appealed to people to be calm in spite of the jubilations so that it cannot be said that the ANC is undisciplined.

Stompie's death: Soweto man in court

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Jerry Vusi Musi Richardson, 41, of Orlando West, Soweto, appeared briefly in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday in connection with the murder of 14-year-old James Moeketsi "Stompie" Sepei.

Mr Richardson was not asked to plead and the case was postponed till Thursday.

In addition to the murder allegation, Mr Richardson also faces an allegation of attempted murder, four counts of kidnapping and five counts of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

According to the indictment, Mr Richardson was one of a group of people who in December 1988 removed Stompie and three men from the house of the Rev Paul Verryn in Orlando West, and took them to Mrs Winnie Mandela's home at 585 Diepkloof Extension.

The men were assaulted and Stompie's body was found on January 6 last year in the veld between Noordgesig and New Canada. — Sapa

MANDELA: Free at last

One dead, 32 hurt in Mandela fever

AT LEAST one person died in yesterday's rush to hear ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela speak at Soccer City, Crown Mines.

And at least another 32 people were injured, some seriously, when a fence surrounding the stadium collapsed as thousands streamed from the arena following Mandela's speech

A youth was confirmed dead on arrival while two others had sustained serious injuries.

By SONTI MASEKO and NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Injuries

Baragwanath's casualty department was busy with ambulances, private cars and kombi bringing in people, most of them schoolchildren, with injuries sustained in road accidents

By lunchtime yesterday, Baragwanath spokesman Mrs Esther Vorster reported 20 cases of children who were injured after falling off trucks and bakkies

Most of the vehicles were hijacked to ferry youths to Soccer City to hear Mandela speak in the Transvaal for the first time in 27 years

Most of the children were aged between 14 and 17 years and were in their school uniforms

Provincial hospital authorities have taken 32 people to Baragwanath Hospital, senior ambulance official Mr L A Katz said

Most of the injured suffered lacerations caused by the coils of razor wire on top of the fence pushed over by the surging crowd

A switchboard operator at the Diepmeadow Traffic Department told *Sowetan* that the traffic officers were off duty for the day.

Chanting

About 200 hospital workers gathered outside the casualty department and toyi-toyied out of the hospital chanting and waving ANC flags

Some of those injured were, Steven Ramahloko of 7754 Zone 2 Diepkloof, Lusi Masekwameng of 6694 Zone 4 Diepkloof, Joseph Serero of 3250 Orlando East, Mjedi Kau of 62 Sibeko Street Vergenoeg, Johannes Oganne of 474 Molo'o Street, Stilfontein, Ellen Shabangu of 1309 Dube Village, Soweto, Setpati Motaung of 388 B Naledi, Soweto, Sisi Zwane of Orlando East, Soweto, Godwin (surname unknown) of 134 A Meadowlands, Simon Tame of Mofolo, Soweto, Cynthia White of 600 Mofolo North, Moses (surname unknown) of 1178 Mofolo North, Portia Mlangeni 1101 B Emdeni, Soweto, Claudia Mashinini of 52 Nhlapo Section, Katlehong, David Mahlahloba of 1784 Wright Road, Busiae Dlamini of 588 A Zone 6 Meadowlands, Mandi (surname unknown) of Zone 1) Meadowlands, Bernard Mnokwe of White City Jabavu Soweto, Ida Ndimande of 492 Bates Road Fvaton, Salome Sekhaolelo of 3949 Extension 1 Jabulani, Soweto, Simon Dlamini of 1534 Mshenguville, Soweto, Mama (surname unknown) of the Medical University of Southern Africa (Medunsa) Peter (surname unknown) of 2270 Chiawelo, Soweto Cynthis Genge of 2336 Zola 2, Soweto and Nhlanhla Nkosi of 40B Zone 7 Meadowlands, Soweto

A historic moment at Soccer City yesterday when Mrs Winnie Mandela, Mr Nelson Mandela and Mr Walter Sisulu joined thousands in singing the national anthem.

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15 000 call for re-incorporation

By Mckeed Kotlolo, Pretoria Bureau

HAMMANSKRAAL — About 15 000 Hammanskraal residents marched to the local Magistrate's Court yesterday and submitted a petition calling for the re-incorporation of Bophuthatswana into South Africa.

The petition, which also urged police to stop harassing residents, particularly pupils, was received by the chief magistrate of the Moretele district.

Thousands of workers and pupils gathered, after reaching an agreement with the police, and drew up a petition outlining their grievances about water and electricity bills, bus fares, wages and annual increases in house rentals.

The protesters then marched to the chief magistrate's office where they submitted the petition.

Inside the Magistrate's Court, scores of workers chanted in response to the crowd which toyi-toyied outside. Some policemen toyi-toyied on top of the building.

The marchers were later told about funeral arrangements for two children allegedly killed during police action this week.

STAR 15/2/90

Teachers march through Jo'burg

JOHANNESBURG. — Thousands of black teachers, a number bearing ANC flags, staged a peaceful march to the regional offices of the Department of Education and Training yesterday armed with a petition of teachers' grievances linked to the crisis in black education

The march to nearby Braamfontein, in which more than 6 000 teachers took part, was called by the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) on Thursday last week at a meeting in Soweto. It came a day after freed ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela called for pupils and students to return to classes.

Neusa leader Mr Curtis Nkondo told a news conference that Mr Mandela's appeal was an endorsement of his union's call.

Marchers stood resolutely outside the DET offices while a delegation handed over the petition.

Crowd swelled

The crowd swelled to more than 15 000 as bystanders and onlookers joined in.

The petition called for a halt in retrenchments or dismisals, immediate reinstatement of those affected and a halt to inspections till "inspectors' role are properly defined"

● About 80 000 residents in Tokoza on the East Rand presented a petition to the town council in "Mandela-section" to protest against rent and electricity tariffs.

● In Benoni a protest against high rentals in the black and Indian townships ended peacefully yesterday after the marchers were told their grievances would be discussed at a meeting next Tuesday. — Sapa

PROTEST DANCE ... Teachers dance in the streets of Johannesburg yesterday protesting against work conditions. About 3 000 teachers took part. Picture REUTER

Plans for peace as 13 more die in E Cape

PORT ELIZABETH. — At least 13 people have been killed in fierce faction fighting which left a trail of damage to property this week in Uitenhage's KwaNobuhle township.

And, at a mass rally attended by tens of thousands of people in Jabavu stadium in KwaNobuhle yesterday, it was decided that subcommittees be established in a move to resolve the feuding.

Mr Wonga Nkala, a spokesman for the Mass Democratic Movement, said another rally would be held at Jabavu stadium tomorrow to finalise arrangements.

At present, the situation in KwaNobuhle is quiet but tense. There is a strong police presence in the area.

Thousands of school pupils, as well as workers at the Volkswagen and Goodyear plants, stayed away from school and work on Tuesday out of fear for their safety.

Pan Africanist Movement spokesman Mr Timothy Jantjies said a three-man delegation from Cosatu-affiliated trade unions visited him at Khayelitsha to discuss the situation. He said he was confident after the talks and hoped the situation would be resolved after the rally.

● Various other unrest-related incidents have been reported, including one at Vredendal in the Western Cape in which two trucks were damaged when they were stoned by a mob of youths.

And in Mamelodi near Pretoria, police used tearsmoke to disperse rioting groups who had broken off from a several-thousand-strong crowd which had marched to the Pltshi stadium for a rally. — Own Correspondent and

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'Democratic structures can help to cut crime'

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Soweto community leaders believe that crime in the township can be combated only through education and the implementation of democratic structures at grassroots level.

They were responding yesterday to statements made by Nelson Mandela at the rally held at Soccer City near Johannesburg this week.

The leaders said they fully supported Mr Mandela's view that the "level of crime in the township is unhealthy and must be eliminated as a matter of urgency ... and through the creation of democratic and accountable structures".

RESOLUTIONS

Soweto Civic Association publicity secretary Mr Amos Masondo said there had been some success in preventing crime in the area because of the existence of structures such as street and area committees.

"The existence of street committees has led to a drop in the crime rate. We are also implementing the resolutions taken at a conference held last year to combat crime," he said.

The anti-crime education campaign was one of the measures which had caused a drop in the crime rate in areas including Emdeni, Naledi and White City, Mr Masondo said.

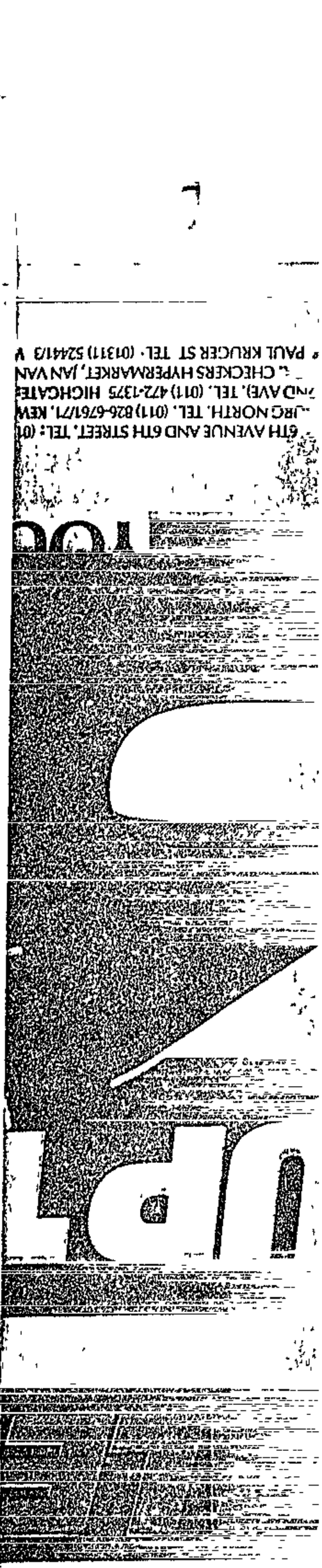
Unemployment, lack of facilities in the area and the shortage of homes were some of the factors which contributed to the high crime rate, he added.

Community leader Dr Nthato Motlana said he supported Mr Mandela's views on crime in the area. "We've reached a stage where it's in the interests of the community to protect itself," he said.

A spokesman for the anti-crime committee in Soweto said crime could be fought through grassroots structures and education.

The public relations officer of the Soweto divisional headquarters of the police, Colonel Tienie Halgryn, said: "We've got a high crime rate. But we have a lot of people living here.

"Although it's too early to give a precise piture, there are indications that the crime rate has dropped in areas like White City, Emdeni and Naledi."



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CP march against FW's reform

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — About 30 000 Conservative Party supporters yesterday demonstrated against President F W De Klerk's reforms.

About 6 000 people swamped Church Square about 6pm and sang liedjies for two hours before marching to the City Hall where the crowd swelled to 30 000. Many were bussed to the meeting.

Deputy CP leader Mr Ferdi Hartzenberg warned that the CP would mobilise the majority of whites in the country before the end of the year.

Shouts of "Hang Mandela" and placards saying "Reform Stinks" and Vierkleur, CP, SA and AWB flags were in evidence among the crowd at the square. One man held a miniature black plastic doll hanging from a piece of string.

"This is Mandela," he shouted.

Banners declaring "President Mandela" "Welfare Minister Winnie Mandela" and "Minister of Slums Helen Suzman" were hung near the square.

At the City Hall, CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht told a cheering crowd the NP was forcing the Afrikaner volk to live dangerously.

"This tiger is a friendly tiger, but don't look for trouble," he said.

"We say to Mandela, you will never have peace in this country unless the principles of partition and separate freedoms are applied."

● Yesterday Conservative Party spokesman Mr Koos van der Merwe walked out midway through an ABC "Nightline" TV programme at Wits University when ANC spokesman Mr Thabo Mbeki began speaking via satellite from Lusaka. Mr Van der Merwe was one of a panel of six on the programme.

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LONDON. — Britain Argentina yesterday re-

Ex-detainee saves whites from mob

Staff Reporter

DAVEYTON, Benoni, police have confirmed details of an incident in which a former detainee saved the lives of two whites who were attacked in their car by youths celebrating the release of Mr Nelson Mandela.

Mr Francois Esterhuizen, a farmer, of plot 28 Yzervarkfontein, Bronkhorstpruit, was in a car with his son André driving past Etwatwa township in Daveyton at 7.15pm on Sunday when they ran into trouble.

Crowds initially made way for the car, but then youths shouted that they were "boers" who should be killed.

Mr Esterhuizen said his son tried to drive on, but knocked down and injured four youths. The car was stoned, and youths climbed into the vehicle through the broken back window to try to haul the men out.

Attempts were also made to turn the car over. Father and son were both hit and cut by flying sticks and stones.

Mr Aubrey Nxhumalo, who was in detention for more than two years in 1985-87, and a couple of his friends rushed to help the beleaguered men.

Mr Esterhuizen said Mr Nxhumalo, who is in his 20s, brought the crowd under control and then asked young children to sit around the car so that the unruly youths could not easily get to it again.

He then hailed a minibus, ushered the two white men into it, and took them to safety at the home of Mrs Alinah Monykoseli, joint chairperson of Women for Peace. Mrs Monykoseli confirmed this yesterday.

20 000 at Alex rally remember 'war' dead

Star 19/2/90 (278) By Thabo Leshilo

About 20 000 people yesterday gathered in the Alexandra Stadium to commemorate victims of Alexandra's "six-day war" of 1986.

The "war" refers to the unrest that swept the township from February 13 to February 18 1986, claiming more than 30 lives. The victims allegedly died at the hands of police and vigilantes.

Speaker after speaker called for the revival of community organisations and the intensification of the "struggle".

Mr Jay Naidoo, Congress of SA Trade Unions general secretary, told the crowd that the day when the factories would be controlled by workers and the wealth of the country by "the people" was at hand.

"The winds of change and freedom are blowing in our country," declared Mr Naidoo.

United Democratic Front secretary Mr Popo Molefe compared National Party supporters to the proverbial "nation without vision" and said they were destined to perish.

LEADERS CRITICISED

A speaker from the South African Youth Congress, Mr Ephraim Mogale, attacked American president Mr George Bush and British Premier Mrs Margaret Thatcher for their stand against the ANC's armed struggle. He said that the time was not yet ripe to abandon the armed struggle.

Banners with the words, "To hell With CP and AWB racists", "History won't forget F W and Mandela", and many others were held high at the service. Shouts of "Viva", "Comrade Jesus viva" and "Long live ANC and SACP, long live" reverberated through the crowd during a church service held before the rally.

Candles symbolic of the spirits of the victims were lit and each victim's name was read out.

There was no sign of police at the meeting.

● On Saturday, more than 50 000 residents of Tembisa on the East Rand marched to the town council offices to demand the resignation of the council.

And in Johannesburg, lunch hour traffic came to a standstill when about 1 000 public sector workers took to the streets to protest against privatisation.

The number of marchers swelled to 2 000 as bystanders joined the protest which began at St Mary's Cathedral and ended at the Jeppe Street Post Office.

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One of 300 Phola Park residents who gathered in Alberton yesterday to protest against Tokoza Town Council plans to have them forcibly removed. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA.

Squatters halt protest in view of settlement talks

(278) ANDREW GILL (350)

PHOLA PARK residents yesterday cancelled a march planned to protest against the removal of more than 2 000 families after their case was postponed.

The 300 residents cancelled their march, against moves by the Tokoza Town Council to remove the families to Rietfontein, after the case was postponed at the Alberton Magistrates Court.

Attorney for the squatters, Geoff Budlender, said the case had been postponed until March 12 and negotiations for a settlement between himself and the council would take place in the interim.

In a speech to the residents, who had gathered to march on the court, he said he had given the magistrate 500 affidavits from residents explaining their opposition to the removals.

Grievances included the fact that the council had put the familes in the Phola Park informal settlement in the first place and that the proposed Rietfontein resettlement area had no amenities.

A large contingent of police arrived and warned that anyone who marched would be arrested.

Budlender appealed to protestors not to march because, he said, "this has been a great victory, let us not spoil it".

He said this "was only part one in a very long battle".

He said the case would not be heard on March 12 because it was merely a report back on the negotiations. His first meeting with the council will take place next week.

Last week, two Tokoza councillors resigned, while the week before five residents were killed in clashes with police while protesting high rents.

Winnie told me to hide ex-member of football club

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A former member of the Mandela United Football Club was encouraged to go into hiding by Mrs Winnie Mandela after he claimed her daughter's lover, Mr Clayton Sizwe Sithole, had shot and killed a member of the football club, the Rand Supreme Court has heard.

Mr Sithole, the father of Miss Zinzi Mandela's child, was found hanged in a shower at John Vorster Square police station on January 30.

Yesterday Mr Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng, 23, one of four accused of killing a former club member, gave evidence in his own defence. He told Mr Justice R A Solomon and two assessors that Mrs Mandela told him she would find a hiding place for him as police would want to question him about the death of the club member, Mr Maxwell Madonda who was known as Tole.

She told him Tole had been killed because he had given evidence in court.

Mr Ikaneng, Mr Isaac Mazibuko, 22, Mr Sandilo Blanket, 22, and Mr Sibusiso Chili, 25, have pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Madonda, who was allegedly beaten to death in Orlando West on February 13 1989.

Three other accused, Mrs Dudu Chili, 47, her son Mr Mpika Chili, 22, and Mr Moses Nhlanhtla Blanket, 18, were last week acquitted of murdering Mr Madonda.

Mr Ikaneng testified yesterday he had joined the football club in 1986 and lived in Mrs Mandela's house in Orlando West. After an argument with Mr Sithole and the death of Tole he had left the club.

He said he had been arrested and detained for most of 1987. On his release he returned to Mrs Mandela's home. He left in 1988 and was later called an "informer" by Mrs Mandela and her daughter, Zinzi, at a meeting of a "disciplinary committee" at the Mandela home in Dube.

He said the meeting appeared to have been led by Mr Sithole.

Mr Ikaneng testified Mrs Mandela had urged him to go into hiding after Tole was killed. He had seen Mr Sithole carrying an AK47 rifle.

(Proceeding).

20 die in Natal faction fighting

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PRETORIA. — Twenty-three people died and 51 were injured in incidents of unrest throughout the country — particularly in Natal, according to the latest reports.

Twenty people died in a faction fight in Harding, Natal, involving the Kobela and Wela tribes on Sunday. In addition, about 12 huts were set alight.

In a separate incident a township councillor of Ntuzuma, north of Durban, Mr Phillip Gasa, was killed at the weekend when his house was razed.

In neighbouring KwaMashu, a policeman was shot and "necklaced" to death.

Another policeman was shot and wounded at the Umlazi railway station on Saturday night.

Police said a woman died at Thelawakeyeka, in Natal, when she attempted to flee after arsonists set her house alight. She was stabbed and burnt to death.

One person was killed and at least 50 others injured when police used quirts and teargas to disperse a crowd of people at Giyani in Gazankulu yesterday, SABC radio news reports. — Sapa

Mossgas project: cost estimate

*23. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises. Hansard 20/2/90

(1) (a) What was the originally budgeted cost estimate for the Mossgas project and (b)(i) what is the latest estimate for the final total cost of the project and (ii) in respect of what date is this estimate furnished;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the viability of the project?

B132E

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES:

(1) (a) The originally budgeted fixed capital cost for the FA gas reserve development phase and the onshore facility was R6 520 million before contingencies or R6 895 million with contingencies in escalated terms

(b) (i) R8 000 million in escalated terms for the mentioned development. The extent of additional capital investment for the development of further gas reserves will depend on the extent of reserves in the existing FA gas field. Should such investment be necessary, indications are that it could be long deferred and financed from the cash flow of the project itself.

(ii) December 1989

(2) I have already issued a full statement on Tuesday, 13 February 1990.

Lead level: urban locations

*24. Mr R F HASWELL asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

(1) Whether, with reference to the statistics on Cape Town given in the replies to Question No 528 on 23 February 1987, Question No 1218 on 14 June 1988 and Question No 506 on 26 May 1989, the average recorded lead level in all major urban locations has similarly increased; Hansard 20/2/90

(2) whether she intends taking any action to ensure that such levels do not exceed the stated maximum permissible concentrations for lead in the atmosphere, if so, (a) what action and (b) when? Hansard 20/2/90 B133E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT.

(1) Yes for inland, no for coastal areas;

(2) although an increase in the concentration of lead levels in air was found for inland regions, the levels to which the public is exposed to, remain well below accepted maximum allowable concentrations. It may however be expected that the trend will now be downwards after the lead content in petrol was further reduced from 0,6 to 0,4 gram per liter in 1989,

(a) and (b) fall away

Pietermaritzburg area: toxic waste dump

*25. Mr R F HASWELL asked the Minister of Environment Affairs:

Whether his Department has taken any action as a result of the discovery of toxic waste dumps in the Pietermaritzburg area in (a) September 1989 and (b) January 1990; if so, (i) what action, and (ii) when, in each case; if not, why not? Hansard 20/2/90 B134E

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS:

(a) Yes.

(i) and (ii) The Department of Environment Affairs, which has a co-ordinating function regarding pollution control, and the Department of Water Affairs, which has executive powers regarding water pollution and waste disposal control, both followed up the matter. The Department of Environment Affairs brought the matter to the attention of the Town Clerk of Pietermaritzburg. The Department of Water Affairs called a meeting for 21 September 1989 with ISP Recyclers. It was stipulated that the company must report back by 6 October 1989 on the method for the removal of the drums and any contaminated soil and the treatment of the waste. On 6 October 1989 it was agreed that the drums would be removed from the Table Mountain, Mattison and

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Rainy Days sites. The Department of Water Affairs requested that this latter site be fenced in and that a two weekly report on progress be submitted

(b) Yes. Hansard 20/2/90

(i) and (ii) With the discovery of a further dumping site at Copes Folly as well as the delay in meeting the full requirements of the Department of Water Affairs in removing all the drums from the Table Mountain, Mattison and Rainy Days sites, another meeting was called on 2 February 1990. That Department instructed the company to completely remove all drums and contaminated soil from Copes Folly, before 16 February 1990. (Officials of the Department of Water Affairs have confirmed that this has been done). It was further stipulated that all drums from the Rainy Days site be removed by 22 February 1990 and from the Mattison site by 28 February 1990 It addition it was stipulated that all the sites should be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Department.

It has now been established that all drums have been removed from all the sites and that rehabilitation measures are about to commence. The situation has therefore been 95% remedied. After in depth investigation by officials of the Department of Water Affairs it was concluded that no legal action could be taken in terms of the Water Act, 1956 (Act 54 of 1956) as no water was polluted The proposed regulations on solid waste disposal should address matters such as these in the near future.

PE: Group Areas Act

*26. Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

Whether he or his predecessor received an application by the Port Elizabeth City Council for the provisions of section 19 of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, to be made applicable to the entire municipal area; if so, (a) when was this application received, (b) what was the response thereto and (c) what action has been taken as a result of the application? Hansard 20/2/90

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS Hansard 20/2/90

Yes.

(a) 26 July 1985.

(b) and (c) A smaller area was advertised and investigated by the Group Areas Board Seven areas were proclaimed free trading areas by Proclamation 207 of 1986.

Tembisa scene of unrest: press

*27 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order: Hansard 20/2/90

Whether any members of the South African Police ordered members of the Press to leave a scene of unrest in Tembisa on or about 5 February 1990, if so, (a) why, (b) on whose instructions and (c) in terms of what statutory provisions or regulations? 278 B141E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Yes.

(a) to (c) As far as could be ascertained only one television cameraman was warned, in terms of Regulation 2(3) of the Security Emergency Regulations, to leave the area.

This cameraman continually attempted to take close up photographs of the commander of a riot unit which was already deployed and busy dispersing a riotous crowd. On the one hand these actions hindered the officer in his attempt to maintain the public order and on the other hand, for that very reason, had the effect that the crowd who observed it, acted more sensationally and in so doing further disturbed the public order.

The officer warned the cameraman several times to cease his conduct. However, the cameraman did not heed these warnings. As a last resort, instructions were given for him to be taken to the Tembisa police station and warned to leave the area. He did not return to the scene of the unrest.

Protest march: free trains 327

*28 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order: Hansard 20/2/90

(1) Whether, with reference to the protest march held in Cape Town on 31 January 1990, the South African Police were in-

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3 hit in shacktown

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THREE people were injured by rubber bullets and two others were allegedly arrested by police during a clash between Mshenguville residents and council labourers, backed by the municipal police yesterday.

Mshenguville residents said police fired rubber bullets and threw teargas canisters at people who had gathered around the labourers who were dismantling shacks in the area.

An elderly man, Mr Samuel Mkhize, was hit by a bullet at the

By SONTI MASEKO

back of the head while another was hit on the chest. They were taken to Baragwanath hospital for treatment.

However Captain Mikhichane Ngobeni, press liaison officer for the Soweto police, denied any police presence at Mshenguville yesterday.

Brigadier Whitehead of the municipal police in Soweto said his policemen were at the scene only to protect the council labourers and that rubber bullets and teargas were used by the SA Police.

Ngobeni said the Mshenguville residents who were injured should complain at the nearest police stations so that the police could investigate.

According to the residents, close to 50 labourers arrived at about 10am, accompanied by a man they called Dr Johan, alleged to be the owner of Orange Farm. The labourers were carrying hammers and crowbars, which they used to dismantle shacks.

Johan allegedly told the shack-dwellers that the shacks belonged to him, and that Mr Tshabalala, the former mayor of Soweto, had sold them to him. He allegedly said that they should all vacate the area by the end of the month.

Many of the residents at Mshenguville are against moving to Orange Vaal, a new area near Vereeniging, which was set aside for them by the council.

They said the area was infested with snakes and they had heard of people being attacked by them. They insisted that they were Soweto residents and wanted to be housed in Soweto.

Venda sealed off SACC

JOHANNESBURG. — Venda has been sealed off and many people are believed to have died in clashes between the security forces and nationals, the South African Council of Churches (SACC) claimed yesterday.

The clashes followed a rally called to celebrate the release of Mr Nelson Mandela, the SACC said.

It claimed security forces had fired teargas on the elderly and that several people had been detained.

Meanwhile, police report that nine people — including five policemen — have been injured in incidents at Megheleng, near Ficksburg, and Elim, near Louis Trichardt.

A minibus and a school at Megheleng were stoned, according to the unrest report. Four policemen and a girl were injured by the crowd.

Police used teargas and birdshot to disperse the gathering, but no injuries were reported as a result of the police action, the report said.

At Elim, a vehicle was damaged and a policeman struck on the head by stones hurled by youths.

Police used teargas and birdshot to disperse the crowd. A man was injured and four others were arrested. Two other men were injured by the crowd.

Police teargassed a crowd burning old vehicles and municipal refuse bins at Utlwanang, near Christiana.

At Masikane, near Jamestown, police used teargas to disperse a crowd which stoned police and started a veld fire. — Sapa

2 die in jobs war

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

TWO refuse collectors were yesterday killed and three others seriously injured when groups of workers who had been fired attacked them in Tembisa, Kempton Park.

The workers, employed by Wade Refusals, were doing their daily rounds in Mfuyaneni, Moedi and Khatlamping sections when groups of former workers attacked them with an assortment of weapons.

Strike

The director of Wade Refusals, Mr Jeff Masekwameng, said since he had dismissed the 70 workers in December for going on strike while per-

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One of the dead Wade Refusals workers, who was attacked by former workers, lies in front of a rubbish bin at Khatlamping Section.
Pic MBUZENI ZULU

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forming an essential service, a number of new recruits had been attacked

'Yesterday's attack was the sixth and the most brutal one on my workers," he said

' I dismissed the striking workers because workers in essential services cannot strike.

"We are negotiating with their union on the matter but we could not afford to stop working.

"Even now we will try to get on with the job and rely on the union to discipline its members."

The injured men who are in hospital are Mr Goodwell Mnguni, Mr Mlaneko Mfula and Mr Xolile Twewu

Wade Refusal has contracts in the East Rand, Soweto and Mamelodi.

A spokesman for the South African Black Municipality and Allied Workers Union (Sabmawu), Mr Phillip Dlamini confirmed that there was a dispute between Wade refusal and the union following the dismissals

"We note yesterday's event with deep concern

"We have set a meeting with the Tembisa council for March 1 to discuss safe working conditions

"We have applied to the Minister of Manpower to appoint a conciliation board to resolve the matter after the employer refused to negotiate."

Witnesses said the attack started at 9am.

"Two groups of men came from opposite ends of the streets and attacked the workers who were taking bins to the streets

East Rand police have confirmed that two men died and said only one had been seriously injured

No one has been arrested

4 shot in Tzaneen unrest, troops sent in

TZANEEN. — Four people were shot dead in the Nkowa-Nkowa township near here yesterday, following a work stoppage and a mass meeting of about 30 000 people in the Nkowa-Nkowa stadium.

It also emerged yesterday that SADF troops have been sent into Gazankulu. An SADF spokesman in Pretoria said that troops had been deployed "in direct request and in support of their police".

One of the dead, Miss Maria Milanzi, of Lenyenye, near Nkowa-Nkowa, was apparently shot by the SAP in the stadium when the crowd refused to disperse.

The other three, Mr Ludwig Machimana, Mr Isaac Ngobeni and Mr Almon Malungana, were shot near the damaged bottle store of Gazankulu's Chief Minister, Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi.

The superintendent at Letaba Hospital, Dr Willie Langenhoven, said at least eight people were admitted for gunshot wounds.

Trouble started three weeks ago when a training college and a high school in the township were closed by the Ga-

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zankulu government after student boycotts.

A committee elected by Nkowa-Nkowa residents which went to see the Gazankulu Minister of Education in Giyani was allegedly ordered off the premises by Prof Ntsanwisi.

A member of the Tzaneen Education Crisis Committee, Mr Edgar Mushwana, said that when residents of Nkowa-Nkowa heard of the treatment the committee had received they decided to boycott businesses owned by Prof Ntsanwisi — a bottle store and a filling station — both in Nkowa-Nkowa.

The chairman of the Tzaneen Chamber of Commerce, Mr Joseph Unterpertinger, said more than 70% of the black workforce was absent from work.

When asked for comment, a police spokesman in Pretoria said the shootings would be dealt with in today's unrest report. — Sapa

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Alex home bombed

THE home of Alexandra's mayor, Mrs Agnes Pooe, was petrol bombed on Wednesday night.

No-one was injured during the 10.30pm attack when the bomb was thrown through a bedroom window by unknown persons. (278)

A depressed Mrs Pooe said the incident could be related to a series of events starting from the protest march held in February this year, commemmorating the Alexandra six-day war victims' rally and the council's policy over the re-selling of properties to their previous owners in the township.

No arrests have been made and police are investigating. Sowetan 23/2/90

Six now dead in Tzaneen district

Cape Times 23/2/90

TZANEEN. — The fatal shooting of two youths brings to six the number of people allegedly shot dead in two days of unrest in Gazankulu townships and villages near Tzaneen.

The two unidentified youths were allegedly shot dead by riot police during an attack on police barracks and police homes yesterday in the Gazankulu village of Kutjwana.

Attempts to get information from senior Gazankulu police officers were unsuccessful.

Shots rang out throughout Wednesday night in Nkowa-Nkowa when youths attacked the homes of policemen.

The house in Nkowa-Nkowa of the Chief Minister of Gazankulu, Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi, was badly damaged by youths on Wednesday.

An autopsy is to be conducted in Giyani today on Lawrence Mabunda, a youth whose decomposed body was found near the Dzumeri and Ginyani road. — Sapa

Grenade attack

Staff Reporter

TWO handgrenades were thrown at a house in Guguletu on Wednesday night, causing some damage but no injuries to the occupants, police said yesterday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the house was owned by a community leader. He would not give any further particulars.

Blacks support DP's march for democracy

CAPE TIMES 24/2/90

JOHANNEBURG. — The Democratic Party (DP) received a rare show of black support yesterday when about 1 000 black people joined its march through central Johannesburg in support of democracy, peace and negotiation.

About 3 500 people participated in the march.

The party also received a glowing tribute from the UDF when the organisation's Transvaal secretary, Mr Jackson Tembu, said the DP had been "the only voice of reason" in white politics in recent years.

At one stage the crowd changed their chant of "ANC, ANC" to "DP, DP" before entering the Johannesburg City Hall to hear DP co-leader Dr Zach de Beer and Mr Tembu share a platform.

The scenes contrasted to those at a meeting at Wits University last year when the presence of Dr De Beer, among other "white" political leaders, prompted a black political student group allied to the UDF to prevent proceedings by singing and chanting loudly.

Mr Tembu, congratulating the DP on the liberal stance the party had taken in Parliament which, he said, had contributed to the recent unbanning of the ANC, said the future of blacks was interlinked with the future of whites.

He added that the nature of the liberation struggle was against oppression and domination and assured white compatriots the future South Africa belonged to all — "where all will be proud to be Zulu, Jewish, whatever . . ."

DP MP Mr Peter Soal later said he was "delighted" at the black participation in the march.

Several banners displayed by participants in the march were aimed at the rightist Conservative Party (CP). One said: "The CP is a banana peel on the doorstep of progress". — Sapa

Magistrates spark crisis for Venda govt

THOHOYANDOU. — The Venda government was in the grip of a major crisis yesterday as civil servants went on strike over salaries and the entire administration came to a halt.

Magistrates' courts, schools, post offices and other government sectors were at a standstill with clerks and other officials gathered at the Makwarela Stadium in Sibasa.

The root of the unprecedented action is the announcement last week of new salary scales for senior government officials ranging from 44% for deputy-directors general and 28% for directors general, to 8% for magistrates, according to observers.

The crisis began on Monday when magistrates and prosecutors at Thohoyandou staged a sit-in to protest against the "disproportionate increases".

Magistrates in other districts joined in on Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Magistrates' Association of Venda said this action brought the administration of justice throughout Venda to a standstill, leaving many awaiting-trial prisoners stranded in police cells.

Telecommunications staff joined in the strike on Wednesday and by Thursday all departments had stopped work.

The spokesman said the published increases applied only to officials down to directors. Chief clerks and others below that rank, including technicians and teachers, were not included.

Reacting, Acting President Chief Andries Madzivhandila said yesterday that the government would look into staff complaints.

He said all categories of workers would eventually be covered when funds permitted, and appealed to all workers to return to their posts.

Workers rejected his explanation, however, and instead gathered at the stadium yesterday to draft new demands for all sectors. — Sapa

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Part of the crowd in Maokeng who marched onto the city council building demanding the reinstatement of fired municipal police.

Two die as cops fire into crowd

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

TWO people died and five were injured yesterday when more than 20 000 Maokeng residents, near Kroonstad, marched to the local town council demanding reinstatement of 700 municipal workers who were dismissed last September

The marchers, including children stayed away from work and school and were confronted by municipal police on their way to the local town council. All shops in the township were closed and buses and taxis were not operating

In the confrontation which ensued municipal police opened fire into the crowd, killing 10-year-old Pule Rabanye and George Makitla (18)

Five others were admitted to Boitumelo Hospital

The hospital superintendent would not give *Sowetan* permission to interview the injured and referred all inquiries to the police

An SAP spokesman in Pretoria last night confirmed the incident and added that the municipal police were forced to open fire when a group of people attempted to set the community hall on fire. He said a bus and a delivery van were stoned

When *Sowetan* arrived on the scene the chanting and flag-waving group had assembled near the local town council offices, but were stopped from proceeding to Kroonstad's council offices by a contigent of police

Petition

However a four-man delegation was allowed to hand over a petition to Maokeng mayor, Mr C Koekoe, and the local chief of the police.

The petition demanded:

*The reinstatement of dismissed workers,

*That police should refrain from harrassing activists,

*The return of activists' confiscated possessions;

*That councillors should resign;

*The lifting of the state of emergency and the freeing of political prisoners

In a report back meeting held later it was announced that a consumer and rent boycott campaign would start with immediate effect until the sacked workers have been reinstated.

It was also resolved to boycott shops and taxis owned by councillors

A spokesman for Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee (MDCC), Mr Dennis Bloem, said they had decided to embark on these actions after four consecutive applications to stage a march were turned down by a local magistrate

UDF publicity secretary and former Delmas treason trialist, Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota, who was given a standing ovation at the report back meeting said the country was on the verge of transformation and people were poised to grab power.

Mr Lekota urged the crowd to continue the struggle in a disciplined and orderly manner. He said freedom was not for the chosen few to live in luxury while the majority of the people lived in poverty. He also urged the youth to aim for higher education to live a better life and have better opportunities in future.

A youth waving a clenched fist during the march.

Gazankulu leader denies fleeing youth congress

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The Argus Correspondent

GIYANI. — The Chief Minister of Gazankulu, Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi, has denied claims that he had fled the homeland in the face of growing unrest and demands made by the newly established Giyani Youth Congress.

Gazankulu experienced sporadic unrest last week during which six people were believed to have died. Most schools, shops, factories and government departments were closed last week.

Appearing at a Press conference in Giyani on Monday, Professor Ntsanwisi called for restraint by everyone involved in the recent disturbances in the homeland.

He said government services and businesses were functioning normally, as workers had returned to offices, factories and other places of employment.

He also claimed there had been a 50 percent return to schools by youths who had supported boycott action.

The Chief Minister said that his government had replied to certain demands made last week in a petition compiled by the Giyani Youth Congress

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He added that security forces would be withdrawn as soon as the situation returned to normal.

He said he fully supported the reform initiatives of President De Klerk, and also the efforts of other popular organisations such as the ANC, Cosatu and the MDM to bring about a non-racial democratic society.

In a statement issued earlier on Monday, the Gazankulu government blamed unrest in the homeland on a deliberate campaign by the Mass Democratic Movement to "mobilise students and youth, intimidate the moderate population and embarrass and discredit the government".

Prof Hudson Ntsanwisi

Two die in BC, UDF feud

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SOWETAN Reporter

AT LEAST two members of the Azanian Students Movement died yesterday after clashes with people believed to be members of the Bekkersdal Youth Congress in Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

Douglas Chuma (22) died in yesterday's attack and another unnamed youth attacked on Tuesday died at Leratong Hospital.

At least six other people were seriously injured in the fighting which started on Friday night, a day before the launching of Beyco.

Only two Beyco members were reported to be injured.

Azasm is a black consciousness organisation and Beyco is affiliated to the United Democratic Front.

Black consciousness sources yesterday said that four Azasm members had been killed, but the *Sowetan* could not confirm the other deaths.

Chuma was attacked in "Spook Town", a shantytown, by a gang of youths carrying hammers, pangas and guns.

"A group attacked us and threw petrol bombs at the house we were in," a survivor who hiked barefeet to Johannesburg said.

"We ran in all direc-

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tions, but they found others."

Chuma died in a house where he had sought refuge after he was attacked with a panga.

"I was in the house when he burst in and ordered me to keep quiet.

"He slipped into the bedroom and collapsed. I ran out to report at the police station. When I got back he was dead."

"The township has been tense since Saturday," a spokesman for the Bekkerdal Advice Centre said.

"Groups of heavily armed youths are roaming the streets and scores of activists have fled their homes."

An emergency meeting between community leaders and the Mayor, Mr Johnny Mokome, was held yesterday in an attempt to defuse the situation.

A later community meeting was cancelled after fresh attacks.

* In the earlier edition of *Sowetan* today a Jerry Radebe was reported to be one of the dead youths.

This was later proved to be incorrect. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

2 die in youth clashes

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Hong Kong citizens w[illegible]
Chinese take over the colony in 1997, her spokesman said yesterday.

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College shut over boycott

PRETORIA. — The Transvaal College of Education in Soshanguve has closed following a lecture boycott by more than 1 000 students, the Department of Education and Training confirmed yesterday.

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'Stop the fighting'

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THE United Democratic Front yesterday called on the warring factions in Westonaria to "stop this senseless violence".

The Southern Transvaal region of the UDF made this call after two Azanian Students Movement members died after fighting between supporters of the UDF-affiliated Bekkersdal Youth Congress and the black consciousness-orientated Azasm.

One of the dead is Douglas Chuma (22) and the other's name has not been given.

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Narrow escape . . . Mthokozisi Dlamini at the window shattered by Rasta gunfire.

Two killed as anti-ANC thugs go on rampage

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A NEW wave of political killings by a gang known as Rastas rocked Soweto this week.

At least two people were killed and scores others injured when a fanatical anti-ANC group raided homes at night and shot members of progressive organisations in and around Emdeni Extension, Jabulani and Zola.

Now the comrades have vowed revenge and are arming themselves against this new threat to peace among township organisations.

The attacks occurred on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning when the "Rastas", allegedly led by a notorious member of the Rastafarian cult called "Sugar", went on the rampage against members of the Soweto Students Congress (Sosco), Soweto Young Christian Students (Soycs) and the UDF's Street Committees.

The victims were Emmanuel Zwane of Jabulani, a member of Sosco, and Bafana Dhlamini of Emdeni, a member of Soycs.

Protea police spokesman Capt Ngobeni confirmed the deaths. He said police were investigating but no charges had been laid.

Members of the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) in the affected areas went into hiding after the Rastas vowed to track down and kill them.

According to witnesses, the attacks were allegedly sparked after two members of the Rastas, suspected of house-breaking and theft, were hauled before an anti-crime committee for disciplinary purposes in Zola Two on Tuesday.

But Professor Nhlapo, a member of the local street committee and Sosco, said. "All we did was warn the culprits to stop terrorising residents. We did not attack them."

Nhlapo, who fled into hiding, said about five people were shot by the Rastas after the gang attacked a house in Zola where a meeting was in progress. He said the Rastas cut the telephone wires, started shooting and forced their way into the home.

"There were 18 of

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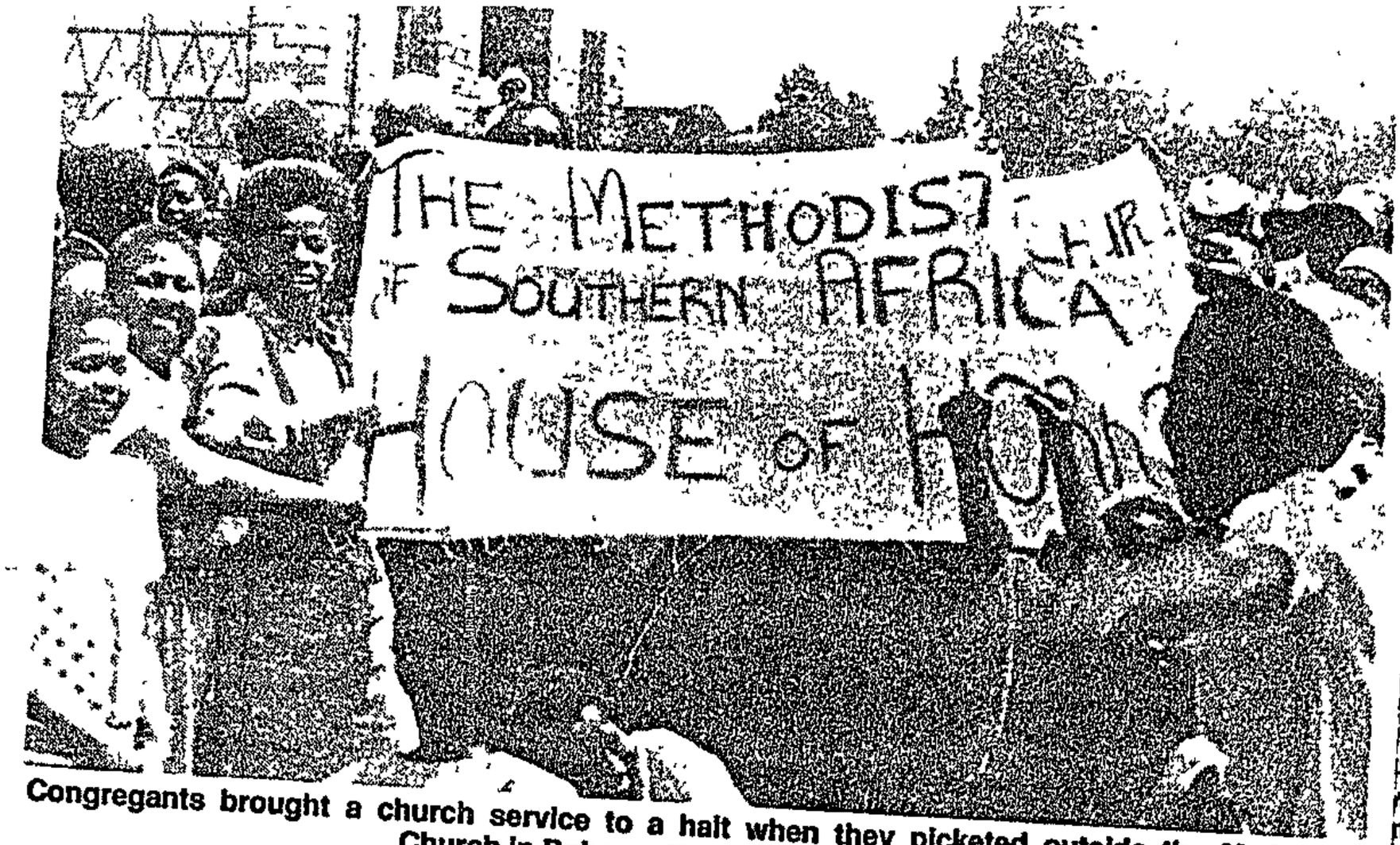

Congregants brought a church service to a halt when they picketed outside the Methodist Church in Dobsonville, Soweto, yesterday. Pic: HARRY THATEDI

Chaos at church service

By MASHUBE MFOLOE

TEMPERS flared and scuffles broke out at a Methodist Church in Dobsonville Soweto, when a group of demonstrators brought the service to an abrupt end.

This happened minutes after the church's presiding bishop, the Rev Stanley Mogoba, appealed for calm and told congregants "not to put fresh wine into old bottles" during a rededication service of the church which has been closed for a year.

The building was torched by unknown people last year.

About one hundred demonstrators chanted a chorus and unfolded placards inside the church calling for the dismissal of the Reverend Dickson Ngum.

Protestors who appeared hesitant to go ahead with their picketing after Mogoba's sermon, jeered and sneered during the entire service. They emerged from the back section of the church, climbed on chairs, waved placards and turned the entire proceedings into chaos.

As the mood worsened, the Reverend Peter Storey, several church elders and Rev Mogoba, dashed outside only to be met by another militant crowd.

Scuffles broke out between placard wielding congregants and those who opposed the picket.

The bishop's entourage was whisked away through a human barricade.

Verbal confrontation with visiting regional church representatives were evident and at some stages the main gate to the church was closed to visitors from other regions.

Protestors alleged Ngum had sowed seeds of division in the church which was once the stronghold of the region.

He was implicated when the church was damaged by fire last year, they said.

The church building was closed for renovations while the congregation either met at a local School or at Durban Deep.

Reacting to the incident the superintendent of the church, the Rev Frederick Bosch said he was disturbed that a group of people calling themselves Methodists behaved unlike Methodists. He said the fate of Rev Ngum could only be decided by the conferencee which would meet later this year.

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30 000 at youths' funeral

TZANEEN. — More than 30 000 people gathered at Nkowankowa Stadium near here on Saturday for the funeral service of two youths who died two weeks ago in a clash with Gazankulu police.

Mr Peter Mokaba, president of South African Youth Congress (Sayco), told the crowd to unite and fight for their rights until apartheid was buried.

He also called local youth to fight the Gazankulu government of Chief Minister Hudson Ntsanwisi until the chief minister resigned.

"After his resignation don't allow someone to substitute him as the head of the homeland. The homeland system must be buried forever."
— Sapa

Taximen urged to stop 'war'

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By MOKGADI PELA

THOUSANDS of residents attended a meeting in Katlehong yesterday to resolve the ongoing taxi war that has claimed seven lives and left about 50 people injured in the past 10 days.

The meeting, held at Huntersfield stadium, followed demands by the community for the unification of the two warring bodies - the Katlehong Taxi Organisation (Kato) and the Germiston and District Taxi Association (GND).

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The fight between the two associations is over the use of routes in the area.

Addressing the audience, the secretary of the Katlehong Civic Association, Mr Ike Motloung, said the taxi violence started after talks between the two taxi bodies were deadlocked.

A representative of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Mr Solly Maseko, called on the two groups to end the violence.

He said: "We would not like to see the bloody Natal situation replayed in Katlehong." Maseko said black-on-black violence was a shame that had to be discouraged. He urged the Katlehong Civic Association to convene a meeting between Kato and GND within 48 hours.

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A street in Khutsong location near Carletonville where residents clashed with police yesterday.

Khutsong riots claim eight lives

AT least eight people, including two policemen, have been killed in the violence that has gripped Khutsong township, Carletonville, since Friday.

Police headquarters yesterday confirmed the deaths and said five people died on Sunday and 14 were arrested.

The SAP Directorate for Public Relations could not confirm a further six people alleged to have been being shot dead yesterday as the violence continued.

According to police, the situation was tense yesterday.

The police unrest report said most of the attacks consisted of stone-throwing and petrol-bombing and that the main targets were policemen.

Police fired shots and fatally wounded some people in the attacks.

According to a resident, a charred body of a woman was found in the Crossroads squatter camp where there was confrontation between groups of youths and police.

Rapid gunfire was heard and groups of youths were seen scattering in all directions time and again.

All streets in the township were barricaded with burning tyres, uprooted road signs and rocks.

A cloud of black smoke could be seen from afar.

Earlier during the day, a beerhall was attacked and a soft drink depot torched.

Attendance at schools was nil and residents seemed to have been caught off guard by the recent violence.

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White miners being attacked – CP

CAPE TOWN — The Conservative Party has asked for a snap debate on the "disturbing and worsening" security situation.

In a statement yesterday, the CP's Chief Whip, Mr Frank le Roux, said the party was being "inundated" with information on conflict and assaults all over the country.

The nature and extent of assaults was so serious that white mineworkers were threatening to take the law into their own hands. In other cases they were refusing to go on duty.

The CP said assaults had taken place recently on white mineworkers at the Saaiplaas, President Brand, Harmony and President Steyn gold mines. Similar cases had taken place at Metal Box in the Vaal Triangle. — Sapa.

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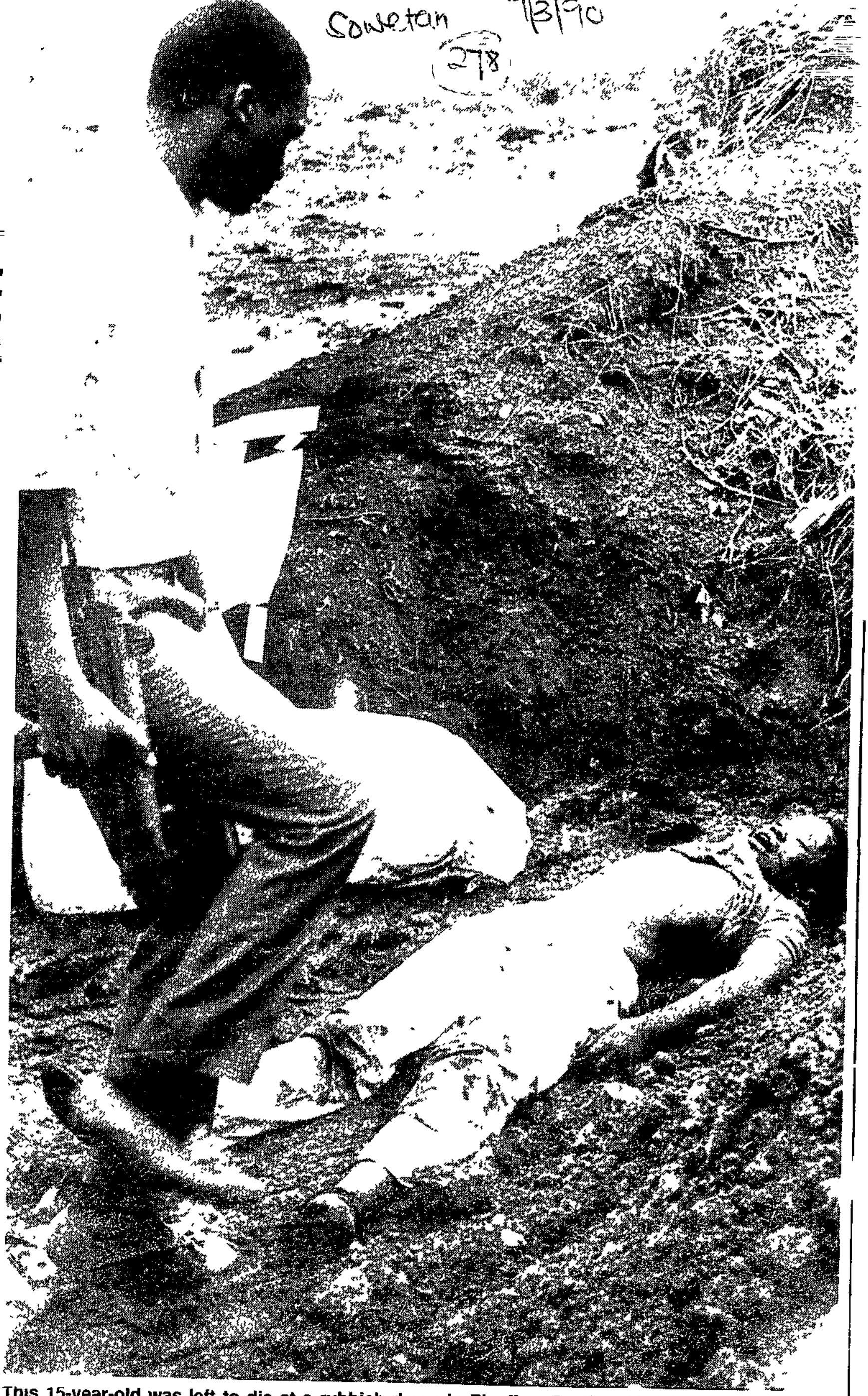

This 15-year-old was left to die at a rubbish dump in Phadima Section, Katlehong, after he was shot and hacked by unknown people yesterday. A policeman guards the body.

Shame of Katlehong

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COMMENT

By The Editor, AGGREY KLAASTE

THE carnage in Katlehong is so serious that we felt duty bound to appeal to our people to stop this violence.

Taxi drivers were involved with community members in Katlehong in a battle that led to the death of many people, including children.

Although we are once more tempted to put most of the blame on the brutalisation of blacks by the system, we fear that our people are losing their grip on reality.

There are several areas of violence wherein blacks are getting killed all over the country. We do not need any more violence.

Whether we have all the excuses in the world to justify this type of behaviour, the truth is it is just not acceptable.

We are tired of hearing about the phenomenon so glibly called black-on-black violence. This is plain thuggery.

No society can walk tall while its people act in such a reckless and dangerous fashion.

This cheapening of something as sacred as human life is so tawdry, so disgusting.

We are entering a phase in our political life wherein our leaders will determine our fate.

They will be expected to deal with much sophistication and strength against people who unfortunately have certain stereotypes about our behaviour.

We are afraid we are making their task well-nigh impossible.

We are making it impossible, as we are becoming a nation of killers.

Six die, 43 hurt in Katlehong war

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TWO schoolteachers and four pupils were killed and 43 pupils seriously wounded as the taxi war in Katlehong escalated yesterday.

Police found the body of a pupil at a rubbish dump in Phadima section. The youth had been hacked with pangas.

Bodies of a teacher and another pupil were also found in a yard next to a school in Ngema section.

The three bullet-riddled corpses were removed by police and their identities could not be confirmed.

According to residents a teacher and a pupil were attacked in the morning with pangas, stabbed and later shot by men who arrived at the Khumalo primary school.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

The two were chased and cornered in a yard next to the school when they tried to flee from the gang.

The attack on schoolchildren follows a clash between rival taxi organisations.

It is believed the clash was sparked off by the pupils' decision not to go to school on Monday and for taking sides with one of the factions.

Shocked teachers and residents said unknown men were seen driving around local schools attacking teachers and children.

At Ngema section, residents said the men rushed into the school and attacked pupils indiscriminately.

One woman who wished to remain anonymous said she heard screams from children and saw one pupil bleeding.

The East Rand township was tense and torched minibuses blocked the main street to the Natalspruit hospital.

Casualty

The casualty ward was a hive of activity with scores of parents checking a long list of names for their children.

The row of stretchers grew as the number of casualties arriving soared.

Weeping parents crammed the casualty ward to look for their children.

One woman collapsed when she saw her neighbour's daughter being carried in on a stretcher. She had been hacked with a panga and her blood-stained white shirt was torn.

Meanwhile the SAP public relations division in Pretoria confirmed that police found the body of a 15-year-old boy who had been shot.

A spokesman said police stopped and searched a minibus and seized two firearms.

Thirteen people were detained and the possibility that they may have been involved in the shooting of the 15-year old boy, was being investigated.

Police found the bodies of a man and three youths near Ikhateng school, Ngema section.

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Emergency in Ciskei

CISKEI'S military rulers yesterday declared a state of emergency in the strife-torn homeland.

It was declared on the advice of legal aides, Major Peter Hauser, one of the four ruling executive committee members, said. Sowetan 7/3/90

It was largely a legal device to gain the assistance of South African security forces to help quell the havoc caused by looters and arsonists after Sunday's coup.

Although based on the South African model, the Ciskei state of emergency was not to be confused with the National Party version.

Press freedom would not be affected, nor would the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Coup leader Brigadier Oupa Gqoza said at a Press conference yesterday security forces would deal "very severely" with further violence.

He said he had received reports of Ciskei soldiers assisting or turning a blind eye to looting.

These reports would be investigated. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

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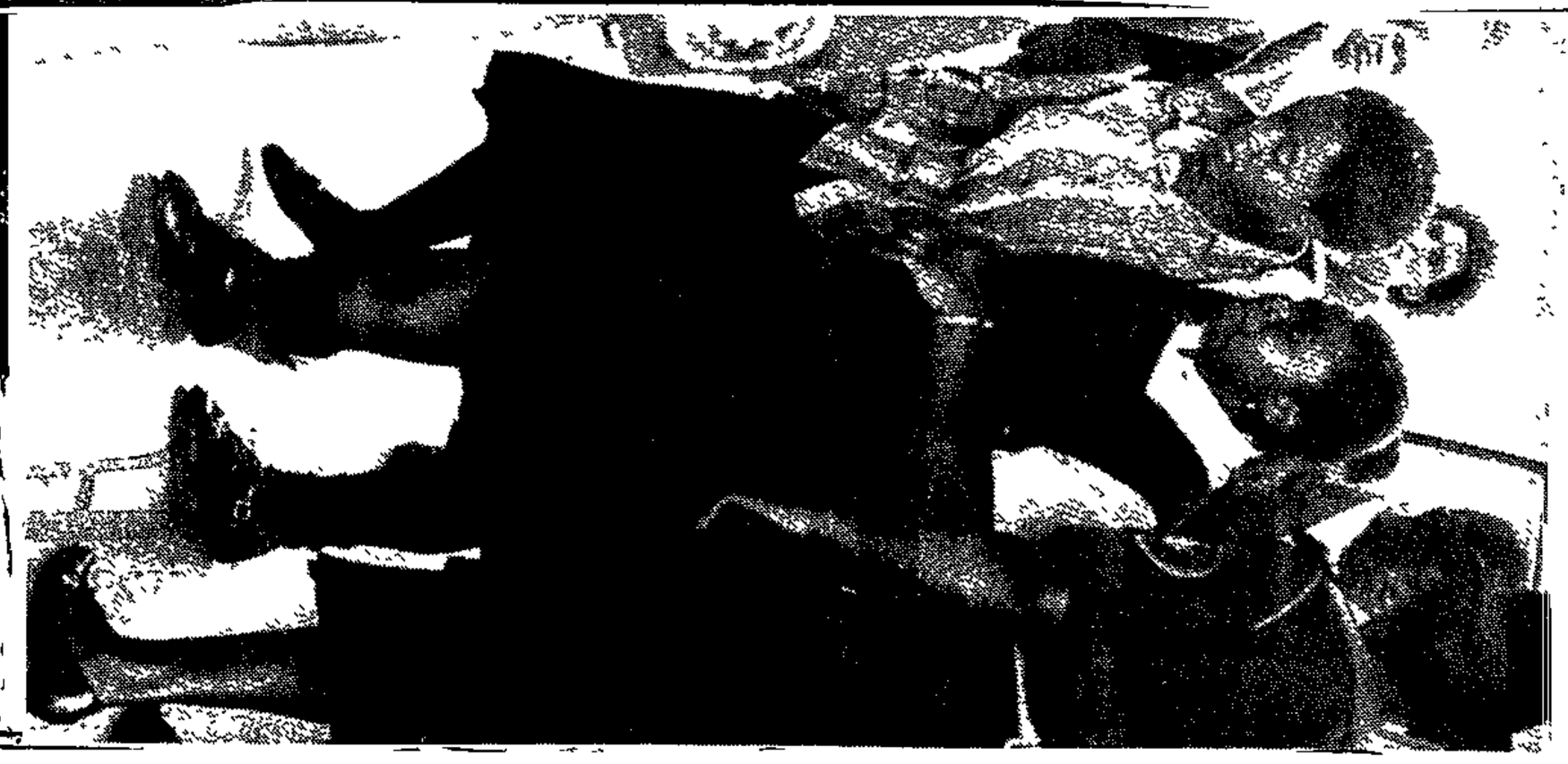
Horror at Katlehong

One of the injured, assisted by friends, arrives at the hospital. His head wound was bleeding profusely.

This unidentified teacher was dragged from the schoolyard and hacked to death.

Pupil injured



This young girl was wounded in the leg during the Katlehong taxi war.

Reef taxi rivals leave six dead in war

This unidentified student was hacked to death in Ngema section. His body was found a stone throw away from his school.

One of the casualties is treated in the hospital ward after he was shot and hacked by unknown assailants.

In pain

Another pupil who narrowly escaped death in the horror that erupted in Katlehong. but was in pain in hospital.

On the stretcher

Medical staff of Natalspruit hospital with one of the many injured.

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Taxi operators go on the rampage

5 die in Katlehong clash

By Abel Mabelane, East Rand Bureau

At least five people died and 15 were seriously injured when a group of taxi operators went on the rampage in Katlehong yesterday, attacking pupils at the school for allegedly petrol—bombing six of their minibuses.

Dr N Kernes, superintendent of the Natalspruit Hospital said 15 people had been admitted with bullet, panga and knobkerrie wounds and two of them were in a critical condition.

Police confirmed yesterday that the bodies of a man and three youths were found near the Ikhateng school in the Ngema section. One youth had been shot and the other three victims had apparently been hacked to death.

The burnt-out shell of a minibus bears testimony to the violent taxi war which has erupted in Katlehong township on the East Rand.

13 arrested

The body of a 15-year-old boy who had been shot dead was also found in the township Thirteen suspects were arrested in connection with the killing after police stopped a minibus and seized two guns.

Two people may have been wounded after a mob attacked two special constables with sticks and knobkerries and tried to take their guns. The policemen opened fire but it is believed the wounded were dragged off by the mob.

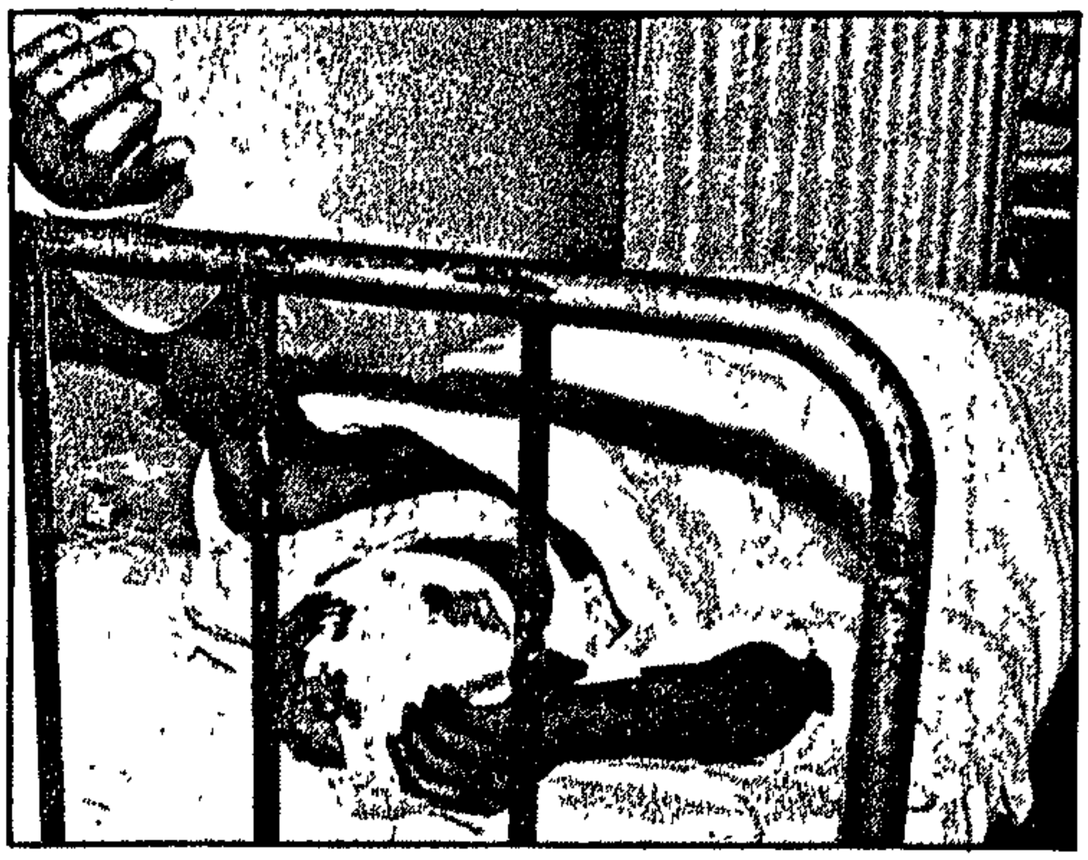
Another 19 people were arrested after police searched a minibus and found three guns.

The General Secretary of the Germiston and District Taxi Association Mr Sehlotji Malepe, said six taxis were allegedly petrol-bombed by school pupils in different areas.

Mr Malepe said two drivers were shot in the leg during an argument with the police at the offices of the association.

Speaking from his hospital bed, a teacher from the Katlehong High School — who did not want to be identified — said he was admitted with head injuries and a fracture of the left arm. He said: "A house was burnt down by unknown youths in the vicinity of the school Immediately after break, three minibuses carrying people entered the school premises. The passengers alighted and started attacking everybody on sight indiscriminately.

Blood pours down the face of a man injured in Katlehong.



One of the many victims of the taxi war violence.

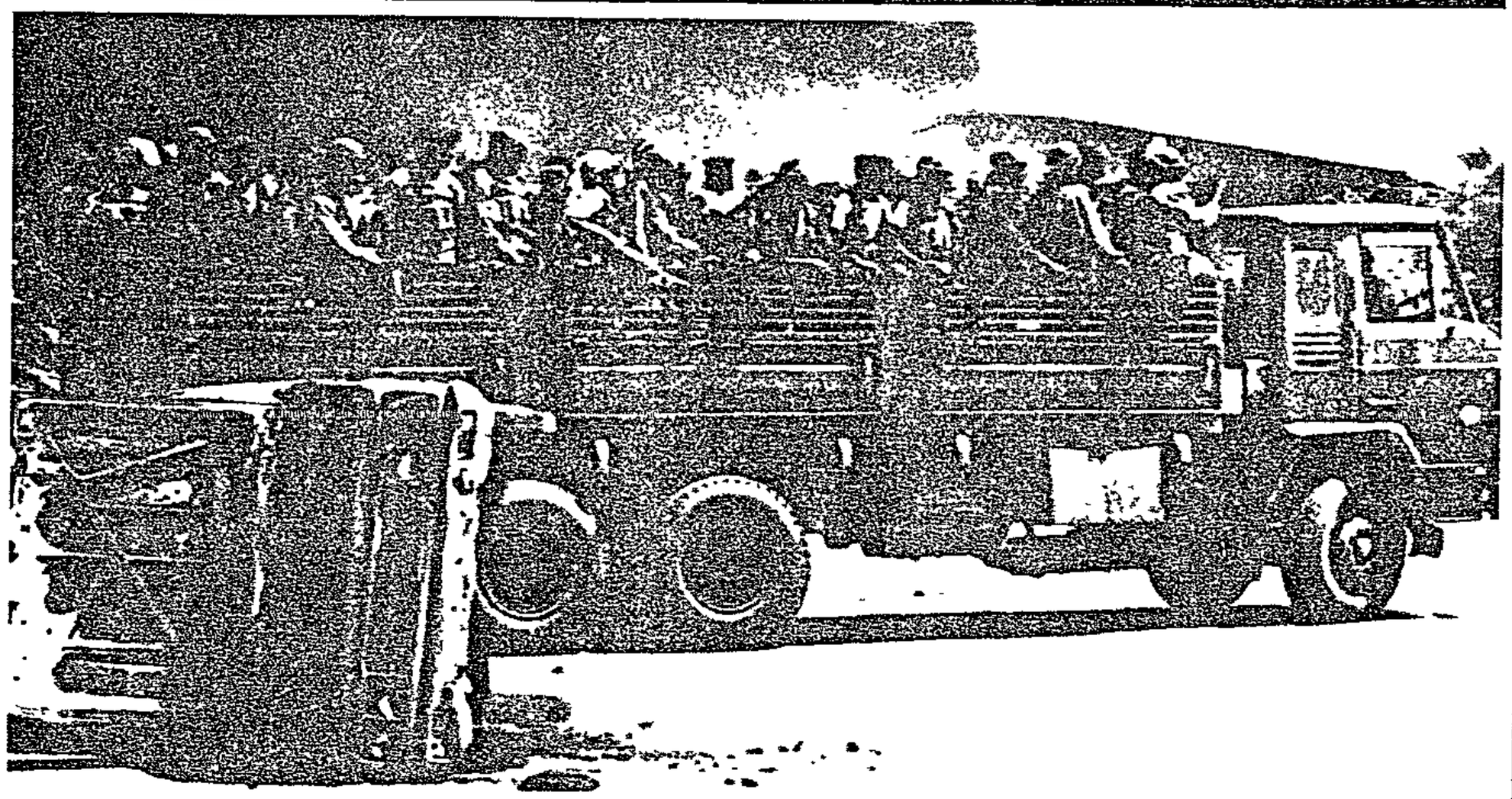
"I tried to run but was caught and viciously attacked with iron bars and knobkerries and was left lying helpless on the ground."

A 15-year-old schoolboy, Simon Mpela, said he was attacked by men carrying pangas and knobkerries when he returned home from school.

A house belonging to Mr Henry Ndlovu was gutted when a petrol bomb was tossed at it. Mr Ndlovu said the damage incurred amounted to more than R100 000.

11 die and 500 injured as another homeland erupts in flames

Mangope declares state of emergency



TROOPS GO IN ... Bophuthatswanan soldiers patrol Garankuwa yesterday after rioting broke out. Picture REUTER

Cape Times 8/3/90

Army on alert

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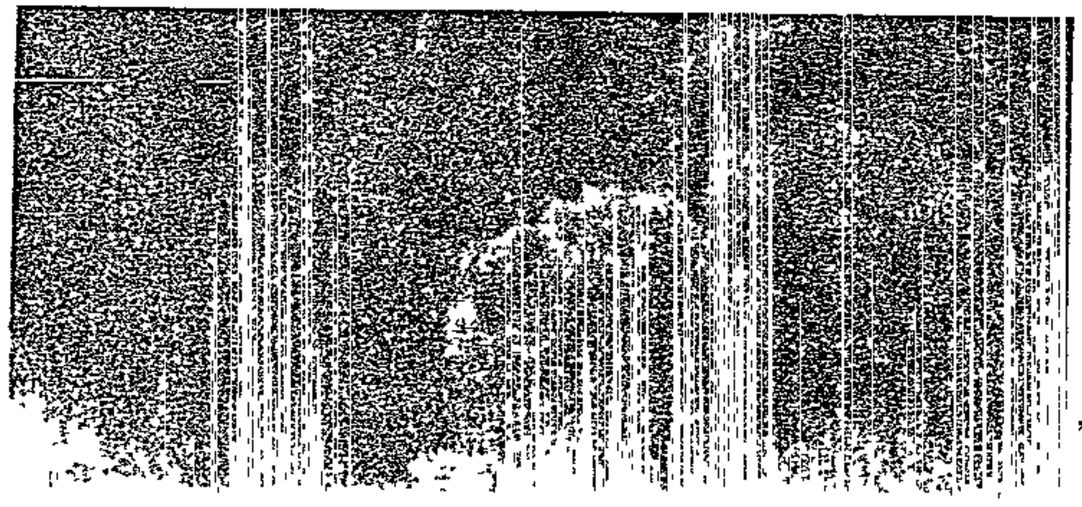

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More than 200 people have died in burgeoning violence around South Africa over the past 35 days

Last night Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha said the Bophuthatswana government had asked for "co-operative assistance" This was being given

"The security forces of the two countries are co-operating and co-ordinating efforts to ensure stability," he said

Mr Botha also said in reference to rising tensions in Venda that "the South African government will not hesitate to provide the necessary security if requested"

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A total stayaway appeared to be in force as residents rallied around the issue of reincorporation of the homeland into the Republic and called for lower rents and service charges.

By yesterday evening a heavy pall of black smoke still hung over the area, indicating the extent of public anger directed towards President Mangope's administration

A branch of Standard Bank and the homeland's building society were also gutted.

Security forces fired rubber bullets at rioters who looted a cash and carry store

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● ANC spokesman Mr Tom Sebina said from Lusaka his organisation had not been directly involved in organising and planning the unrest but acknowledged that ANC supporters were — Sapa and Own Correspondent.

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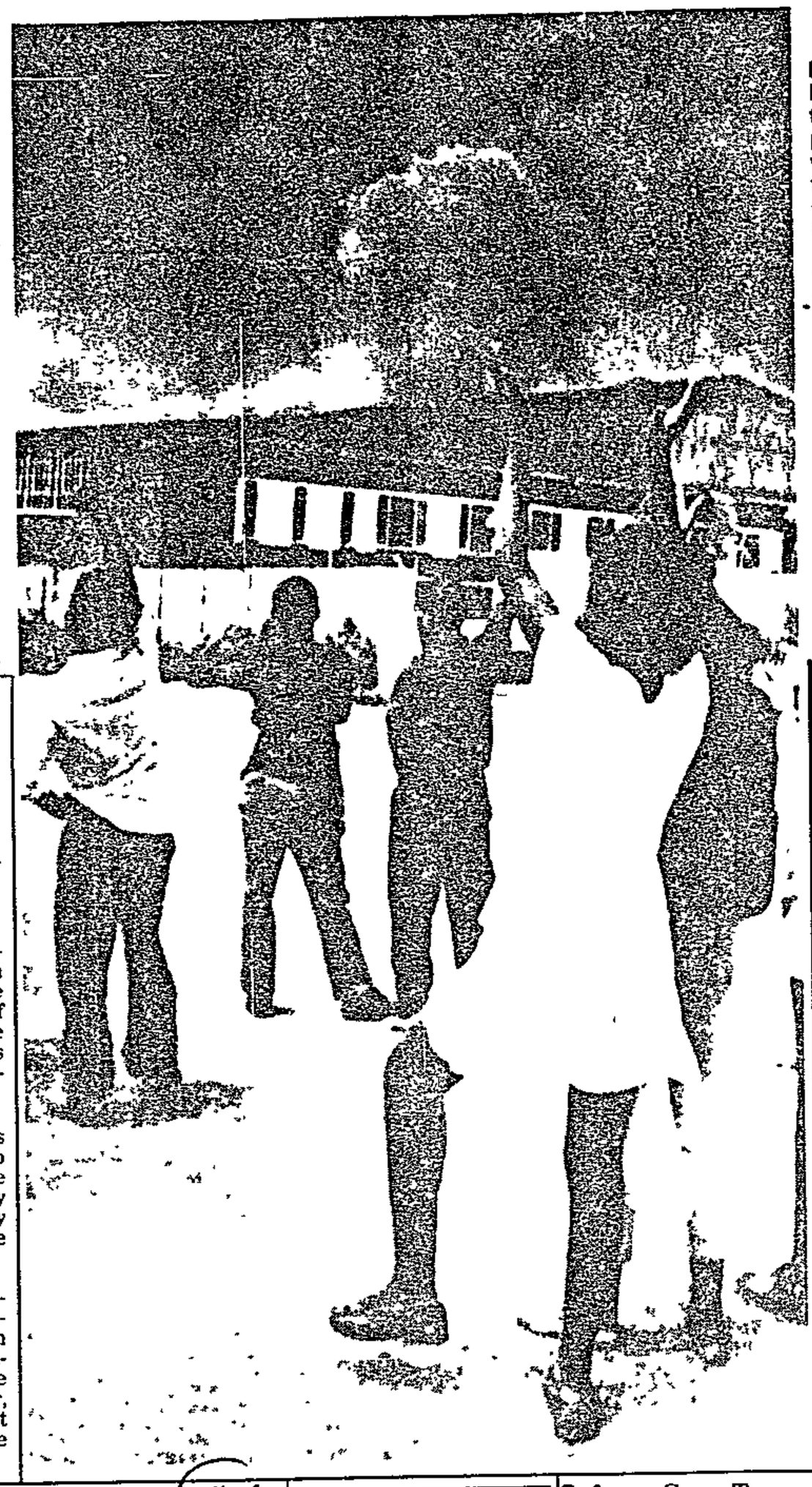

FIRE ... People in the Bophuthatswanan township of Garankuwa applaud while watching a fire rage in a warehouse The rioting broke out in the homeland yesterday, coming after similar violence in Ciskei

Hit squad suspect was jailed for murder

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Staff Reporters

THEUNIS KRUGER, the 37-year-old Civil Co-operation Bureau member detained last week in connection with the murder of Dr David Webster, is a former parabat and convicted killer.

Kruger was sentenced in 1983 to 15 years imprisonment for shooting a man who surprised him and a colleague while they were stealing a vehicle.

He apparently buried the body and in court claimed that he was acting on orders of his commanding officer. He was freed after serving four years.

UCT offers top post to Andre Brink

Cape Times 8/3/90 (54)

Staff Reporter

AUTHOR Professor Andre Brink has been offered a chair in the English department of the University of Cape Town, reliable sources told the Cape Times yesterday

Final approval on his posting is believed to have been put to the UCT board yesterday afternoon This was only a formality however, the sources claimed.

Professor Brink, a lecturer in Afrikaans-Nederlands and modern fiction at Rhodes University, said last night he was excited by the offer, but refused to comment until the offer became formal.

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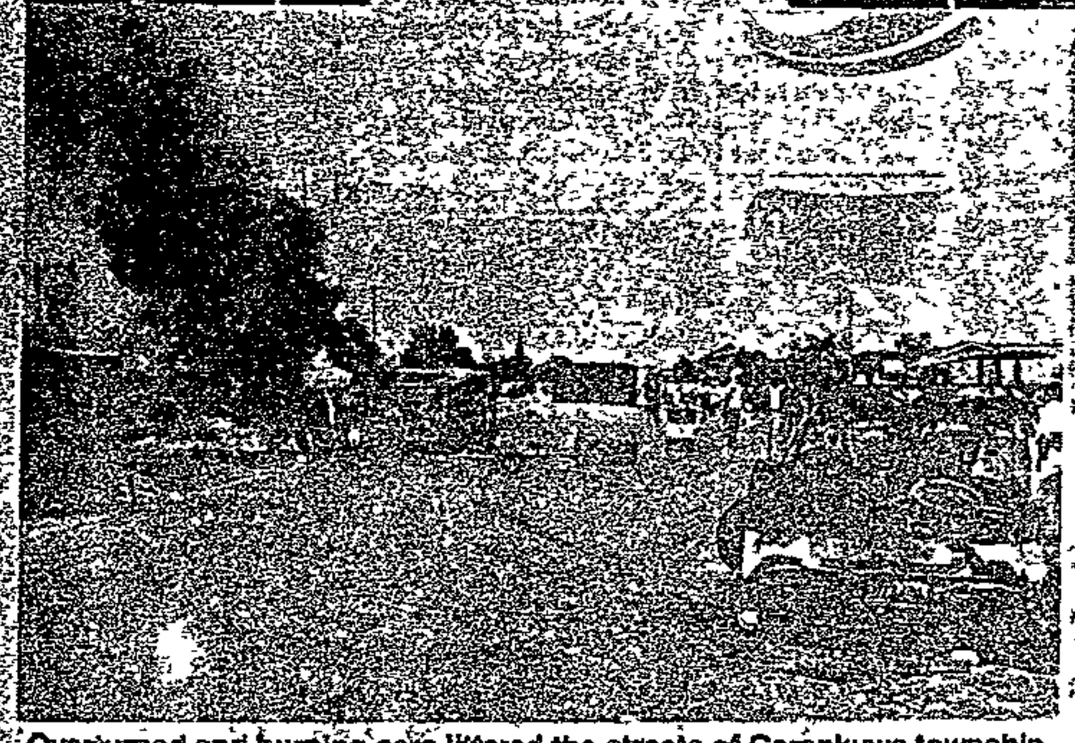
RESIDENTS UP IN ARMS

March on council offices

Left: Armed hostel inmates joined thousands of Katlehong residents in yesterday's march on the town council offices to demand better services and low rentals. More than 28 people were injured during police action.
Pic: *Mbuzeni Zulu*



Overturned and burning cars littered the streets of Garankuwa township, outside Pretoria, yesterday when residents took to the streets protesting against the homeland's independence.

A looter crosses the street carrying a bag of potatoes as shops were ransacked in yesterday's rioting. Cars were also set alight.

Phahameng youths shot

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

One youth was shot and wounded on Tuesday and another yesterday when police opened fire on groups of demonstrating students at Phahameng township, in Nylstroom, residents said yesterday.

By late yesterday, three vehicles, a shop and a bottlestore belonging to the township's mayor, Mr Tsietsi Mohapi, had been burnt and looted.

Far Northern Transvaal police liaison officer, Captain Cas Jones, confirmed that there was "trouble" at Phahameng but said details would only be available today.

Residents said a work stayaway started yesterday elicited almost a hundred percent response by workers. The only high school in the township, Modimolle, was closed down.

Parents held a meeting at a local stadium until late yesterday afternoon watched by hundreds of policemen in vans, hippos and two helicopters.

The residents said councillors were corrupt and granted themselves several business licenses. Students are demanding the return of a teacher who was transferred from the school early this year.

Katlehong war claims 2 more lives

THE casualty toll following the Katlehong carnage on Tuesday rose to eight yesterday following the overnight deaths of two more victims

More than 90 people were injured after fighting continued late into Tuesday night.

Another 28 people

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

were injured during a march in the township yesterday when police opened fire on more than 85 000 residents.

They were marching to the town council to complain about rent and poor living conditions.

Tense

A tense atmosphere prevailed in the township as residents took the resolution to boycott taxis "until they solve their problems."

Schools were closed and most parents stayed away from work.

The public relations officer for the local civic association, Mr Paul Maseko, said more people were injured on Tuesday afternoon when unidentified people ordered them off the trains and made them march to the police station.

"The taxi operators have declared war on the community, so let us boycott their taxis," an identified speaker said during the march.

The Natalspruit hospital superintendent, Dr Norman Kernes, said yesterday they treated more than 20 injured people, mostly with gunshot wounds. On Tuesday night they treated 65 injured people.

The police in their unrest report confirmed that 28 people were injured during the march. Police opened fire to disperse the crowd.

"Incidents of unrest again flared in Katlehong when thousands marched from the sports stadium to the local police station and administration board offices.

"During the march, fighting apparently broke out among the crowd. Shots were also fired at the police. A section of the crowd attacked a service station and the police used shotgun fire to disperse the mob.

"At the time, six people were reported injured. The mob dispersed.

"In follow-up investigations, it was established that 28 people had been admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital with injuries."

On Tuesday, a group of heavily armed men drove around the township attacking pupils with guns, pangas and sticks.

Death toll rises to 21 in trouble-torn Khutsong

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THE death toll has risen to 21 in trouble-torn Khutsong, near Carletonville, according to reports yesterday.

Community organisations monitoring the situation in the township said two youths were shot dead in the morning and one in the afternoon as the violence which began at the weekend surfaced again yesterday after a lull on Tuesday.

Police confirmed eight deaths but the organisations this week released 13 names and said an additional five had not been identified.

Among the dead is an elderly woman who is believed to have died of a heart attack when police allegedly raided her house during Monday's violence.

She was identified only as Mrs Moshawa.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

Victims identified by the organisations, and one by the police were Mr Peter Mmake (30), Patrick Mogapi (15), Lucas Ndabankulu, EDward Matlawe, Jacob Mathekge, Carly Maleke and others identified as Romba, Ramba, Pule or Redsak, Eddie and Ntsoelengoe.

Meanwhile reports reaching *Sowetan* yesterday said one youth was shot dead in Tshing township, near Ventersdorp, and nine others wounded following a march on the local authorities on Tuesday.

In Maokeng township, houses belonging to the mayor, Mr Caswell Koekoe, and councillors were attacked following claims that vigilantes were terrorising activists in the area.

Taxi war claims up to 23 victims

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From MONO BADELA

KATLEHONG. - As many as 23 people, including two school teachers and four pupils, are feared dead in a taxi war which erupted in Katlehong outside Germiston this week.

A further 43 pupils are believed to be seriously injured.

On Tuesday, police found the hacked body of a pupil at a rubbish dump in the Phadima section of the East Rand dormitory town.

The bodies of a teacher and another pupil were found in a yard next to a school in the Ngema section.

The attack on school children follows a clash between rival taxi organisations operating in the area.

It is believed the attack on schools was sparked off by the pupils' decision not to attend school on Monday and to side with one of the rival groups.

Shocked teachers and residents said men had driven around local schools, attacking teachers and pupils indiscriminately.

The men were reported to have carried pangas and hammers.

The taxi drivers claimed the pupils were responsible for burning taxis.

About 25 taxis have so far been burnt out.

At about midday on Tuesday, the home of Germiston and District Taxi Association official, Mr Henry Ndlovu, was torched, apparently by students. Damage is estimated at R100 000..

2 policemen among dead

Many slain in township

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By Montshiwa Moroke

As many as 25 people are believed to have died in Khutsong, Carletonville, since the outbreak of violence in the township at the weekend, community leaders said yesterday.

Among those killed were two policemen and an alleged woman informer. Their homes and property were also destroyed.

Police this week said 13 people had died in the violence, including nine township residents. Two people were burnt to death.

Feared arrest

Scores of other people were wounded by birdshot but it was difficult to get exact numbers as many people had either been treated outside of Carletonville or did not seek treatment for fear of being arrested.

Some youths who were wounded have still not been treated.

Some of those injured said they had been shot while sitting in the yards of their homes or walking in the street.

At least 50 people, including children aged 11 and 12, are alleged to have been detained. Residents said police went from house to house detaining alleged activists on Tuesday.

Five days after the first casualties were reported, several youths were wounded when police allegedly fired birdshot in the township yesterday morning. One of those wounded in yesterday's shootings was Themba Kolotia (17).

The township remained tense late yesterday with streets barricaded. Schools in the township have been closed since Friday.

Although people had gone to work, taxis were not venturing far into the township.

In another development, members of the Khutsong Civic Association, accompanied by members of the SA Council of Churches, met police in Oberholzer yesterday to ask that police withdraw from the township. Police refused.

Community leaders said they had received information from reliable sources that as many as 25 bodies were lying in the government mortuary. However, they could furnish The Star with only 12 names.

But they believed even this figure was lower than the actual number of fatalities. One of those who died was a Mrs Moshawa, an elderly woman who died of shock when police burst into her home looking for her activist son.

Bomb burns

Doctors in the area said they had treated a number of people, some for birdshot wounds, shock, petrol-bomb burns and twisted ankles. Some of these patients, ranging in age between 12 and 60, had been referred to hospital.

Some of the names of the dead are Patrick Mogapi (15), Peter Moleke Mmako (25), Lucas Ndabankulu (19), Sello "Redsak" Mothupi, Edward Matlawe (23), Jacob Molefe Mathikge, Ms Khani Maleke (21), a worker from the Blyvoor mine, a Mr Ntsoelengoe and a youth known only as Mavovo.

The turmoil in Katlehong township on the East Rand has created upheaval and misery for thousands of ordinary residents, like these two women who pass a fire in the street. Burning tyres barricaded entry to the township yesterday.
● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

Police injure 28 in Katlehong

Staff Reporter

At least 28 people were injured when police used shotguns to disperse thousands of township residents marching to the Katlehong town council offices on the East Rand yesterday.

Police intervened when fighting broke out among the marchers.

The trouble erupted when marchers left the Huntersfield stadium in Katlehong and marched down several streets to present a petition to the council.

Residents are demanding the lowering of rentals and electricity tariffs as well as police intervention in the bitter taxi feud which has raged in the township since the weekend. At least five people have died in the fighting.

Police said yesterday a section of the crowd attacked a petrol service station and the police used shotgun fire to disperse the mob. Shots were also fired at police.

"At the time, six people were reported injured. The mob dispersed In follow-up investigations, it was established that 28 people had been admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital with injuries," the authorities said.

A petition handed to the council by the protest leaders was rejected by the town council.

In a statement, the council said it could not drop rents or electricity tariffs, but agreed to make more money available for upgrading roads and the street lighting system.

At a report-back meeting residents also resolved to continue a boycott of taxis.

On Tuesday, five people were killed, including several pupils, when the fighting between the rival taxi bodies spilled into schoolyards.

Police seal off Katlehong as unrest continues

CAN Times 9/3/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Katlehong was racked by continued violence yesterday as police, many drafted in from outside the area, sealed roads to the township.

Burnt-out taxis and huge boulders blocked roads.

Nurses in Natalspruit Hospital casualty confirmed that at least 20 people, including children, had been admitted from the township. Some had birdshot wounds.

Witnesses said taxi owners went from school to school ferreting out pupils responsible for damaging their vehicles. They allegedy beat children suspected of the vandalism.

Among the casualties admitted to Natalspruit Hospital were youths aged around 20 years old. Unconfirmed reports said two of the victims two children under the age of eight.

Police would not confirm that teargas and shotguns had been fired to disperse rioters.

Police said 73 people had been admitted to hospital in the three days of rioting. Violence and stone-throwing was reported to have occurred yesterday morning.

By evening the township was quieter as police removed wrecks and rubble from the streets.

The UDF and the SA Black Taxis Association (Sabta) have decided to intervene as mediators in Katlehong to end the violence.

Meanwhile, unrest continued to sweep the country, according to yesterday's police unrest report.

At Ditlaki, Koffiefontein, a group erected a road barricade and threw stones at a police vehicle. The vehicle was badly damaged.

In another incident in the area, arsonists caused extensive damage to an administration building. Tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot were used to disperse the arsonists. No injuries were reported.

At KwaKwatsi, Koppies, extensive damage was caused to property when the homes of three policemen were stoned.

At Phomolong, Henneman, a private house was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

At Maokeng, Kroonstad, numerous incidents involving stone-throwers and petrol bombs were reported. A number of police vehicles and private houses were damaged as a result.

At Mluzi, Middelburg in the Eastern Transvaal, a bus and a private vehicle were extensively damaged when they were set alight in separate incidents. A police vehicle and a private vehicle were also damaged when they were stoned in separate incidents. No injuries were reported.

At Agesinang, Sannieshof, police used tearsmoke to disperse a large mob who had erected a road barricade.

At Khutsong, Oberholzer, police found the body of a man with a bullet wound in the chest.

On Wednesday two handgrenades of as yet unknown origin were thrown at a private house in Ntuzuma, Durban.

A nine-year-old girl was seriously injured by shrapnel.

Police are investigating the incident. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Extra police move into Katlehong

Business Day Reporter

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Sapa reports that ANC leader Walter Sisulu yesterday called for an end to violence between "brother and brother, between sister and sister.

"This is a very critical time in our life. We are busy appealing for unity throughout the country," Sisulu said in a statement issued by Cosatu, the UDF, Sabta, Sayco and the Katlehong Civic Association.

Witnesses said taxi owners went from school to school searching for pupils they claimed were responsible for damaging their vehicles. They allegedy beat children suspected of the vandalism.

Two journalists — Business Day's Dan Feldman and Radio 702's Sam Binks — were arrested while trying to enter the township.

Police informed Business Day the two were being held under the emergency regulations. Attorneys were attempting to arrange their release.

Police PWV liaison officer Col Frans Malherbe said he had received no report of the disturbances.

A police statement issued to Sapa said 73 people had been admitted to hospital in the three days of rioting. Stone-throwing was reported to have occurred yesterday morning. By evening the township was quieter as police removed wrecks and rubble.

□ In Alexandra, confrontation between two rival taxi associations has been averted by plans for one united association to serve the Witwatersrand township.

Help us, please

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Fleeing Katlehong residents cry out

BESIEGED Katlehong residents yesterday cried out for help as hundreds of families fled their homes following the bloodbath and night raids that have left more than 15 people dead and 140 injured.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI and THEMBA MOLEFE

Residents fled to neighbouring townships while others sought refuge at the Natalspruit Hospital, police station, South African Defence Force camp and graveyards.

Residents, who were still fleeing to the hospital yesterday afternoon, said armed men drove from street to street dragging residents from their homes.

The unidentified men raided houses and assaulted and shot men on Wednesday night.

"We have lost faith in the South African Police and our organisations seem helpless," said a resident from Shongweni Section.

"They are with us here but we can see the situation is getting more and more like Natal. We cannot afford that."

Residents called for the return of the South African Defence Force to the township.

The United Democratic Front's assistant publicity secretary, Mr Murphy Morobe, said the call for the return of the SADF by most Katlehong residents must be seen as a desperate option for people in a desperate situation.

"Whatever force we bring in for help must not, in the long run, undermine the long-standing desire of residents and their political progressive organisations," Morobe said.

Another resident, who asked not to be identified, said organisations

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These two women and a child were too scared to give us their names as they fled the trouble-torn Katlehong township, near Germiston, on the East Rand yesterday.

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demanding that the SADF leave the township must come in and end the violence.

"We no longer know who is the assailant. Cars and houses are burnt down, groups of armed people conduct body searches and take our money away.

"Other groups move from house to house attacking indiscriminately while the other group forces people out of their houses to join vigilantes."

A resident from Nhlapho Section said yesterday morning dead bodies were found next to her section.

Siphiwe Radebe, a 16-year-old survivor from Twala Section, said men from two private cars and a red van ambushed them while they were running to seek refuge in Tokoza.

Other survivors said they were ambushed while running away from people who were raiding their homes.

The African National Congress and the United Democratic Front have joined the Southern African Black Taxi Association in calling for peace in

Plea for end to 'war'

Katlehong.

Mr Walter Sisulu, chairman of the internal wing of the ANC, yesterday pleaded with the Mass Democratic Movement and the business community to work together to stop the violence.

In a statement read at a joint UDF and Sabta Press conference Sisulu said: "I have just arrived from a tour and have been briefed of a serious situation that has developed among our people in Katlehong.

"I am therefore appealing to you my dear friends to do everything possible, everything in your power to bring about an end to senseless violence between brother and brother, between sister and sister.

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Violence overflows from the taxi ranks

Residents armed with knobkieries and sticks prepare to defend themselves against taxi owners. Violence has claimed at least 15 lives

The death-toll in Katlehong's 'Zola Budd' war reaches 15

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MZIMKULU MALUNGA REPORTS FROM KATLEHONG

THE initials "G&D" send terror into the hearts of Katlehong residents

G&D stands for Germiston and District Taxi Association. This week, G&D gangs wreaked havoc in the township — the latest episode of a feud that began two weeks ago

Conflict began between the G&D and the rival Katlehong Taxi Organisation (Kato) over operational routes in the township and Kato's setting up of a new taxi route. Fighting started at taxi ranks and boiled over into the streets and schoolyards of Katlehong, leaving eight people dead and more than 65 injured.

The latest killings in this East Rand township bring the death toll to 15, with over 150 injuries — including 28 who were injured on Wednesday when police opened fire on a section of the marchers

All those killed this week were students or teachers.

Blood, broken doors, cupboards and glass were scattered on the floor of one of the classrooms at Katlehong Secondary School visited by the *Weekly Mail* shortly after a gang travelling in a red "Zola Budd" minibus taxi invaded the school

A female teacher at the school, who asked to remain anonymous, said the gang stormed into the schoolyard assaulting students and teachers with firearms, pangas and knobkieries after a house belonging to a G&D member, just down the street from the school, was burnt down by a crowd

"Our children were in the yard and they were not part of the group which burned the taxi owner's house These guys (G&D) just assumed that they were involved," she said "The G& D men are cruel; they don't even listen to you when you try to explain"

At Eketsang Secondary School and Khumalo Primary School, students were also attacked by taxi men armed with pangas.

A teacher was pulled from the schoolyard at Eketsang and hacked to death. His body and that of a student believed to be from the same school were found near the school premises. Bodies were also found under rubbish dumps

The taxi men apparently went on the rampage following the burning of two taxis by a group of youths. They accused residents of siding with the rival faction, Kato

At the Natalspruit Hospital, a large group of anxious residents crowded the entrance to the casualty section as stretchers carrying blood-covered victims were rushed into the hospital.

According to the superintendent of the hospital, Dr NP Kerns, most of the people injured had gunshot wounds.

Police said they made 15 arrests when they stopped and searched a Zola Budd in the township. Two firearms were found in the vehicle and police said they were investigating the group's possible involvement in the killings.

However, most residents complained that the police intervened only after the damage had been done

Vehicles — with the exception of police vans — were given a holiday on Wednesday when thousands of Katlehong residents decided to stay away from work to participate in a protest march called by the local civic association in protest against high rents and electricity charges

Marchers sang songs ranging from freedom songs to war songs of the *Amabutho* (Warriors), usually sung by migrant workers in the hostels.

A petition was delivered to the council by Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) representatives.

The council refused to drop rent and eletricity tariffs, but promised to make more money available for the upgrading of roads and street lighting system.

"We are speaking about more houses and low rent and they are telling us about robots — that's nonsense," said one resident at the report-back meeting

It was resolved at that meeting that the council response was unacceptable, and a rent boycott was embarked on, with effect from Wednesday. Residents also vowed to boycott taxis operating in the township due to the fighting.

Almost everybody who went to the march was armed· people carried sticks, knobkieries and axes. Some carried digging forks, brooms or coal-stove pokers Most people were worried that the taximen would attack the marchers during the march.

On the other side, heavily armed policemen and *Kitskonstabels* stood together with G&D men, who had grouped at a Mobil garage just near the Katlehong Police Station as angry and chanting residents from all over the township, including hostels, marched nearby

The clash was sparked by a dispute over operational routes in Katlehong. G&D members were apparently angered by the opening of a new taxi route by Kato members. They responded by attacking Kato members, who retaliated. Seven died, most of whom were passengers.

The Katlehong Civic Association tried to reconcile the two sides, but fighting persisted.

Meanwhile the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association (Sabta) has suspended G&D from its ranks until the fighting ceases. "The suspension remains in force until conditions of peace and the unity of taxi bodies in Katlehong have been achieved," said association representative Jabu Mabuza.

Mabuza said Sabta will soon announce an appointment of a one-man commission of inquiry into taxi wars. He added that in the interim its provincial affiliate, the Transvaal Taxi Association (TTA), will appoint a manager to run the activities of taxi operations in Katlehong until a single association has been formed

Mabuza urged Kato members to disband and submit themselves to the authority and jurisdiction of the TTA-appointed manager during the run-up to the elections for a single association.

The Johannesburg Child Welfare Society is the largest private non-profit welfare organisation in S A The Society is in the process of establishing a treatment centre for sexually abused children and their families For this challenging position we require motivated and committed individuals who can share our vision and objective which is to help children and strengthen family and community life

The programme embodies a multi disciplinary approach providing intensive therapy Candidates must be open to creative cultural work willing to try new methods be good team workers and have good interpersonal skills

Incumbents will be required to be available for periods out of hours work

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Katlehong hides its children

By Winnie Graham

The children of the East Rand township of Katlehong have gone.

Almost overnight, parents have spirited away their sons and daughters, moving them to neighbouring townships and even to the homelands.

Their absence, says Sipho, a Katlehong resident, is almost a relief. Since the massacre of the schoolchildren on Tuesday when four pupils and two teachers died and 43 children were seriously injured — some at school — the residents have expected the worst.

"We are terrified," he admits. "The atmosphere is more tense now than it was on Tuesday."

The residents, he says, believe taxi owners recruited thugs to fight their battles for them. Because they do not know when they will strike next, ordinary people in Katlehong no longer go to bed at night. They dare not.

Instead, they stay awake all night, protecting each other and their homes.

In some areas men armed with pangas have been going from house to house searching for goodness knows what. People move silently and in fear.

And still the bitter taxi feud continues unabated.

More than 15 people have died in the past few days in the battle between the Katlehong Taxi Association and the Germiston and District Association.

It is believed the attack on schoolchildren was sparked by the pupils' decision not to go to school on Monday and for taking sides with one of the factions.

But for the people of Katlehong, the most painful part of the feud has been the massacre of the children, mostly hacked to death with pangas.

Sipho says the people feel unprotected. Only the occasional municipal police van can be seen.

"Anything can happen at any time," he says. "So we do not sleep."

But at least the children are safe.

Violence close to worst levels of mid-1980s

Govt clamp looms amid surging unrest

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Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

The wave of unrest sweeping the country is now approaching the levels of the worst days of 1984-85, and there are fears that a major crackdown may be looming.

Government steps to deal with the deteriorating situation may become clearer today in Parliament during a special snap debate on the subject.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok will be defending the Government against charges from the Conservative Party that by unbanning the ANC and releasing Mr Nelson Mandela it had created the unrest.

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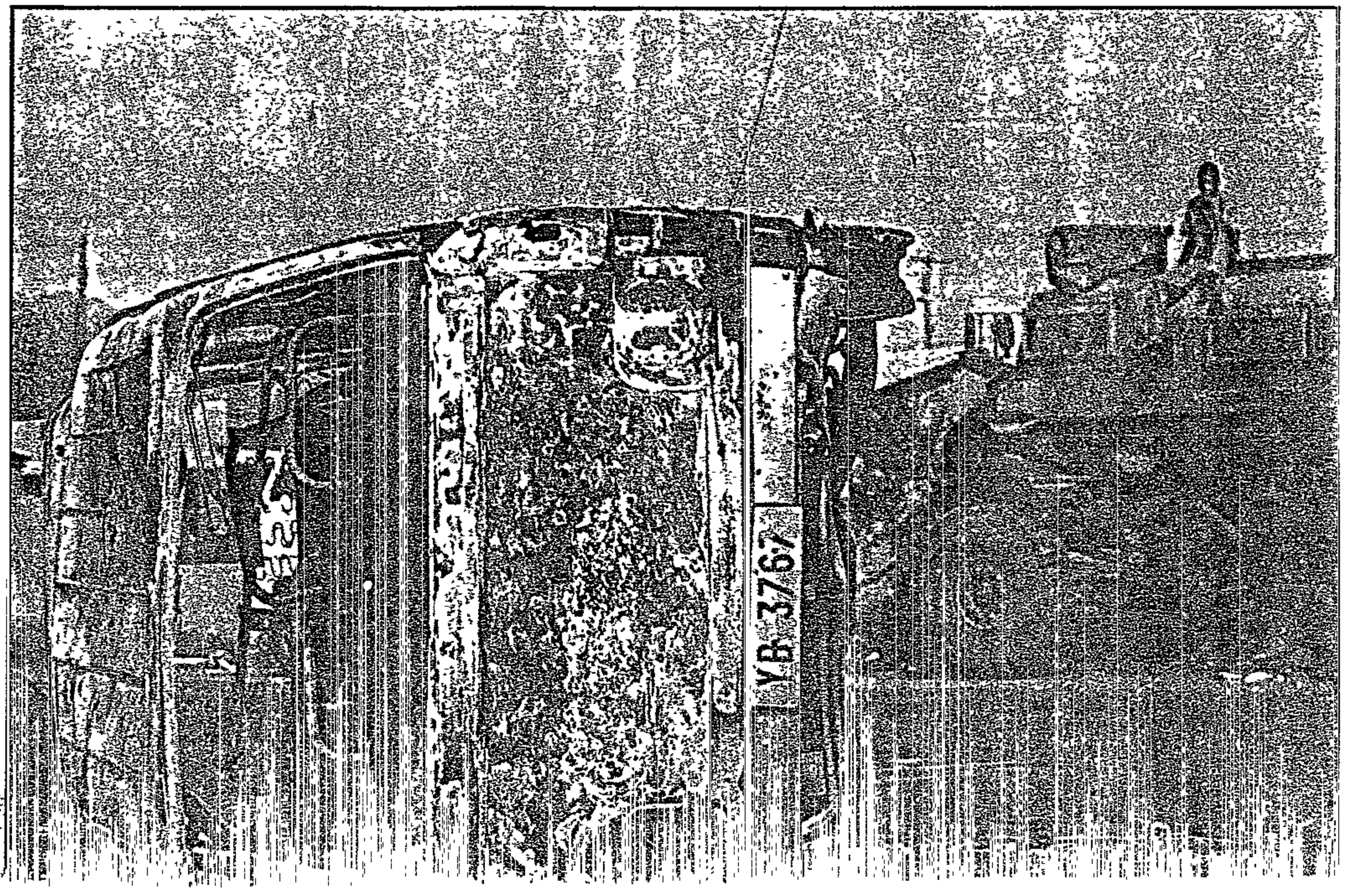

CCB men free

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

The managing director of the South African Defence Force's covert Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), Mr Joe Verster, is expected to give evidence on Monday before the Harms Commission of Inquiry into alleged politically motivated murders

Mr Verster, held a week ago under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, was unexpectedly released from detention last night after the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, had signed a release order

Two other alleged CCB operatives — Mr "Slang" van Zyl, whose name has featured during evidence so far, and Mr Theunis Kruger, said to be an auditor with the unit — were also released

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Other senior Government sources have also appealed for calm in the country and warned of a clampdown.

Security sources have disclosed that there were over 300 serious incidents of unrest during the first seven days of March.

If the rate continues for the rest of the month, it will bring the March figures up to the 1 200 unrest incidents a month at the height of the 1984/85 unrest which prompted the Government to impose the emergency.

Government seems confused about what is causing the current spate of rioting and unrest.

Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen was referring to the ANC this week when he said "certain elements" pretending to be eager for negotiation were bent on destroying the negotiation process.

President de Klerk also seemed to have the ANC in mind when he said rhetoric on the armed struggle was contributing to the violence.

The security establishment seems to believe that the PAC might be behind it.

Sources said it seemed the black youth were disenchanted with the moderate older generation of ANC leaders and their commitment to negotiations.

Conservative Party Law and Order spokesman Mr Moolman Mentz called for today's 90-minute debate which will deal broadly with the security situation.

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Aftermath of the battle . . . this street in Ga-Rankuwa was quiet again yesterday, but the burnt out shell of a minibus and the presence of watchful Bophuthatswana troops were grim reminders of the violence which tore through the area this week. ● Picture for Jon Hrusa.

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Staff Reporters

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Unrest: Mabuza meets with UDF

JOHANNESBURG — KaNgwane leader Mr Enos Mabuza met senior members of the United Democratic Front here yesterday to discuss the current wave of unrest sweeping the homelands and "agents provocateurs" seeking to plunge KaNgwane into similar chaos.

In a statement, UDF publicity secretary Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota said his organisation had always counted Mr Mabuza's Inyandza National Movement as an ally.

Yesterday's talks were planned long before the present lightning upheavals in the homelands, he added.

"We noted (during the talks) that agents provocateurs are presently attempting to destabilise KaNgwane," a statement said. — Sapa

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Hundreds flee township war

KATLEHONG. — About 700 families, including hundreds of small children, have fled the violence-racked Katlehong township on the East Rand to seek refuge in a nearby police station and hospital.

While other residents were preparing to sleep in the veld and in neighbouring warehouses, the feeling was that the worst was yet to come — and that another night of bloodshed and carnage lay ahead.

The three-day conflict has claimed at least 19 lives and scores have been treated for gunshot, panga and knobkerrie wounds. Thousands of rands' worth of damage has also been caused.

Violence was sparked by a confrontation between rival taxi groups.

Tension hangs heavy in the air and the situation is extremely volatile. Residents reported that shooting, stabbing and panga attacks were rife over a wide area.

People grouped together, armed with knives, axes, pangas and sticks.

"Witdoek" vigiliantes reportedly gunned down seven people in one incident, while in another five people were butchered to death with pangas.

The entrance to the Natalspruit Hospital — where many residents had sought refuge — has been closed and only ambulances, police and emergency cases are allowed in.

Hospital superintendent Dr Norman Kerns said more than 70 people had been treated since Wednesday.

According to police, the body of a man was found in front of a burnt-out house. He had been hacked and burnt to death.

A man who threw a petrol bomb at a vehicle was shot dead.

The body of a constable was also found, police said.

'Football Club death: 3 sentenced

JOHANNESBURG. — Sisusiso Chili, who killed a member of a hit squad from the Mandela Football Club who had been sent to kill him, was yesterday sentenced to an effective two years' imprisonment.

Mr Justice R A Solomon, who passed sentence in the Rand Supreme Court, said that what he should do with Chili had worried him "tremendously".

In February last year, Mr Maxwell Madondo and a man called "Killer" began a fight with Mr Chili, 25, and if Chili's twin brother had not arrived, Chili might have died.

"Killer" ran away and when the brothers took Mr Madondo to their mother to consult her, Mr Madondo tried to run away.

Isaac Mazibuko, 24, who threw half-bricks at Mr Madondo, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, and Sandilo Blanket, 22, who threw stones, was sentenced to six months for common assault. Both sentences were suspended for three years. — Sapa

Police reports of rioting, murders, mass killing, burning

Township anarchy, bloodshed rising

By Craig Kotze

At least 39 people have died in unrest in various parts of the country since late last week as many townships collapse into anarchy and increasing bloodshed.

Police said 17 people had been murdered over the past two days in township unrest which shows no sign of abating.

Focal points of unrest have been in Khutsong near Oberholzer in the Transvaal, Katlehong in Germiston, Felekesi near Amanzimtoti, Table Mountain near Maritzburg and townships near Durban.

Killings have also taken place in Crossroads in the Cape and at Port Shepstone.

Taxi wars

The killings were accompanied by widespread rioting, stone-throwing, petrol bomb attacks on homes and on police.

Killings were also a feature, with five men hacked to death in Felekesi on Monday and a man and three youths shot dead in an outbreak of taxi war in Katlehong yesterday.

Targets for attack have been police, policemen's homes, township councillors and their homes as revolutionary "street committees" reappeared.

Another 15 people were injured in the Katlehong violence. A 15-year-old boy was also shot dead in Katlehong, apparently also by taxi passengers. Thirteen suspects were arrested.

In Khutsong, 13 people have died in four days of violence in the township, with one youth shot dead by police after he stoned a police vehicle. The charred body of a man was also found in a gutted house.

In other incidents a man was beaten to death near Port Shepstone by a mob, the body of a man who had been shot dead was found in Mpumalanga near Maritzburg, and a man was also shot dead in nearby Taylor's Halt.

A 28-year-old woman was killed in Crossroads squatter camp outside Cape Town after three bogus policemen smashed down the door of a house and shot her.

Ten bus passengers were injured after a mob stoned a bus in Modder River near Kimberley. An arsonist set four buses alight in East London.

● More than 2 000 black teachers staged a march in Ikageng township near Potchefstroom yesterday in protest against the Department of Education and Training (DET). The township was tense and a military helicopter patrolled overhead while a large number of police were deployed at the entrance to the township.

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Policing the streets . . . troops from the Ciskeian Defence Force patrol a street in the township of Mdantsane yesterday soon after youths had set fire to a beer hall, which is smoking in the background.

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More than 25 die in a week: township residents incensed

INCENSED residents of Khutsong township, near Carletonville, met last night to discuss the continuing conflict in the area which has claimed more than 25 lives since last Friday.

Residents and members of the Khutsong Civic Association claim they are in a "war zone". They say they are living under a police-enforced curfew with a heavy police presence patrolling the township each night for the past week and "shooting randomly".

Violence began after activists were apparently shot at by unknown people two weeks ago. Residents claimed they recognised the vehicles which the attackers used as those belonging to a local shebeen owner, Mr Moses Moosa.

PAT DEVEREAUX

Last Friday youths torched Mr Moosa's shebeen and set cars alight. According to residents, police were called into the area and began "shooting randomly".

The death toll in the township now stands at more than 25, according to residents. Police confirmed 13 deaths, seven of them as a result of police action.

The deaths include two key witnesses in the case of 16-year-old Nixon Mbuyiselo Phiri, who was allegedly tortured before he died in police custody two months ago.

Lawyers, however, revealed on Thursday that two Khutsong Youth Congress members, Mr Thomas Tshabalala and Mr Pule Mac Mothupi, had allegedly been shot by police in two separate incidents.

A third activist, Mr Jack Mokoena was apparently shot dead with Mr Mothupi.

The lawyers said eyewitness statements denied the activists were shot in an unrest situation.

A member of the Khutsong Civic Association (KCA) said residents are planning a mass funeral for the activists.

"We tried to meet police at Carletonville's Oberholzer Police Station on Wednesday this week to demand their withdrawal from the township as we believe this is a cause of the violence," said the KCA member.

But, he said, police had refused to meet community representatives

Flickering hopes

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NICOLA CUNNINGHAM-BROWN

DURBAN — It was the lighted candles that broke the ice.

The prayer service in Ntuzuma near Durban recently was tense at first when members of Inkatha and the United Democratic Front (DFA) filed into a massive tent and faced each other grimly from opposite sides.

But when it came time to exchange candles, they embraced each other and wept, and promised that never again would they attack and hurt one another

It was not the first time such promises have been exchanged There have been several attempts before to secure peace after nearly three years of bloody confrontation, killings, rapes, arson and looting which has left nearly 3 000 people dead and thousands of homes destroyed

But on each occasion the violence has broken out again Now Natal residents are sceptical about these grassroots peace initiatives

In the immediate area surrounding Durban alone, the violence claimed 178 lives in December, 107 in January and 105 in February, according to the co-ordinator of the Democratic Party's unrest monitoring group, Roy Ainslie. So far this month at least 18 people have died.

Deep-rooted causes

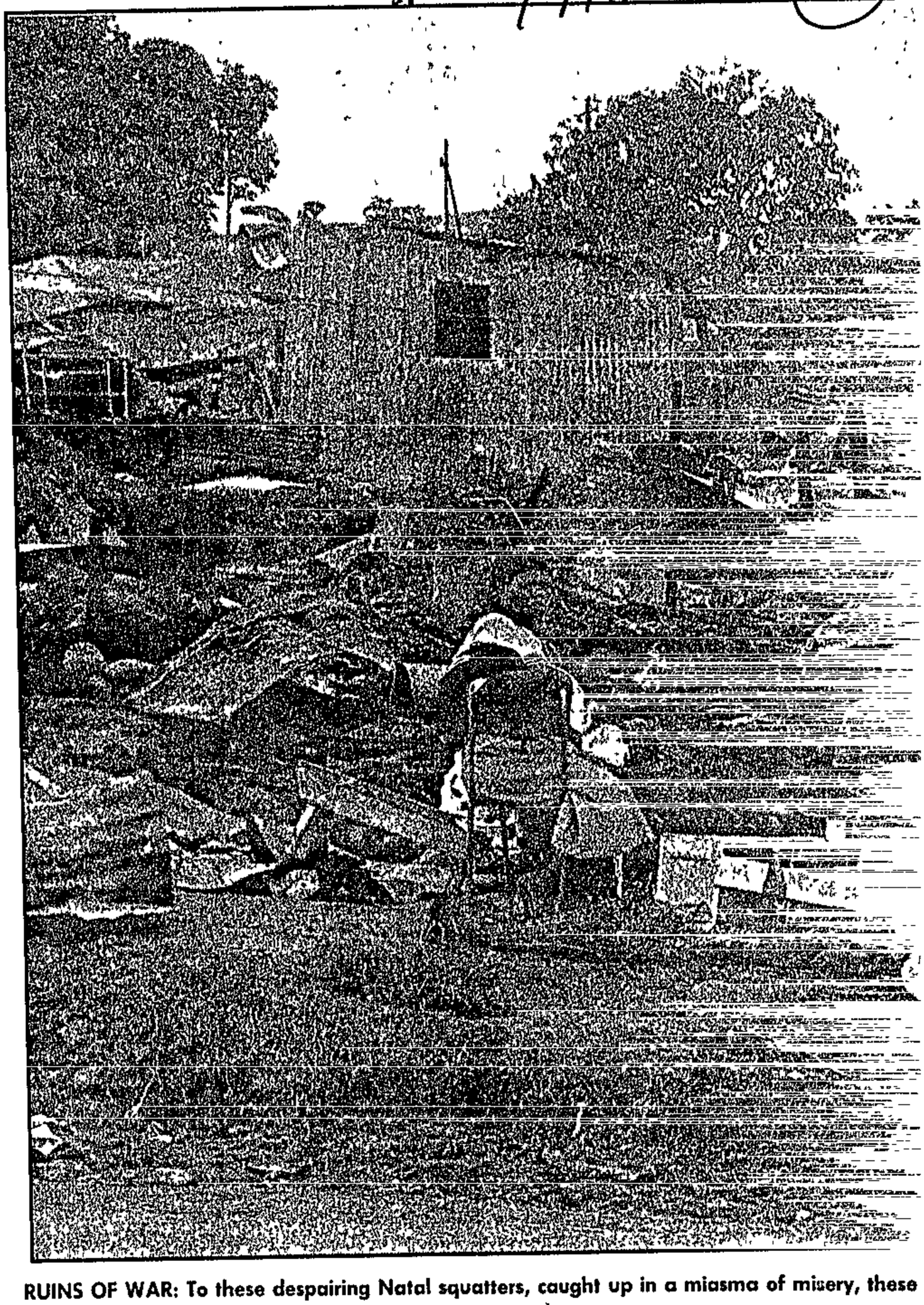
There have been ongoing peace talks between leaders of Inkatha and the Council of SA Trade Unions/UDF alliance, and every so often the violence simmers down, raising hopes among victims that their lives will return to normal once again

But reality paints a different picture The violence is far too deep-rooted and complex to simply disappear overnight

Many political analysts have described the Natal violence as symptomatic of problems apparent in the rest of the country Appalling socio-economic conditions have created a general feeling of discontent among black people, who are forced to compete for inadequate and limited resources, which in turn has given rise to "tsotsism" and criminal activities.

Rapid urbanisation, lack of infrastructural resources for residential purposes and widespread unemployment are very serious problems in Natal Durban, said to be the second fastest growing city in the world, is surrounded by massive and constantly mushrooming squatter areas, where between 500 and 1 000 people can depend on the same single tap for water Families are squashed into tiny tin-and-mud shacks, which wash away every time it rains. There is no electricity, no sewerage system and no roads

Gangsterism is on the increase There are at least 10 well-established gangs operating in Durban's townships, who leap on the political bandwagon and constantly perpetrate atrocities in the names of Inkatha and/or the UDF or ANC.



RUINS OF WAR: To these despairing Natal squatters, caught up in a miasma of misery, these

UDF-Inkatha clashes take no heed

And the problem of violence is compounded by the political struggle between Inkatha and the UDF/Cosatu alliance.

Research into reasons for the violence has been widespread John Aitchison, director of the Centre for Adult Education at the University of Natal in Maritzburg, suggests that there are two reasons for the violence That it is simply a later occurrence of the revolt against government structures that started elsewhere in 1984/85, or that it is by nature a different conflict altogether, between differing political factions.

He said the two are not mutually exclusive, but that the second option is more compelling, and would certainly explain what he calls "the curious inability or unwillingness of the State's forces to crush the violence."

The role of the South African Police and the kwaZulu Police in the violence has been highly controversial, with both Inkatha and UDF members accusing them of partisanship on different occasions.

Formal peace talks between Inkatha and the Cosatu/UDF alliance have followed a path fraught with difficulties. They took over a year to get off the ground, and late last year the Inkatha central committee declared a moratorium on the talks.

However, although the Chief Minister of kwaZulu and president of Inkatha, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, believes these peace talks have not achieved much, the leaders who are involved are cautiously optimistic about their success.

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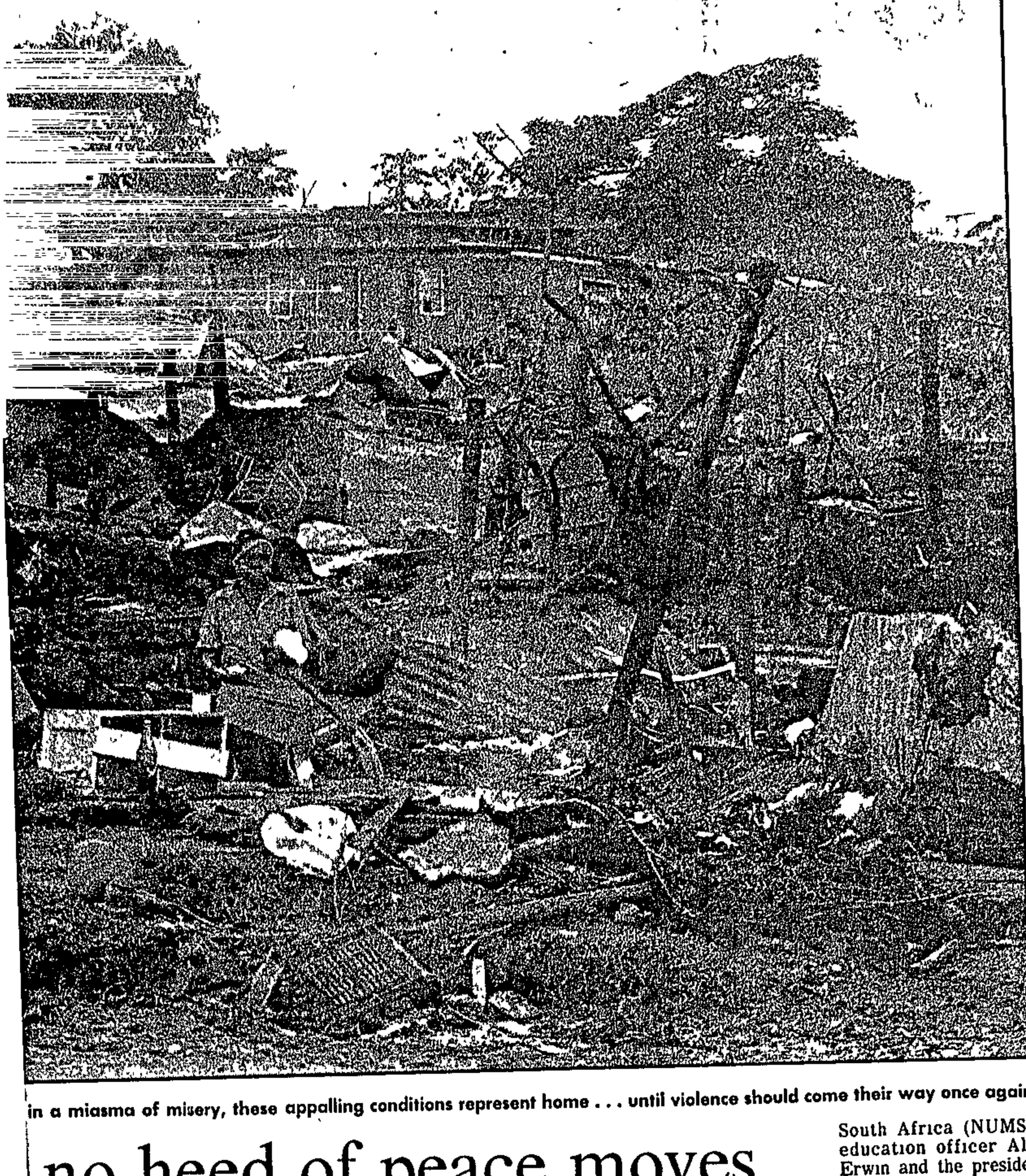

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Dr Oscar Dhlomo, said he believed the peace talks had had a good effect on the violence — when they began in June last year, the rate of unrest-related deaths decreased from an average of 35 a month to nine.

The violence escalated again late last year when the peace talks collapsed, but Dr Dhlomo said he believed the slight decrease apparent so far this year was due to the re-establishment of "two-a-side" talks and constant calls for peace by all leaders concerned

He said it was also of importance that the Joint Peace Committee had decided to concentrate more on the promotion and encouragement of local peace initiatives, instead of concentrating on arranging a meeting of national leaders

Cosatu/UDF leaders have stated their position as "100 percent behind the peace initiatives".

Both the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) education officer Alec Erwin and the president of the National Medical and Dental Association, Dr Diliza Mji, have pointed out that one of the quickest ways of bringing peace to the townships would be to have completely impartial security forces and quick access to courts

And so the violence continues — an insidious cancer in the green hills of Natal.

White mom to sue over black baby

GEORGE GORDON

NEW YORK — A white woman gave birth to a black baby after the sperm of her dying husband was allegedly mislaid in a mix-up at a laboratory

In the first case of its kind in the world, Mrs Julia Skolnick is suing a sperm bank

She claims her daughter, now three, is already the target of racial discrimination

Mrs Skolnick's lawyer said "She loves the little girl, but she is heartbroken Emotionally she is devastated'

Mrs Skolnick will tell how her husband got cancer and left sperm at the medical bank in New York after he learnt that his chemotherapy treatment could affect his chances of fathering a child

Later, as his illness grew worse, his wife called the sperm bank and said "I want to have his child It will be the bond that will link us forever"

But the child was born black, and the stunned parents took the baby girl for tests which confirmed that Mr Skolnick was not the father. He died last year

Lawyer Mr David Gould claimed 'There is little doubt that the sperm bank got the sperm mixed up."

Mental anguish

The court papers were sealed at the Supreme Court in Manhattan in October, and the first details have just emerged in the *New York Law Journal*

The suit is against Idant Laboratories and Dr Hugh Melnick, who performed the insemination.

Lawyers say that no such legal action has been tried before. Neither has there been a case in which a mother

People of Katlehong brace themselves for another night in anarchy

Rival taxi groups war in streets

SUE OLSWANG and ABEL MABELANE

KATLEHONG residents yesterday called for government intervention to stop widespread violence and terror which this week turned the East Rand township into a state of near anarchy.

."There is a great deal of tension and fear and most people are too frightened to go to sleep because they are worried about their lives, their properties and their families," one resident said when he telephoned the Saturday Star last night.

He described the situation as "real anarchy" and reported that hundreds of people were fleeing the troubled township in order to avoid death and injury.

"There is no police presence whatsoever and the only solution will be to send in the South African Defence Force," he said. "Nothing else will stop this violence."

"The troublemakers aren't Katlehong residents," he said, "and we want them removed from our township."

Slept at police station

Another resident, who came into the Saturday Star's offices, also called for the SADF's presence in the township.

"The situation is really bad," he said. "I slept at the Eden Park police station on Wednesday night and will make plans to sleep elsewhere until the havoc is quelled.

"Vigilantes armed with pangas, knobkierries and AK-47's are patrolling the streets at night and it is just too dangerous to set foot outside your door."

He also said the police were not visible in the township and the only solution was to "bring in the army".

"I have heard that residents from a men's hostel will go on the rampage this weekend and I've also heard that non-resident vigilantes from Natal are patrolling the streets."

At least 19 lives have been lost in the township situated just 20 km from Johannesburg and scores of people have been injured and left homeless in a wave of arson and terror. Hundreds of mothers and children have reportedly fled the township and many sought refuge on the grounds of the Natalspruit Hospital.

The superintendent of the hospital, Dr N Kernes, said four people died at the hospital yesterday, bringing the unconfirmed total of deaths to 23. Dr Kernes said 11 people had died in the hospital since the fighting began.

By late yesterday afternoon, said Dr Kernes, some patients were being transferred to Baragwanath, Hillbrow and Leratong hospitals because Natalspruit Hospital was under tremendous pressure.

Security at the Natalspruit Hospital was tightened yesterday after a mob of about 30 panga-wielding men stormed the casualty section on Thursday night. Dr Kernes said nobody was injured during the incident but doctors, nurses and patients were forced to flee for their lives. Hospital security guards were yesterday reinforced with armed Katlehong municipal police.

One of those killed this week was a five-year-old boy who was hacked to death in a township street on Thursday night. Yesterday a man was fatally wounded when a resident fired shots at a mob who threw stones and petrol bombs at his home. Another man was fatally wounded yesterday when a round of birdshot was fired at him after he threw a petrol-bomb at a vehicle. The body of a black constable, who had been stabbed in the chest, was yesterday found in Khumalo Street and another policemen was wounded in the arm and shoulder after shots were fired at him from a moving vehicle. Ten bodies, mostly hacked or stabbed to death, were found at various places in Katlehong yesterday morning.

Last weekend's clashes between rival members of the Katlehong Taxi Association and the Germiston and District Taxi Association turned into widespread fighting this week after youths and taximen clashed on Tuesday. Residents claim that taximen are being supported by vigilante gangs.

Families seek refuge

About 700 families, including hundreds of small children, marched to the Katlehong police station yesterday to seek refuge from the ongoing unrest.

Sapa reports that Katlehong police told reporters they had picked up 25 bodies in various areas of the township. Most of the bodies were picked up in the southern end of Katlehong where the Kwesine hostel, which caters mainly for Zulus, is located.

Thursday night's violence came soon after a plea for peace by internal ANC leader Mr Walter Sisulu. A statement calling for peace was issued by the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the United Democratic Front (UDF), the South African Black Taxi Assoation (Sabta), the South African Youth Congress (Sayco) and the Katlehong Civic Association.

Sabta has announced the immediate and indefinite suspension of the Germiston and District Taxi Association from its ranks.

Violence rages in townships

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since the outbreak of violence earlier this week in the Garankuwa township, west of Pretoria, the agency said.

A planned mass protest march through the streets of Mmabatho yesterday was postponed until tomorrow — apparently because of lack of support.

Meanwhile, the SAP yesterday kept a close watch on the funeral of two victims of Bophuthatswana police shootings at Tlhabane township near Rustenburg.

Violence also flared in townships in the Free State, Cape and Natal yesterday, where scores of people were injured and more than 100 arrested.

The Free State accounted for more than half the number of unrest-related incidents.

Fifty people were arrested when the police surprised a "people's court" in session at a Botshabelo church near Bloemfontein.

Numerous stone-throwing incidents were reported at Botshabelo, Bloemfontein, where buses appeared to be the targets, and 18 vehicles were reported damaged.

A police vehicle and three others were damaged by stone-throwers Kgotsong near Bothaville. Rubber bullets and tearsmoke were used to disperse the attackers.

At Bohlokong near Bethlehem, two trucks, two delivery vehicles and a bus were extensively damaged when set alight in five separate incidents.

A police vehicle was stoned and damaged at Meloding, Virginia.

In Natal, at Dambuza, Edendale, three people burnt to death when two private dwellings were set alight and extensively damaged.

And, in Imbali, Maritzburg, four black men killed an SAP constable when they opened fire, hitting him in the face.

Police found the bullet-riddled bodies of a black man and woman near Amanzimtoti.

A hand-grenade exploded at the Hatdice shopping centre in Emdeni.

In central Durban yesterday, about 2 000 toyi-toying protesters marched to demand the immediate release of political prisoners.

Grisly death of man tied to railway line

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Sunday Times Reporters

A MAN was tied to a railway line between Germiston and Johannesburg and killed by a train His body was badly mutilated

It was one of the most gruesome killings of the past week in which a devastating wave of violence swept through South Africa's townships and homelands.

The deadly "taxi war" that swept through Katlehong on the East Rand this week spilled over into Vosloorus yesterday

And in downtown Cape Town, at least 60 people were arrested at a demonstration demanding the immediate release of the more than 300 political prisoners on Robben Island

Tempers flared on both sides and scuffles broke out as some demonstrators resisted arrest.

The Katlehong area, 20km outside Johannesburg, has become a war zone in the past few days as fighting factions ignore repeated pleas for peace More than 30 people have died in the violence, many homes and cars have been destroyed and thousands have fled the area

A violent flare-up between the Germiston and District Taxi Association and the Katlehong Taxi Association over taxi routes turned into outright war when taxi men attacked students and teachers in their schools. Two teachers and a pupil were killed.

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Baby

One man burnt to death after youths set fire to a minibus. Three other people, including an 18-month-old boy, were seriously burnt.

A man was seriously injured when a group attacked and hacked him with pangas. Another suffered serious shotgun injuries from unknown attackers

Two men with serious hack wounds were found by police Another private vehicle was set alight and seriously damaged.

In another incident, five people were hacked to death with pangas.

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A considerable number of stolen goods were recovered

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Hostel mob clashes with township residents

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JOHANNESBURG — Unrest erupted in Vosloorus on the East Rand when a large gang of hostel dwellers allegedly attacked residents living in more conventional housing, a resident said.

The resident said a mob of more than 1 000 hostel dwellers went on the rampage after 11 pm yesterday, chasing people from their homes.

The resident said he had been asleep when people living close to the hostels had awakened him, saying they were fleeing from rampant mobs.

"They feared for their lives," he said, adding that he had also fled when the mobs approached his home.

The hostel dwellers were apparently avenging an incident on Saturday when a hostel was petrol bombed in a spill-over of the taxi-war violence in neighbouring Katlehong.

Police said they would comment on the violence today.

● Five huts were burned and police arrested seven people during a "generally quiet" weekend in Gazankulu, the homeland's government said in a statement yesterday.

The statement said there were only a few isolated incidents to report.

A policeman was injured and a police vehicle slightly damaged when police were confronted by a crowd while investigating an attempted murder.

Five huts were burned.

● The mayor of Katlehong, Mr Tau Molotsi, announced yesterday that police reinforcements were sent to the strife-torn township after a demonstration on Friday by thousands of residents calling for greater police presence.

Twenty-three people have died during the violence of the past week and hundreds have been injured. — Sapa.

Bop cops arrest 59 for looting, arson

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MMABATHO. — The Bophuthatswana security forces have arrested 59 people on charges of arson and looting, Bopana, the homeland government mouthpiece, said on Saturday.

A considerable amount of stolen goods had also been recovered since the outbreak of violence last week in Garankuwa township, west of Pretoria, the agency said.

"The area is calm and residents are now helping the security forces in identifying people responsible for the unrest."

However, isolated incidents of stoning and attempted arson were reported in the area in the past 24 hours, with the Taung College of Education being shut down until March 16 as a result of class boycotts.

Meanwhile, the South African Police kept a close watch on a small strip of land bordering Tlhabane township, in Bophuthatswana, while a funeral of two victims of a Bophuthatswana police shooting took place on Saturday.

The township is near Rustenburg.

About 2 000 people waving flags of various liberation movements attended the funeral of Mongo Huma and Paul Molefe, both of Tlhabane.

The two were allegedly shot and killed by Bophuthatswana police last Sunday when thousands of residents in the township took to the streets demanding reincorporation of the homeland into South Africa.

The SA Police were in three Casspirs and six other vehicles.

Bophuthatswana security forces watched proceedings from the rooftops of buildings while a helicopter hovered overhead. — Sapa

Venda lifts ban on ANC, PAC

JOHANNESBURG. — The Venda government has lifted the ban on the ANC, the PAC, the SA Communist Party and other political organisations in the state.

Venda president Mr Frank Ravele, who made the announcement in Thohoyandou, said people held merely for being members of these organisations would be released.

He said, however, that the lifting of the ban did not mean terrorism or acts of violence would be tolerated.

Protest marches would not be allowed to become springboards for lawlessness, violence and intimidation.

Mr Ravele said his government had investigated the possibility of reincorporation into the new South Africa and the issue would be high on the agenda at tomorrow's special sitting of the Legislative Assembly. — Sapa

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40 dead, 350 hurt in week-long East Rand violence

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence continued in Katlehong township at the weekend but no deaths were reported, police said.

The death toll since last Monday reached at least 40 and the number of injured more than 350.

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A photographer, Mr Juhan Kuus, fired a shot and wounded a man in the leg after his car was stoned. He fled from the scene after spotting police and the vehicle rolled after the police fired shots. He was arrested.

But most casualties were youths who were injured by bullets, birdshot, pangas and knobkerries.

However, the actual number of casualties is much higher than figures supplied by the hospital. Police reported that they found 25 stabbed and "hacked up" bodies on township roads on Friday. Numerous other injured people were afraid to go to the hospital for fear police or vigilantes would recognise them.

Damage has not yet been estimated in Katlehong but an unknown number of taxis and vehicles have been petrol-bombed, as well as numerous homes and stores.

It is unclear exactly who is involved in the violence. A "taxi war" originally started more than a week ago between the rival factions of the Germiston and District Taxi Association (GDTA) and the Katlehong Taxi Organisation (KTA).

However, on Monday pupils appeared to have sided with one of the organisations and began throwing petrol bombs at the other taxis. In retaliation, taxi owners have been forming "vigilante groups" to seek out pupils to beat them and cut off their fingers, township residents claimed.

Four pupils and two teachers were killed and 43 pupils were seriously injured when the warring factions entered the school grounds.

Police have shot and killed several people who they believe damaged police vehicles. The body of a black constable with stab wounds was found and several other policemen have been injured.

On Wednesday, 75 000 Katlehong residents gathered to protest against the town council's decision on rent, electricity and sanitation rates. It has been speculated that some of the violence is due to protests against the council's action.

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Katlehong death toll rising

DANIEL FELDMAN

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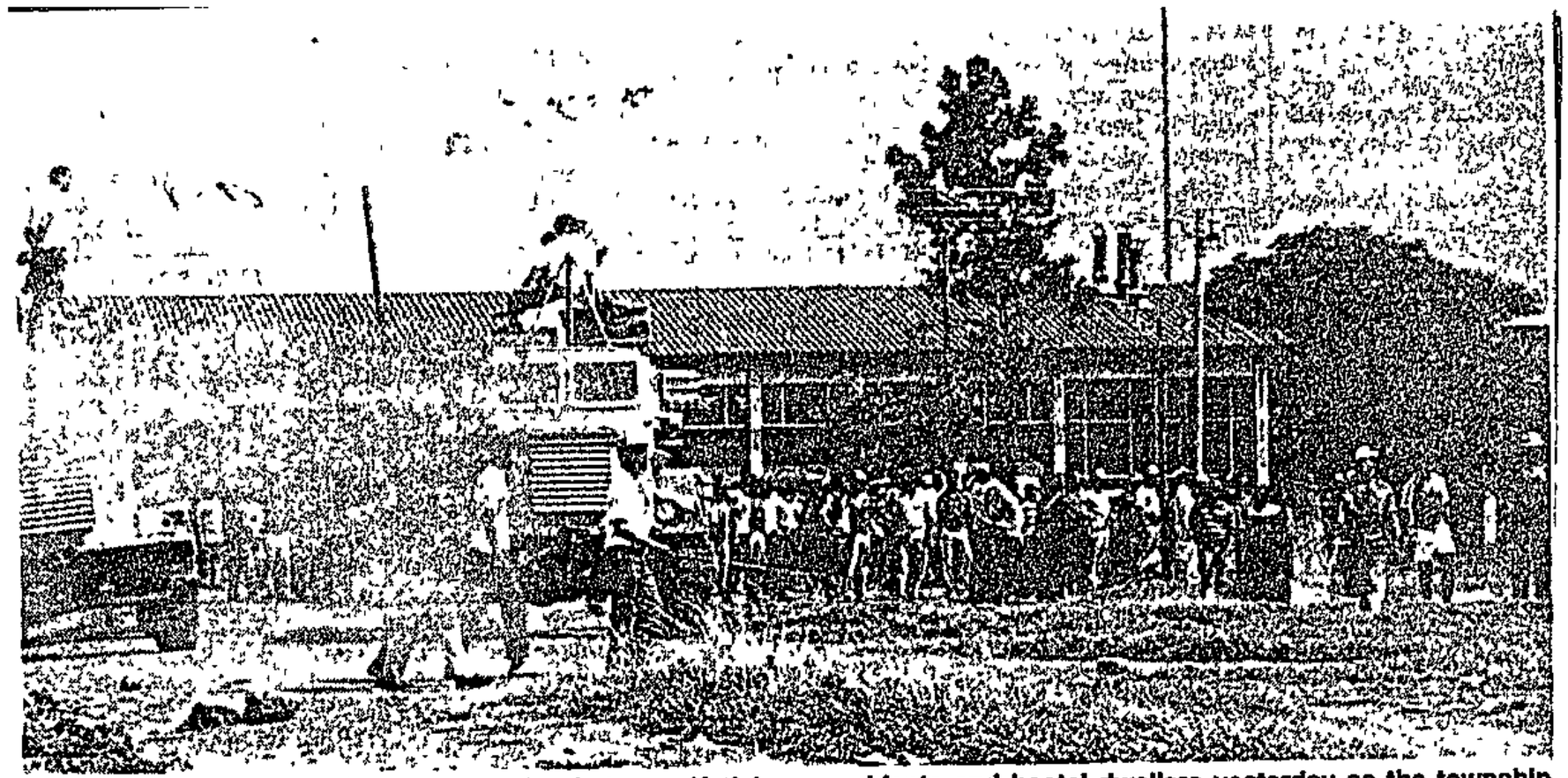
On Wednesday, 75 000 Katlehong residents gathered to protest against the town council's decision not to lower rent and sanitation rates.

Both police and residents barricaded the streets and police allowed no-one into the area, including journalists.

Residents are fleeing Katlehong as the violence continues. About 700 families marched to Katlehong police station on Friday seeking refuge, Sapa reported.



Police kept a close watch over a meeting between Katlehong residents and hostel dwellers yesterday as the township remained tense. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Peace effort

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Truce is called as 45 die in Katlehong

KATLEHONG residents and hostel dwellers yesterday agreed to lay down their arms and end the violence which has claimed about 45 lives in the East Rand township.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Late yesterday a spokesman for a committee of 30 Katlehong residents and hostel dwellers said it had been decided at a meeting held behind closed doors that further discussions would be held today and Wednesday to prepare for a mass residents' meeting.

Details will be announced later this week.

The spokesman emphasised that the committee was not a political body and would not allow political organisations to propagate their ideals - even at the mass meeting.

At another meeting called by the Katlehong Civic Association yesterday residents decided that:

* Workers in all factories, shops and other places of employment should meet a during their lunchtime to discuss ways of speeding up the peace process in the townships,

* All peace-loving people must act with the utmost restraint to bring the violence to an end; and

* All people must attend a peace rally at the Huntersfield Stadium on Wednesday.

The KCA believes that the people have the power to bring peace in the townships, spokesman Mr Hazzy Sibanyoni said.

He said rumours that attacks were being planned by hostel dwellers against residents and vice versa must stop immediately as these only fuelled the fighting.

Hundreds of residents have fled the township. The roads were littered with burnt cars and taxis.

In addition to the shells of burnt-out houses, others stood empty, the owners having fled to other areas.

According to the few residents willing to talk to strangers, night raids by groups wearing "witdocke" and residents' defence units have become the order of the day.

Conflict

Schooling has come to a standstill and the violence is now spreading to nearby townships like Vosloorus and Tokoza.

Yesterday township residents and hostel dwellers were attempting to resolve the conflict.

Outsiders were frowned upon and accused of fuelling animosities.

A resident from Phaki Section said that on Saturday night his vigilante group had burnt an assailant when Motsamai Section residents were raided "hours after we were told to halt the fighting".

"We burnt one of the attackers to death and four of our people have gunshot wounds after being shot at," he said.

A priest from the township said he had personally counted 18 bodies at the police station on Friday and was told that four more were to be collected.

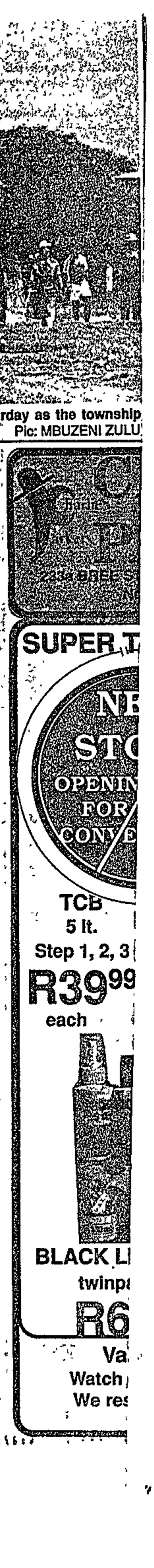
"It was horrible," he said. "Most of the bodies had been burnt and some were in the foetal position with arms and legs folded."

"Police said they were going to get a body which had had been crushed by a train. Apparently the victim was first tied onto the railway line."

The conflict which enveloped the township last week apparently had its roots last November when the rival taxi organisations, the Germiston and District Taxi Association and Katlehong Taxi Association, disagreed over taxi operations.

"From the beginning the community was caught in the crossfire and the Katlehong Civic Association was called in as a mediator," the civic organisation's secretary, Mr Ike Motloung, said.

"However, the community was never directly attacked until three weeks ago when the war flared up again, after a series of failed attempts to settle the issue[illegible]



Thousands march against privatisation

JOHANNESBURG. — Thousands of public sector workers from four major unions on Saturday marched and toyi-toyied in a mass demonstration through central Johannesburg to protest against the privatisation of state companies.

The Cosatu-affiliated unions presented memoranda of grievances and demands to representatives of public sector management at offices along a 3km route through central Johannesburg, Hillbrow and Braamfontein.

The high-spirited crowd was closely monitored by police, who maintained a low profile, as well as traffic department officers who blocked streets and controlled the busy Saturday morning traffic.

The SA Railways and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu), the Posts and Telecommunications Workers' Association (Potwa), SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) and National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) led the protest against a 10% wage increase for the public sector.

Earlier, the workers assembled outside St Mary's Anglican Cathedral in downtown Johannesburg where speakers slammed privatisation and made impassioned speeches in favour of the nationalisation of industry.

Organisers of the march were complimented by management on the discipline and orderliness of the marchers.

The crowd dispersed peacefully. — Sapa

Let's solve the Katlehong situation together

WHILE our rather atavistic headline "Sies" was effectively used to express the immediate horror and disgust at the chopping to death of kids in Katlehong, it unfortunately upset certain sensibilities.

This was because the events in Katlehong touched a raw nerve in us all. And still does.

What is troubling me most, is that we have a historical precedent to this type of thing and if it is not stopped quickly, it will spread like a plague.

We had the "Witdoeke" situation in Crossroads which tore black life to shreds.

We have had the tragedies in Natal which look like they have no solution.

Respond

Perhaps it took us too long to respond. We have to respond with an immediate desperation to the tragedy of Katlehong.

It was thus with a feeling of desperate panic that we used such strong language and such horrifying pictures last week.

Our panic and fears were justified because Katlehong has become a macabre scene of murder and mayhem.

We can be as reflective - particularly after the event - as hell, advancing all sorts of reasons for what happened in Katlehong.

That might inform generally about what is happening there and why.

We have, however, to take a firmer step and try to stop the cancer from spreading.

On the first day of the outbreak of violence, being a newspaper, we were among the first to hear.

We then set up a process of getting as many people informed about what was happening.

We unsuccessfully, or rather I did, called Harare to try and reach Nelson Mandela and Zeph Mothopeng.

I spoke to the UDF and Azapo people locally.

I also got in touch with Tom Madikwe Manthata.

I fine figure of an action-packed fellow Tom is.

He has been dealing with crisis areas from Carletonville to Ventersdorp, all over.

Tom was in Katlehong that same night. The situation was desperate, he reported. As bad as the juddering genesis of unrest in Natal.

Because Archbishop Desmond Tutu has always been extremely helpful to calls of help from me - from the days of Duduza, to Alexandra township where he almost lost his life, to Crossroads where it was also pretty touch and go for his personal safety - I called his office.

Church

He was in church, naturally. I pleaded with his office to get him to the phone. I eventually found him.

I got hold of Jabu Mabuza of Sabta/Fabcos and traced Dr Sam Motsuenyane to a meeting at the German Chamber of Commerce.

In fact, we tried to get the whole country and its leaders to step in. I am afraid we did not do too well.

We must get together with other newspapers, community organisations, with everybody to do something, anything.

Everybody did their part for which I am very grateful.

I must confess to overstating my case under nation building when I say there are no black leaders accept in politics.

We have lots of people in legitimate structures who are available to rally around when there is crisis.

Crisis

For tragic situations such as these must bring us together and must develop the unity we so desperately need.

It is the responsibility of all adults to try and get the community together, to rally around in times of such a crisis.

By strange association, I have been listening rather closely to Sankomota's new record.

The poignancy and the swing, the heart-beat of the authentic township sound, reminds me painfully of Hugh Masekela at his best.

Because he is in exile and because he is the product of the townships, Hugh has the ability to emit that anguished and often joyful cry from his soul whether he is playing in Amsterdam or New York.

At one stage Wally Serote had it. Serote's early poems had the close-packed, dusty, grimy, angry, upbeat resonance of Alexandra township.

Only writers like Jabulo Ndebele (at a more understated sober and intellectual level) and more particularly our giants from the past like Can Themba and Casey Motsisi could express themselves like the early Serote.

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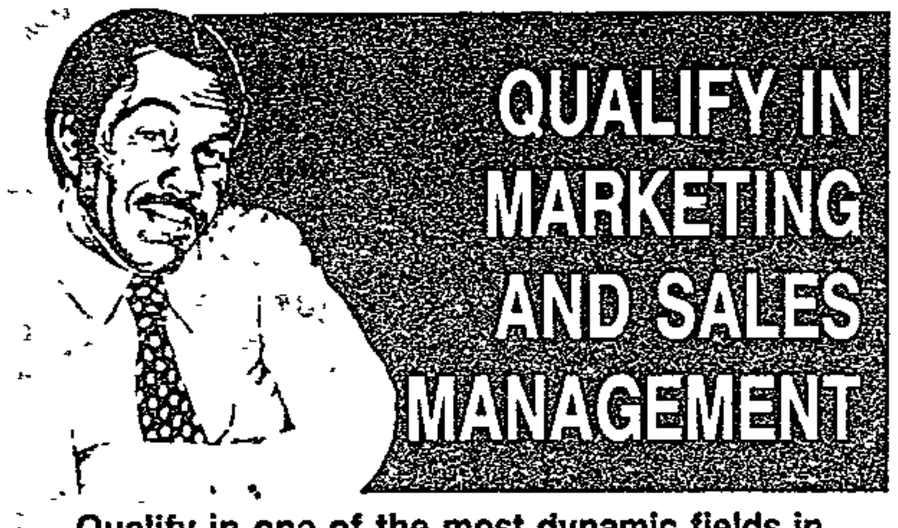

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Katlehong smoulders

One of the police road blocks that were yesterday mounted at all entrances to the township as a security measure.

Should we or should we not ...A Katlehong family stands at the entrance of the township uncertain whether it was safe to return home.
Pics by Mbuzeni Zulu and Sello Motsepe

Taxi burnt

Children from Msiliki section play in front of a burnt taxi. The wrecks, a regular sight in the area, are a grim reminder of last week's violence.

N Tvl town's night of terror

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

A YOUTH was shot dead and at least two others injured when security forces consisting of police and army units clashed with demonstrators at Nancefield, in the Northern Transvaal town of Messina on Saturday night, community leaders said yesterday.

A vehicle belonging to an alleged police informer was burnt, six youths arrested and several babies admitted to the local hospital suffering from the effects of teargas.

NKG in Afrika cleric Mr Lesiba Matsaung said yesterday the township was hemmed in, with security forces manning a roadblock at the entrance.

Matsaung said teargas had been thrown into houses on Saturday night, and residents claim this was after soldiers and police had gone on a rampage.

Many residents had fled their homes, he said.

The police in Messina declined to comment on the allegations and referred all inquiries to Pietersburg.

A Warrant Officer Naude at the Pietersburg police station said they had no information on the unrest in Messina.

An officer at the Zoutpansberg Military Area headquarters in Messina said information about the situation was "classified".

The superintendent of Limpopo Hospital, Dr JP van Zyl, confirmed that one person from Nancefield had been admitted.

He said a few others had been "slightly injured".

He declined to give more details and referred all further inquiries to the police.

Matsaung identified the dead youth as Wilson Nedambale (15), a standard seven pupil at Musina High School. He said Nedambale was shot through a kidney and the buttocks.

Those injured include Albert Langa (15), who was allegedly shot while sleeping on a verandah.

The other is John Kaunda, also 15, who was shot in a leg.

Trouble started on Monday when police fired teargas at striking workers from Langeberg Foods who were returning to the township.

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Township residents flee bloody unrest

By Craig Kotze
and Abel Mabelane

Another 20 people were murdered in a series of burnings, shootings and panga attacks as township violence continued at the weekend.

Police reported another four unrest-related deaths this morning, including another in strife-torn Katlehong on the East Rand and another in kwaMashu, Durban.

Police reinforcements had been sent to Katlehong after hundreds of people had marched on Friday calling for greater police protection, said the mayor Mr Gideon Molotsi

He said troops should also be called in Police said 25 people had died in the township on Friday.

And last night residents fled nearby Vosloosrus after 1 000 hostel dwellers attacked homes. Vosloosrus Crisis Committee member Mr Joe Mokoena said the cause of the violence was not known.

He said houses next to the hostel had been attacked by hostel residents with stones and assorted weapons soon after 9 pm.

Mr Mokoena said there were also allegations that household goods had been looted during the attack and some women raped.

No details were available from police at the time of going to press

A bloody war erupted in Katlehong on Saturday night between residents and hostel dwellers in Mopedi and Motsamai sections There were unconfirmed reports that two people had died and several others had been injured Police intervened and warned residents to go indoors for their own safety

Trainloads of residents, most of them youths, were reported to have left Germiston station at the weekend to get away from the fighting.

Mr Molotsi said the township was calm yesterday and streets were now passable

The weekend killings follow a week of unrest that reached the crisis levels of 1985/86 and drew a warning from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, that those instigating unrest would be severely dealt with

Two of the victims were policemen.

It is believed that at least 63 people have been detained since Friday under the emergency regulations

These unrest-related deaths were reported at the weekend

- Unknown gunmen shot dead a youth in the KTC squatter camp, near Cape Town, and seriously wounded two women
- In Betania, near Port Shepstone, the charred remains of a man were found. In the nearby township of Mbutshini, a bus was attacked and a man was stabbed to death.
- Gunmen shot dead a woman in her home in Mpumalanga
- The body of a man was found in kwaMashu, near Durban.
- In Dambuza, Natal, three people burnt to death in a house set alight by arsonists.
- The bullet-riddled bodies of a man and a woman were found in kwaMakhuta near Amanzimtoti

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Transvaal DET teachers march

PRETORIA. — About 1 800 striking Department of Education and Training teachers demanding salary increases held a protest march through central Pretoria yesterday.

DET officials confirmed that marchers arrived at the department's head office and regional offices, where they sang and danced. Marchers said they were demanding a pay increase of 70%.

The DET said in a statement that the teachers' strike left more than 100 000 pupils in the Pretoria area without teachers.

And in Soweto, about 20 000 teachers gathered in and around the Regina Mundi Church yesterday to review their strike action.

The teachers are calling for the reinstatement of retrenched colleagues, an end to the policy of freezing vacant posts and a "living wage". — Sapa

Schoolgirl shot dead in Venda

CAPE TIMES 13/3/90 (278)

PIETERSBURG. — An unidentified schoolgirl was allegedly shot dead by Venda police at Thohoyandou yesterday when police opened fire on more than 10 000 people who were marching to deliver a human skull to the homeland's president, police said.

Venda, Bophuthatswana and Gazankulu have become the focus of widespread unrest over the past month.

Deputy police commissioner Major-General N J Leshi said the circumstances leading to the shooting were unclear He said police were still trying to establish the girl's identity.

Eyewitnesses said the girl was in the front row of the marchers, holding the skull with a stick when she was shot.

The shooting came towards the end of a march which started after two women looking for firewood at Mbilwi discovered a human skull and clothes.

Youths in the area took the skull and started a march to President Frank Ravele's office, which was joined by workers as they streamed from their offices and factories, eyewitnesses said.

The crowd, singing freedom songs, went to the government buildings at Thohoyandou with the skull.

Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General T R Mulaudzi said the marchers claimed the skull was that of a woman who disappeared two years ago.

They claimed the woman had been killed by a government minister.

General Mulaudzi said the marchers were told to hand the skull in at the police station, from where it would be sent to Pretoria for forensic tests.

It was during the march to the police station that the girl was shot, eyewitnesses said.

The death of the girl angered the marchers and the atmosphere was tense after the incident.

Shops and offices closed early, with large numbers of police, Venda Defence Force and SADF personnel out in force at both Sibasa and Thohoyaandou.

In Giyani yesterday, the Gazankulu government said the homeland had been quiet in the previous 24 hours but the stayaway by civil servants remained in force.

In a statement, the government said other workers had "returned to work in force except Giyani where the stayaway was complete".

In other incidents, four huts were burnt down in the homeland in connection with a witch-hunt. The burnings occurred in Calcutta, Dzumeri and Hasane.

In Bophuthatswana four explosions, believed to have been caused by limpet mines, damaged a railway line near Itsoseng yesterday.

The Bophuthatswana government mouthpiece, Bopana, reported that feeder services to a nearby cement factory were disrupted but the line had subsequently been repaired.

Thirty six people have been arrested in unrest-related incidents in the Mogwase-Tlhabane area in the past 24 hours

A classroom was damaged by fire at a school at Itsoseng on Saturday night. Schools and shops in the area were closed yesterday.

Two explosive devices damaged electrical substations at Temba on Sunday night, causing a power cut.

Bophuthatswana's Minister of Justice, Mr Godfrey Mothibe, was yesterday reported to be leaving from Mmabatho for Garankuwa township to address striking employees at Odi Magistrate's Court.

An employee at the magistrate's court yesterday said in a telephone interview that the chief magistrate, Mr A C Greyling, had summoned the minister as the staff continued with their sit-in over salary increases.

It was reported that staff took a unanimous decision on Friday to take action after President Lucas Mangope failed to arrive at the magistrate's court, where he was expected to address them on their grievances.

The court building was reported to be under siege by Bophuthatswana security forces mounted on four Casspirs and several other vehicles.

The legal staff and cleaners reportedly barricaded themselves in a court room, while white legal staff stayed in their offices.

People who were to appear in court deserted the premises.

Workers at the magistrate's court, who are demanding a 100% increment, have apparently not received an increase since 1986.

Workers at the homeland's Department of Works in Garankuwa, still licking its wounds after last week's bloody protest march, were reportedly poised to embark on a stayaway in solidarity with the striking magistrate staff — Sapa

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50 000 detained in nine years, - story on P2

Mr Aubrey Matshiqi, publicity secretary of the National Education Union of South Africa (Soweto branch), addressing teachers at Regina Mundi Catholic Church in Soweto yesterday. Teachers are still on strike.

4 die - unrest flares

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Fighting after Witbank hostels raided

AT least four people died, 41 were severely injured and the mayor's house was burnt during unrest in Lynnville township, near Witbank, yesterday.

By MOKGADI PELA

The violence was sparked off by a fight between hostel dwellers and residents.

The fight started at about 2.15am yesterday when a group of residents raided the hostel to search for dangerous weapons which they accused hostel dwellers of hoarding. The hostel dwellers objected to being searched and a running battle ensued.

The warfare went on throughout the day. Pitched battles were fought with pangas, axes and an assortment of weapons.

The house of Lynnville mayor Mr Shadrack Riba was attacked and severely damaged. Riba refused to talk to *Sowetan* and referred all inquiries to the police.

Yesterday's police interim unrest report confirmed that the bodies of three men, who had been stoned and set alight, had been found in Lynnville.

But Witbank hospital superintendent Dr W A Snyman confirmed the death of a fourth man. He died of severe burns yesterday afternoon.

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Thatcher under siege

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LONDON - Pressure for Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher to resign is mounting within her own Conservative Party.

Opinion polls published by newspapers yesterday said at least a quarter of Tory MPs thought she should quit before the next general election, due by mid-1992.

But Thatcher, on a visit to Scotland, dismissed as "poppycock" Press reports that some Cabinet Ministers were plotting to unseat her.

However, the Iron Lady, who bounced back from previous crises to lead the Conservatives to three successive election triumphs, faces a formidable task in restoring party morale and winning back disillusioned voters.

If she were to go, former Defence Secretary Mr Michael Heseltine would be the overwhelming favourite to succeed her, the polls found.

Surveys of Tory MPs by two newspapers said one in four thought Thatcher should go before the next election.

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Unrest spreads

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SA police liason officer Maj Reg Crewe said only that Riba's vehicle had been stoned and set alight.

A man was injured and tearsmoke used to disperse the crowd. A number of police vehicles were also stoned, according to the report.

The superintendent of Witbank hospital, Dr W A Snyman, said most of the people admitted had panga lacerations in the back and other parts of their bodies. He said had been a few burn cases. One injured person was transferred to Kalafong Hospital.

Among the injured was 10-year-old Kleinbooi Mahlangu, who sustained more than 20 pellet wounds, apparently fired by police trying to quell the fighting.

Also in hospital was Mr Mgidini Mdakane (28) from Transkei, who said he had been awakened by noise and windows of his house being smashed. As he tried to get his trousers, he was stabbed and knocked unconscious. He recovered in hospital.

Another victim, Mr Johnson Mayekiso (26), said people had walked into his hostel room and ordered him to hand over whatever weapons he had. "Before I could speak I was attacked," he said.

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People 'chopped to pieces' in Witbank

Unrest escalates, another 20 killed

Star 13/3/90 (278)

By Therese Anders and Craig Kotze

A bloody upsurge in unrest left another 20 people dead throughout the country yesterday — five in Witbank — where vicious fighting has claimed nine lives since the weekend.

Police today reported only one person killed in fighting in Witbank's kwaGuqa township overnight, where three people were yesterday stoned and set alight in the violence Two deaths last night were reported by church and community leaders and a further 31 were injured.

Fifteen people were killed in incidents in other township unrest, police reported today

The Witbank killings bring to at least 35 the number of people murdered countrywide since Friday

Thousands of frightened kwaGuqa residents streamed into Witbank last night to escape a second night of violence and burning Some took shelter in the Catholic presbytery in the area and many others were spending the night at the cathedral in a white residential suburb

A stunned Witbank Hospital superintendent Dr Willie Snyman said of the casualties: "It wasn't a nice sight here — in fact, it was horrifying. People came in here chopped to pieces"

Catholic priest Father Chico Medeiros said he saw axe-wielding men chasing people through the streets of the township On Sunday houses were torched.

Father Medeiros said he feared last night's violence might be even worse as youths had completely closed off the township by early evening There was a large police presence on the outskirts of the township

● In Bophuthatswana, four explosions, believed to have been limpet mines, damaged the railway line near Itsoseng early yesterday and in Themba on Sunday night, two explosions damaged a sub-station Schools and shops were closed in Itsoseng yesterday In further unrest in the homeland, the Ga-Rankuwa superintendent's office was set alight for the second time within a week

Carrying a skull

● An unidentified schoolgirl was allegedly shot dead by Venda police at Thohoyandou yesterday afternoon when police opened fire on more than 10 000 people who were marching to deliver a human skull to the homeland's president, police said Eyewitnesses said the girl was in the front row of the marchers, holding the skull on a stick when she was shot.

An unconfirmed report said about 20 truck loads of SA Defence Force troops were deployed in Venda yesterday Road blocks have been set up at all entries to Thohoyandou and travellers are being thoroughly searched A complete school boycott is continuing and workers are on strike Transport services are at a standstill

● A Bothaville schoolteacher died yesterday as the wave of violence sweeping the townships of the Free State continued

It has not been established whether Mr Lekgetho Talane (28) was killed when youths petrol-bombed the house of a Bothaville policeman, or when the policeman opened fire on the mob, Northern Free State police spokesman, Major Johan Fouche said. Four people, including three policemen were injured

Despite the Witbank flashpoint and others, police said yesterday the number of unrest incidents countrywide had declined dramatically since Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok's warning last week of a police clampdown It is believed there has been as much as an 80 percent drop.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, press secretary to Mr Vlok, confirmed that about 150 people had already been detained under the emergency regulations since Thursday night He stressed that the targets for detention had not been township activists but instigators of violence

South African security sources disclosed last week that in the first eight days of March there had been almost 400 incidents of serious unrest — a rate equal to that during the worst days of the 1985/1986 unrest

Riot police arrest a man in central Cape Town yesterday while breaking
Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis. The march was calle

Thief slips away with R2,1 n

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

A thief slipped away with a minibus containing R2,1 million in Sandton yesterday — literally from under the noses of security employees guarding the vehicle

Police recovered the minibus shortly after 8 pm in Sandton Apart from one bag of foreign currency, all the cash was missing

Stunned guards from the Midrand-based SPV Services watched helplessly as the vehicle was driven away from ment parking of Sandton Cit

Four guards, all in plainc with hand guns, had ar money Two went into the c other two guarded the vehic

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Nobody caught a glimpse

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Children thrown off pier

PORT ELIZABETH — A father threw his five children from a Brighton Beach, Port Elizabeth, pier into the sea yesterday evening, drowning three

The man, whose name had apparently not been made public, also drowned when he followed the children into the sea

The bizarre family murder made front page headlines in morning newspapers in Durban and Port Elizabeth today

According to the reports, two of the children, a boy aged six and a girl aged 11, were rescued and taken to hospital — Sapa

Revolutionaries in for a shock – Vlok

31 die, 139 injured in two violent days

Star 14/3/90 (278)

By Craig Kotze

Thirty-one people have been killed, 139 injured and 511 arrested in two of the blackest days of violence in South Africa since the unrest crisis of the mid 1980s.

Four people were killed in Witbank on Monday night and 78 injured, police said. The latest carnage in kwaGuqa township brings to nine the number to have died this week.

In the surge of rioting in South Africa since March 1, about 104 people have been killed in 730 violent incidents, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said in the House of Assembly yesterday.

Drawing comparisons with hostilities in 1985/86, he said a wave of unrest had broken over the country, especially since last week.

Police had the means to, and would, deal with the violence.

"Radicals and revolutionaries who boast of victory and dream of a power takeover are in for the shock of their lives," he said.

In some cases, the pattern emerging in the townships was a repetition of 1985/86 police were first attacked, then black local authorities, council members and mayors.

Yesterday in Khutloanong near Odendaalsrus in the Free State, police found the bodies of three people — two men and a youth. All had been shot.

The upsurge in murder, arson, stonings and shootings had left almost no region of the country untouched, and saw another incident of "necklacing" — mob execution by placing a burning tyre around the victim's neck.

Search for weapons

It is likely that the death toll could rise even higher when police release their latest unrest information.

Police said townships on the East Rand were quiet yesterday, though they were forced to intervene in Tem- bisa when youths stopped and searched cars for weapons.

The Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand, Mr Klaus von Lieres, SC, yesterday announced the formation of a special task force of detectives and prosecutors to investigate unrest-related killings and crime in Katlehong, Germiston, and nearby Vosloorus.

He said he had asked the SAP to make extra detectives available

"There has been too much crime in Katlehong and Vosloorus for the existing machinery to cope with

"There are more than 130 dossiers of serious crimes waiting to be investigated. There are 60 bodies lying in mortuaries, and we suspect that two-thirds of them are unrest victims"

Police reported more than 100 unrest incidents on Monday, including a hand grenade attack in Katlehong.

The unrest was reported on the Reef, Western and Eastern Transvaal, Free State, Western Cape, Eastern Cape, far Northern Transvaal and other areas.

Of those killed, police shot dead four during stone-throwing incidents.

No significant unrest was reported in homelands yesterday, though scores of people in Bophuthatswana were on the run as security forces reportedly continued their crackdown.

A sabotage attack on two substations at Temba Dam on Monday left much of Hammanskraal without electricity.

Widespread violence in Kokosi near Fochville left a man dead, a hostel plundered, a supermarket looted and set alight.

Children at the Catholic Cathedral in Witbank where they took shelter after fleeing bloody clashes in the township of kwaGuqa. They are among about 3 000 women and children who have fled their homes and sought refuge in Witbank.

● Picture by Therese Anders

Witbank townships tense after clashes

By Montshiwa Moroke and Therese Anders

The black townships near Witbank were quiet but tense yesterday following Monday's violent clashes between youths and hostel dwellers which claimed the lives of at least nine people.

Most of the violence is reported to have taken place at a men's hostel on the outskirts of Ackerville in the early hours of Monday morning.

Ackerville — where the township mayor's house and property were damaged — includes the settlement of Lynville and the old township of kwaGuqa.

Scores of hostel dwellers have fled the area or sought accommodation elsewhere in the hostel after fire in the domitories destroyed their belongings.

Witbank's Catholic cathedral resembled a refugee camp yesterday morning with at least 3 000 people crowding pews and even altar steps.

According to one mother, Mrs Rebecca Nkosi of Lynville, youths had gone through the kwaGuqa early on Monday evening warning women and children to evacuate the area because of expected violence.

"My sister and I bundled up our eight children and we ran to the municipal offices. On the way we saw terrible fighting, with men running with axes. At about 11 pm, municipal police told us it was no longer safe there and we had to move to town."

HORRIFYING

Witbank hospital superintendent, Dr Willie Snyman said yesterday: "It was horrifying. People came in here chopped to pieces".

An eyewitness said trouble started at about 8 pm on Sunday when comrades arrived at the hostel looking for an inmate who had allegedly assaulted another in the township. Hostel dwellers hid the man and then chased the comrades off the premises.

"At about 3 am, inmates in one section of the hostel were awakened by noises," said the eyewitness.

"Comrades were hurling stones, bricks and petrol bombs at the hostel and hostel inmates were armed with axes, iron bars and sticks."

Four bodies, three of them burnt, lay around the hostel grounds after the violence.

Witbank's police chief, Major-General Robbie Robinson, said about 10 000 kwaGuqa residents had asked for protection at the municipal police offices.

He said police were forced to use birdshot and tearsmoke to disperse the fighting factions on Monday. The situation was calm yesterday, he added.

Search for bodies continues

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THE search for the bodies of youths killed in more than three weeks of violence in Khutsong township, near Carletonville, is continuing as speculation grows that the police want to conduct a mass pauper's burial for the victims.

The Khutsong Civic Association, which has planned a mass burial for about 30 victims, has claimed that the police are deliberately refusing to release the corpses.

This was confirmed by parents who since Monday flocked to mortuaries around Carletonville looking for the corpses. Mothers yesterday said they had been driven from pillar to post without success.

Attempts to get police comment and confirmation on the issue were fruitless yesterday.

The mothers of two youths shot dead by police on March 4 said they were frantic after being told by police in Khutsong and Carletonville that the bodies of their sons were being kept at the Diepkloof mortuary in Johannesburg. This was nine days after they had identified their bodies at a mortuary in Carletonville.

The youths, who were shot in a shack, were Themba Rumba Mokoena (19) and Sello Redsak Mothupi (15).

Mothupi was one of two key witnesses in the case involving the death in custody of 17-year-old Mbuyiselo Nixon Phiri who died after being allegedly tortured by the police two months ago.

Mrs Julia Mokoena and Mrs Sophie Mothupi said they identified the bodies of their sons at the Carletonville mortuary the day they died. But when they went to claim the bodies for burial on Monday, police told them they were being kept at the Diepkloof mortuary.

Police offer protection

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THE police yesterday undertook to protect all residents in strife-torn Katlehong in the East Rand.

They made this undertaking at a meeting called by the Katlehong Town Council and attended by about 50 invited participants, including the SAP.

Hostel dwellers and township residents were represented, as were education authorities and priests.

The chairman of one

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

of the warring taxi associations, the Germiston and District Taxi Association, Mr Ted Ntsepe, was also present.

The Katlehong Students' Congress, the Katlehong Civic Association and the Katlehong Taxi Organisation had been invited but did not turn up.

The meeting resolved that schoolchildren should return to classes on Monday; barricades in the streets should be stopped as they hindered essential services; and the burning and looting should also stop.

Speakers condemned attempts to turn the conflict into a tribal war with constant references to tribal groups.

Mrs Nikiwe Mbele called on parents to take the initiative to restore peace in the township where over 40 people have died.

Witbank death toll now eight

Four more people have died and 42 admitted to hospital as violence continued in Lynnville township, near Witbank.

By Mokgadi Pela

This brings to nine the number of deaths reported in the area since violence erupted on Monday, according to SABC TV news.

The superintendent of Witbank Hospital, Dr W A Snyman, said 42 more patients were admitted to the hospital bringing the figure to 85.

Snyman said two people were certified dead on arrival at 1am yesterday.

He said those admitted had lacerations in the back and other parts of the body.

The fight started on Monday night when youths raided the hostel to search for dangerous weapons which they accused hostel dwellers of hoarding. When the latter refused to be searched a fight started.

According to Major R A Crewe four people were killed on Monday night while 78 were injured. Among those who were killed was a woman, a youth and two men.

Boys dressed as girls to escape death

By Winnie Graham

The mothers of the East Rand township of Tembisa dressed the boys as girls on Tuesday.

It was the only way to protect their sons once they heard the order had gone out: "Find the Katlehong boys in Tembisa and kill them."

Just as Herod ordered the death of all first-born boys when Jesus escaped with his parents to Egypt, so the troublemakers of Katlehong decided they would hunt the children allegedly involved in the taxi feud in the troubled township.

They knew many of the boys had been sent there to stay with relatives.

But the mothers of Tembisa had no intention of waiting helplessly for the thugs to strike. Instead, they stripped boys of their shorts and made them wear dresses. If they were disguised as girls the boys might be safe.

When the word went out that the troublemakers had arrived to flush out the Katlehong children, there was panic in Tembisa. Star 15/3/90 (278)

People were pulled from their houses and dragged into the street.

Some fled to the veld to hide. Others went to the municipal offices and asked for protection.

When the men of Tembisa arrived home from work, they found pandemonium in the streets.

Enough was enough. It was time to act.

A township spokesman said: "We did not want the troubles of another township spilling over into our area. We had to do something."

The men of Tembisa did not go to bed that night. They stayed up to protect their homes and families.

They were determined that outsiders would not destroy the peace. And they would certainly not be allowed to harm their wives and children.

The attack on children was sparked off more than a week ago because, it is believed, some pupils took sides in the taxi war between the Katlehong Taxi Association and the Germiston and District Taxi Association.

Katlehong residents believe one association imported outsiders to fight their battle for them and that these men were responsible for the killing of the four children and two teachers last Tuesday. Another 43 pupils were seriously injured last week,mostly hacked with pangas.

Yesterday, the men organised residents wanting to go to work by taxi or car to ensure there would be no trouble.

"We plan to stand up for our rights," a Tembisa resident said.

It was quiet in Tembisa yesterday, but the schools were still deserted.

Call for unity

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CALLS for unity and peace in Katlehong were made by community and political leaders as the East Rand township prepared itself for a mass funeral for the 26 victims of last week's violence.

The funeral will be on Saturday after a service to be held at Huntersfield Stadium from 9am.

Twenty-four of the dead are from Katlehong while two are from Tokoza. Four more people will be buried outside the township and no details were released about them.

The announcements were made at yesterday's peace rally called by the Katlehong Civic Association, the South African Black Taxi Association and the Mass Democratic Movement.

"We do not know the exact death toll but it can be close to 50," the KCA publicity secretary, Mr Paul Maseko, said.

It was resolved that pupils must return to school on Monday, March 19.

Row over violence dead

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By THEMBA MOLEFE

SEVENTEEN bodies of victims of the Khutsong, Carletonville, violence were sent to the Diepkloof mortuary for post-mortem examinations, the police said yesterday.

The SAP's Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said 10 of the bodies, of which two had been identified, had been returned to the Oberholzer mortuary. The other seven would be sent there soon.

They dismissed as misleading claims that bodies of the victims were missing.

This followed claims by residents in Khutsong who claimed that the authorities in the Carletonville area were refusing with the corpses.

The Khutsong Civic Association has a list of 30 people it says were killed in the three-week-old violence.

The police said the two bodies already identified could be those of Themba Rumba Mokoena (19) and Sello Redsak Mothupi (15), who were shot dead in a shack on March 4.

Mothupi was one of two key witnesses in a case involving the death in custody of 17-year-old Mbuyiselo Nixon Phiri who, according to police, died during interrogation two months ago. The other witness was Thomas Mavuvu Tshabalala who was also shot dead.

The mothers of Mokoena and Mothupi, Mrs Julia Mokoena and Mrs Sophie Mothupi, said this week they had identified the bodies of their sons at a Carletonville mortuary the same day they died but were not given the corpses when they went to claim them on Monday.

Meanwhile, the KCA said it was preparing for a mass funeral to be held on Saturday and had engaged lawyers to try and get all the corpses released for burial.

Police shelter 1 200 from 'Zulu vigilantes'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Tension is building in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng, where more than 1 000 residents have sought refuge at police stations and fears of impending "Zulu" attacks are running high, police said.

Police have appealed for calm after about 1 200 residents last night fled the township to seek protection from police at De Deur, Sebokeng and Vanderbijlpark.

A large group of residents also gathered at the Potchefstroom turn-off on the Golden Highway and searched cars for "Zulus".

ELIMINATE RIVALS

The incident prompted police to also warn that they would not allow anyone to take the law into their own hands. It is feared that such incidents could lead to violence and even killings.

Fear of Zulu vigilantes has swept Reef townships recently after reports that factions had hired them to eliminate rivals in places such as Katlehong near Germiston.

Police said yesterday another nine people were killed in unrest in various parts of the country on Wednesday.

Apart from the killings, mobs again fought battles against police, matching rocks and petrol bombs against bullets and teargas, and attacked homes.

The mayor of Maritzburg, Mr Mark Cornell, was in Cape Town yesterday for a meeting with President F W de Klerk after sending him a letter on the worsening unrest in Maritzburg, where violence has spilled over into the town from townships.

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Necklacings and "people's courts" have reappeared in the latest unrest.

The latest deaths include three men and a youth found shot dead in Durban's Ntuzuma township, the charred body of a man found in Boboyi near Port Shepstone and a 15-month-old baby boy killed when police opened fire on a mob in Ikageng near Potchefstroom after being attacked, according to a police unrest report.

Katlehong buries its dead (278)

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Calls for unity and peace in Katlehong have been made by community and political leaders as the East Rand township prepares itself for the mass funeral of 11 victims of last week's bloodbath.

Fifteen other victims will be buried in other parts of the country this weekend.

The Katlehong funeral will take place tomorrow after a service to be held at Huntersfield Stadium at 9 am. Twenty-four of the dead are from Katlehong and two are from Tokoza. Four of the dead will be buried outside the township.

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, the Reverend Gideon Makhanya, said the council was asked to donate funeral funds for 45 families. — Own Correspondent.

Residents flee township in fear

Crime Reporter Star 14/3/90 (278)

Tension is building up in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng, where more than 1 000 residents sought refuge at police stations last night amid fears of impending "Zulu" attacks.

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Probe into E Rand violence completed

'Rumours sparked fighting'

Staff Reporter

Violence in East Rand townships had been started by rumours "setting communities at each other's throats," the organising secretary of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), the Rev Gideon Makhanya, said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Last week residents said the "war" started as a fight between two taxi groups and escalated into a battle between township youths and taximen.

Yesterday the WCC called a press conference to give the results of its probe into the violence.

"In our assessment of the situation in Katlehong, Tokoza, Vosloorus and Tembisa, we found there was a common factor in these areas. Our communities have been deeply polarised and divided.

Hostel inmates

"The violence in these areas has been preceeded by an obvi-ous call from communities to local black authorities to relinquish their positions. Thereafter, there have been rumours from certain quarters setting communities at each other's throats," the Rev Makhanya said.

He said the vehicle and instrument of conflict had been rumour and this usually resulted in hostel inmates fighting against local communities. Those causing conflict had taken advantage of the three-year-old Inkatha/UDF war in Natal.

These *agent provocateurs* had found people of Zulu origin to be an easy target. He said these were political tricks used by those "in power" to drive a wedge between hostel inmates and urban communities.

WCC president the Rev Ezrom Tlholwe told the press conference 45 families of people killed in the Katlehong violence had approached churchmen for assistance last night.

Yesterday, at a peace rally in the township, a member of the Katlehong Civic Association said 26 victims of the conflict would be buried this weekend.

Dispute over death of baby on mom's back

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

A grief-stricken Witbank father, Mr William Mathebula, yesterday claimed police had opened fire with birdshot on a peaceful group of mostly women and children who were trying to leave the violence-ridden township of kwaGuqa. The police denied opening fire on innocent women and children.

Mr Mathebula's 23-month-old baby, Angelina, who had been strapped to his wife, Betty's, back under a blanket, died soon after being struck in the head by the pellets on Monday.

Father says:

"On Monday at about 6 pm the comrades came to the houses and told us to go to the municipal offices ... for safety because the Xhosas were coming to kill us.

"My wife, Betty, with Angelina on her back, myself and Betty's brother and sister began walking down Botha Avenue. We joined a crowd of hundreds of mostly women and children heading towards the offices.

"When we got to the bridge, we saw a convoy of police cars coming towards us. We did not run because we were not fighting or doing anything wrong.

"All of a sudden, the police cars and vans stopped. Three white policemen got out and suddenly began firing at us.

"Of course we all panicked and fled in different directions.

"My wife ran to a man we know for help, and it was only then that she realised that the baby was hurt very badly. Angelina was dead when the ambulance took her to hospital."

Police say:

Eastern Transvaal police media spokesman Captain Ogies van Straaten said police had been forced to use birdshot after teargas had not been successful in dispersing crowds in kwaGuqa on Monday night.

After faction fighting between a group of Xhosas and comrades, during which a number of people had been hacked to death, groups had started attacking the police. The groups had ranged in size from 100 to 800. They had used stones, bottles, irons and petrol bombs.

He denied police had fired on innocent women and children.

Police also announced yesterday that four of the nine who had died on Monday in kwaGuqa "had birdshot wounds and no other bullet wounds".

A police spokesman said he could not say if the four had died of their birdshot injuries as this could be determined only at inquests.

The other five had either been hacked or burnt to death.

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Fearful pupils shun schools

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East Rand Bureau

Lessons in some East Rand schools have ground to a halt because of recent unrest.

Katlehong pupils stopped going to school after they were attacked at school by a group of men during the recent taxi war, leaving four pupils and two teachers dead.

Department of Education and Training officials said the unrest in Katlehong had also affected schools in Vosloorus and Tokoza.

A DET spokesman said schooling in the three areas would resume on Monday. Schooling at kwaGuqa in Witbank would also probably resume then.

Pupils in Tembisa, and in Lydenburg in the Eastern Transvaal, have also stopped going to school.

Widow awarded ...

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Taxi mayhem

The Katlehong war has spilt over in its second week to neighbouring Vosloorus with residents sending children to relatives in other townships or white suburbs.

The East Rand township resembles a war zone. Entrance roads are manned by people armed with pangas, sticks and sjamboks searching vehicles for weapons. Inside most roads are barricaded by rocks and debris. Burnt-out vehicles are everywhere — reminiscent of 1976 and 1984-1985 at their worst.

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Picture by Sebastian Balic

Katlehong ... taxied to township civil war

The origins of the conflict were sown with the creation of the Katlehong Taxi Organisation (Kato) after disagreements within the parent body, Germiston and District Taxi Organisation (G & D). Kato started a new route opposed by G & D.

Who struck the first blow is disputed but it made no difference to what followed. SA Black Taxi Association public affairs director Mike Ntlatleng says: "It seems to be a spillage of the Inkatha-UDF conflict in Natal, even though it did begin as a taxi war. Kato has the support of the youth because it apparently employed young people as drivers. G & D has close links with the predominantly Zulu hostel dwellers and so the conflict spread. There have even been four deaths in Witbank in a fight between hostel dwellers and residents."

Gang attacks

Witnesses spoke of being attacked by gangs — roving the township in taxis with ND (Durban) number-plates — wearing Inkatha colours and speaking Zulu. Residents assumed that the hostel inmates, mostly migrant Zulus, had entered the fray.

Yet a leader of one of the youth structures, who witnessed one of the "Inkatha" attacks, cast doubts on the validity of such claims: "It was an ND taxi, and the people were dressed as Inkatha members. But I recognised them — they are local people and not even Zulu. There is something funny going on."

Sinister would be closer to the truth. It appears prejudices are being manipulated to ignite a township notorious for violence.

By last Thursday the entire community was involved, willing or not. Pupils and teachers were taken from classrooms by thugs and hacked to death. A pitched battle between residents and hostel dwellers on Thursday night left 18 dead Panga-wielding men burst into the Natalspruit hospital, where the injured and many residents were seeking refuge, despite armed municipal police at the entrance.

On Friday night there were five more deaths, including that of a man who was tied to a railway line. The weekend saw more violence, including an attack on the neighbouring township of Vosloorus. An *FM* staffer fled Vosloorus with thousands of others in the early hours of Monday ahead of a thousand hostel dwellers.

A minor taxi dispute has been inflamed into a community civil war. *Sebastian Balic*

Khutsong's war claims lives of 19; scores flee

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By PHILIPPA GARSON

A WAR is raging between militant youths and police in Khutsong township near Carletonville, and scores of youths have fled the area

In the past two weeks the death toll has risen to 19 in the wake of clashes involving youths against police and "collaborators". Two of those killed were key witnesses in the death of 16-year-old Nixon Phiri who died in police custody on January 16

A young activist, fearing for his life, and refusing to give his real name, spoke of the anger of Khutsong youths, who talk openly of war against police

Calling himself "John", he described how police and youths have been clashing since mid-February when young activists tried to launch the Khutsong Youth Congress. "They began to detain us and questioned us about the aims and objectives of our congress Some policemen's houses were burnt and we were questioned about this"

He said they learnt that police were looking for them and were borrowing cars of shebeen-owners to disguise themselves.

"We knew these people were working hand in glove with the police and we decided to take action against them The youths then burnt the tuck shop and a shebeen and the cars belonging to the owners."

The "war" began when police moved in two weeks ago with Casspirs· "The community made barricades and trenches so Casspirs could not get through Police shot and many were killed," he said

Among the dead were eight youths and two black policemen

Scores of other youths have fled the area, fearing they will be killed

The two key witnesses in the death of Phiri, Thomas Tshabalala and Mac Mothupi, were allegedly shot dead by police on March 4. The two had given lawyers detailed statements on how they were tortured with Phiri in the Welverdiend police station

They had said they were beaten, punched, slapped and given electric shocks, and described how they heard Phiri screaming in another room.

One youth described how Mothupi was killed. "We were sitting at (a friend's) shack We saw it through the window. The policemen then jumped out, coming towards the shack we were sitting in So we all rushed through the door in the direction of the gate To our amazement, another Casspir was parked in front of the gate (where we stopped). We were confused.

"The policemen then started shooting at us whilst on top of the Casspir. The first bullet shot (one youth), who fell down immediately, then other bullets followed and one caught Mac Mothupi who also fell down . They were white policemen in a yellow Casspir wearing blue uniforms. We did not provoke them because we were sitting in our friend's shack peacefully"

The police version of the event is as follows "A mob threw petrol-bombs at police vehicles (two Casspirs). Police pursued those responsible and cornered them in a squatter shack. When police attempted to arrest the suspects, they (the police) were attacked (some of the attackers were armed with sharp objects) Shots were fired by the police and two men were fatally wounded One man and three youths were arrested

"As those arrested will probably have to appear in court, we are not prepared to debate the circumstances through the medium of a newspaper"

Referring to statements made by "John", a police spokesman said: "Despite the fact that this person admits committing criminal acts, the police are castigated and portrayed as the aggressors. The police will act firmly against people who take the law into their own hands and who arrogantly claim they will 'fight the police'"

●Lawyers, who have lodged an urgent application to prevent police action against Khutsong residents, took statements from witnesses who may not be named as they fear reprisals.

Khutsong 820 jailed

THIS week 1 200 policemen moved into Khutsong township, conducting door-to-door searches and arresting 820 people

Residents say most of the arrested were youths under 20, with some as young as 11 years old. Police liaison officer Major Ben van Heerden said the huge police operation was to "restore law and order". He said the situation in the township was now calm.

Van Heerden said yesterday 26 of those arrested are being held under Emergency regulations. A further 272 have been charged, mostly for "illegal immigration". The rest have been released without being charged.

Mourners offer one another comfort at a funeral of unrest victims at the weekend in Tlabene, Bophuthatswana

Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK, Afrapix

Katlehong peace put to test tomorrow

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By MZIMKULU MALUNGA

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Mass funeral for Katlehong dead

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CALLS for unity and peace in Katlehong have been made by different community and political leaders as the East Rand township prepares itself for a mass funeral of 11 victims of last weeek's bloodbath.

Fifteen other victims will be buried in different parts of the country this weekend.

The funeral will be tomorrow after a service to be held at Huntersfield Stadium at 9am. Twenty-four of the dead are from Katlehong while two are from Tokoza. Four more people will be buried outside the township and no details were released about them.

A spokesman for the Wits Council of Churches, the Rev Gideon Makhanya, said they were approached to donate funeral funds for 45 families.

Funeral arrangements were made at Wednesday's peace rally called by the Katlehong Civic Association (KCA), South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) and Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) affiliates.

"We do not know the exact death toll but it can be close to 50," the KCA publicity secretary, Mr Paul Maseko, said.

"There are bodies that have not yet been identified and we appeal to families, who are missing relatives, to contact us so that we can go to the police together. Donations for funerals must be forwarded to different churches."

It was resolved that pupils must return to school on Monday, March 19.

Sabta's president Mr James Ngcoya said a commission of inquiry into the violence will be held and a 13-member committee will be formed to set up a single taxi association in the township.

Moses Mayekiso, general secretary of the National Union of Metalworkers of SA, addressing residents at the peace talks.

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Residents flee in panic

HUNDREDS of residents in Vaal townships last night fled in panic and took refuge at police stations following rumours that busloads of armed "hitmen" had entered the area to root out "comrades".

Residents had by late last night formed vigilante groups to guard their properties.

"Everyone is armed to the teeth and are guarding all entrances to the townships," said a resident.

Second child shot dead in violence

Staff Reporters and Sapa

A 15-month-old baby boy died after being hit by shotgun pellets when police opened fire on a mob in Ikageng near Potchefstroom on Wednesday.

Police said they were attacked by the mob.

This is the second infant to have died this week in unrest sweeping Transvaal townships.

A 23-month-old baby girl, Angelina Mathebula, died in Witbank's kwaGuqa township on Monday night.

Godfrey Sithlak (15) was injured by a teargas canister in a clash between police and youths at Nancefield in Messina yesterday.

FW urged to hold talks on violence

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CAPE TOWN — President de Klerk should bring all parliamentary and extra-parliamentary leaders together to discuss how to end the violence and political intimidation, Dr Oscar Dhlomo, chairman of the NatalkwaZulu Indaba said yesterday.

He said there could be no free political activity while the state of emergency was in place.

But while violence and political intimidation plagued the country, it would not be possible for the Government to lift the state of emergency.

Dr Dhlomo believed that Mr de Klerk "should urgently consider convening a conference of leaders of parliamentary and extra-parliamentary political organisations to discuss ways of ending the violence".

Fear grips Vaal areas as mobs react to rumours

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DAWN BARKHUIZEN, MELODY MCDOUGALL and PAT DEVEREAUX

POLICE have appealed to the public to stay calm after a third motorist fell prey to rioting mobs in the troubled Vaal Triangle yesterday.

Mrs Chrizanne van Eeden, a Vista University lecturer, suffered head injuries when her car was stoned by a group of people in front of a hostel in troubled Sebokeng at about 10 am.

She was driving a student to the hostel in Zone 10 to collect his books. He had spent the previous night at her home after trouble flared in the township.

Mrs van Eeden was apparently hit on the head by a stone. She was in stable and satisfactory condition in the Garden City Clinic, Johannesburg, last night.

Three people died and hundreds of thousands of panic-stricken people fled their homes in Vaal Triangle townships on Thursday night as rumour of an impending Zulu attack spread in the areas.

Cordons were thrown around residential areas and roadblocks set up. Vehicles were searched and those refusing to stop were pelted with stones and other objects, according to police.

In two separate incidents on Thursday night rioting mobs attacked cars travelling on the Golden Highway near Sebokeng and also on the road near the Bophatong township, Vanderbijlpark.

A Johannesburg businessman, Mr Elmes Corfe (40), was killed by a panga and Vereeniging schoolgirl Ronel Swane-

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poel (17) was injured when a garden fork was thrown through the car window and hit her in the face.

Police have offered a reward of R5 000 for information leading to the arrest of Mr Corfe's killers.

Police last night issued an urgent appeal to township residents and the general public "not to react to rumours without checking the facts".

"Should reports of impending violence be received, the police should be contacted."

The area was quiet last night and the situation "returning to normal and under control", a police spokesman said, but cars should avoid using the Golden Highway, particularly those with Natal registrations.

After women and children were "evacuated" from the townships on Thursday night, the men remained and armed themselves with various weapons including axes, hammers, pitchforks and knives, police said.

A man and a woman, both aged 50, died of shock, apparently after hearing rumours of the impending attack.

Thousands sought refuge in Soweto, Parys and Sebokeng police stations and hospitals.

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● Trouble flared in Botleng township, Delmas, yesterday after police ordered shack dwellers to dismantle their dwellings on a vacant lot, a member of the Botleng Youth Congress said.

● The Ikageng People's Delegation in Potchefstroom, a residents' body, yesterday sought legal advice in a bid to halt clashes between residents and police in the area, residents told Sapa.

● In the continuing clampdown on opposition in Gazankulu, police yesterday detained the vice-chairman of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), Mr Phosakuwa Mashele, in Nkowa Nkowa township near Tzaneen.

Businessman killed by mob as township unrest flares

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PRETORIA. — Police offered a reward of R5 000 yesterday for information leading to the arrest of the killers of Mr Elmey Corfe, who was found dead in his car yesterday near Evaton.

Mr Corfe was found dead in his BMW on the Golden Highway at 5.30am after a night of panic in Vaal Triangle townships.

Three people died and hundreds of thousands of panic-stricken people fled their homes in the Vaal Triangle townships on Thursday night as rumour of an impending Zulu attack spread throughout the area, police said.

In yesterday's unrest report, police said residents sought refuge in Soweto, Parys and Sebokeng police stations and hospitals, Vanderbijl Park riot unit offices and De Deur police station, among other places.

A number of cars were stoned at road-blocks set up in response to the rumours of attacks by Zulus.

After the women and children had been "evacuated" from the townships, the men remained behind and armed themselves with any type of weapon available — axes, hammers, pitchforks and knives.

Cordons were thrown around the black residential areas and road-blocks set up by the men.

Vehicles were stopped and searched by large groups of men.

In Evaton, huge rocks were used to block roads. Vehicles which refused to stop were smashed with stones and other objects.

A number of vehicles were reported damaged but many others sped away and it is unknown how many vehicles were in fact damaged.

A couple, both in their 50s, apparently died of shock after hearing the rumours of the pending attack, police said.

Mr Corfe and a business partner, Mr Michael Brown, of Cape Town, were on their way to Johannesburg when their car was stopped by the rioters.

The mob wielding pangas and pickaxes attacked Mr Corfe, but his colleague escaped.

The 40-year-old Mr Corfe drove 3km with a panga embedded in his head before dying behind the steering wheel of his car while Mr Brown walked about 20km to the Grasmere toll plaza for help.

When he and the police returned they found the businessman dead.

Four other people — including a six-year-old child — were reported to have been injured by the mobs.

Two men were wounded during alleged police action. One man was admitted to hospital. The second man was treated and discharged.

A policeman said about 100 000 people had been given shelter at the Sebokeng police station. And a spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration said 5 000 people were accommodated at the Sebokeng Hospital during the night.

More than 100 people slept at the Vereeniging offices of the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu), according to unionist Mr Motsumi Sekgabi.

A manager at the Riviera Hotel in the town gave refuge to about 15 children, Mr Sekgabi said.

He added that the residents had been taken back into the township in police vehicles yesterday morning.

A police contingent was deployed into the township, but was unable to find victims of alleged attacks by Zulus, said to be travelling in combis and trucks.

Meanwhile, youths were barricading streets in Sebokeng township as they sought to impose a stayaway, the police spokesman said, adding that police were patrolling the township to monitor developments. — Sapa

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Girl hurt in riot

JOHANNESBURG. — A Vereeniging schoolgirl received head injuries when a rioting mob on Thursday night hurled stones, tins and a garden fork at the car in which she was travelling.

The incident occurred near the Boipatong township outside Vanderbijl Park.

Ronel Swanepoel, 17, of Springcol, who was struck on the head by the garden fork, is in a satisfactory condition in Johannesburg Hospital.

The couple she was travelling with — Mr Johan Lourens, 27, and his wife Isabella, 24, also of Springcol — were also injured.

Mr Lourens apparently received eye injuries, while his wife had about 50 stitches for an arm injury. — Sapa

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FW, Mangope affirm Bop link in future South Africa

MMABATHO. — Bophuthatswana had a direct interest in any future negotiations on a new constitutional order for South Africa and would be consulted on all matters affecting its interests, a joint statement by President F W de Klerk and the homeland leader, Mr Lucas Mangope, said last night.

The meeting between the two leaders came after widespread unrest in the independent homelands of Bophuthatswana, Gazankulu, Ciskei and Venda.

Mr De Klerk, assisted by Foreign Minister Pik Botha, and Mr Mangope, assisted by his full cabinet, met yesterday in Mmabatho for what they described in their statement as wide-ranging discusssions.

According to the statement, the two presidents agreed on most subjects and Mr De Klerk expressed the hope the present cordial relationship between the two "countries" would be maintained.

On the homeland's future, Mr De Klerk said Bophuthatswana was an independent country and only it could decide on its own future, recognising that any change in the present relationship between the two countries had to be based on mutual accord.

Both presidents said organisations responsible for demonstrations owed it to the public to say where they stood with regard to the burning down of properties and the looting of business.

They stressed the importance of the private sector's role in providing jobs and better living standards, and agreed that a market-oriented economic system was essential for development and progress.

Bophuthatswana Police Commissioner General P J Seleke said yesterday that the unrest situation in the country was stable and that the situation had "normalised" in the past two or three days.

But the death toll during last Wednesday's demonstration at Garankuwa has risen to eight with the death of a man who was injured during the incident, Bophuthatswana's official mouthpiece, Bopana, reports. The man died in hospital yesterday.

SADF troops, sent into Ciskei to quell the anarchy after the coup two weeks ago, are to begin withdrawing from tomorrow.

In the continuing clampdown on opposition in Gazankulu, police yesterday detained the vice-chairman of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) in Nkowa Nkowa township near Tzaneen.

The Gazankulu government yesterday reported that the situation had been calm during the 24 hours to 3pm.

KaNgwane Chief Minister Mr Enos Mabuza yesterday warned members of his legislative assembly they should be prepared to resign at short notice.

Mr Mabuza said during a special session of the assembly that if the South African government was to retain credibility, it would have to phase out all remaining apartheid legislation and government-created structures.

The assembly was essentially an apartheid structure. — Sapa

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LUSAKA. — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi is visiting Zambia at present. Yesterday he spoke of the people of the sub-continent being capable of "coming together in harmony and unity to exploit the very dirt of the soil to turn it into wealth for the people".

Chief Buthelezi called for unity finally to eliminate apartheid and for black South Africa to "put aside internecine black-on-black violence and conflict". — Sapa

this week.

Boycott over digs

PIETERSBURG. — The entire student body at the University of the North on Thursday started an indefinite class boycott to protest against the lack of accommodation on campus. Students claim that more than 500 first-year students are without accommodation.

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Rumours of 'Impi' cause panic

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Man hacked to death by mob near Evaton

By JAPIE MOKWEBO

FEARS of a "Zulu" attack caused widespread chaos in the Vaal Triangle and Tembisa this week, leaving one dead and two injured.

Johannesburg businessman Elmey Corfe, 40, was hacked to death on the Golden Highway outside Evaton.

Vista University lecturer Chrizanne van Eeden was struck on the head by a stone outside the Sebokeng Hostel, and is in hospital.

Ronel Swanepoel, a 17-year-old Vereeniging schoolgirl, sustained facial injuries when a garden fork smashed the window of the car she was riding in.

Panic hit Tembisa on Tuesday after rumours that Zulu impis had invaded the township and were looking for youths who had fled trouble-torn Katlehong.

There was widespread confusion as residents fled their homes and took refuge at the local hospital, police station, and Cosatu offices.

Youths manned roadblocks throughout the townships, searching vehicles and passengers. Those who refused to stop were pelted with stones.

It was rumoured the impis were about to attack shacks, creches and schools.

Thousands of Tembisa toddlers were quickly fetched from creches and taken to Tembisa police station, Rabasotho Hall and Endulwini Ambulance offices.

Pupils fled from schools to the police station while terrified women sought refuge at Tembisa Hospital, which they were later ordered to leave by hospital authorities.

The rumour caused Tembisa street committee members and youths to spend sleepless nights patrolling the streets.

The saga began after it was rumoured that a bus was spotted on Monday night off-loading heavily armed Zulus at Block 26 of Sethokga Hostel.

According to shack residents at Oakmoor Station, three armed impis were seen at the shacks on Tuesday morning.

A shack-dweller told *City Press*one was overheard saying "this is the place where those Katlehong comrades we are looking for, fled to. Today they will see heaven".

"The three men later went straight to Block 26 in the nearby Sethokga Hostel," said another resident.

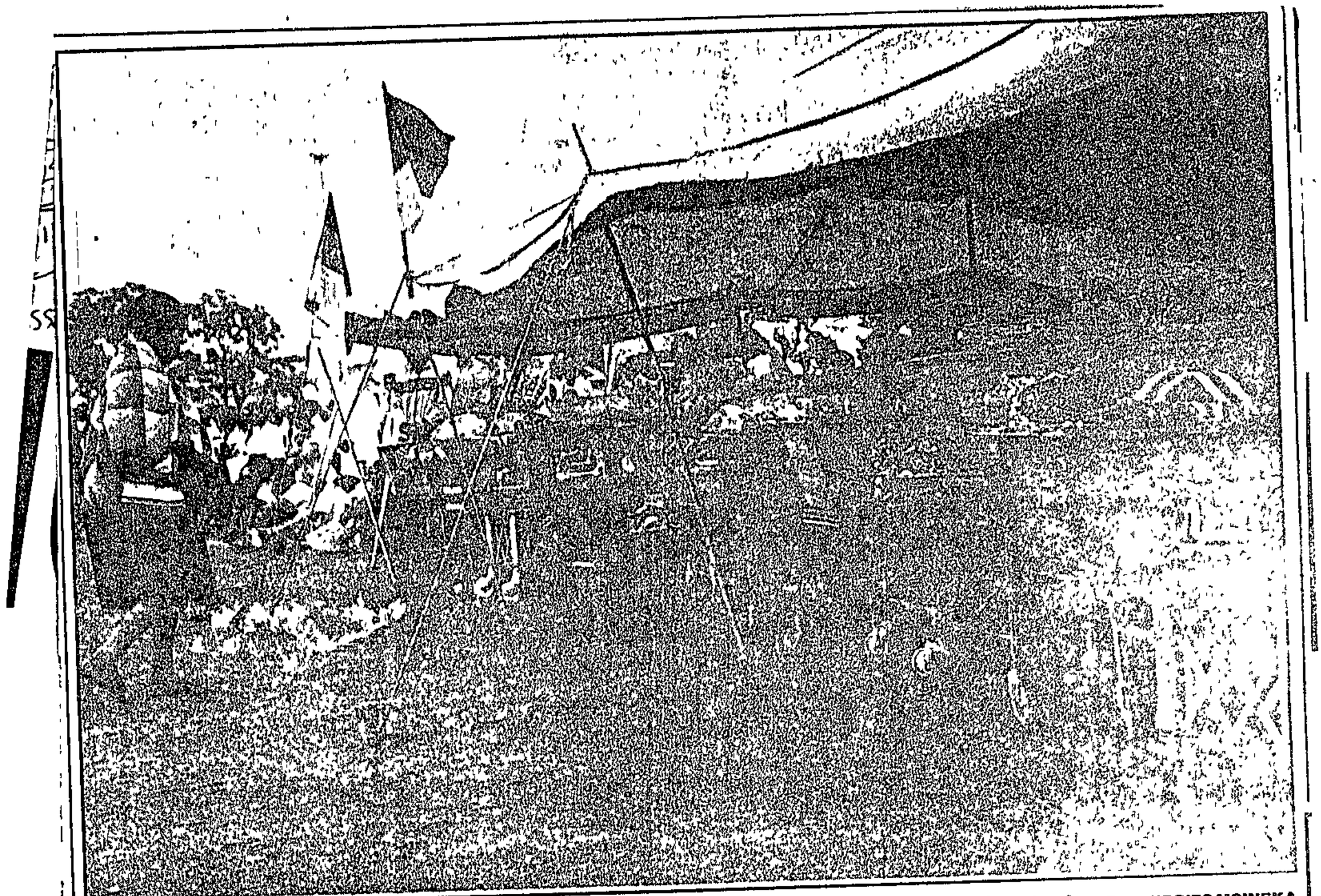
"We realised our lives were in danger and quickly alerted our neighbours – then the commotion started in the entire township."

Major RA Crewe of the SAP in Pretoria told *City Press* a search was conducted at Sethokga Hostel but no suspects were found.

"Those were only rumours that spread throughout Tembisa. The police did not find any truth in the matter," he said.

On Friday patrols and searches were still being conducted by activists in the township and the Tembisa Residents Association (TRA) issued a message to all street committee members and youths to strengthen their structures.

"We cannnot be deceived by those who regard the whole issue as a rumour. Katlehong has lost many residents, including children, yet no arrests have been made," said a TRA spokesman.



Mass funeral . . . 14 of the 45 victims of Katlehong's bloody taxi war were given a mass burial yesterday. Pic:ANDRIES MCINEKA

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Nelson Mandela . . . given a musical tribute

Addressing a press conference on his return from Sweden, where he met ailing ANC President Oliver Tambo, Mandela said the Harare Declaration had stated what preconditions still needed to be met by the government.

Having unbanned the ANC, there were still other preconditions which needed to be met before negotiation could begin.

Katlehong mourns taxi-war victims

By SOPHIE TEMA c/press 18/3/90 278

KATLEHONG buried its dead yesterday – and blamed apartheid for the bloody taxi war last week.

According to Katlehong Civic Association about 45 people were killed during the fighting and 14 were given a mass burial yesterday.

A tent was pitched in the centre of the stadium to shelter the bereaved families while 14 coffins containing the bodies of their loved ones were paraded in front of them.

Those buried yesterday were: Simon Sibande, Lucky Malungoane, Lucky Kara, Ian Khubeka, Jabulani Mohango, Isaac Thage, Gabriel Mangele, Mdudizi Ndlovu, Mabuya Buti, Trichard Nganoni, Patrick Tabane, Shadrack Motloung, David Skosana and Thembinkosi Mavundla.

No solemn hymns were sung – youths chanted freedom songs and danced the toyi-toyi.

More than 10 000 mourners – some of them wearing ANC colours – heard representatives of various organisations condemn the wave of violence.

They blamed structures such as the local authorities for furthering the "divide and rule" policy introduced by Hendrik Verwoerd.

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After the taxi war – an uneasy truce

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Organisations battle for peace and unity

By SOPHIE TEMA

AN uneasy truce is hanging over Katlehong following the week of fighting and killing that swept through the township.

What began as a series of battles between rival taxi organisations developed into factional violence that enveloped the entire community

Charred minibuses and houses still bear testimony to the township's week of horror

According to reports at least 20 people died and scores of injured filled the Natalspruit Hospital

But Paul Maseko, publicity secretary of the Katlehong Civic Association, believes between 45 and 50 people lost their lives in the savage war.

Almost overnight, parents spirited their children away to neighbouring areas

Residents said they believed taxi owners recruited thugs or vigilantes from other areas to fight their battles

Throughout the week there were gunshots at night and the houses of several taxi owners were burnt.

But the most painful part of the violence was the massacre of four schoolchildren and two teachers – hacked to death with pangas and shot in revenge for the alleged petrol-bombing of six minibuses

A headless body, a leg and an arm found next to a railway line were among the gruesome signs of the fierce clashes

In a strange turn of events, UDF "comrades" manned roadblocks along with heavily armed uniformed police and searched for weapons, including guns

For several nights scores of families with young children slept in the township's graveyard, while hundreds sought refuge at the Natalspruit Hospital, the military base and the Katlehong police station.

Even the injured were not safe A 30-strong vigilante group believed to be members of one of the warring factions entered the Natalspruit Hospital's casualty ward and sent doctors and nurses running for safety

Hospital superintendent NP Kernes said "The incident has prompted hospital authorities to look into the security in order to continue providing patients with a decent service "

Kernes said more than 200 people were treated for injuries – most of them young males with gunshot wounds.

Angry residents also claimed that a group of children from a creche in Nhlapo Section were sjambokked by supporters of one of the feuding groups

Roadblocks and barricades were set up throughout the township and youths armed themselves with sticks and iron-rods against the rival group which wore white bands around their heads and was armed with pangas, axes, assagais and guns

Besieged Katlehong residents openly called for the return of the South African Defence Force, claiming they feared a "Natal situation"

To end the senseless killing, the UDF, Cosatu, Katlehong Civic Association and Sayco representatives set up a peace plan

They appealed to residents to support the peace plan and strive for unity in the community.

KCA's Oupa Obed Thibile said at a meeting on February 11 between taxi groups it was agreed to provide four names from each group to sit on a committee to resolve their differences

Before the committee could meet, fighting broke out on February 24 and the war spread to the community

Soon after his return to South Africa the ANC's Walter Sisulu sent this message. "This is a critical time in our lives We are appealing for unity throughout this country and naturally we are concerned with local disturbances and killings "

Head of the Anglican Church, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, appealed to the Katlehong community with these words "Please stop the violence. We cannot afford to destroy ourselves just when we are on the threshold of victory Our people must exercise discipline and restraint."

The Southern African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) also stepped in to mediate and announced the suspension of the Germiston and District Taxi Association from its ranks until peace and unity was restored between taxi bodies in Katlehong

Sabta public relations officer JA Mabuza said the organisation has appointed a retired judge to head a Commission of Inquiry into the taxi wars

Sabta will also adopt the following measures

■ The Transvaal Taxi Association (TTA) will appoint a manager to run taxi operations in Katlehong until a single association is formed.

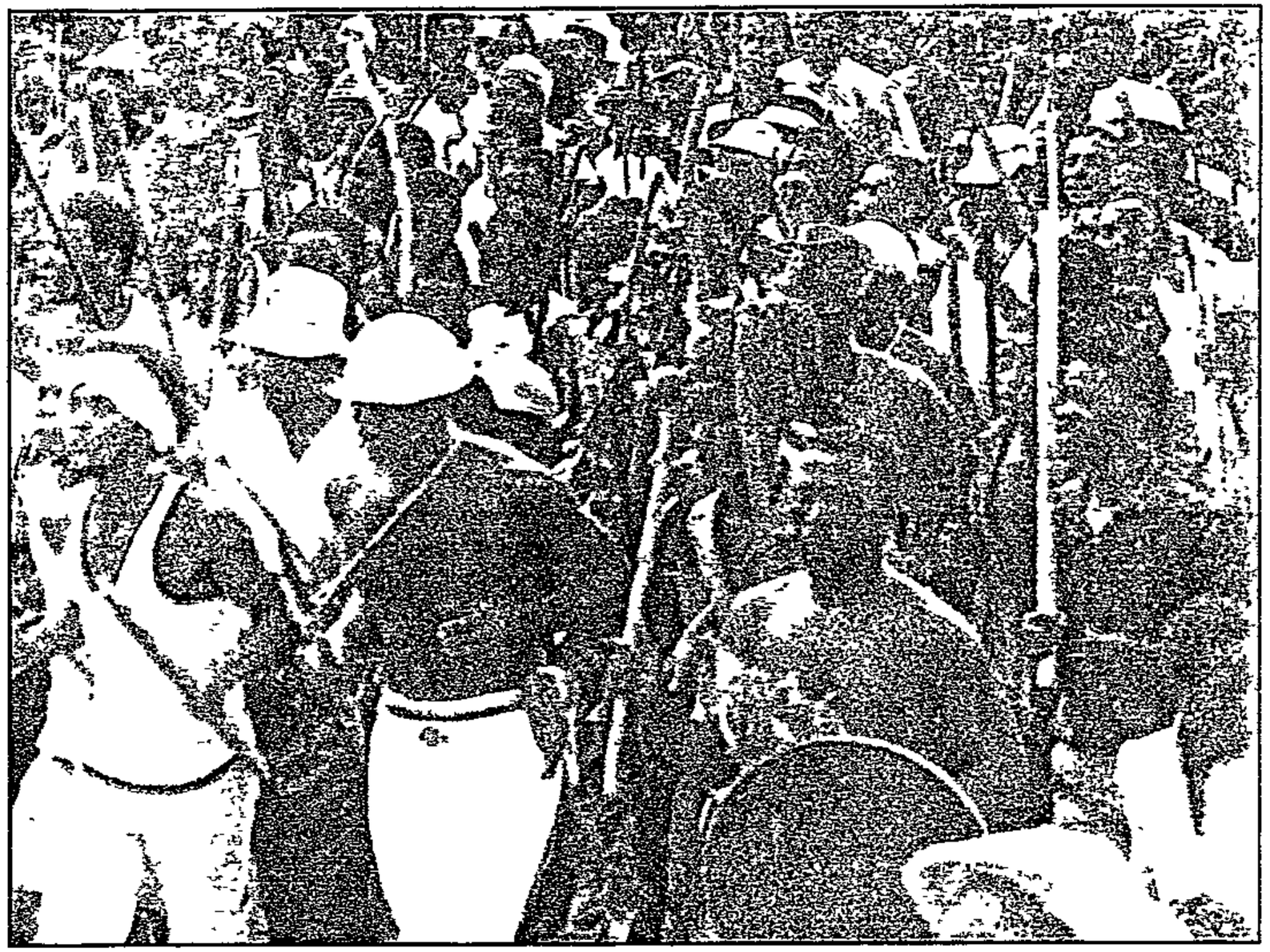
■ Members of the Katlehong Taxi Organisation have been called on to disband and submit themselves to the authority of the TTA manager while a single association is formed.

Mabuza said, "Sabta abhors the wanton destruction of property and the senseless killings

"Sabta expresses its deepest sympathies for families who have lost loved ones

"We wish to contribute towards bringing an end to all hostilities "

The desire for peace was also expressed by residents and the warring taxi groups at a meeting held near the Mazibuko Hostel in Katlehong on Friday



Katlehong residents claim thugs and vigilantes were brought in from other areas by taxi owners to fight their battles.

Bid for peace and unity in Katlehong

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By SOPHIE TEMA

DISCUSSIONS among political, religious and community organisations have resulted in a call for an end to the conflict in Katlehong.

The organisations called for unity and peace between rival taxi groups and the community.

The peace appeal was this week sent out by church ministers, student bodies and executive members of the ANC, UDF, Sabta, NUM, Cosatu, Fedtraw and Katlehong Civic Association.

The move follows violent fighting which broke out between taxi operators and the community in the township last week, claiming the lives of at least 45 people – including young children.

A committee of 30 – comprising Katlehong and hostel residents – met for the third time this week and resolved to continue discussions between the two groups until peace is restored.

An urgent appeal was made for all residents not to spread rumours that could lead to bloodshed.

The Witwatersrand Council of Churches Task Force on Crisis Intervention said: "We express our state of shock at events in Katlehong where people jumped at each other's throats leaving deep fear and suspicion, where the evil sentiment of ethnicism seems to have been used to make the situation more murderous, and where school children are forced to mobilise themselves in self defence."

Popo Molefe . . .'Stop the killings'

At a mass rally in Katlehong on Wednesday, political and community organisations called on residents to stop the "senseless violence and work for peace and unity".

UDF general secretary Popo Molefe appealed to residents to do eveything in their power to end the violence and killings in Katlehong.

"Our history is a painful, bitter and brutal one. And it shames us when we have to fight against one another. It is a shame to our community, to our country and to every man woman and child," he said.

"Violence is the kind of problem that affects everyone in our society, therefore it is our greatest concern to have this kind of problem brought to an end.

"We condemn acts in which a brother kills a brother. It is crucial we find a solution to this problem and demonstrate to other nations that we are not savages."

He said South Africans must prove they could stand together as one and live in unity and peace. But they could not do this if they were divided because division could weaken them.

Heavy fighting in Reef township

Star By Craig Kotze 19/3/90 (278)

At least four people were reported to have been shot and wounded today in heavy fighting sparked by the burning down of a wealthy businessman's property in Tsakane township near Brakpan residents said.

Mobs of suspected comrades stoned the house of Mr Jamzar Msiza and burned down two commercial centres owned by him after first looting the premises at about 3 am.

Police dispersed mobs with teargas. An unharmed Mr Msiza apparently sought refuge with the police.

Residents said today the township was in "chaos" and had virtually been blocked off.

Police today confirmed incidents in the township, but no information was available at the time of going to press. A spokesman said, however, that there was increasing evidence that businesses and other "economic" activities were increasingly becoming the target of unrest-related violence.

According to one Tsakane resident, who said he had personally seen four people with gunshot wounds, fighting was continuing after the centres burnt down because "Zulus" had been called in to protect business interests.

The reports of Zulus entering the township is expected to inflame further an already tense situation in many Reef townships, where "Zulu paranoia" has already resulted in many incidents, including the murder of a Sandton businessman near Evaton in the Vaal Triangle on Friday.

Lebowa public servants stop work to demand books

PIETERSBURG. — Lebowa public servants in the homeland's capital of Lebowakgomo are to start an indefinite work stayaway today to press demands for the provision of books for school pupils, according to a call made at the weekend.

The decision, taken at a meeting of the Lebowakgomo Civic Association on Thursday night, does not affect other areas, according to an LCA spokesman, Mr Godfrey Selepe.

The decision was, however, strongly contested at a meeting to launch a public servants' union on Saturday.

More than 1 000 civil servants argued that the LCA decision was taken without consultations and that a proper work stayaway should be organised to involve all workers employed by the Lebowa government.

Mr Selepe said the LCA wanted Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike to rescind a decision not to hire more teachers, provide books for pupils, build more classes and provide special classes for laboratories and libraries.

In Seshego, school pupils from four high schools marched to the local circuit office on Friday to demand books and more teachers. Mr Ramodike could not be reached for comment yesterday.

In nearby Gazankulu, a major police crackdown is under way following the indefinite suspension of all sittings of the homeland's legislative assembly.

More than 200 people have been detained since Thursday, sources said.

Reports from Gazankulu capital Giyani, the scene of a large-scale stayaway by civil servants for the past two weeks, said a house belonging to Chief Minister Hudson Ntsanwisi's chauffeur was attacked by arsonists at the weekend.

It was unclear on Sunday whether the work stayaway by government employees, which was to continue until Mr Ntsanwisi resigned, would continue.

In Venda, the scene of a massive funeral on Saturday for Mrs Elsie Makuya, a spokesperson for the UDF announced that people would march on the homeland's parliament on Friday when this year's session begins.

It was also announced that a consumer boycott of shops in Louis Trichardt would begin on April 1 and end on June 1 to protest at the conservative policies of the town council and its white inhabitants.

● In Johannesburg yesterday a Foreign Affairs spokesman said SA troops had completed their withdrawal from Ciskei but would be ready and available at short notice to re-enter Ciskei if the homeland requested help. — Sapa

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5 000 attend funeral of taxi war victims

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KATLEHONG. — The sprawling East Rand township of Katlehong came to a standstill on Saturday when about 5 000 people attended a rally at the Hunter Field Stadium to bury 14 victims of last week's taxi war here.

As many as 30 people were reported killed since late February when what started as a dispute between two rival taxi associations culminated in a civil war in the township.

Speakers called for reconciliation between taxi operators and the community.

Emotions ran high when a group of mourners ordered police out of the way of the funeral procession. — Sapa

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70 000 go to Venda funeral

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THOHOYANDOU. — About 70 000 people gathered on Saturday at the peaceful funeral service of one of the students who was shot dead at the gate of the police station here on Monday.

People chanted freedom songs and carried placards saying "Rest in peace, Comrade Elisie Nephalama Makuya."

A UDF representative, Mr Joe Mnguni, said he felt disheartened that such things should happen at a time when everyone was talking of reformation and the end of apartheid.

He called for the reincorporation of Venda into South Africa and dissolving the Venda parliament. — Sapa

Mass burial for 14 taxi war victims

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As thousands of Katlehong residents on the East Rand and bereaved families of the 14 victims of the township's's taxi war attended a mass funeral at the weekend, it was clear that the days when funerals were mournful occasions are long gone.

BY PHANGISILE MTSHALI

The mass funeral, for victims whose ages range from 16 to 43, took a political character which became the trend in the 1985 to 1987 era.

Youths chanted slogans and danced the toyi-toyi throughout the service which was conducted by Reverend Z Mohutsiwa, president of the Katlehong Interdenominational Ministers Fraternity.

Flags of political organisations dominated Huntersfield stadium where the service was held.

Speakers from the Katlehong Civic Association, UDF, Cosatu, students and youth political organisations, bombarded mourners with political speeches, poems and pleas for peace and restraint.

Some of the estimated 50 victims of the one-week war were buried in different parts of the country at the weekend.

The KCA publicity secretary, Mr Paul Maseko, appealed to families who are missing relatives to contact them (KCA) so that they could be traced.

Those buried were: Simon Sibande, Lucky Malungoane, Lucky Khoza, Ian Kubheka, Jabulani Mahango, Isaac Thage, Gabriel Manqeze, Mduduzi Ndlovu, Buti Mabuya, Richard Ndamoyi, Patrick Thabane, Shadrack Motloung, David Skosana and Thembinkosi Mavundla.

'Five slain in conflict in western Transvaal'

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By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

Ongoing conflict between rival political organisations in the western Transvaal had claimed the lives of five people in the past month, said Mr Thabo Ndabeni, southern Transvaal chairman of the Azanian People's Organisation.

Members of the United Democratic Front had killed five Azapo supporters in Bekkersdal, Mr Ndabeni said yesterday.

In a separate incident, two Azapo supporters were killed at the weekend — allegedly by UDF-supporting farm workers in the Koekenaap district.

UDF and Azapo leaders yesterday condemned the killings.

UDF assistant general secretary Mr Mohammed Valli Moosa said all political parties had the right to organise freely.

DRIVEN OUT

"We have repeatedly said it is not our policy to use violence against organisations that have rival ideological positions."

Mr Moosa, who said he had no knowledge of the alleged incidents, dismissed the claims as an effort to discredit the UDF.

Mr Ndabeni said the five deaths had followed the formation of the Bekkersdal Youth Congress, an organisation aligned to the UDF, about a month ago. Since then, Azapo supporters had been driven out of Westonaria and the adjacent Randfontein township of Mohlakeng. The conflict had spilled over to Ikageng near Potchefstroom.

On Saturday night, Mr Barius Motingoe had been stabbed and burnt, and the body of another Azapo supporter, identified only as Sello, had been found on Sunday morning.

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Chaos in Tsakane as mobs go on rampage

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By Craig Kotze and Abel Mabelane

A man was shot dead and at least two people were wounded in police action after rioting erupted in the East Rand township of Tsakane early yesterday, leaving shops looted and buildings gutted.

Residents said at least four people were shot and wounded by police in the mob rampage related to the burning down of a wealthy businessman's property after his home was stoned.

Police said they knew of only two injured and one dead.

Ten private vehicles and a delivery van were also attacked and set alight in the violence, which erupted at about 3 am.

A youth, Simon Zwane, suffered eye and ear injuries and was taken to hospital while another, Joe Mdipa, was admitted to the Far East Rand Hospital in a serious condition after being hit by birdshot. Other injured youths were taken to hospital by relatives.

Mobs are reported to have stoned the house of businessman Mr Jamzar Msia and to have burnt down two commercial centres owned by him, after first looting the premises. Mr Msia apparently sought refuge with the police.

Police dispersed the rioters with teargas and at 7 am used birdshot to disperse a mob looting a bottle store, killing a man.

Residents said yesterday the township was in "chaos" and that it had virtually been cut off from the rest of the Reef.

According to one Tsakane resident, who said he had seen four people with gunshot wounds, fighting was continuing because "Zulus" had been called in to protect business interests.

The reports of Zulus entering the township are expected to further inflame an already tense situation in many Reef townships, where "Zulu paranoia" has already resulted in the murder of a Sandton businessman near Evaton on Friday.

"It was total chaos in Tsakane. The Zulus were brought in to protect the businesses and they are fighting with the Comrades. It's very bad, the police were also shooting," another resident told The Star.

Police shoot at rampant crowd

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AT least one person was killed and several others treated for birdshot wounds when police took action against a rampant crowd in Tsakane on the East Rand yesterday.

Local civic leaders said the dead man was Mr Tsietsi Khubeka and claimed that several people were treated for gunshot wounds at the Far East Rand hospital.

A hospital spokesman confirmed a number of people were treated for gunshot wounds yesterday, but referred Press enquries to the police.

Residents went amok in the township as early as 2am, looting from the two shopping complexes owned by Tsakane tycoon Mr Jamza Msiza.

A bottle-store, butchery, supermarket and a night club were torched.

Damage to property, including stock, was estimated at more than R8m.

Police manned a road block at the entrance of the township looking for looters of the burnt out shops.

Streets were barricaded with unrooted road signs and boulders and crowds gathered at once popular Happy Valley complex.

Armed police stood guard at the razed shopping centres while some carried crates of soft drinks into police vans.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

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'Ex-govt spies' blamed for township unrest

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By MOKGADI PELA

THE violence sweeping the country was a result of frustrated former government spies turned agent provocateurs because there was nothing more to report to their masters, a Tokoza peace rally was told at the weekend.

United Democratic Front East Rand chairperson Cyril Jantjies said the provocateur's job was to ensure the continued existence of the state of emergency.

Jantjies said the state did not want to lift the emergency regulations.

He called on Tokoza residents to refuse to attack their brothers who stayed in the hostels simply because some people classified them 'Zulus.'

Jantjies said tribalism had to be buried..

"We have only one enemy, what is apartheid," he said.

He said the unity of black people was paramount as was symbolised by the clenched fist.

There was praise for four councillors who had resigned.

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Campus protest march

PIETERSBURG. — About 1 000 students at the University of the North took part in a peaceful demonstration yesterday to protest against a shortage of accommodation and the catering service at the campus near Pietersburg. The demonstration follows nearly a week of class boycotts.

The Rev Khanyile, one of several speakers who addressed Tokoza residents at a mass funeral at the weekend.

Katlehong settles down, licks wounds

AS Katlehong settles down to lick its wounds and gears itself for peace between the warring factions, a postmortem of past weeks' carnage points fingers at rumour-mongering and "apartheid structures" as the underlying causes of the carnage.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Mr Gideon Makhanya, Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) organising secretary, said the upsurge of violence in the East Rand township could have been "to buy time for local authorities" as it came about the time when Katlehong was "challenging them and calling for their resignation," he said.

Bloodshed is used as an excuse for the authorities to prolong their stay in power.

It gives the people an alternative agenda... their lives."

Rumour-mongers moved between hostels and the township with warnings of impending attacks were identified by many as the main causes of the violence.

"Communities must assist us to create a better relationship between the hostel-dwellers and families in the townships. "We believe wqe must try to turn them (the hostels) into family units," said Makhanya.

An announcement by chairman of the now-disbanded Germiston and District Taxi Association, Mr Ted Ntsipe, that last week's carnage broke out when his association and the Katlehong Taxi Organisation had made peace, has left many people wondering what could have sparked the violence.

Inquiry

African National Congress, Mass Democratic Movement and the Katlehong Civic Association, also laid the blame of violence squarely on the apartheid structures and "its enforcers" at a peace rally held on Wednesday.

The South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) has set up a commission of inquiry into the incident.

"We were surprised to find that there was renewed violence that was directed at the community after we were told by the concerned taxi operators that their four-month dispute was resolved and they were moving towards forming a single association."

Blamed

In a meeting called by the Katlehong Town Council a number of delegates accused police of ineffectiveness

Hostel representatives also blamed the police for taking sides and not giving protection to all.

"At one stage after we heard of the impending attack, police came to us and ordered us to sleep but we could not. When hell broke looses they shot two of their fellow officers in the chaos," said one hostel dweller.

Lieutenant-Colonel D Dlamini said the police effectiveness was hindered by street barricades and lack of co-operation from residents. He said allegations would be investigated.

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City remembers Sharpeville

By PETER DENNEHY

THOUSANDS of students and workers in Cape Town were given the day off on the 30th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre yesterday — while many others stayed away from work.

Sporadic stonings were reported in Khayelitsha early yesterday as township youths apparently tried to enforce an impromptu stayaway, although no organisations had issued a stayaway call.

The Universities of the Western Cape and Cape Town and the Peninsula Technikon were closed for the day.

SA Clothing and Textile Workers Union' (SACTWU) organiser Mr David Campbell said his union's 56 000 members in the Western Cape had arranged with the industry to take Sharpeville Day off and work on the official holiday on April 6 (Founders Day) instead.

Sharpeville commemoration meetings were held yesterday in Langa, Bonteheuwel, Atlantis, Guguletu and Paarl.

The one in St Francis Catholic Church Hall in Langa was organised by the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC). It was the PAC which organised the Sharpeville anti-pass law march during which 69 people were shot dead by police on March 21, 1960.

Mr Charl Adams, manpower manager of Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, said the retail sector in some of the southern suburbs had been affected by 20% to 45% worker stayaways.

One Wynberg store had experienced a 75% worker stayaway, he said.

There had also been partial stayaways at a couple of workplaces in the northern areas.

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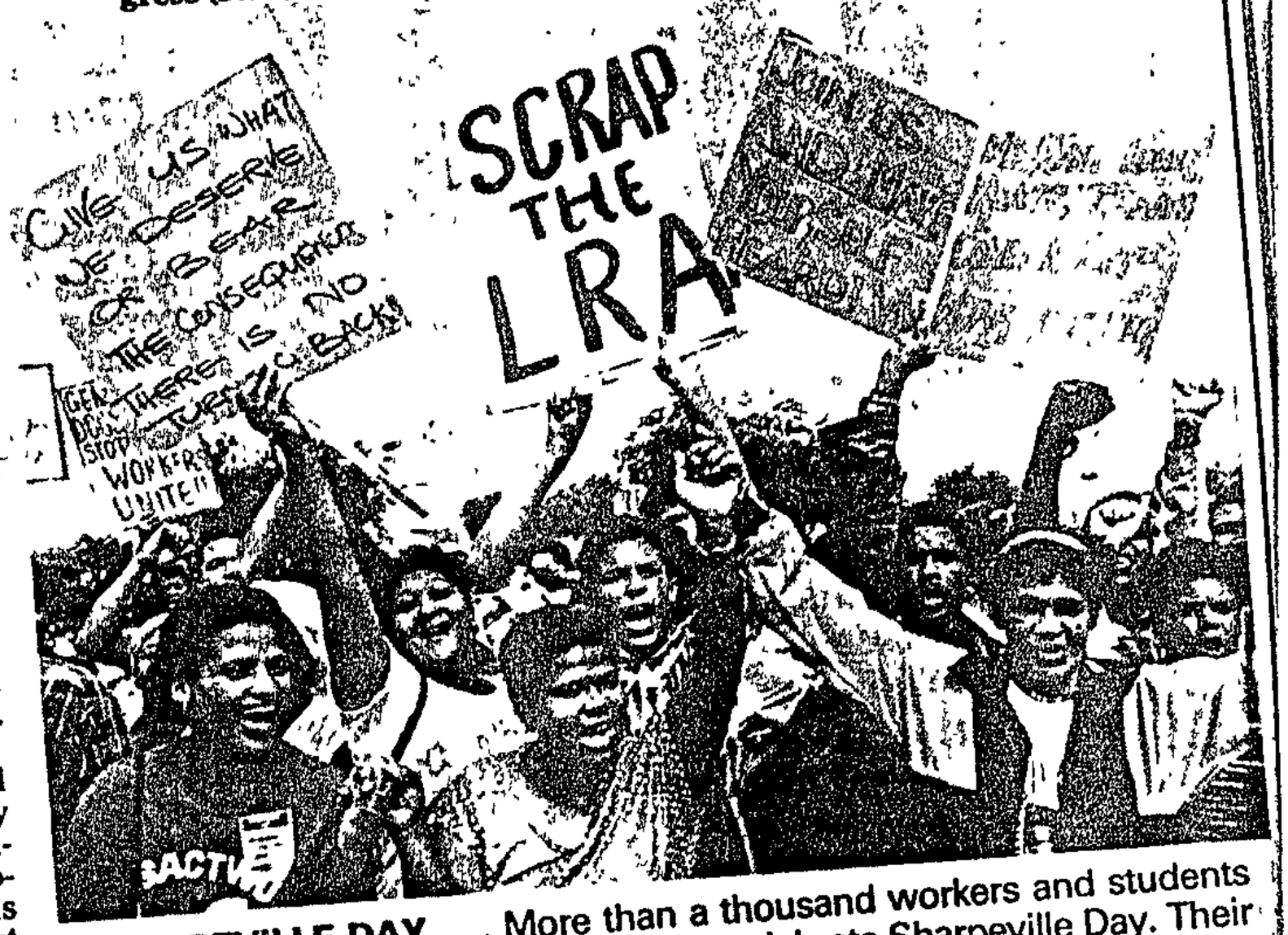
Vlok: No mercy for highway 'thugs'

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday promised a harsh crackdown on thugs who attack motorists.

Those responsible for attacks on innocent road-users could expect no mercy, he said.

He said the police had informed him yesterday of steps which were already being taken to protect motorists on roads in the PWV area against stone-throwers and trouble-makers.

"Use will be made of both identified and unidentified vehicles, heli-



SHARPEVILLE DAY . . . More than a thousand workers and students marched through Atlantis yesterday to celebrate Sharpeville Day. Their demands included lower rents and better working conditions at factories.

Picture: ERIC MILLER

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Mr Benny Alexander, general secretary of the internal wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, addresses a large crowd that gathered at Sharpeville yesterday to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Sharpeville Day. *Picture by Len Kumalo.*

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Vaal residents march on police station

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THOUSANDS of Vaal residents "re-enacted" March 21, 1960 and staged a symbolic march to the Sharpeville police station where the shootings took place 30 years ago.

Pan Africanist Congress officials led a short service in remembrance of the victims.

Addressing an enthusiastic crowd at George Thabe Stadium, PAC leader Mr Jeff Masemola said the struggle was for majority rule.

Surrounded by several people who were crippled in the 1960 shootings, Masemola rejected negotiations with the Government while the system which caused the deaths of people in Sharpeville persisted.

"The settlers came here because of lust, greed and selfishness," he said. "How can we expect them to negotiate the relinquishing of their power?"

In Soweto, commemorators were called on to consolidate structures destroyed by the State and its security forces.

The gathering, held at a church in Zola, was addressed by United Democratic Front vice-president Mr Cassim Salojee.

At Vosloosrus Stadium hundreds of PAC members yesterday re-lived "the 1960 atrocities of the Sharpeville massacre". Speakers recounted the events of that day.

Another meeting organised by the African National Congress and the UDF was held at the Dutch Reformed Church, a few streets from the PAC gathering.

In Uitenhage the Mass Democratic Movement called for a complete stayaway, with residents being urged to attend a commemoration rally at the Jabavu Stadium in Kwanobuhle.

The rally started with a service at the spot in Langa township where 29 people were shot dead and dozens injured when police opened fire

Meanwhile, police in Pietersburg yesterday allegedly fired teargas into buses carrying bus drivers who were returning from a court hearing involving members of the Transport and Allied Workers' Union, a union official said.

The chanting drivers were later confronted in Seshego, Lebowa, by members of the SAP riot unit who again fired teargas. A large crowd gathered as the chanting continued.

Seven youths were shot and injured - one of them seriously - during police action in Piet Retief yesterday.

Mass 'Spruit burial

KATLEHONG will tomorrow mourn the death of 11 more victims of the bloody taxi war who will be buried in a mass funeral.

Katlehong Civic Association spokesman, Mr Paul Maseko, said the funeral service will be held at Huntersfield Stadium from 9 am and has asked the community to give support. (276)

Tomorrows' mass funeral is the second. Fourteen peoplekilled in the senseless fight were buried last week. Sowetan 23/3/90

Maseko also appealed to pupils to return to school . They seem to have disregard calls of going back to school last week.

Two shot dead, four wounded in march

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By MONK NKOMO

TWO people were shot dead and four seriously wounded when police dispersed "peaceful marchers" inside the Saulsville hostel in Atteridgeville on Wednesday, it was alleged yesterday.

Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, regional publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front in the southern Transvaal, yesterday condemned what he termed "a ruthless attack on peaceful marchers who were commemorating the 1960 Sharpeville shootings. Police also used tearsmoke to disperse the marchers at the hostel.

A spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria yesterday said police found two bodies inside the Saulsville hostel on Wednesday.

"Circumstances surrounding their deaths is unknown. Police are investigating," a spokesman said.

Mamoepa said the dead had been identified as Mr Mxolisi Mini and Mr Frans Mantselane. The injured four, who have not yet been identified, were at Kalafong Hospital.

In a statement released yesterday the UDF said: "We condemn this ruthless attack on unarmed and defenceless people. It seems there is a Rightwing element in the police force who are trying to turn the history of our country backwards into the dark era of apartheid hell".

Mamoepa called on the community to remain calm and resist attempts by apartheid elements to provoke them into committing violent acts.

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Several killed in UDF vs Azapo violence

Violence has erupted on the East Rand between UDF and Azapo supporters, recalling the conflict of 1984-85. What are the reasons? CASSANDRA MOODLEY investigates

VIOLENT conflict between United Democratic Front and Black Consciousness Movement supporters has rocked townships in the Western Transvaal over recent weeks.

The Azanian People's Organisation says that three of its Bekkersdal members were killed at the weekend in clashes with supporters of the Bekkersdal Youth Congress (Beyco), which is aligned to the UDF.

UDF publicity secretary Patrick Lekota says one UDF supporter was killed in clashes in the past week and several were injured.

The Bekkersdal community is angry and fearful — youths are being hacked to death because they "believe in a different ideology".

One youth, who did not want to be named because he feared he was "on the rival group's hit list", said that when the violence erupted in late February he had to leave his house and was too afraid to attend school.

"The most frightening thing is that your parents and brothers and sisters are also in danger of dying because of what you believe in."

Youths in the area who do not belong to either the UDF or Azapo said that fighting broke out a day before the launch of Beyco. A few afterwards, BCM supporter Douglas Chuma was "hacked to death".

"And after a week of calm, on Saturday night the fighting has started again," said youths in the area.

The UDF-Azapo clashes come in a changing political climate. Professor NC Manganyi of the African Studies Institute at Wits University says that after a long time a political space has been opened where the major extra-parliamentary players are able to mobilise and develop their own constituencies.

"And whether we like it or not, it will be very competitive terrain. It is no longer adequate to assume hegemony or that one group is strongest."

Azapo publicity secretary Strini Moodley points out such clashes have been "an ongoing problem in the black community for the past seven or eight years".

Moodley says the problem is not merely an ideological one but also a result of psychological oppression blacks suffer.

"They recognise they have no power to confront the real enemy, thus they react to the nearest person they consider to be responsible for their condition and blame Inkatha, the UDF, Pan Africanist Congress or Azapo."

Choro Setiloane, a researcher at the University of South Africa's Institute for Behavioural Science says the inter-organisational conflict has cathartic qualities.

"We live in a violent society — apartheid is violent — and we internalise this violence. We retaliate not against those responsible for our suffering but those who are closest. Living in a violent society, violence is the form of communication many believe can solve their problems."

Lekota agrees that the country is passing through "a critical period where the old order is being replaced by new formations". New organisations, like Beyco, are being formed and they need to realise that they should not use violence to win community support, he says.

However, Lekota says he is not aware of a UDF campaign to "stamp out opposition to negotiations".

Lekota adds that the Bekkersdal incident is a "mere drop in the ocean and comes at a time when relations between the UDF and Azapo have never been so warm".

Lekota said the UDF in talks with Azapo would call for a joint committee to "intervene in these kinds of flare-ups".

The grisly death of 'Sugar' the Rasta gangster

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'Sugar' Nkomo, boss of a gang which terrorised the tough Zola neighbourhood of Soweto, died a grisly death while children as young as five looked on THANDEKA GQUBULE reports

YOUTHS sang and danced in the streets of Zola, Soweto, with the one-eyed, smiling head of a Rastafarian stuck on a pole.

As they danced, one of the eyes popped out, and the mob pulled it from the head. People came out of their houses to watch Some were horrified, some sang along

The mob had hacked the head from the body in Central Jabavu, where "Sugar" Nkomo was killed His body lay in the street there, while people shouted. "The dog is dead "

Then the headless body was set alight. Children as young as five watched and sang as the body burning beside a debris of buckets, tins and rubbish

Several hours after Nkomo's death, police arrived in Zola They asked for the head, put it into the back of a van and drove to the police station

When the *Weekly Mail* visited the street this week, there were bands of boys hanging around on street corners in the area — called by some the "butcher shop" of Soweto.

A young woman said of the dead man: "These people do horrible things and then one feels sorry for them when they get burnt."

A brutal death for a man who lived by violence ... some neighbours were horrified, others delighted

Picture courtesy THE SOWETAN

Another said that Nkomo was working for "the system" and that he had murdered some of the comrades. A headline in a popular weekend paper in the township told of a feud between the comrades and Rastas

Nkomo, leader of a gang, is said to have terrorised the neighbourhood. According to residents, he had murdered local activists and members of the Soweto Youth Congress, Emmanuel Zwane of Jabulani and Bafana Dlamini of Emndeni He was also suspected to have been involved in a series of muggings, rapes and other murders in the area According to residents, Nkomo was wanted by police in connection with a number of offences

Graffiti on the walls bear testimony to the reign of terror by Nkomo's gang Amid the large and confused scribbles greeting all who enter Zola, is the chilling inscription "Dear Jah, Seven Spirits Dead".

Opposite the Jabulani police station is a garage run by one of the dead man's neighbours. She was at the gate of the police station when the head arrived Asked what she did then, she said that she held the head by the steel rod, turned it around and looked at it "It was my neighbour's son, and one eye was missing "

Nkomo, for whom no one seemed to have any feelings, had a common law wife and two children who do not live far from where he was killed.

His mother, who appeared confused by the incident, told the *Weekly Mail* she was not at the site of the killing but said that after she had heard of the brutality, she wanted to hear nothing about her son and wanted to say nothing about him

An editorial in the *Sowetan* called out to its readers "Stop it!" But the outcry expressed is not shared by all the people on the streets of Zola. The silent, suspicious majority were unwilling to give their views, but they were obviously ambivalent about Nkomo's fate

The horrid death was one incident amid unprecedented levels of political violence Apparently small township conflicts have become intensely violent three human burnings took place in one week

Zola is one of the most dangerous areas of Soweto and has a long history of violence It was built in the 1950s when Soweto ballooned due to the development of manufacturing industries in Johannesburg

Latecomers had to defend themselves against rough and streetwise established township gangs In the fashion of the notorious "Russian" gang, the people who settled in this area organised themselves into gangs to defend themselves

The thread of violence in the community of Zola seems to feed on new conditions and in this way regenerates itself But it remains unclear why a culture of violence holds this area in such firm grip. It is not the poorest area in Soweto But today it is filled with freedom songs, slogans, gangs and deaths.

Local activists say that Zola has been the most difficult area to organise While there is massive support for the Mass Democratic Movement and the African National Congress, Zola has not been able to organise itself into viable street committees.

According to the SAP in Protea, Soweto, the investigation into the murder is almost complete and a number of arrests have been made in

Blackened CP supporters open fire on boycotters

W/Mail 23/3 - 29/3/90

By CHRIS MABUYA and PHILA NGQUMBA

CONSERVATIVE Party supporters disguised as blacks have shot demonstrators enforcing a consumer boycott, according to accusations made in Parliament.

Ray Radue, Democratic Party MP for King William's Town, told Parliament of an incident in which two CP supporters borrowed a Transkei-registered bakkie to break the boycott in the Border town of Komga.

In a bizarre variation of Cape Town's Trojan Horse incident, the blackened right-wingers drove to the Komga co-op, loaded a few empty boxes and returned towards the town's centre, pretending to violate the boycott.

When the bakkie was stoned "these self-appointed CP-supporting law-enforcers alighted with firearms and opened indirect fire," Radue said. Two youths are believed to have been injured in the incident.

The Komga boycott has been under way since January. Last week, three members of the boycott's organisers, the Komga Residents' Association, were detained. Police at first said the three were being held in connection with criminal charges, but have since conceded they were detained under security legislation

Other towns hit by consumer boycotts are Tarkastad, Jamestown and Elliot, near Queenstown.

In Stutterheim, white shops have been boycotted since November, forcing several to close. Since then, a number of activists have been detained, and tension is high

This week, thousands of residents staged a peaceful march through Stutterheim to the local police station to demand the release of seven pupils detained last week.

The marshalls, many of whom were school pupils, carried banners of the African National Congress, Mlungisi Residents' Association, and the Stutterheim Youth Congress

Police kept a close watch on the marchers and razor wire sealed off their route from the rest of town

At the police station a memorandum compiled by teachers and pupils of the Jongile Nomponde High School was read and handed to the station commander. The memorandum called for the immediate release of the seven pupils to enable them to continue with their studies.

In addition to the consumer boycott, political action in the Eastern Cape-Griqualand area has also included a wave of resignations by community councils.

Councillors in Komga, Ginsberg, Indwe, Stutterheim and Elliot have all responded to residents' calls to resign, and this week residents of Ainwal North called a mass meeting to demand the resignation of the Dukathole town council

Similar meetings have also been held in Burgersdorp, Noupoort, Hanover, Steynsburg, Tarkastad, Jamestown and Colesberg. Only in Burgersdorp have councillors refused demands to resign.

In other towns councillors have asked for time to consider the demands, while at least two councils have held free braais in blatant attempts to buy residents' support.

In Colesberg and Noupoort residents have also told councillors to resign and join the residents' association. — Elnews and Veritas

number of arrests have been made.

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Lybon Mabasa stoned

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FORMER deputy president of the Azanian People's Organisation Mr Lybon Mabasa narrowly escaped death when a group of youths allegedly wearing ANC T-shirts stoned him and threatened to kill him in Potchefstroom.

He was rescued by Azapo members from Ikageng township.

The group objected to Mabasa speaking at the stadium.

He and members of the audience at the Sharpeville commemoration were stoned.

A senior United Democratic Front member at the scene told Mabasa the group of about 200 was acting as individuals and did not represent either the UDF or the ANC.

In the past two weeks, five members of Azapo's sister organisation, the Azanian Youth Organisation, have died in Bekkersdal following attacks.

Sharpeville service ends with arrests

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE 278

SCORES of pupils who were commemorating the Sharpeville massacre were allegedly injured and a community leader was detained during police action in Hartebeesfontein, near Rustenburg, on Wednesday. Sowetan 23/3/90

This is according to the secretary of the Hartebeesfontein Action Committee (HAC), Mr Solly Phetoe, who claimed riot police sjambokked and set dogs on pupils who had gathered at Rethusegile High School.

A police spokesman, Major van Heerden confirmed that police used rubber bullets, tearsmoke and dogs to disperse an illegal gathering in Hartebeesfontein. He denied that police used sjamboks.

He said 11 people were briefly detained but later released. One was still in detention under emergency regulations.

Van Heerden refused to comment on Phetoe's claim that police gave verbal permission to pupils to go ahead with the commemoration service.

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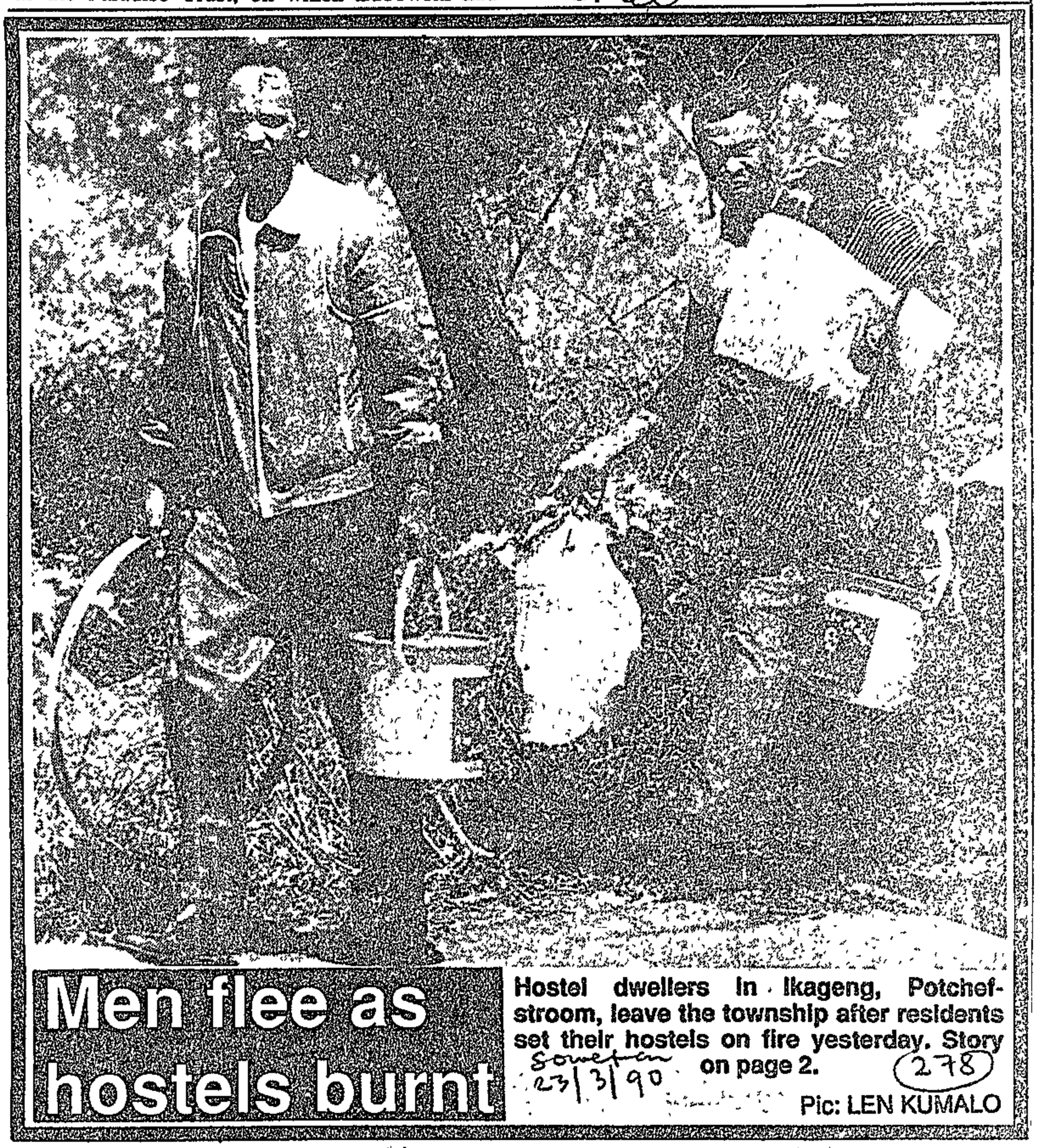

Men flee as hostels burnt

Hostel dwellers in Ikageng, Potchefstroom, leave the township after residents set their hostels on fire yesterday. Story on page 2.

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Pic: LEN KUMALO

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Venda Assembly in limbo

THOHOYANDOU. — The official opening of the Venda National Assembly scheduled for today has been postponed indefinitely.

Instead, a special session will be held on March 30 to discuss constitutional amendments.

The postponement comes in the wake of protest marches demanding reincorporation into South Africa. President Frank Ravele has rejected these calls and called for a referendum on the issue.

● In Garankuwa, Bophuthatswana, yesterday thousands of chanting people took part in the funeral of six people shot dead when Bophuthatswana security forces opened fire on a crowd demanding a return to South Africa. — Sapa

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Feud flares between UDF and Azapo

JOHANNESBURG. — An escalating feud between members of Black Consciousness groups and those of pro-African National Congress organisations erupted into violence at Ikageng near Potchefstroom on Wednesday.

Azapo offical Dr Gomolemo Mokae said yesterday that a mob of 200 people wearing ANC and UDF T-shirts violently disrupted a Sharpeville commemoration meeting at Ikageng by throwing stones

Heavy fighting between the two groups at Bekkersdal on the West Rand on Sunday left at least four people dead and one blinded. — Sapa

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Harms to probe Lebowa 'A-team'

LEBOWAKGOMA. — The Lebowa Chief Minister, Mr Nelson Ramadike, yesterday announced that President F W de Klerk has mandated the Harms Commission to investigate the existence of a "hit squad" in the homeland's police force during 1986.

Speaking during a one-day session of in the Lebowa Legislative Assembly, Mr Ramadike alleged the squad, known as the "A-team", had been responsible for the deaths of several activists.

The commission would also investigate the recent killings at Bushbuckridge, where UDF affiliates were pitched against alleged pro-government vigilantes.

Youth in intensive care after attack

By HAPPY ZONDI C/Press 25/3/90 278

MBUYISELO Msiya, 22, lies in a coma in Leratong Hospital's intensive care unit with a damaged spine, gouged eyes, a slashed mouth and scarred face. He has been there nine days.

If Mbuyiselo lives, he will probably never walk again, he will be blinded for life and his scarred body will be a constant reminder of of the night of Saturday March 17, when he was attacked by a group of youths wielding pangas, knives and sticks. Some were said to have had guns.

The youths are believed to be supporters of Bekkersdal Youth Congress (Beyco), a UDF affiliate, which is opposed by the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm), an Azapo affiliate.

On the same day his brother Patrick was hacked on the head with a panga.

Patrick was on his way home with a friend, when they were ordered to stop by a group of Beyco members. He alleges the group was led by Thapelo Soke.

"They swore at us and ordered us to stop," said the friend. "Among the group were those who said we were Azasm members. We were afraid to obey the orders because we feared for our lives and decided to take off."

They were not Azasm members, and neither was Mbuyiselo.

"As we were running, Patrick's shoe came off and he tripped. As he was trying to get up, the Beyco members were already on top of him, kicking and assaulting him. I then ran to his home and reported what was happening," said the friend.

Mbuyiselo's father Cornelius Montshiwa, was in the house when he heard noises outside. "As I went out, I saw they were attacking Patrick. He was bleeding from his head.

"Without thinking, I went to them and told them to stop, which they did. As they went away, they told me they would come back for Mbuyiselo, who was not home at the time."

Not long after that, said Montshiwa, another group of youths stormed into the house. They told him Mbuyiselo had been killed.

"They took me to where he was lying. I found him in a pool of blood, but fortunately he was still alive. I rushed him to Leratong Hopital with Patrick."

Patrick was discharged the same night, while Mbuyiselo was admitted to the ICU.

Beyco sources told *City Press* the two organisations "don't see eye-to-eye since our launch on February 24".

Violence, which has already left two Azasm members dead and four seriously injured, was sparked when Azasm members allegedly tore down Beyco posters the day before the organisation's launch.

It is further alleged Azasm set fire to a Beyco flag and intimidated its members at the launch.

This, however, was denied by Azasm members, who claim their organisation is given a bad name by certain elements who are responsible for the violence.

The coffins of the last victims of Katlehong's vicious taxi war at the graveside. Pic. TLADI KUELE

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Last victims of taxi war buried

By SANDILE MEMELA

KATLEHONG yesterday buried the last of the 45 victims of the taxi war that has raged over the past three weeks.

The burial service was held at Huntersfield stadium.

Speakers from the Katlehong Civic Association, Cosatu and UDF pleaded for peace in Katlehong.

"Let us not allow ourselves to be divided by the enemy into tribal groups in the black townships," said a speaker from UDF.

Fourteen other victims were buried together on Sunday last week, while others were buried separately or in the homelands.

The nine buried yesterday were Lawrence Nqokana, 34; Martin Matlabe, 27; Edmond Wattie, 23; Shadrack Malindisa, 42; James Mahlaba, 19; August Tembe, 24; Abel Monisi, 33; Vayu Zwane, 31; and Joshua Manana.

In an emotion-charged ceremony attended by about 10 000 people, the KCA appealed for peace in the area and committed itself to creating normal community relations in the area.

A tent was pitched in the centre of the stadium to shelter bereaved families.

A mass meeting planned for today to discuss the taxi war has been indefinitely postponed. Further details will be announced this week.

Katlehong Civic Association publicity secretary Paul Maseko appealed to all organisations interested in creating peaceful relations in the community to join hands with the KCA.

"The pain of the families has deeply affected the community and we want the bereaved to know that we are with them in their suffering.

"At the same time we appeal to students to return to school to arm themselves for a role in the new society," said Maseko.

East Area Committee chairman Cyril Jantjies said: "There are agents who want to exploit our political differences to cause violence in our communities."

No place to hide as violence spreads

By SANDILE MEMELA

THE rising tide of violence sweeping through townships and the homelands is now approaching the levels of the worst days of the "necklace era" in 1984/85, and the focus has intently turned on the role of black leadership.

Although concerns have been voiced by the political organisations on the deteriorating situation, the spiral of violence deepened last weekend when a new outbreak occurred in Bekkersdal, West Rand and Hammarsdale in Natal.

In Bekkersdal, five people were killed and five others seriously injured in renewed violence between factions of the UDF and the Azanian Student Movement.

This is reminiscent of the confrontation between members of the two organisations that saw the parties pitted against each other as township streets were turned into battlegrounds in 1985.

The web was so widespread that similar confrontations were acted out in Hammarsdale when 15 people were shot dead and then chopped with pangas by a mob that attacked a house of a local chief. The dead were identified as Inkatha sympathisers.

Some people have said there was no longer a hiding place in the townships as the web of violence spreads throughout the country and disrupts family life.

The violence is a combination of both political and criminal factors.

"There is no place where one feels safe and life is guaranteed of security. The situation is now so bad that there is no place to hide," said Duma Mavimbela of Diepkloof.

He may have been speaking for anyone, anywhere in the townships that dot South Africa. This was echoed by Khutsong Civic Association leader Jack Mothikge who expressed concern at the spiral of violence in black townships.

"We cannot allow the situation in townships to continue this way. Undoubtedly, causes of the violence are rooted in apartheid, but black people themselves must do something to address the uncontrollable bloodletting in their communities," said Mothikge.

In Bloemfontein, mayor Caswell Koekoe said the troubles in his Maokeng township reflected the situation in the country.

"It is a sad fact that there is little that black leaders can do to address the situation. This is something that can only be dealt with by people who are in power. Obviously there are elements from outside whose mission is to plunge the whole country into ungovernability," said Koekoe.

But allegations and claims that the violent outbreak is the work of outside agitators has been denied by the UDF.

UDF publicity secretary Terror Lekota has said the discontent and anger can be traced directly to apartheid.

"The reform programme has aroused the expectations of the masses. The government has pushed itself into a corner. Unless it moves fast to satisfy the aspiration of the people for an undivided nation, this spiral is likely to continue," said Lekota, who has denied that the UDF was behind the violence.

Recently UDF general secretary Popo Molefe called on the people to stop looting, killing and burning and celebrate their gains in "a most disciplined manner".

However, the call for restraint and demand for direction in expression seems to have fallen on deaf ears. Official sources say there have been more than 2 000 unrest incidents since February 1, and more than 100 people have died since the beginning of March.

Since the eruptions in Katlehong, Khutsong, Ciskei, Bophuthatswana, Gazankulu, Venda, Bekkersdal and Hammarsdale, black leadership carries a heavy burden and faces its stiffest challenge as discontent continues to punctuate the political atmosphere.

The destruction of life, wanton killing and the burning of houses in the township has reverted to proportions of the violence in 1984/85.

During a welcome home rally in Durban, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela called upon the warring factors to "throw your weapons into the sea", but his plea was followed by an orgy of violence.

Black leadership has attributed the violence to a variety of causes, including:

- Demands for homeland reincorporation into South Africa;
- Anger at illegitimacy of community councils;
- Dissatisfaction with the education system;
- The corruption and nepotism allegedly associated with councillors;
- The divisions that exist within black communities: eg. political ideologies;
- The high expectations raised by the release of Mandela; and
- General discontent with the status quo.

Mass Democratic Movement leader Murphy Morobe has admitted the violence poses serious challenges to black leadership and the government.

"A challenge faces both government and the liberation movement. Government cannot make reform at top level and ignore the unacceptable structures of local government."

PAC stalwart Jeff Masemola condemned the spiral of violence and said it did not serve the struggle.

"There is a marked increase of incidents where people are forced to adopt the ideas of particular groups and forced to attend gatherings unwillingly. This does not serve the interest of our struggle. There is no way that practising oppression on black people can contribute to their liberation. The leadership should seriously do something to curb this wanton violence," said Masemola.

"We seem to be returning to the days of the necklace era. I do not see how throwing bombs into black homes and putting tyres around the necks of black people can help our cause. We must stop oppressing our own people in the name of liberation."

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Fears of

Abducted youth dies in local chief's kraal

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By CHARLES MOGALE

WIDESPREAD fear of a "Zulu" attack has gripped the eastern Transvaal area of Driefontein following the fatal assault on a young man by alleged Inkatha warlords.

Themba Dlamini, 28, died after a brutal assault on him at the local royal kraal. The local chief, Samuel Gweje Yende, is believed to have strong Inkatha ties.

Themba died seconds after his shocked father Meshack found him covered in wounds and writhing in pain in the chief's kraal two weeks ago. Themba was buried in Driefontein yesterday.

Three suspects incriminated in the assault were arrested more than a week after the incident, following intervention by human rights advocates. They were released on bail immediately.

According to affidavits made to lawyers, Themba was abducted by three men travelling in a yellow Volkswagen Golf on March 6.

The car was driven by Gilbert Mjwago, a suspected police informer. Also in the car were Chief Yende and Mbuti Yende.

Themba and a friend, Gisi Dlangamandla, had taken their families' cows to the grazing fields when the men confronted them and asked about a black calf.

"We told them we had not seen it anywhere, and invited them to come and look at our cows. Suddenly, Gweje grabbed Themba, and handcuffed him. He was thrown on to the back seat before the men drove away with him," said 17-year-old Gisi.

He ran to tell Themba's parents and Themba's father Meshack rushed to the royal kraal.

"His wrists were tied together by a rope attached to the roof. He was lying on the floor, writhing in agony. He had only his underpants on. His thighs and buttocks were full of wounds, they were swollen and full of blood. He saw me but could not speak," Dlamini said.

"Then Yende and Mjwago arrived, and after that Themba died. Mjwago went up to his body and said: 'He died quickly, I was planning to come and hit him with the handle of my whip', " he said.

Themba's hands were untied and his father was told to take his body away. When Dlamini went to the police station later to lay a charge, he met the three suspects coming out. No steps were taken until the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac) briefed advocates who spoke to a police general in the Eastern Transvaal.

The three men were taken in, but immediately released on bail. When *City Press* visited Driefontein on Friday, the atmosphere was tense as chanting residents waiting for the corpse to be brought for the night vigil.

Beauty Mkhize, wife of the slain human rights leader Saul Mkhize, confronted police driving in eight vehicles and pleaded with them to leave.

Residents scattered as they saw the police, but later regrouped. The area was abuzz with rumours that an Inkatha attack was imminent.

nnocents die in Ikageng war

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The dying, mentally-retarded Kleinbooi Veli Mandyu, 13, was saved from burning by the intervention of *City Press*. Inset: a hostel at Ikageng, fired by residents angered at hostel-dwellers' refusal to join a protest. ■ Pic: SAM MOKUKE

By DAN DHLAMINI

FIVE people, including a 16-month old baby and a 13-year-old mentally retarded boy, have died in Ikageng's two weeks of turmoil.

While police could only confirm five deaths, residents put the number close to 10.

Four of the victims were allegedly shot dead by police last week following rioting and looting in the township after the death of a Tlokwe Secondary School pupil, Bongi Nyokong, who was allegedly shot by police.

The four who died during the rioting are 16-month-old Ismael Lephadi, William Buthelezi, Oupa Phakedi and Sam Nxumalo.

This week's death, that of mentally retarded Kleinbooi Veli Mandyu, comes in the wake of clashes between hostel dwellers and residents, sparked by the hostel-dwellers' refusal to be drawn into the rioting.

The fighting apperently started after residents gutted the hostel to a shell. Scores of hostel-dwellers fled their dormitories.

A temporary truce was reached on Thursday, amid residents' insistence that peace will only reign if hostel-dwellers were evicted and the buildings converted into family units.

The hostel-dwellers' exodus was estimated at about 200 men an hour on Fri- [illegible] 703 hostel in-

Retarded boy, baby, slain as residents drive hostel dwellers out

Papers and plastic bags had already been wrapped around Mandyu when this reporter, whom the group mistook for a cop, successfully appealed to the angry panga-wielding men not to burn him.

The second request, that of taking Mandyu, who was still writhing in pain, to hospital, was turned down and the men became more aggressive. There were no police in the area where the hostels were burning but he was subsequently taken to Kalie de Haas Hospital after we reported the matter to the police. He died there that morning.

An Ikageng Civic Association spokesman, Peter Mokele, told *City Press* that although hostel inmates did attack some homes, this must be viewed as a police ploy to divert attention and blame from them following their brutal action which claimed four lives in Ika-

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mates only 80 remained.

Mandyu was hacked on the head with a panga by hostel-dwellers on Thursday morning and *City Press* witnessed the aftermath of the attack.

When this reporter arrived at the scene, a man was seen dragging him by his foot into a yard where a group of hostile men wanted to burn him.

Ikageng hostel-dwellers fleeing the violence. Residents have claimed police back the hostel-dwellers.

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Residents have accused police of complicity after police were allegedly seen escorting a group of armed men in to Ikageng on Wednesday evening.

All hell broke loose as residents grouped to form "defence units" whose members stood guard throughout the night from Wednesday until Friday morning.

Mokele condemned the violence and claimed the police had manoeuvred the whole thing into black-on-black violence by backing the hostel-dwellers.

This was however, denied by Western Transvaal police spokesman Maj Ben van Heerden, who said police were impartial.

Van Heerden however added that allegations by residents that a certain police unit escorted the hostel-dwellers would be thoroughly investigated.

Marchers gassed in rent protest

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POLICE used teargas to disperse a crowd of about 10 000 taking part in a rent boycott march in Soweto yesterday.

At least 18 people were believed to have been taken to Baragwanath Hospital with various injuries, but police said they did not know of any injuries.

The crowd, trying to march on council offices to demand better municipal services, fought a 10-minute battle with police. The protest came a day after the visit to Soweto of US Secretary of State James Baker.

Police fire teargas at Soweto marchers

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police fired teargas at stone-throwing protesters in Soweto on Saturday — only 24 hours after US Secretary of State Mr James Baker visited the township.

Witnesses claimed 23 were injured in the incident. But police in Pretoria said they were unable to confirm any reports of injuries.

Dozens of people fought a 10-minute battle with police as about 5 000 singing demonstrators tried to march on council offices to demand better municipal services, a crew of the Visnews television news agency said.

Other witnesses said police objected to the size of the crowd, insisting permission had been granted for a march of 100 people only.

The demonstrators, under the banner of the Soweto Civic Association, were demanding the resignation of town councillors and the transfer of houses to the people.

They also demanded, according to witnesses, a single tax base for Soweto and Johannesburg.

Colonel J H Labuschagne, a police spokesman in Pretoria, said about 3 000 people had gathered at the Elka Stadium, Rockville, and they later left the stadium to march.

As the crowd began to swell, police ordered them to disperse, he said, adding that police were afraid the demonstrators would damage property.

When the crowd resisted orders to disperse, police fired teargas, he said.

Colonel Labuschagne said the march was illegal. The people had permission to gather only. However, he said, there was no stone-throwing.

— Sapa

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Thousands at funeral in township

CARLETONVILLE. — Thousands of people in Carletonville's Khutsong township took part in the mass funeral yesterday of nine people who died in recent bloody violence in the township in which two policemen were also killed.

Scores of youths dressed in ANC colours brandished large flags of liberation movements at the head of the procession to the ceremony.

Earlier the president of the National Union for Mineworkers, Mr James Motlatsi, called for discipline in the "mass struggle".

Police in Casspirs and other vehicles kept a low profile and watched the funeral proceedings from the nearby police station. — Sapa

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Thatcher slam
at London ra

ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu yesterday slammed British Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher for her role in South Africa.

In a message to a mass rally in London organised by the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM), Sisulu said: "The time has come for Mrs Thatcher to stop siding with De Klerk. Her policy can only do harm to the negotiation process."

The rally followed a mass march through London.

According to the AAM the procession would call at 10 Downing

ABOVE: Police fire teargas at a Soweto crowd marching to the local council chambers on Saturday, and BELOW: Shoes are strewn across the street in the aftermath of the conflict.

Cops deny injuries after Soweto march

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POLICE yesterday denied knowledge of any injuries after police teargassed a Soweto crowd marching on the local council chambers on Saturday. According to reports at least 23 people were injured.

More than 10 000 people, under the banner of the Soweto Civic Association, marched from the Elkah Stadium to demand the resignation of town councillors and the transfer of houses to the people.

They also demanded, according to witnesses, a single tax base for Soweto and Johannesburg.

Col J H Labuschagne, spokesman for the SAP public relations division in Pretoria, said that about 3000 people had gathered to march and, as the crowd began to swell, police ordered them to disperse.

When the crowd resisted, police fired teargas, he said. The crowd, however, regrouped at the council chambers after a delegation presented a petition to the mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi.

Labuschagne said the march was illegal. The people had been given permission to gather only.

Witnesses, however, said that about 23 people were injured in a skirmish with police who allegedly blocked the main route to council chambers. - Sapa.

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Demonstrators 'rename' white Rand hospital

JOHANNESBURG. — Demonstrators on Saturday "renamed" the segregated J G Strijdom Hospital the "Dr Yusuf Dadoo Memorial Hospital".

This occurred at the height of a march by a crowd of health workers protesting inadequate apartheid health services, privatisation and other health-related issues.

The demonstrators said they buried the spirit of the former prime minister, Mr J G Strijdom, after whom the hospital was named.

They then hoisted a huge red flag depicting the former secretary-general of the South African Communist Party, Dr Yusuf Dadoo.

Before that a senior medical superintendent of the hospital, Dr Chris Visagie, complimented a delegation who presented him with a petition.

"I thank you for the orderly way in which you conducted the march," Dr Visagie said and then handed a document from the director-general of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to the delegation.

He declined to disclose the contents of the document.

The march, which included doctors and nurses, was watched by the coloured communities of Coronationville, Newclare and Westbury.

Flags of liberation movements and health organisations fluttered in the crowd, which closed part of the main route to J G Strijdom to traffic.

These organisations held the march in support of the Mass Democratic Movement. — Sapa

The scene at Sebokeng Hospital where more than 300 people were treated after a day of violence.
● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

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No warning — Sebokeng victims

By Thabo Leshilo

Victims of the police shootings in Sebokeng yesterday told The Star that they there had been no provocation — or warning.

They said they were shot while waiting to be addressed by march leaders after a memorandum of demands — which included reductions in rent and an end to racially segregated schools — to police.

The memorandum was to be handed in to the National Party's offices in Vereeniging, but was given instead to the station commander of Sebokeng Police Station, Colonel O T Mazibuko, after police stopped the march.

Oupa Tsotetsi (17) a Std 7 pupil at E D Mashabane Secondary School, said he was among the first to be shot.

"I was part of a human chain formed by marshals to stop the crowd surging foward after the leaders had given Colonel Mazibuko the memorandum, when the police started firing."

He was hit in both thighs.

David Raditsela (18) said that when he heard the first shot he thought it was teargas. People started screaming and running.

"I saw a girl bleeding profusely and offered to help her. I suddenly felt something hit me in the forehead and saw blood oozing. Only then did I realise I had been shot."

Miss Ursula Mdiniso (19), a pupil at Esokwazi Secondary, said she was standing opposite Sebokeng Hospital about 500 m from the marchers when she was hit. Birdshot pierced her shoulder.

INTENSIVE CARE

March leader Mr Isaac Rantsatsi was admitted to the hospital intensive care unit.

Marchers from Boipatong in Vanderbijlpark, who were to join the Sebokeng protesters, claimed they were shot at by two white policemen en route. Tearsmoke and birdshot were fired at the crowd of about 7 000.

Mr Johannes Mohlakoane (38), a father of two, was shot in the foot.

He told The Star that a short while after the shooting another four policemen arrived and asked the crowd what had happened, offering the injured bandages. Ambulances were called.

A 17-year-old, Bongani Buthelezi, was hit by a bullet which came through the window at his home. A family friend said he was hit in the spine and taken to Baragwanath Hospital. This could not be confirmed.

A nursing sister at Sebokeng Hospital said a 25-year-old woman, Ms Palesa Lekoaletsó, had to have surgery to remove birdshot from her abdomen.

Eight people died during the shooting. The superintendant at Sebokeng Hospital, Dr A Spuy, said more than 350 outpatients were treated for birdshot wounds, and about 30 admitted.

Until late last night, scores of people were still streaming into the hospital in search of relatives and friends.

The township looked like a war zone with barricades strewn along the Golden Highway. Smoke still billowed from the ruins of the local council offices, set alight by marchers after the shooting.

Moments before the drama . . armed police block the path of thousands of marchers between Sebokeng and Vereeniging yesterday morning, minutes before opening fire.

Rioting as police open fire on township marchers

Marchers poised . . . marshals attempt to quieten the large crowd outside Sebokeng. People in the crowd repeatedly shouted 'We want to march! We want to march!'

Eight killed in Vaal clash

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Frantic dive for life . . . protesters sprint and stumble for cover when police opened fire. The Star's photographer, positioned beside the road between police and crowd, fell to the ground but still managed to take this dramatic photograph. ●Pictures by Herbert Mabuza.

Hospital 'like a war zone' as casualties pour in

Staff Reporters

Eight people died and more than 350 were injured when police clashed with residents of Vaal Triangle townships yesterday.

Sebokeng Hospital superintendent Dr A Spuy said four of the victims were certified dead on arrival and four died a short while after being admitted

At least 30 people, three in a critical condition, were admitted for treatment

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, urged people to control their emotions He said police reinforcements would be sent to violence-ridden areas

Mr Vlok was speaking in the Vaal Triangle, where police were accused of opening fire without warning on protesters defying a ban on marching from Sebokeng to Vereeniging

Police opened fire after stopping the marchers on the main road to Vereeniging at about 11 am A man was seen to fall after being hit in the head and the hip A teenaged girl fell after being wounded in the mouth

The crowd fled into the streets of Sebokeng. Witnesses said four bodies were left on the ground and several people were wounded

The aftermath . . . a wounded man is carried off by his friends to a waiting truck while police keep watch.

Melody McDougall of The Star's Vereeniging Bureau reports that widespread rioting broke out, spreading into neighbouring Evaton, Bophelong and Boipatong

Clashes throughout the day and evening swelled the injury toll, with hospital officials saying more than 300 people had been treated

After the Sebokeng shootings, council buildings in both Sebokeng and Lekoa were set alight, a nearby garage and the Evaton Traffic Department building were set alight and police vehicles stoned

Roads were blocked with flaming barricades as police patrolled in armoured vehicles

Looting and violence were widespread.

Teargas was repeatedly fired by police at gathering crowds

An unconfirmed rumour said about 80 people were injured after rampaging mobs broke into an arsenal at the Lekoa Town Council building and stole firearms and ammunition before setting the building alight

Unconfirmed reports say police retaliated by opening fire on the mobs and using teargas

Trouble first flared yesterday morning after residents had been refused permission to stage a march in protest against local councils and house rentals

Residents in all townships in the area stayed away from work, schools were closed and transport services ground to a halt.

Small clashes between groups of protesters and police escalated into a number of major incidents

Last night the western Transvaal region of the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM), which organised yesterday's march, condemned police action and called on police to withdraw

The MDM said police presence in Sebokeng excited the situation. It called for calm and discipline from

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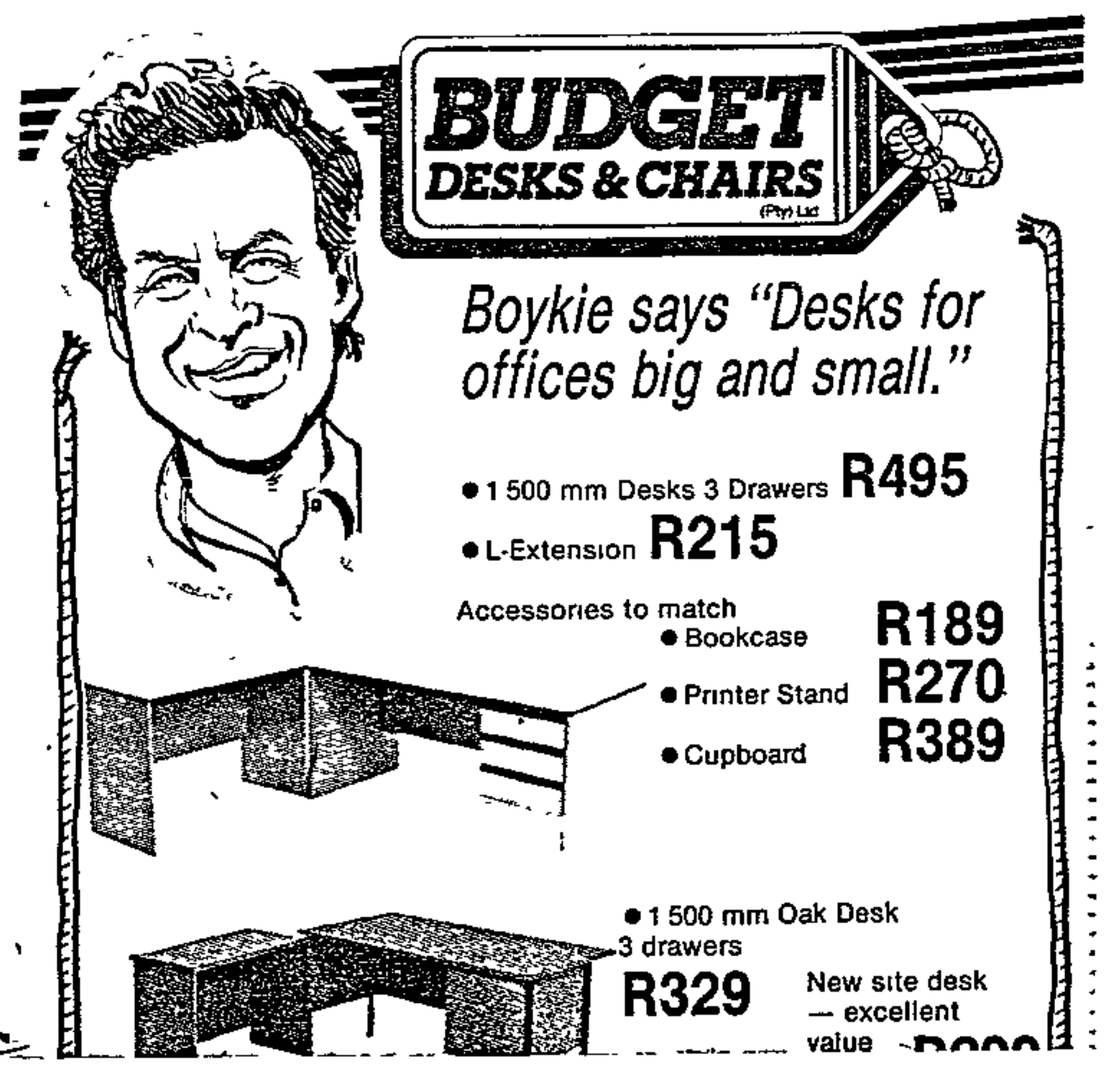

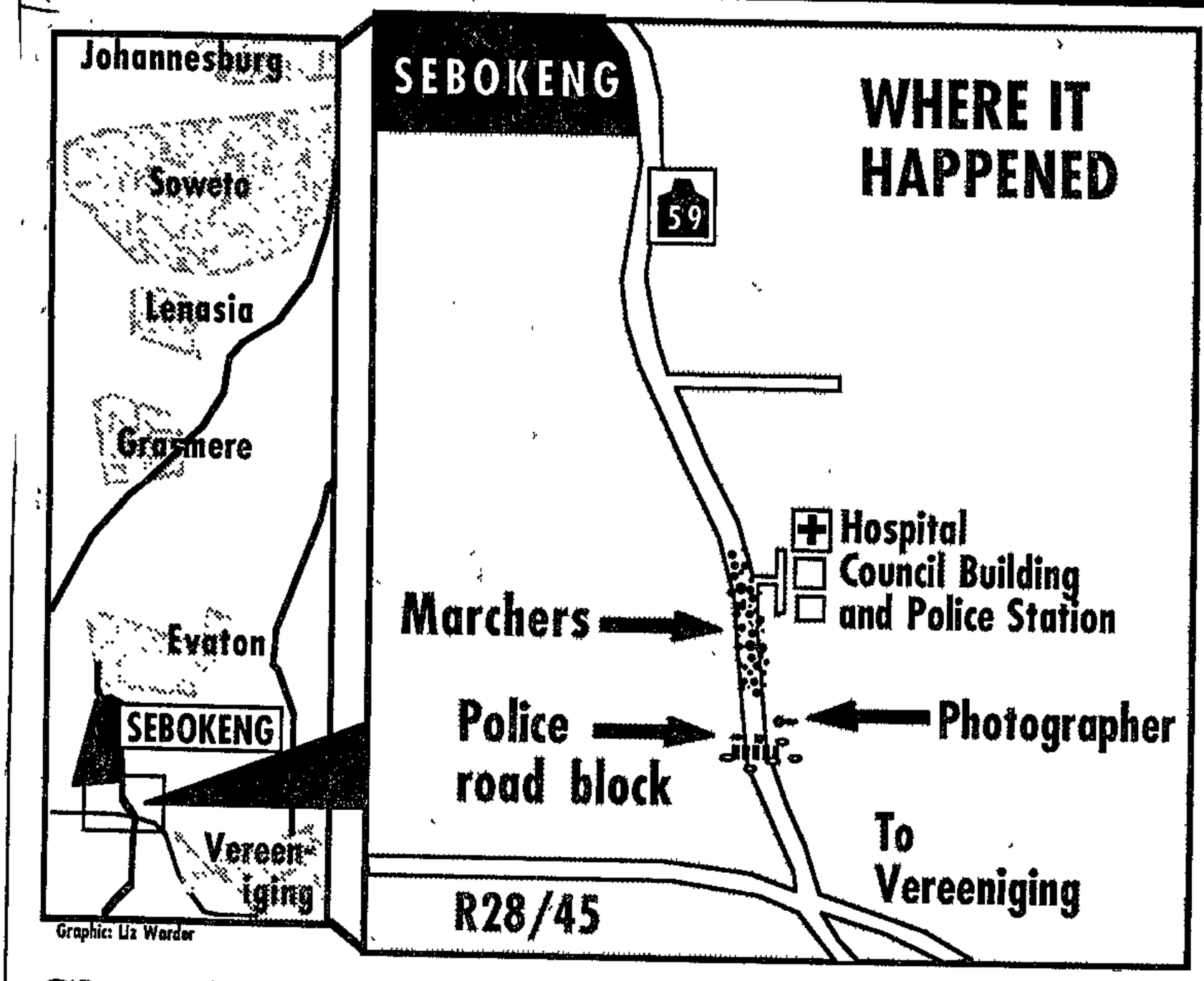

Shooting of demos unnecessary – UDF

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

The United Democratic Front (UDF) today condemned the police's handling of the Mass Democratic Movement protest march in Vereeniging yesterday, saying the violent police action was "absolutely unnecessary and uncalled for".

At least eight people died and more than 350 were injured when police clashed with residents of Vaal Triangle townships yesterday. Four people were declared dead on arrival at the Sebokeng Hospital while four others died shortly after being admitted.

In his response today, UDF assistant publicity secretary Mr Murphy Morobe said it appeared there were some elements in the police force who were trigger-happy and were bent on engineering clashes and confrontations with the people taking part in protest marches.

"The point of the matter is that in any situation where marchers end up injured or even killed, the police violence was totally unnecessary.

"In most of the marches our people have been conscious of the need to keep order and discipline, and there is never any need for the police to take the kind of violent action they took in Vereeniging yesterday," said Mr Morobe.

An African National Congress spokesman, Mr Ahmed Kathrada, said the ANC was still waiting for a full statement from its people in Sebokeng before it could comment.

Violence: Vlok issues a warning

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its affiliates.

Mr Vlok, speaking in Vanderbijlpark, assured the public the situation was under control and urged people to curb their emotions

Referring to incidents in Welkom, where racial tensions have soared, he said people who took the law into their own hands would be severely punished.

Sapa reports Mr Vlok said police would use volunteers and called on people to join the reservists.

He said every member of the public had a right to protect himself, but warned against excessive violence.

Mr Vlok was speaking after talks, organised by Conservative Party MP Mr Koos van der Merwe,with the mayors, deputy mayors and members of the management committees of Vanderbijlpark and Vereeniging.

Later yesterday he held similar talks in Bloemfontein and Welkom

Mr van der Merwe said he had invited Mr Vlok to the Vaal Triangle because he was concerned about the safety of white residents. After the talks, Mr van der Merwe said he was satisfied, but he still called on the Government not to allow black marches and demonstrations in white areas.

Gun sales boom after unrest rumour

Staff Reporter

GUN sales in the Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark area have soared over the past fortnight as whites armed themselves in expectation of unrest expected on and around Sharpeville Day last week.

Local gun dealers said sales of pump-action shotguns in particular were up by 50%, while handgun sales were up by between 20% and 30%.

Mr Greg Cardin of Cardin Guns in Vanderbijlpark said: "Whatever guns you can lay your hands on, you sell. Pump-action shotguns are the chosen weapons, but anything will sell. It's for security basically — I don't think it's against crime."

A salesman of Vereeniging Guns said rumours were "rife around Sharpeville Day (Wednesday)". His pump-action shotgun sales were up by 50% in the past fortnight.

Small-arms sales were up by between 20 and 30%, he said.

"Today there were rumours they would march into town. People are just scared."

He described the motivation for people arming themselves as "mainly for self-defence".

A spokesman for Gerald Bosch Guns in Vereeniging said business was "quite a bit busier than normal".

Yesterday's march was expected to either end or spend time at the Vaal Showgrounds. But, according to a spokesman for the Central West Corporation at the showgrounds, Mr Dirk Steynberg, nothing materialised.

Conflicting reports on why the police opened fire on 50 000 crowd

Looters shot dead in Transvaal

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From CRAIG KOTZE
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police claim they were attacked by a 50 000-strong crowd and had to open fire, killing five and injuring hundreds, in the Vaal Triangle's Sebokeng township. However, victims claim they were given no warning before the police started shooting.

In another incident in the township, police shot dead three people allegedly plundering a bottle store.

The main clash, one of the worst in the unrest-crisis gripping the country, took place in Mosheshe Street after the crowd, which had sticks, rocks, bricks, knobkerries and other weapons, gathered to march and hand over a petition.

Police said they opened fire only after the crowd stoned police, hitting policemen and damaging their vehicles.

Handed in memorandum

Their leaders had handed a memorandum of demands, which included reductions in rents and an end to racially segregated schools, to police.

Police said they opened fire in self-defence. Two people were killed at the march, another three died later in hospital, 130 were hit by birdshot and 170 were injured when they were trampled in the rush to get away. Thirty people were admitted to hospital, said the spokesman.

The crowd were warned to disperse several times, police said, and were allowed to hand over a petition to Colonel O Mazibuko, the police station commander. The crowd was ordered to disperse.

Patrolling highway

"The crowd, which acted in a threatening manner, surged forward. Police were attacked and opened fire in self defence," said a spokesman.

Oupa Tsotetsi, 17, a Std 7 pupil at E D Mashabane Secondary School, said he was among the first to be shot.

"I was in front and part of a human chain formed by marshals to stop the crowd from surging foward after the leaders had given Colonel Mazibuko the memorandum. The police started firing." He was hit in both thighs.

Ursula Mdiniso, 19, a pupil at Esokwazi Secondary, said she was standing opposite the Sebokeng Hospital, about 500m from the marchers when she was hit. Birdshot pierced her shoulder blade.

Eight people died during the shooting. Sebokeng Hospital superintendent Dr A Spuy said more than 350 outpatients were treated for birdshot wounds and over 30 were admitted.

Today, smoke still billowed from the ruins of the local council offices which were set alight by marchers after the shooting. A petrol station was also damaged.

ANC talks "unaffected"

The Argus Africa News Service reports from Lusaka that the African National Congress (ANC) has refused to comment on yesterday's violence in Sebokeng, but said it should not affect the planned talks with the government.

The United Democratic Front (UDF) today condemned the police's handling of the protest march in Vereeniging, saying the violent police action was "absolutely unnecessary and uncalled for".

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok, commenting on the shootings, said today any incidents where police had used their firearms and people had been killed and injured would be thoroughly investigated, as a matter of course.

4 die in Vaal march

350 hurt as cops shoot

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AT least four people were killed and about 350 injured when police opened fire on thousands of marching residents in Sebokeng and Evaton in the Vaal Triangle yesterday.

This was after police had used live ammunitions birdshot and tearsmoke on residents outside Sebokeng about 11am.

The scene resembled the Sharpeville shootings of March 21 1960, according to those who survived yesterday.

Reporters present said it was like another June 16 1976 as people fell after being hit by bullets. Others were injured in the stampede as people fled.

An old man in the front row of the marchers died instantly when a bullet hit him between the eyes. He was also shot just above the hip.

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By THEMBA MOLEFE

A girl aged about 16 was hit in the mouth and fell.

The Sebokeng Hospital where the injured were taken resembled a war zone as the people were brought in. Frantic medical staff worked flat out.

A hospital spokesman confirmed that two people were certified died on arrival.

Seven among the 30 admitted were in a critical condition. The spokesman said about 350 people, "most of whom suffered gunshot wounds", were treated yesterday.

The municipal offices at Zone 10 Sebokeng were razed after being set alight by some of the people who had returned from the aborted march.

Armed struggle

A petrol station in Zone 14 belonging to former mayor Mr Esau Mahlatsi was stoned.

Police patrolling the streets fired teargas at groups of people standing at street corners.

Residents from the six townships in the area had planned to meet at the Vaal Showground outside Vereeniging to march to the National Party's office in the town to present a memorandum of grievances.

By late yesterday armed police were still patrolling the townships' streets.

People ran away in fear at the sight of police vehicles. Residents in all townships stayed away from work, schools were closed and transport services came to a halt. Picture on page 2.

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Marchers in Sebokeng yesterday fled for their lives when police opened fire with live ammunition. Four people died and about 350 were injured in the Vaal Triangle unrest.

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Three killed in Sebokeng unrest

PRETORIA — Three people died following a protest march at Sebokeng near Vereeniging yesterday, an SAP liaison officer said last night.

Police described the situation in the township as very fluid and "still volatile" last night.

The spokesman said 12 people were injured and 13 arrested,

Other reports said at least 350 people were wounded by birdshot.

In an interim unrest report, the SAP's public relations division in Pretoria said police patrols in Sebokeng were "coming under constant attack", mainly by stone throwing crowds, after the protest march.

The report said police used shotguns as well as tearsmoke and rubber bullets during attempts to stabilise the situation.

"We can, however, confirm that police action has taken place (and is still taking place) and has included the use of tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot," the interim report said.

"A number of injuries have been reported, including injuries to two policemen.

"The situation is still volatile with police doing everything possible to stabilise the situation and restore law and order," the report said.

The marchers, who were protesting against high tariffs and other community related matters, had earlier handed a memorandum to a senior police officer, known only as Mazibuko.

About 20 minutes later firing began, witness Jacob Main, 20, said.

At least 350 people were reported to have been treated at Sebokeng Hospital — mainly for birdshot wounds.

Hospital secretary Hennie du Plessis said two people had died, six were on the critical list, 30 had been admitted and 130 were X-rayed to determine where birdshot pellets were lodged in their bodies.

Bleeding men and women displayed gunshot wounds, mostly on their backs, outside the hospital.

Phineas Mkhonto, 24, had 13 bleeding holes in his back, neck, arms and legs.

The police report said: "We wish to point out that not all casualties are immediately reported to the police and a clearer picture will emerge once the situation stabilises," adding a detailed report would be furnished this morning.

Cruising

The streets of Sebokeng were littered with burning barricades, rocks, concrete slabs and empty teargas cannisters yesterday afternoon.

Riot police in armoured vehicles were seen cruising up and down streets firing teargas at groups of youths.

Youths called on journalists to "shoot (display) the power salute", and one journalist was asked for petrol, apparently to make fire bombs, by a group of youths.

The mass democratic movement (MDM), which organised the protest march, condemned the shooting in a statement and said the police presence in Sebokeng "excited" the situation.

The MDM called for calm and discipline from members of affiliates in Sebokeng.

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Vlok tours unrest areas for talks

Business Day Reporter

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday held crisis meetings to discuss the latest wave of unrest with police and community leaders in the Vaal Triangle town of Vanderbijlpark and the Free State cities of Welkom and Bloemfontein.

In Welkom, Vlok met CP and NP councillors, local MP and Education and Culture Minister Piet Clase and SAP district commander Col Hennie Heymans.

After the meeting, Heymans said police were concentrating their efforts on containing a spiral of violence which erupted after Tuesday's tornado, coinciding with a work stayaway.

Last week saw a demonstration by 6 000 mine workers, waving ANC flags and carrying dummy firearms. There were reports of truck loads of whites waving AWB banners and firing shots into the air.

Five whites are to appear in court on Friday in connection with the death of a black man in St Helena suburb.

Six people were found killed in Thabong township over the weekend.

Heymans said intimidation by right- and left-wing groups had prompted him to appeal to people not to take the law into their own hands.

Yesterday had been calmer with one stonethrowing incident in Thabong and a robbery in Welkom's Sambro building. Heymans said Pretoria police had been drafted in to patrol Thabong as local forces continued to cope with the aftermath of the tornado.

He stressed the situation in Welkom was still tense but under control.

Heymans met representatives of the local chamber of commerce, the council and the Master Builders' Association yesterday morning.

In Bloemfontein, Vlok met church leaders, politicians, community leaders, teachers, mayors, youth organisations and business leaders from as far afield as Harrismith and Senekal, Sapa reports.

Political groups included the CP, the AWB and the ANC.

The AWB representatives walked out after they had asked if the ANC was present. They indicated they did not want to negotiate with the ANC.

One man later returned in his personal capacity. Vlok said it was a pity the others had not stayed on.

"We want to hear everyone, even if we do not agree," he said.

Vlok said if people wanted to assist in the protection of their areas, they should join the police reservists.

After his meeting with senior Vaal Triangle police officers in Vanderbijlpark, Vlok said police would reinforce their patrols in areas where there was unrest.

He assured the public the situation was under control and urged people to curb their emotions. Referring to incidents in Welkom this week, he said people who took the law into their own hands would be punished severely.

Gold slump

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could increase inflationary expectations. There could also be a spin-off on interest rates but it is still too early to tell."

The rand weakened sharply against the dollar to close at R2,6518 from Friday's R2,6242 and also lost ground against other major currencies. But the finrand investment unit held steady to close marginally easier at R3,8600 from Friday's R3,8500 to the dollar, giving no support to share prices.

have heard a story which cannot be confirmed, that one big Middle Eastern investor was selling gold to buy £500m because he felt the pound was oversold. It was certainly enough to move the pound (which was up 1c to $1,6135) and that amount of gold would hit the bullion prices."

Platinum, however, suffered less. It fell $12,50 to $482,50 an ounce but, according to traders Ayrton Metals, it was marked down rather than aggressively sold.

Brokers in London reported

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Soweto blasts caused by grenades

JOHANNESBURG. — Soviet-made RPG-7 rocket launchers firing rocket-propelled grenades were used in the Sunday night attack on the Soweto Council offices and a home in the township, police have confirmed.

Police also confirmed that SPM limpet mines were used in the Sunday night attacks on the Langlaagte power station here. The blasts were believed to be in response to police action against a crowd who marched on the council chambers.

Police sources have linked the attacks to ANC armed wing commander Mr Chris Hani's weekend call that a ceasefire be negotiated with the SADF. A massive police investigation was launched in Soweto for the rocket attackers. — Sapa

Violence flares again in still tense Sebokeng

Staff Reporters

Violence flared again in troubled Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle yesterday — but its scale was minimal compared to the previous day's carnage in which nine people died and 447 were injured when police opened fire on a crowd.

In the worst of several incidents known to have occurred yesterday, police teargassed a mob of youths stoning a bread delivery van and attempting to set it alight.

Youths had ripped off the petrol cap and were ramming burning newspaper into the tank. The driver escaped, fleeing under a hail of stones. One man was arrested, witnesses said.

The van was one of a number of vehicles brought to a halt by barricades of rocks and concrete strewn across roads, making the township virtually impassable.

TENSION STILL HIGH

Twenty-four hours after police opened fire with shotguns on a group of people they stopped from marching into Vereeninging, tension was still running high.

Youths and children clutching rocks and stones lined the roads, threatening vehicles and waving clenched fists in the air.

Heavily armed police drove through the streets at high speed. One was seen brandishing a weapon from his car window. Groups of armed "kitskonstabels" jogged up the road shouting at residents.

Residents, many of whom were unable to go to work as transport ground to a halt, remained behind closed doors, telling The Star they were terrified. Children stayed away from school

At the scene of Monday's shooting there was scant evidence yesterday of the horror of the previous day.

Sebokeng Hospital was calm after the near chaos in which floods of hysterical people had carried in their dead and wounded.

Hospital superintendent Dr Anne van der Spuy said the death toll had risen to nine overnight She said 62 seriously injured people had been admitted to the hospital, three of them in critical condition in intensive care. A total of 447 people had been treated, 95 percent for birdshot wounds, she said.

Yesterday conflicting accounts were given on why police had opened fire.

Police said they had opened fire in self—defence after a militant crowd about 50 000-strong, armed with stones, knobkerries, bottles and iron pipes had attacked SAP members, screaming "kill the Boers".

Police said they had warned the crowd to disperse several times and allowed them to hand over a petition to a Colonel O Mazibuko, the police station commander. The crowd was then again ordered to disperse, a police spokesman said.

Witnesses and victims, however, allege the police opened fire without provocation, and said no warning had been given. Victims said they were shot while waiting to be addressed by march leaders.

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Number of unrest deaths this month could top 100

Wave of violence grips country

By Helen Grange

The violence that has swept through the country appears to have exceeded the crisis levels of 1985-86, according to the number of documented cases of unrest.

If this pattern continues, the number of deaths by the end of this month could reach 100. Thousands have been injured.

In the latest violent upsurge, nine people were killed and 447 injured in clashes between police and residents of Sebokeng and townships near Vereeniging.

The following are the most publicised unrest incidents over the past few weeks·

● Welkom this week became the focus of intense conflict between blacks and extreme right-wing groups.

Unrest

● Sharpeville Day (March 21) saw more than 100 unrest incidents in various centres, including Bloemfontein, Durban, Pinetown, Ermelo, Pretoria and Nelspruit. At least eight died and 91 were injured, said police

● On March 20 in Ladysmith, four people died in an incident in which they were stabbed and set alight Unrest claimed another victim in Natal on the same day.

● On March 19, four people died in unrest, related to conflict between the Black Consciousness Movement and the UDF/ANC in Bekkersdal near Westonaria.

● On March 18, five died in Natal, where feuding between Inkatha and the UDF has left more than 3 000 people dead in the past two years.

● On March 15, Mr Elmey Corfe died near Sebokeng with a panga in his head. Sebokeng has been a flashpoint of violence over the past few weeks.

● On the same day, seven died in Ikageng near Potchefstroom.

Ikageng is one of two townships in the region which has had the highest number of violent incidents since the beginning of the month. The other is Khutsong near Carletonville, where at least 17 people have died since March 2.

● On March 12 nine people were killed and 180 injured in the Witbank township of kwa-Guqa.

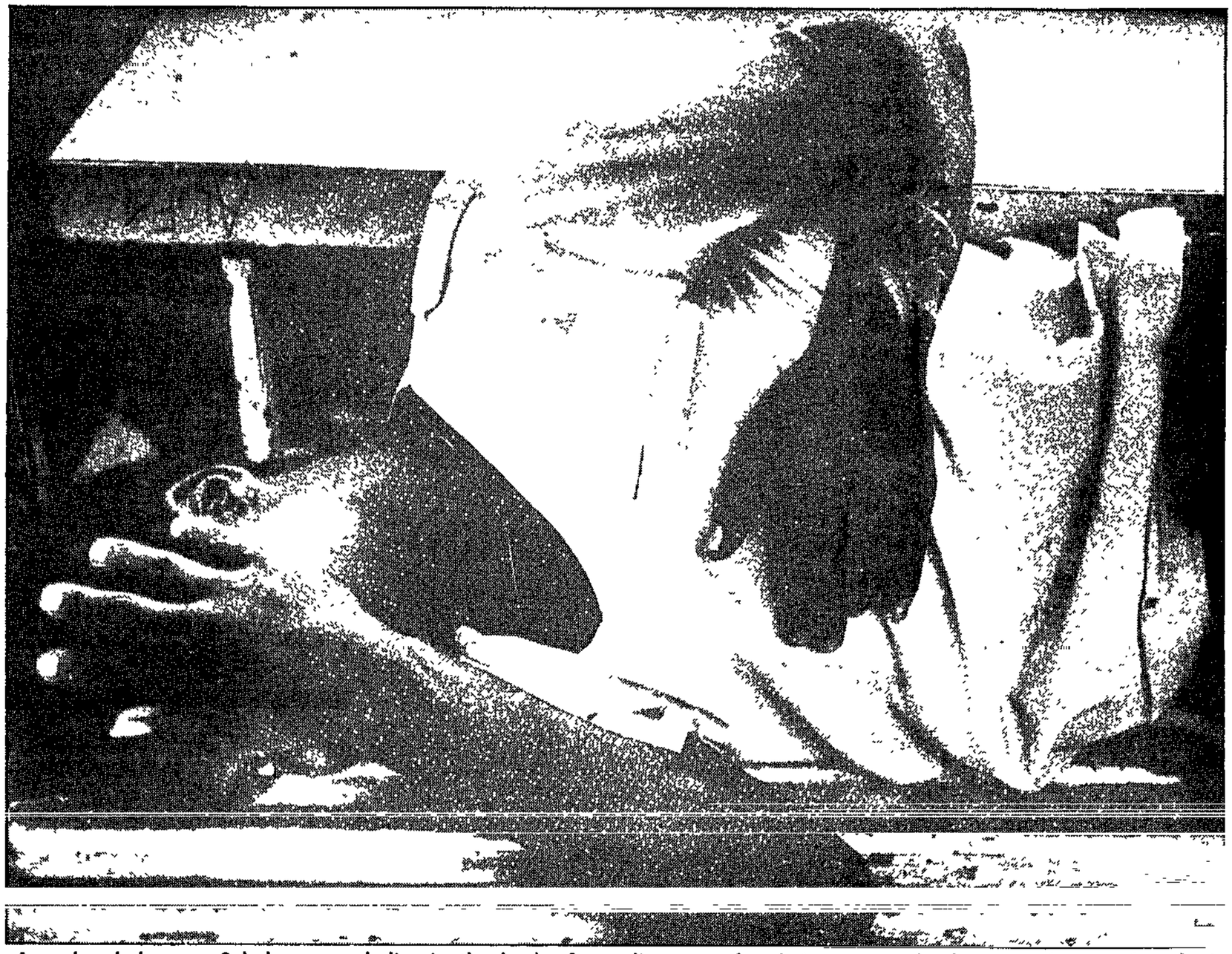
● On March 12, police opened fire on more than 10 000 marchers in Thohoyandou, Venda. The marchers were delivering a human skull to the homeland's president.

● On March 11, a bloody taxi war in Katlehong on the East Rand left more than 20 dead in a series of burnings, shootings and panga attacks.

The first days of March saw unrest in the homelands reach a peak.

Ga-Rankuwa exploded in a rash of street violence and burning, and a riotous coup in Ciskei hit the headlines after people took to the streets and looted several businesses

Throughout this period, the Natal violence has continued unabated, while the Free State has become increasingly turbulent



Apprehended . . . a Sebokeng youth lies in the back of a police van after being arrested when a mob stoned and attempted to set alight a bread van in the township yesterday. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Armed and ready . . . policemen walk past a bread delivery van which was stoned by youths in the strife-torn township of Sebokeng yesterday. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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The aftermath of violence. . .

Barricades were set up in Sharpeville in the Vaal Triangle on Monday during clashes between Vaal township residents and police. This followed a failed march to the National Party offices in Vereeniging to present a list of grievances. At least 17 people were killed and about 300 injured in the clashes.

Pic: LEN KUMALO

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Civil claim bid over deaths

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Sowetan Correspondent

THE United Democratic Front is investigating the possibility of instituting a civil claim against Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok after several people were shot dead and hundreds injured when police opened fire on marchers in Sebokeng on Monday.

This was confirmed yesterday by a UDF official and executive committee member of the Vaal Civic Association, Mr Bavumile Vilakazi, at a Press conference in Vereeniging.

According to statistics released at the Press conference, 13 people died while about 2 000 were treated at the Sebokeng Hospital.

However, Sebokeng Hospital superintendent Dr Anne van der Spuy said yesterday the death toll had risen to nine and 447 people had been treated for injuries.

Discussing events which apparently sparked the confrontation, Vilikazi said it was initially intended to march through Vereeniging to the National Party offices where a memorandum listing grievances was to have been presented to local MP Mr Tom Gunning.

However, after organisers were informed the event could be "inflammatory", they decided to decentralise the march.

The change of plan was discussed with a high-ranking Sebokeng police official, who apparently gave the assurance that the police would keep a low profile unless there were problems.

"I was still busy addressing the gathering on a PA system and requesting them to disperse when suddenly there were shots fired. It was unbelievable," said Vilakazi.

16 injured as cops open fire

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Youths manning barricades in the streets in Sebokeng - the scene of violence which claimed 17 lives.

AT LEAST 16 people were injured - one critically - when police fired on Impumelelo residents preparing for a march on the local council offices on the East Rand yesterday.

A local youth congress member, Timothy Ngwenya, was shot through the head during running battles with police at dawn, residents claimed.

His injury gave rise to speculation among youth congress members and some residents that police used live ammunition to disperse the gathering.

A spokesman for the Far East Rand Hospital confirmed that one of the 16 admitted early yesterday was in a serious condition. She refused to disclose identities of the casualties and the nature of the injuries.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

A South African Police spokesman, Captain Bloemberg, confirmed that action was taken on groups of youths after police vehicles were stoned at Mpumelelo.

Teargas

He said teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot were used to disperse the crowd. Three people were injured.

However, according to residents, police used teargas and birdshot to disperse the gathering. They said repeated gunfire was heard from dawn while groups of youths barricaded roads to stop residents from going to work.

An eye-witness, William Tshidi, said residents ignored the 45-minute warning to disperse by police and shots were heard.

He claimed that permission for the march was granted for 10am by the chief Magistrate of Nigel.

There was a complete stayaway from work in the township and attendance at schools was nil.

* Meanwhile, thousands of Kwa-Thema residents stayed away from work in protest against high rents.

After a meeting at the Kwa-Thema stadium, residents marched on the police station to present a petition. Police kept a low profile and no incidents were reported.

End this violence: Bishop

Sowetan Reporter

THE Bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, the Reverend Stanley Mogoba, yesterday reacted with "extreme distress" over the violence that is sweeping the country.

He said in a statement the spate of violence was now increasing at an ever faster pace and it was cause for deep concern and regret.

He said: "The Methodist Church of Southern Africa has taken note of the shootings in the Vaal Triangle by the police with extreme distress as it has taken note of the wanton destruction and violence that has occurred in townships where residents have gone on the rampage, such as at Mdantsane.

"The police need to be told in no uncertain terms by the Government, which has committed itself to an end to 'the season of violence', that they must act in a manner more becoming a peacekeeping force."

Cop violence uncalled for - UDF's Morobe

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SOWETAN Correspondent

THE United Democratic Front (UDF) yesterday condemned the police's handling of the protest march in Vereeniging on Monday, saying the violent police action was "absolutely unnecessary and uncalled for".

At least eight people died and more than 350 were injured when police clashed with residents of Vaal Triangle townships on Monday. Four people were declared dead on arrival at the Sebokeng Hospital while four others died shortly after being admitted.

Claims

In his response yesterday, UDF assistant publicity secretary Mr Murphy Morobe said it appeared there were some elements in the police force who were trigger-happy and were bent on engineering clashes and confrontations with the people taking part in protest marches.

"The point of the matter is that in any situation where marchers end up injured or even killed, the police violence was totally unnecessary and uncalled for. There always seem to be some elements in the police force who are eager to provoke and consequently hurt our people," he said.

Discipline

"In most of the marches our people have been conscious of the need to keep order and discipline, and there is never any need for the police to take the kind of violent action they took in Vereeniging yesterday," said Morobe.

A spokesman for the African National Congress' Internal Leadership Corps, Mr Ahmed Kathrada, said the ANC was still waiting for a full statement from its people in Sebokeng, and would comment after seeing it.

The Western Transvaal region of the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM), which organised yesterday's march, last night also condemned the police action

How the Vaal killings began

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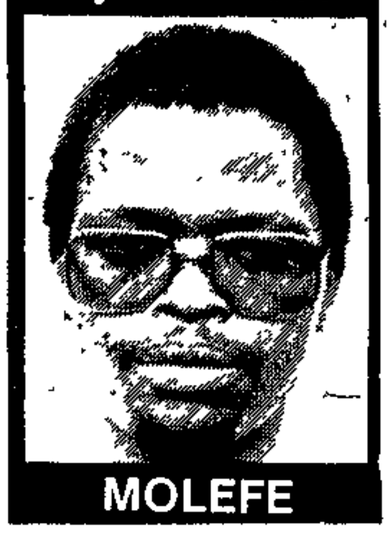
SEVENTEEN people have now died after the police opened fire on protesters in Sebokeng on Monday morning.

By THEMBA



MOLEFE

Sowetan reporter Themba Molefe filed this graphic report from the scene:

I dashed for cover along the wall of a beer depot and glanced back to see a bullet hit an old man between the eyes.

He had been sitting on the kerb next to an elderly woman who appeared to be his wife.

As he collapsed face down another bullet hit him on the right hip. He was dead.

I was not in Beirut, but in my hometown, Sebokeng, on an assignment to cover a peaceful protest march on Monday morning.

The march began in Evaton and Sebokeng townships and thousands of residents took part.

After the old man fell, a girl aged about 16 was hit in the mouth and fell. I think she died.

Many people, especially those in the front row, were sitting on the ground facing the police a few metres away, some mounted on Casspir vehicles and others standing in a row.

The shooting started after Sebokeng Police Station commander Major Othniel Mazibuko had received a document from Vaal Civic Association member Mr Bavumile Vilakazi.

Mazibuko turned and walked towards the police barricade, but he had not reached it when we heard the explosions of the guns and teargas canisters came flying through the air.

I saw people fall from either being hit by bullets or from the stampede as they ran away.

There was no warning from any police officer to the people who were waiting for Vilakazi to return from negotiating with Mazibuko.

I do not know what they said to each other but I saw them shake hands. Vilakazi returned to the people who were singing and dancing as they waited for him.

Shortly after the shooting began *Sowetan* photographer Len Kumalo was frog-marched to a police captain and his film confiscated.

Sowetan driver Daniel Botshe had to hide inside the boot of a car as the bullets whizzed past the vehicle.

People were screaming. I heard one man shout: "They are shooting! They are killing us! What have we done?"

Throughout the night in Sebokeng we heard gunfire.

Vaal death toll 17

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THE death toll in the Sebokeng carnage yesterday rose to 17, according to groups monitoring the Vaal Triangle unrest.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

Other estimates put the death toll at between nine and 14.

The Rev Phineas Mthimkulu of the Vaal Council of Churches yesterday said the figure had been confirmed by Sebokeng Hospital authorities.

This was after a delegation of the organisation visited the hospital.

In the morning, senior police officers ordered journalists out of Sebokeng.

They said the townships had been declared an operational area.

They also stopped photographers from taking pictures as the violence continued.

Meanwhile, a man identified as Mr Martin Morobe, a schoolteacher in the area, was shot dead during running battles between residents and the police in the afternoon.

Mob

In Zone 14 a policeman's house was set alight by a mob.

Sebokeng township was gripped by violence yesterday following the shooting of people who were marching to Vereeniging on Monday morning.

A large contingent of police dispersed groups of people in Evaton and Sebokeng who converged on thge main streets, barricading the roads.

Several vehicles, including taxis and delivery vans, were stoned in Sebokeng.

Police used tearsmoke to disperse a group which attacked a bakery van next to the post office in Zone 12.

The VCC has called for peace and calm in the

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townships.

This was after a church delegation had met the commander of the Sebokeng police station, Major Othniel Mazibuko, to discuss the presence of police in the townships.

The priests said they viewed police presence in the townships as exacerbating the situation.

The VCC said it was collecting the names of the victims as it was believed that more than 17 people had been killed in the violence.

By late yesterday tensions grew in the townships as police chased youths in the streets while the burning and looting of buildings continued.

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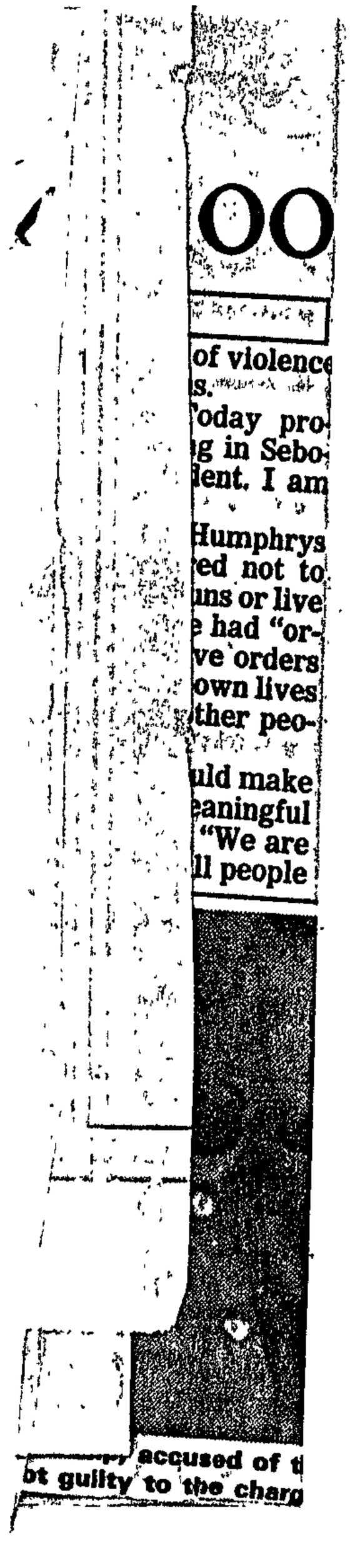

Sebokeng 'Self-defence' claim queried

JOHANNESBURG. — Reinforced police units yesterday patrolled Sebokeng where at least nine marchers were killed and nearly 450 wounded on Monday.

Police said a crowd of about 50 000 people armed with stones, sticks, bottles and iron pipes began attacking the SAP, who fired "in self-defence".

Witnesses, however, said the shooting appeared to be unprovoked after marchers protesting against high tariffs and poor living condition presented a memorandum of their grievances to a police officer.

Police put the death toll at five, including two killed in the initial incident and three men later shot dead after a mob ransacked a bottle store. Some 130 people were injured during police action and 27 arrested.

Sebokeng's hospital administrator, Ms Anne van der Spuy, said yesterday morning that nine people had died and 447 were treated for birdshot wounds. Many had been shot in the back, evidently while fleeing.

Mr Bavumile Vilikazi of the Vaal Civic Association claimed that at least 14 people were killed. He challenged the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to come out against what residents believed was an unprovoked police attack.

Meanwhile General Johan van der Merwe, the commissioner of police, told a seminar for security personnel yesterday: "Police have the unrest in South Africa under control," SABC reported.

Police also reported nine deaths from strife-torn Natal.

KwaZulu is withdrawing buses serving or passing through the Edendale Valley outside Maritzburg because of unrest in the area. Area manager Mr Jim Scott said that since Monday morning, seven passengers and two drivers had been injured. — Sapa and UPI

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ANC leaders visit victims of Sebokeng

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SEBOKENG. — Senior ANC leaders, including Mr Nelson Mandela, yesterday made personal visits to the victims of Monday's shooting here that left at least 11 people dead.

About 70 people have been admitted to hospital and 460 treated this week.

Hundreds of excited patients and staff greeted Mr Mandela on his arrival, filling the passages singing and chanting praise to the ageing leader.

Internal ANC leaders, including Mr Walter Sisulu and his wife UDF co-president Mrs Albertina Sisulu, Mr Elias Motsoaledi and Mr Andrew Mlangeni, walked round hospital wards comforting and speaking to the wounded, some of whom are still in critical condition.

"We wish you a speedy recovery. We are going to do something about this. We will take up this matter in a vigorous way," Mr Mandela told one of the injured.

Soon after the Mandela entourage drove through Sebokeng, youths stoned vehicles that tried to follow the ANC leader.

Police in armoured vheicles patrolled the troubled township. They reported sporadic incidents of looting, arson and damage to vehicles. Tearsmoke and rubber bullets were used in various incidents and eight men arrested.

Anglican priest Canon Ben Photolo said the township was very tense yesterday. People had returned to work, but there was little activity in the schools.

Earlier yesterday the ANC condemned Monday's police action and called for an immediate judicial commission of inquiry into the shootings.

"We note with concern the tragic frequency of police killings of defenceless people in the Vaal since the Sharpeville shootings in 1960," a statement said. — Sapa

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Tense township back to normal

SOSHANGUVE. — The situation in Soshanguve township, north-west of Pretoria, where tension mounted after a mass meeting by residents yesterday, was back to normal later, residents said.

At the meeting residents cheered when it was announced that the Ministry of Education and Development Aid had stopped proceedings to cede the area to Black Local Authorities. A planned protest march was called off. — Sapa

a demonstration by Popcru members on Cape Town's Grand

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Negotiations on a knife-edge

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Councillors quit

rom MONO BADELA
JOHANNESBURG. —
Unpopular black town councillors in townships throughout the country are on the run again.

As marches and attacks on community council premises continued this week, many councillors, mindful of the turbulence of 1985 and 1986 when several of their colleagues were killed and most had to flee the townships, resigned.

So far 30 have quit in the Transvaal, leaving five councils unable to function.

In several of smaller towns in the Transvaal and Free State activists report that councillors are openly shifting their loyalty from the government structures to the ANC.

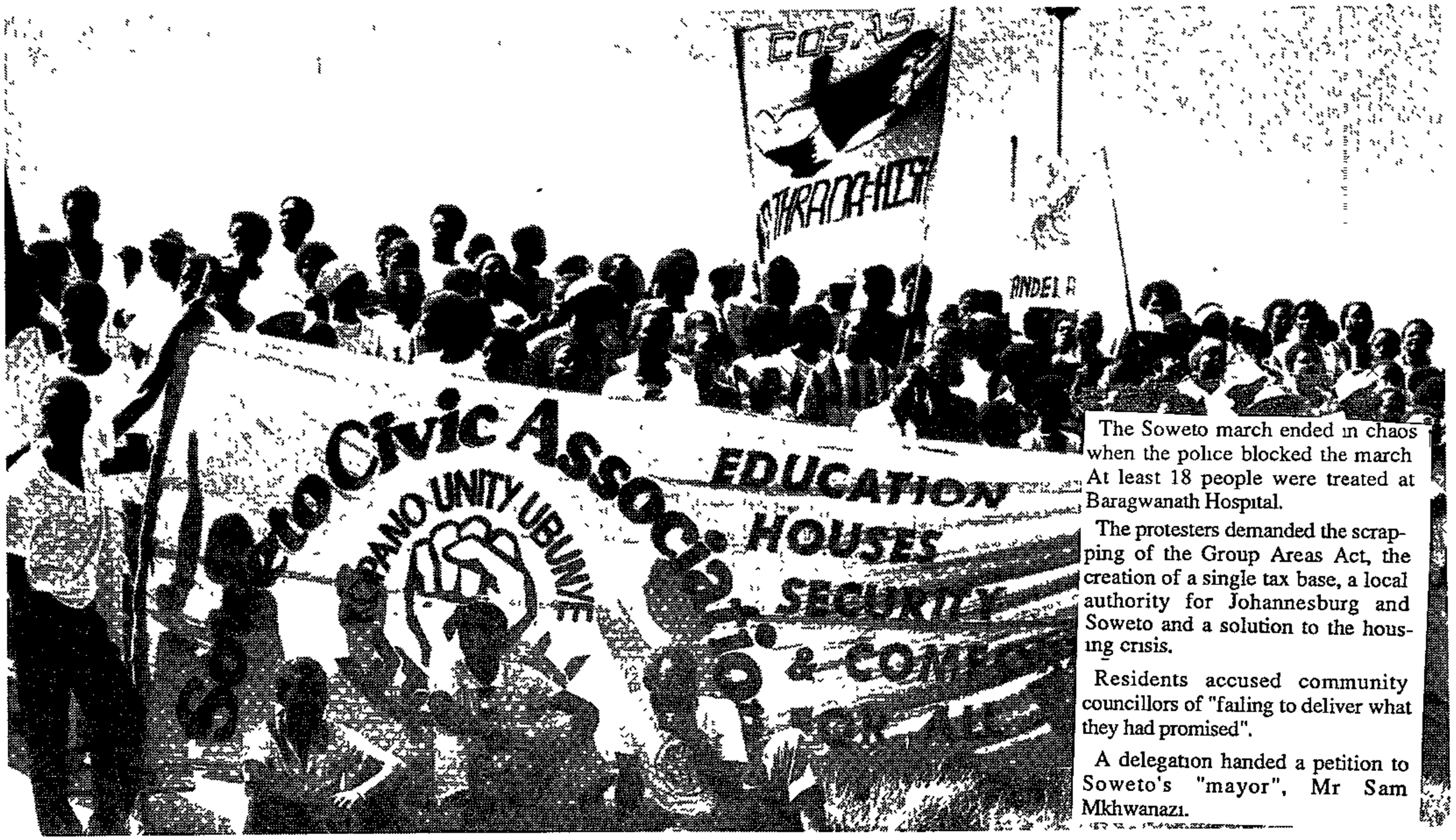
The protests started in January when more than 50 000 residents of Alexandra township marched to the offices of the town council and demanded that the councillors resign.

Waiting list

Housing is a serious problem in Alexandra where more than 60 000 people are shack dwellers and thousands are on the waiting list.

In recent weeks similar marches have taken place at Etwtwa near davyton, Vosloorus (where 50 000 residents called for the resignation of councillors) and 10 000 at Soshanguve near pretoria.

This was followed by marches in Tembisa and a march by 10 000 people in Soweto last Saturday.



Township residents preparing to march on unpopular council chambers. **Pic: ELMOND JIYANE**

The Soweto march ended in chaos when the police blocked the march At least 18 people were treated at Baragwanath Hospital.

The protesters demanded the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, the creation of a single tax base, a local authority for Johannesburg and Soweto and a solution to the housing crisis.

Residents accused community councillors of "failing to deliver what they had promised".

A delegation handed a petition to Soweto's "mayor", Mr Sam Mkhwanazi.

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VICTIM OF VIOLENCE: Mr Nelson Mandela and his wife Winnie console a weeping patient at Sebokeng hospital. The man was shot in battles between riot police and anti-apartheid activists in Sebokeng on Monday.

Vaal's black Monday

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A nurse, assisted by Sebokeng residents, gather the dead and injured after the police opened fire on a crowd of protesters

JOHANNESBURG — Following the fatal shooting of at least nine black demonstrators here on Monday — some 448 were injured by police fire — anti-apartheid leaders have begun to publicly doubt the intention of the government to allow peaceful protest.

Anti-apartheid leaders and eyewitnesses insist police opened fire without warning or provocation on about 50 000 marchers waiting for a black police officer to hand in a list of grievances to white officers at a police barricade.

Police insist they opened fire in self-defence against an angry mob armed with sticks, stones and iron bars.

"The protesters have very legitimate grievances," said sociologist and independent labour consultant Duncan Innes. "But right-wing elements in the police who have no interest in negotiations are opening fire to sabotage them," he said.

"Blacks will then say: how can you negotiate with people who shoot you down?",Anti-apartheid leaders insist that the sole purpose of the march was to highlight black grievances similar to those which sparked off nationwide protests in 1984.

In that year the first clash over rent increases occurred in Sebokeng and the anger of the crowd turned on black councilmen backed by Pretoria but regarded as collaborators by anti-apartheid groups.

A visit to Sebokeng this week after the shootings revealed a township suffering from the same neglect and overcrowding which sparked the 1984 violence.

While some modern houses have sprung up near the matchbox-like dwellings in which most residents live, most roads are unpaved and sometimes impassible.

Piles of refuse lie at street corners and schools are run-down and hopelessly overcrowded.

The "new" South Africa seems remote here and the expectations created by recent political changes appear impossible to meet.

Angry youths erect makeshift barricades of rocks and iron railings to block police vehicles.

On Tuesday they were engaging in running battles with policemen, alternatively taunting them with stones and running away when police fired tearsmoke.

Older residents, resigned to the daily battles, huddle in their tiny homes hoping in vain that the sounds of raining rocks and gunfire will eventually subside.

Monday's confrontation between armed riot police and a peaceful protest march in this sprawling black township 40km south of here illustrated how volatile the political situation is and how quickly it could spin out of control.

According to dozens of eyewitnesses to the confrontation the police opened fire with shotguns from behind a barricade which was erected to prevent the marchers from heading for the conservative white town of Vereeniging.

"There was a volley of shots," said Herbert Mabuza, a photographer at the Star who witnessed the shootings."Then there was silence. The police started laughing.

"The crowd seemed frozen for a second _ then started screaming. They turned and ran, fighting and jumping over each other to get away from the police."

Charles Motaung, 18, whose 20-year-old brother Philip was shot dead, said leaders of the march were trying to persuade people to return to the township when police opened fire.

Local white civic leaders have been demanding police reinforcements to protect nervous whites.

"Does this mean that blacks have to be killed when engaging in peaceful protest?" asked United Democratic Front activist Bavumile Vilakazi, one of the leaders of Monday's march.

"Do the police have to be reinforced every time the blacks say: Ouch, it hurts to live under apartheid?" he asked.

ANC veteran Walter Sisulu blamed the shootings on right-wing elements in the police force who did not want the ANC and the Government to negotiate.

But both Sisulu and Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok have reaffirmed their commitment to negotiations.

CIVIL CLAIM

MONO BADELA reports that the UDF is investigating the possibility of instituting a civil claim against the police over the shooting.

This was confirmed by Vilakazi, who said: "It looks like September 1984 all over again in Sebokeng."

Disputing the police's account of the number of deaths, the Rev Phineas Mtimkhulu of the Vaal Council of Churches said the figure of 17 had been confirmed by Sebokeng hospital authorities.

The spiral of violence continued on Tuesday when an angry mob attacked a policeman's house and set it alight.

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A voice booms from the police truck ... 'Viva MK!'

Face to face in the street: a wall of toyi-toying students and armed police. Then a voice booms from a police loudhailer: 'Viva the ANC'

PHIL MOLEFE reports

A POLICE Landrover, often used to chase youths in a township during unrest, became the stage for a slice of South African theatre of the absurd this week And a loudhailer, normally instrument of the familiar and dreaded command. "I give you three minutes to disperse," boomed out revolutionary slogans — "Viva the African National Congress, Viva Umkhonto we-Sizwe and the South African Communist Party"

The scene: a face-to-face confrontation between a human wall of the forces of law and order and a *toyi-toying*, singing crowd of protesting students, under a M1 highway bridge in Booysens Reserve, south of Johannesburg.

The process of "negotiation" had begun The students were bent on taking a list of grievances to the offices of the Department of Education in Booysens, just one kilometre away; the armed police contingent was determined that they should not take another step forward.

It was student leader Pemmy Majodini who leapt on the Landrover, grabbed the loudhailer, and addressed what looked like a human sea of 50 000 students carrying ANC and SACP flags and a solid barricade of armed security forces.

"Viva the ANC, Viva Umkhonto weSizwe, Viva the SACP," she cried. "Long live!" roared the crowd. "Comrades, we don't want a confrontation with the police. Please let us behave ourselves and remain disciplined, we are trying to get Struwig (Pete Struwig, DET regional director) to come here," she said.

The crowd booed, they wanted to knock the "wall" down.

"These guys (the police) can't open fire here because there is a white suburb and factories nearby and you can imagine what can happen if you incense this mob," remarked a journalist standing next to me.

Workers from the factories started joining the demonstrators as traffic police battled to control the heavy traffic flow caused by the M1 south, the main route to the city, being overcrowded as the Soweto freeway was closed for almost four hours

One student, not even part of the delegation, clambered on to the Ladrover, took the loudhailer and led the crowd in the freedom song *Thina no-Mdala siyo tbeiza eNgwavuma* (we and the old man — Tambo — are going to start a base in Ingwavuva). As the song reached a crescendo he started *toyi-toying* on top of the police van. He was soon brought down by police to deafening shouts of *Amandla*

Protesters come up against a human wall of policemen under the M1 highway bridge near Booysens

Picture: AVIGAIL UZI, Afrapix

Earlier there had been an interchange between the head of the Soweto riot unit Lieutenant Colonel Alec Stapelberg and leaders of the Soweto Students Congress (Sosco)

"If you can't control your people then I will be forced to disperse them," said Stapelberg.

"But, Sir," said (Sosco) president Lawrence Bayana "we are getting towards a confrontation".

"Of course yes," replied Stapelberg.

Just after 2pm the rain poured down. It could not dampen the spirit of the crowd. The police had to retreat a few metres as the marchers pushed forward to get shelter under the bridge. It had been a day of patience — the students had braved a cold Tuesday morning when they had gathered at the Orlando Stadium to start the march.

Then Struwig, clearly shaken but yet composed, arrived.

He was met by a group of placard-carrying teachers who chanted *Nako e fihlile, O a Jika Jika Struwig* (your time is over Struwig, why are you running round in circles).

"Comrades, Struwig has finally arrived but it is unfortunate that we have to meet him in the *veld* when there are offices where we should hand over our memorandum," said Bayana.

Struwig received a memorandum drafted jointly by Soweto and Alexandra students.

Meanwhile, students from Alexandra arrived just after Struwig had received the memorandum because the police would not allow them to join their Soweto coleagues.

The memorandum, which the students expect the DET to respond to within seven days, said the crisis in black schools was caused by the government.

The students said there is a discrepancy in allocation of funds between white and black education, gross overcrowding in schools and lack of facilities.

In the memorandum the students are demanding, with immediate effect: the supply of stationery and textbooks; more schools, laboratories and libraries; schools fully supplied with desks, chairs and tables and that the teacher-student ratio must be 1 to 25.

The students also demanded that all unused and under-used white schools be opened to black pupils.

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Sebokeng counts its dead in battle's aftermath

Police have declared the Vaal Triangle an operational area after this week's clash with demonstrators in Sebokeng
By PHILIPPA GARSON and MZIMKULU MALUNGA

SEBOKENG has turned into a battleground since police fired on marchers early on Monday as renewed clashes claimed two more victims

Monday's Sebokeng death toll, according to Bavumile Vilakazi of the Vaal Civic Association, was 17 — police say nine were killed

Sebokeng hospital superintendent, Dr Anne van der Spuy, stated later this week the figure had risen to 11 She says 447 were treated for injuries — mainly caused by birdshot

Vilakazi said that when requests for a march from the Vaal Triangle townships to the National Party's offices in Vereeniging were turned down last week, organisers decided people should march instead to their local police stations and present their grievances there A police official would then deliver the memorandum to the NP offices

But when about 50 000 people from Sebokeng marched towards the police station, they were blocked by a large police contingent VCA and United Democratic Front leaders restrained the crowd Vilakazi (a former Delmas treason trialist) met the Sebokeng police station commander, Lieutenant Colonel P Mazibuko, mid-way between police and marchers and presented him with the petition

When he returned and spoke to the crowd — which had grown with the arrival of marchers from the adjoining township of Evaton — that report-back sessions would be held later and people should turn back, the shooting began No warnings were given, and no teargas was fired to disperse the crowd, said eyewitnesses.

Police said they opened fire in "self-defence" after a crowd armed with stones, knobkerries, bottles and iron pipes had attacked them, shouting "kill the *boers*" They have declared the Vaal Triangle an "operational area", and arrested scores of people in the wake of the shootings and subsequent unrest

Some uniformed as well as plain-clothed policemen marched with residents, according to Vilakazi Some of them were also injured during the shooting, but he declined to reveal their names

The mood in Sebokeng was tense and volatile the day after the march, as angry youths thronged the streets, *toyi-toying* and erecting barricades Many hissed and picked up rocks and stones at the sight of a white reporter

Children milled in the streets excitedly — no one went back to school that day Some played in the charred remains of the Sebokeng council buildings, which, together with a garage in Zone 14 owned by the former mayor, Esau Mahlatsi, was stoned and another garage was set alight in Evaton

At the Sebokeng hospital, wounded people were being discharged, many of them still dressed in bloodstained clothes Hospital security refused the press access to the injured

Confused and weeping parents crowded through the tight security at the hospital to look for their children

Elizabeth Motaung was close to tears as she stood in front of the gate telling a security guard that she had last seen her son Joseph Motaung the day before the shootings

Motaung did not find her son among the injured, neither could she find Joseph at the police station

Mkhulu Katladebe, 22, a member of the Vaal Students Congress described how he was shot in the head and buttocks "I was near the front of the crowd We were listening to the report-back from our leaders Suddenly we heard shots and the next thing I was running Then I fell. I don't know what happened next I woke up in the hospital later in the day " The situation in the hospital was chaos and there were people screaming and crying everywhere, said Katladebe He said police treated the crowd "like animals"

Another youth, David Raditsela, 18, emerged from the hospital, covered with birdshot wounds and carrying bloodstained clothes in a plastic bag He described how he was part of a human chain formed to keep the crowds back "While we were pushing residents back I heard gunshots and felt something hit my head I thought a stone had hit me Then I saw blood spilling on to me and knew I had been shot "

After the shooting police went to Zo 13 Bystanders were wounded by birdshot in shooting

Houses along the main street dividing Zones 11 and 13 had broken windows Residents claimed that the windows were broken by birdshot pellets

Police action extended beyond Sebokeng In the neighbouring Boipatong township several people were injured when police opened fire

Johannes Mohlokoane was among the injured in Boipatong "We were marching to Vereeniging, but just after we left the township police stopped us

"We decided to go back into the township and hold a meeting in a Dutch Reformed Church Before we reached the church, police fired teargas at us Our marshals went to tell them that we were not fighting It looked like they had understood, but few metres away all hell broke loose. they started shooting," he said

Mohlokoane was injured in the thigh, hip and right hand

A delegation of ANC leaders, including deputy president Nelson Mandela and internal leader Walter Sisulu visited the wounded in hospital this week.

The ANC condemned the police action and have called for a judicial commission of inquiry into the shootings

A mass funeral is being planned for next week for those who died on Monday

Vaal residents' grievances — which led to the uprisings of 1984-86 — have not changed. Four years ago, high rents and services charged by town councils accused of corruption, proposed rental increases, the education crisis and poverty led to the spiral of violence which left 66 dead in a few days

When workers stayed away on September 3, 1984 to protest the rent increases, violence erupted and more than 30 people died that day Most were killed by police bullets, but four councillors died at the hands of angry residents and council property was destroyed This led to detentions, including UDF and Vaal civic leaders, and the controversial Delmas treason trial which began two years later, and dragged on for another two.

Since the uprising, 80 percent of people in the Vaal Triangle have boycotted rents and service charges Sporadic evictions, meeting with angry resistence and violent response from residents, have been rapidly abandoned

This week VCA and UDF leaders compiled a memorandum of grievances from residents and a wide range of community organisations The issue are the same as six years ago rents must be reduced, evictions and private sales of houses stopped, the housing shortage be tackled, councillors resign and infrastructure be improved

Volatile ... an attendant cleans up after rioters wrecked an ex-Sebokeng mayor's petrol station

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Hostile reception in Welkom

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Racial tension in the Welkom district has made the town a no-go for blacks, reports MZIMKULU MALUNGA

A TEACHERS' protest march in Thabong township near Welkom was confronted by a group of about 100 whites, armed with rifles, handguns, knieries and other weapons at the entrance of the town

Police intervened and about 60 whites were later fined R100 each for "making it difficult for police to execute their duties"

The teachers were marching to protest the closure of schools, abruptly announced by Department of Education and Training Assistant Regional Director JAC Steyn The announcement was made on SABC-TV

Tension has been running high in the township in the wake of the closures, white-on-black violence and the fact that the town is a "no-go area" for blacks after hours

"During the day there's no problem, but after hours, you better watch out," said one mine worker

The increasing racial tension in Welkom follows weeks of turmoil and violence in Thabong, turmoil which spread to the neighbouring townships

But the violence is not confined to the townships A shaft steward from St Helena Gold Mine was recently killed by a group of whites in one of Welkom's surbubs The assailants allegedly wore Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging T-shirts and the car they were driving bore the AWB's stickers

While there was already widespread discontent in black schools in the area, matters were worsened by the detention of 16 activists — 12 from Welkom and four from Odendaalsrus — on March 9 Classes were boycotted in all six high schools in Thabong

They were detained on the eve of the teachers' march to the DET offices to present a list of grievances to Steyn

Apart from protesting against the closure of schools, teachers also demanded the immediate resignation of white principals in Thabong and the gradual phasing-out of white teachers in the township schools.

Thabong residents embarked on a week's consumer boycott demanding the release of the 16 According to the National Union of Mineworkers, whites — particularly miners — saw the action as a direct challenge to them

The boycott was lifted after the 16 were released but this did not end the racial tension prevailing in the area

Welkom mayor Bill Odendaal said the boycott had been "extremely effective and white shopkeepers lost millions of rands"

Among those detained and subsequently released were Mario Sefo, president of the Thabong Students Congress (Thasco) and Paul Mahlatsi and Thabo Masoleng, Thabong Youth Congress (Thayco) president and vice-president, as well as the general secretary, Edward Taliwe

In recent weeks, violence has hit various Free State townships, resulting in more than seven deaths.

Six victims of violence were buried last weekend in Odendaalsrus and Bothaville and another will be buried this weekend in Phahameng township, near Belfontein

Those killed in Bothaville included a teacher and a student They died when police opened fire on a large crowd of residents who were marching to a community hall to draw up a memorandun to be handed to the local police station

After the shootings, youths went on the rampage, burning the homes of two policemen and a private car belonging to a local furniture shop

Three youths were detained and students in the two local high schools have been boycotting classes since then

In Odendaalsrus, all hell broke loose when police opened fire on marching students. Three youths were killed

Residents responded by burning a bottlestore and houses of policemen One man, Thata Chopo, was burnt by an angry mob He was accused of being an informer Chopo survived, but is believed to be in a serious condition in hospital in Bloemfontein

In Monyakeng near Wesselsbron, 11 people were injured on March 14 when police shot at students marching to a community hall where councillors were having a meeting

The following day, a kombi carrying the local magistrate was stoned by an angry group of youths Police arrested 57 youths after the incidents They face charges of public violence

A doctor who examined eight of them said: "There was evidence of assault in seven of them, ranging from bleeding in the eyes to gunshot wounds "

It was only last week that Mr Tebogo Reginald Morobe paid lobola for his young fiancee, Dimakatso Manyoko. On Monday a police bullet ended his life as he walked in a street in Zone 14 Sebokeng, the flashpoint of this week's violence.

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Lekoa councillors quit over killings

By THEMBA MOLEFE

NINETEEN Lekoa councillors resigned last night following Monday's carnage in Sebokeng.

In a statement, the councillors said "the problems dating back to 1984 had culminated in this week's violence".

A full statement will be issued later. Sowetan 30/3/90

Meanwhile, 10 of the 17 people who were killed in the violence at Sebokeng this week have been identified.

They died on Monday after police fired at thousands of residents who were marching to the National Party offices in Veereniging.

Authorities have confirmed between 11 and 14 deaths. About 470 people were injured in the carnage.

Those already identified are: Oupakie Dlamini (24) of 67-5 Small Farms, Evaton; Petros Hlanguza of 4307 Zone 12 Sebokeng; William Motaung and Philip Motaung, both of 17865 Zone 14 Sebokeng; Ernest Mkhwanazi of Hostel 2, Room 11, Block A Sebokeng Hostel; Vuyani Zebulon Makholwa of Hostel 3, Room 5, Block B Sebokeng Hostel; Tsamaiso Eddy Mamogwa of Room 17 Block B Sebokeng Hostel; David Khaile of 697 Adams Road, Evaton; Lydia Ramphele, address given as Bophelong; and schoolteacher Reginald Teboho Morobe (30) of 632 Zone 10 Sebokeng.

Community organisations yesterday met in Sebokeng to compile a more accurate list of the dead and injured.

No funeral arrangements have been finalised yet.

* A prayer service in honour of the victims will be held at the McCamel Temple in Evaton at 11am on Sunday.

'No order to shoot'

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JOVIAL RANTAO

WHEN he drove into Sebokeng on Monday to cover a residents' march, press photographer Herbert Mabuza expected it to follow the same peaceful pattern as others he had covered recently.

The first thing he encountered, at the entrance to the township, was a police roadblock. Not realising that other pressmen had been told to leave the area, Mabuza told the driver to park. Carrying his camera bag, he walked through the police line.

"I positioned myself between the police and the marchers and got down to the business of taking photographs.

"Suddenly the protesters started shouting that they wanted to march to Vereeniging. The marshals had a hectic time trying to control the crowd. Then, after a few seconds, police opened fire.

"I instinctively dived to the ground. As I looked through my lens, I saw people falling to the ground and lying still. It was over in seconds."

After the firing stopped there was an eerie quiet, he said. It was as if the crowd had been momentarily stunned by the police actions. "Then there came the screams — and laughter from the police."

As he started making his move forward to try to help the injured, it occurred to him how close he had been to death. "I've had close shaves in similar situations, but this was the closest I've ever had," he said. "Other pressmen I met later told me I was mad."

Emphasising that he did not want to take sides, Mabuza said he had been present at a number of potentially volatile marches. The Sebokeng march had posed no danger to anyone.

"I still don't know why police opened fire. Their lives were not in danger," he said, adding that had not heard any order to shoot.

HERBERT MABUZA: "Next time, I'll run for my life."

Sebokeng: ANC blames police

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Victims 'were staging peaceful protest'

THE exiled leadership of the African National Congress has blamed the South African Police for Monday's killings in Sebokeng.

In a statement issued in Lusaka yesterday, the ANC's National Executive Committee said people who had been shot dead in Sebokeng had been engaged in a peaceful demonstration.

"Coming in the wake of shootings in Gazankulu, Thabong, Bophuthatswana and other parts of our country, these most recent killings establish a pattern of police brutality and repression which holds out the prospect, not of peaceful demonstration, but of increased bloodletting and death," the statement said.

Conflicting reports of Monday's shooting have led to calls from the ANC for a judicial commission of inquiry. While the official police estimate of the number killed is nine, the Vaal Civic Association is claiming that 17 people died. Hundreds were injured.

DR DE BEER: Police violence not general.

Memorandum

"We were returning to the crowd after handing over a memorandum to the police station commander, Lieutenant-Colonel O Mazibuko. Suddenly the police opened fire — we didn't know why. I and other organisers and leaders had our backs to the police ..." This was how a committee member of the Vaal Civic Association, Mr Bavumile Vilakazi, described the shootings.

Mr Isaac Rantsatsi, who headed the march said: "I was about 20 m from the police when they started shooting." Responding to police claims that they had fired in self-defence, he said: "People carried sticks, but there was no threat."

Permission to march from the Vaal Triangle townships to the National Party offices in Vereeniging had been refused by police and the magistrate earlier last week.

But the organisers decided that people should march anyway. They would go to the local police station and present their grievance memorandum to the station commander. They listed the following: rent reductions, lower electricity and water fees, an end to evictions as well as the freeing of political prisoners.

Then, according to eyewitnesses, including a Star photographer, the police suddenly opened fire without any warning.

But the police version of events is that they had opened fire in "self-defence" after a crowd armed with stones, knobkerries, bottles and iron pipes attacked them, shouting "kill the boers".

Police said they had warned the crowd to disperse several times before and after they handed their petition to Lieutenant-Colonel Mazibuko.

Following Monday's carnage a delegation of ANC leaders including Mr Nelson Mandela visited the injured in hospital.

Asked whether the Democratic Party would be calling for a judicial inquiry, Dr Zach de Beer said yesterday: "We have expressed our abhorrence at the continuing violence throughout the country ... However, I don't think we're seeing generalised brutality by the police. But we have no objection to a judicial inquiry being called into this particular incident."

Reports

Brigadier Leon Mellet yesterday said: "The Sebokeng shooting will be fully investigated."

According to police unrest reports yesterday violent incidents were continuing in Sebokeng.

Stones and petrol-bombs were thrown at police vehicles and private dwellings.

The home of a municipal policeman was extensively damaged in a petrol-bomb attack. In another incident, a policeman was injured when a police vehicle was stoned and damaged.

However on their way, the crowd, estimated at 50 000, was stopped by a large contingent of police in the Houtkop area. So their memorandum was handed to the commander of the police contingent, Lieutenant-Colonel Mazibuko, by VCA and UDF leaders.

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