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Alexandra refugees squat in parks

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Crime Staff

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Scores of refugees fleeing from vicious faction fighting in Alexandra near Johannesburg are beginning to squat in parks and open areas in the nearby suburb of Bramley.

Despite residents' hopes that the Easter season would bring peace, police reported at least seven people killed and dozens wounded in the township at the weekend.

Police in Alexandra found two bodies with bullet wounds on Sunday when gun-toting men went on the rampage, shooting into shacks and other dwellings. At least 11 people were injured in the incident.

Another body was found with stab wounds yesterday.

Earlier, five bodies were found — two near a women's hostel in Selbourne Avenue and two others outside the Old Men's hostel.

A man who had been stabbed to death was found by police patrolling the area just before midnight on Friday.

Afraid

People who fled the area when violence erupted earlier this year and sought shelter in a hall at St Catherine's Anglican church in Homestead Road have now been moved to a shelter in Alexandra.

Yesterday, Bramley residents reported that at least 40 women and children had set up a squatter camp at the weekend in a park in Marle Road as they were too afraid to go back to the township.

Resident Martin Steele said the group had built cardboard shelters and made fires.

"We can't have squatters in an area where the crime rate is already very high. There are no facilities — but police can't chase them away as they have no safe place to go," he said.

By yesterday, however, the squatters had disappeared from the park. It is believed some may have returned to Alexandra and others are thought to be hiding in veld between Bramley and Sandton.

In Natal, 44 people have lost their lives in political violence since the start of the Easter holiday season.

A total of 25 people have been killed in Richmond in clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporters.

In one incident, a father and his son and daughter were shot dead in Richmond on Friday night when four men with a shotgun burst into their house and opened fire. The dead are Patrick Mbhele, his daughter Zanele and son Richard.

The violence has continued since Thursday when two busloads of ANC supporters returned to their homes which they had abandoned in January.

Bodies

Another seven people were killed in battles at Ndwedwe on Saturday when fighting broke out. AK-47 assault rifles and granades were used.

Two bodies with stab and bullet wounds were found at the Zuba Location near Umkomaas on Sunday.

At Mabeleni, near Greytown, police said one man was killed and another injured when gunmen fired shots at a group on Sunday. Two people were murdered in Murchiston, on the South Coast, on Saturday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Squatters slain as Alex war continues

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By SONTI MASEKO

A GROUP of armed men kicked the door of a shack in Alexandra Township open and fired on its occupants, killing a man and wounding four others on Sunday night.

The gunmen later went on a rampage, shooting and wounding at least 11 more people at a squatter camp in the township.

The 11 were taken to the Alexandra clinic and later transferred to the Johannesburg and Baragwanath hospitals, where they were treated for gunshot wounds.

Night vigil

On the same night, police found two more bodies of men who had died from bullet wounds.

The death toll since last Wednesday's bloody massacre of 14 people at a night vigil in the township stood at 24 yesterday.

Four more bodies with stab wounds were picked up by the police on Saturday morning, two of them near a men's hostel. Another body was found near the women's hostel.

On Friday, police found another body with stab wounds while patrolling the area.

Two people were killed on Thursday night and a handgrenade was thrown at a house early on Friday morning.

Alexandra resident Mr Thabo Phosiso said his brother Phindile was the one killed during the Sunday night attack on a shack. He said he, his brother and four others were sitting in the shack about 7.30pm when they heard the sound of gunshots.

He said: "Two men went out to investigate but immediately ran back into the shack after spotting two gunmen coming towards them. Moments later the door was kicked open and the men were inside the shack and started shooting at us.

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"My brother, Phindile, died on the spot. Four others were injured," he said.

Residents said they picked up one bullet cartridge on the scene and intended to hand it over to lawyers.

Yesterday the Alexandra clinic confirmed that it received 11 people with gunshot wounds. Ten of the injured were later transferred to Baragwanath Hospital and one to Hillbrow Hospital. Two were discharged from Baragwanath yesterday.

Meanwhile, three men were reported dead in Natal from unrest related incidents.

At Zuba near Umkomazi, police found two bodies - one with stab and bullet wounds and another with stab wounds. Sowetan 2/4/91.

At Mabelani, near Greytown, police said one man was killed and another injured when unknown gunmen fired shots at a group.

ANC to meet Vlok as death toll in Alexandra rises to 14

B Iday 3/4/91.

AN ANC delegation is to meet Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok today to discuss the violence in Alexandra where four more people were reportedly killed on Monday night

This brought the death toll in Alexandra to at least 14 since Friday.

The four were apparently shot dead on Monday night when a group of unidentified men opened fire on residents, the second armed attack in two days

An ANC statement said the meeting with Vlok would take place at police headquarters in Pretoria.

The delegation represented "a cross-section of the Alexandra community" and would include members of the ANC's national executive.

Issues to be discussed include the violence in the township, the role of the security forces and measures to normalise the situation.

Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) executive member Mzwanele Mayekiso said police patrolled the quiet but tense township yesterday amid fears the "silent war" would continue. (14) (238)

A police spokesman said yesterday another bullet-riddled body had been found

The SACP has also voiced its concern over the violence in Alexandra.

In a statement yesterday, Transvaal region publicity secretary Sam Shilowa said the killings had not been stopped by the imposition of a curfew.

"Vlok will agree with us that either he has failed or he is not willing to end the violence," Shilowa said.

The SACP also hit out at the carrying of "traditional weapons" by Inkatha, saying these were "weapons of death" — Sapa.

4 more deaths in Alexandra unrest

JOHANNESBURG. — Four more people were reportedly shot dead in Alexandra on Monday night when a group of unidentified armed men opened fire on residents, the second armed attack in two days, bringing the death toll since Friday to at least 14.

Police patrolled the quiet but tense township here yesterday amid fears that the "silent war" would continue, Alexandra Civic Organisation executive member Mr Mzwanele Mayekiso said.

At least 12 township residents were admitted for treatment at the Alexandra Clinic on Monday night in violence-related incidents. — Sapa

PIC: VELI NHLAPO

Eight shot dead in Soweto, Alex

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By SONTI MASEKO and Sapa

EIGHT people were shot dead by gunmen in separate attacks on residents in Alexandra Township and Soweto on Monday and Saturday night.

Four people died in Alexandra when a group of armed men opened fire on residents - the second armed raid in two days - bringing the death toll in the township since last Wednesday to 28.

In Soweto, four people were killed and six injured when a man burst into a house in Orlando West and fired at party-goers with an AK-47 rifle on Saturday.

Three of the people killed in the attack have been identified as Mr Patrick Mosia, Mr Jacob Kobi Khumalo and Mr Ndush Mkhabela.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the motive for the killing was not yet known.

To air your opinion on the shocking township violence telephone Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise and talk to him live. The time to phone today is between 4.30 and 5pm. The hotline number is 714-8063. You can listen to the new *Sowetan* talkback programme on Radio Metro on 576 KhZ.

The injured were taken to Baragwanath Hospital, where they are being treated. Police are investigating the incident.

An ANC delegation and representatives of the Alexandra community is to meet Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok in Pretoria today.

They will discuss the continuing violence in the township, the role of the security forces and

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measures to normalise the situation. 278

Police patrolled a quiet but tense Alexandra Township yesterday amid fears the "silent war" would continue, Alexandra Civic Organisation executive member Mr Mzwanele Mayekiso said.

At least 12 Alexandra residents were admitted for treatment at the local clinic on Monday night after violence-related incidents, a spokesman for the clinic, Mr David Robb, said.

"Monday night's attack took place in the same area as Sunday's. I think it is a continuation of Sunday night's attack," Robb said.

Mayekiso said yesterday the situation in the township was quiet. Sowetan 3/4/91

"But it is very tense because of this silent war which is currently sweeping Alexandra," he said.

"According to eyewitnesses, they just saw this armed group who were shooting at people. The attackers reportedly followed people into houses."

He added that a second attack, also on Monday night, took place in 13th Avenue.

"People are saying they saw two kombis and a Hippo. The residents then formed themselves into a group. The police got out of the Hippo, disarmed them and beat them up," Mayekiso said.

A police spokesman said they were unaware of the alleged assault.

"They should go and report this to their local police," he said.

SACP hits out at Alex killings

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THE South African Communist Party has voiced its concern over the violence in Alexandra Township.

In a statement yesterday, the SACP's Transvaal publicity secretary, Mr Sam Shilowa, said the killings had not been stopped by the curfew in the township.

"(Law and Order Minister Adriaan) Vlok will agree with us that either he has failed or he is not willing to end the violence," Shilowa said.

The SACP also hit out at the carrying of "traditional weapons" by Inkatha, saying these were "weapons of death". Sowetan 3/4/91

Shilowa called for the resignation of Vlok and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan, saying their "hands are dripping with blood".

He said it was alarming that 15 people could be killed at a funeral vigil in a township that was "crawling with police". - *Sapa.*

Police warn Cast over defence units

POLICE and the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal are at loggerheads over Cast's threat that it will help in setting up "community defence units" unless the fighting factions are disarmed by next Wednesday.

Cast spokesman, Mr Cas Coovadia, said yesterday it would be tragic if Cast's members were forced to "fight violence with violence".

At a Press conference last week, Cast gave the Government two weeks to disarm both factions or it would help in providing the community with weapons to stave off attackers.

Coovadia said Cast was presently looking at ways of building up a stock of weapons.

"We are speaking to communities and organisations such as the ANC to find ways of defending ourselves.

"Weapons aren't easy to come by but people can be very creative when their lives are threatened," he said.

Asked to comment, police said they would take action against any group which took the law into its own hands.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze, said police would not tolerate the existence of private political armies.

"We welcome those who wish to combat crime and violence to work with the police.

"Self-defence units will only continue to polarise communities along political lines and increase the potential for violence," he said.

He said until people involved in violence settled their disputes, violence would continue.

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Why Alex 14 died



MAMIKI MAKHUBELA ... Relative is in hiding

Family feud led to deaths

THE killing of nine members of a family and five other people in Alexandra last week was not the result of political faction fighting but a family feud, *Sowetan* has established. Sowetan 4/4/91

By IKE MOTSAPI and NOMVULA KHALO

Family members are apparently fighting over a large plot in Alexandra which was owned by their late grandmother, Mrs Gogo Hani Maphanga. (278)

The land was inherited by Gogo Maphanga's son, Mr Uncle Maphanga.

A fight broke out soon after Gogo Maphanga died but it was immediately defused after a family indaba.

Several other relatives lived on the stand.

Witwatersrand police said they were aware that the killings were because of a family feud.

A police source said he was surprised at reports linking the killings to political faction fighting.

"Police have said before that the people in the house told us that they did not belong to any political party," he said.

He said investigations were continuing.

Meanwhile, Mr Uncle Maphanga and Mr Wellington Ramokgale, who survived the March 27 shooting, have disappeared and their whereabouts are unknown, according to Mamiki Makhubela and a family friend who are looking after the plot.

All the victims were shot dead by gunmen armed with AK-47 assault rifles during the night vigil of Mrs Jane Ramokgale who was shot at point-blank range in her house on March 11. The house is also on the disputed plot.

She died in hospital eight days later.

Night vigil

A family member, who declined to be named, said Ramokgale was in the bathroom when the gunmen entered her house.

When Jane emerged from the bathroom she was greeted by the sound of gunfire. She was shot in the face. Before leaving they said they would return to finish off the rest of the family.

During the night vigil the dead woman's

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brother, Mr Fani Maphanga, asked for police protection.

Police arrived but left after seeing that there was nothing wrong.

About 4.20am on March 27 gunmen arrived at the house and barricaded the entrances to the house. They started shooting wildly. Most of the people who died were family members.

Police have said they were looking for a man believed to be the ring leader of the group responsible for the shootings.

Blasts rock hostels

Sowetan Reporter

THE motive for the explosions at two Soweto hostels on Tuesday night was still unknown yesterday.

Merafe and Nancefield hostel dwellers said they did not know who planted the explosives, which police believe were limpet mines.

The blasts occured about 11pm within 15 minutes of each other.

Police did not suspect the attacks were linked, Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said.

The hostels - about 3km apart - were flashpoints of bloody violence that erupted on the Reef in August last year and left hundreds dead.

Musawenkosi Zondi was one of the 10 men who survived the blast at Merafe Hostel.

He said they were asleep when they heard a loud bang which ripped open part of the roof and shattered all the windows.

At Nancefield, the device was planted under a parked minibus.

No-one was injured in the two explosions.

Fearful calm after maynem

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On the surface, life has returned to normal in Alexandra after the bloody violence which has racked it recently, but residents live in fear in a town where life has become cheaper than ever, report ESMARÉ VAN DER MERWE and ABEL MUSHI.

"WHEN the sun goes down, we start worrying. It's too much." This is how Eric Goba, an unemployed construction worker, sums up life in Alexandra these days.

Within sight of the affluence of Sandton, Alex has in the last two weeks soared from one of its periodic spells of obscurity back to fame as the latest battleground for the violence ruling the Reef townships.

Fifteen slain in the March 27 massacre, and a further 14 in the following days of sporadic clashes, have left residents living in a settlement where life is ever cheaper

The past two days have started to give some hope. Since the four people shot dead on Tuesday night there have been no reports of the cold-blooded slayings which have characterised this particular outbreak of mayhem in Alex.

But many fear the bloody conflict has not yet ended.

Night is a time of silence as people lock themselves in their homes or huddle in their shacks Daytime lifts the fear, and life returns to normal, save for those trying to salvage something from the savagery

At a deserted squatter camp, the scene of vicious clashes three weeks ago, Elsie Dlamalala is trying to bring some order to what used to be her shack. Her dwelling did not fall victim to Inkatha, however. Elsie decided to break it up to move somewhere else

A domestic working for an Indian family in the northern suburb of Marlboro, she mercifully escaped the first horror attacks But two of her relatives died.

"They just kill one another. They don't even know why they're fighting," she says.

Spaza-shop owner Pedro Mandlazi cut short his annual holiday in his hometown, Maputo, to return to his family after hearing about the killings on Mozambican radio.

A former waiter at a luxury hotel group in neighbouring Sandton, he says he is not afraid

"What will it help to worry? If death comes, it comes"

Elizabeth Radebe's life has become very isolated. Since community gatherings have become targets of attacks, she says, residents no longer meet to discuss ways of escaping the onslaught.

At a hostel fenced off with barbed wire, suspicious Zulu-speaking men refuse to talk They are under strict orders from their superiors to keep quiet.

Outside, police in camouflage gear patrol the hostel. Earlier, they escorted two men into the hostel to pick up their belongings. Everything was gone

Most residents seem to support the strong police presence in their town. Even the curfew is generally welcomed, they say

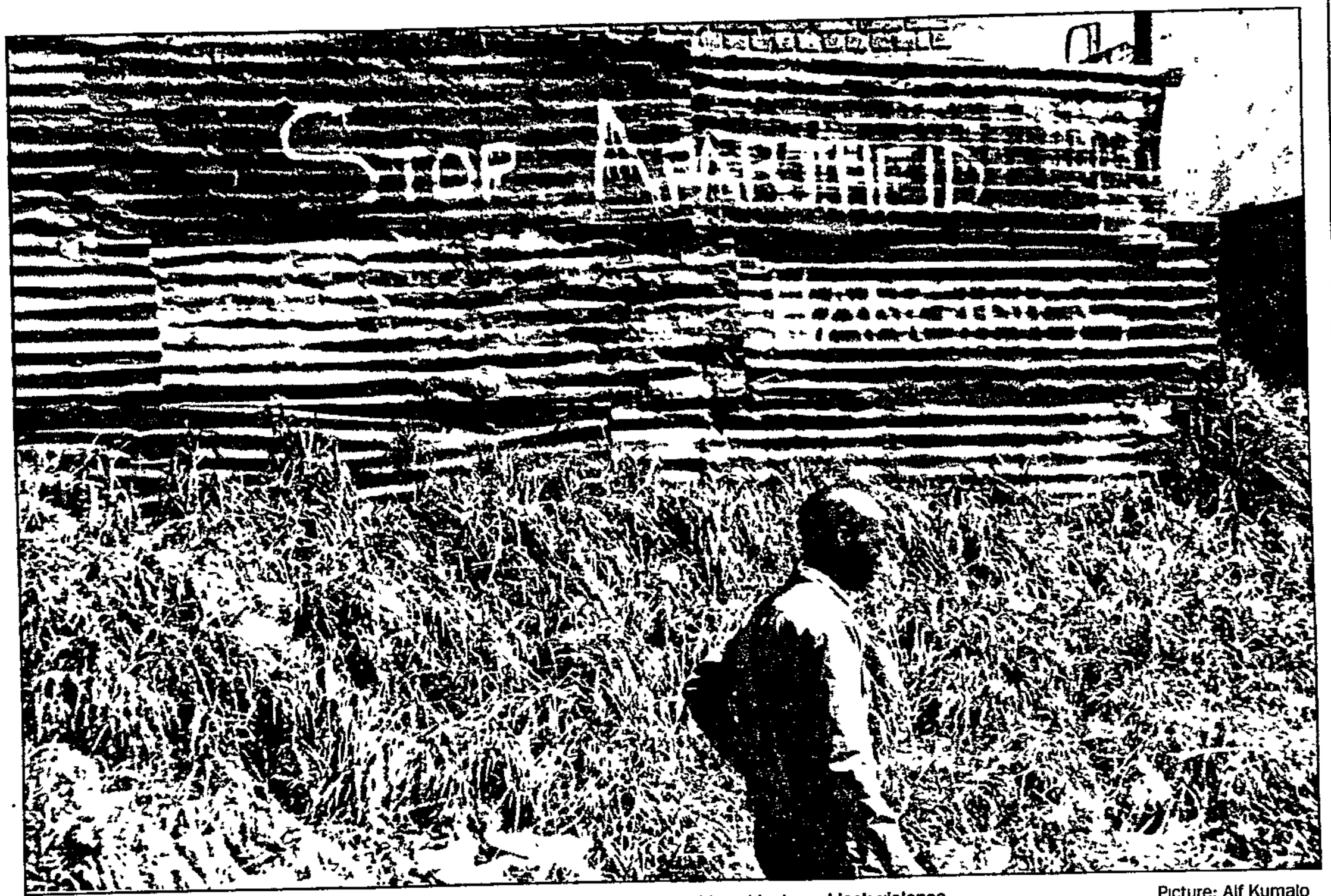
It seems as if they will accept virtually any effort to stop the killings and restore the fragile peace.

Even the township children who, under the best of circumstances, are deprived of a carefree and happy upbringing, have been affected.

At a block of flats, some children are making the most of their school holiday, merrily playing with their friends. But they can no longer move out of the grounds, too scared that they may become victims

Across the road, a crudely painted "Stop apartheid hangings" slogan on a dilapidated zinc-plate wall looks strangely out of place

For years of suffering under apartheid have become ironically irrelevant as blacks have turned against one another in a war a long way from being settled □



A new battle . . . in Alexandra the anti-apartheid struggle has been replaced by bitter black-on-black violence.

Picture: Alf Kumalo

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Eight men held over vigil massacre

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have arrested eight men in connection with the massacre at a funeral vigil in Alexandra last week.

Thirteen people died and 17 more were injured in the March 27 attack.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said there was a strong possibility of more arrests.

One of the suspects, Mr Dixon Mbatha, 27, has already appeared in court. He has been charged with murder.

The other seven men are still being questioned.

Colonel Malherbe said police had seized an AK-47 assault rifle, a .38 special revolver and 40 rounds of ammunition. The weapons were being subjected to ballistic tests which police believed might link them to other recent murders in Alexandra.

● Sapa reports that the funeral of 31 victims of the recent violence in Alexandra is to be held on April 13 at 9.30am.

Seven other victims have already been buried. Four others are to be buried outside Alexandra.

● A body with hack wounds was found in Alexandra yesterday.

● The bodies of two men were found in Dube, Soweto, yesterday.

● The bodies of two stabbing victims were found at Ndaleni near Richmond, Natal, yesterday.

● The body of a "necklace" victim, Jabulani Ndedela, 16, was found in a plantation near Wartburg, Natal, on Wednesday.

Marches held 'to put spark under govt'

THE ANC, SACP and Cosatu in the PWV region would stage five marches to prisons on Saturday to protest against government's "slow movement" in the removal of all obstacles to negotiations, the organisers said yesterday.

Memoranda would be handed in at the prisons demanding the release of all political prisoners by April 30 — the ANC's deadline to government — and indemnity for ANC and SACP member Ronnie Kasrils and others.

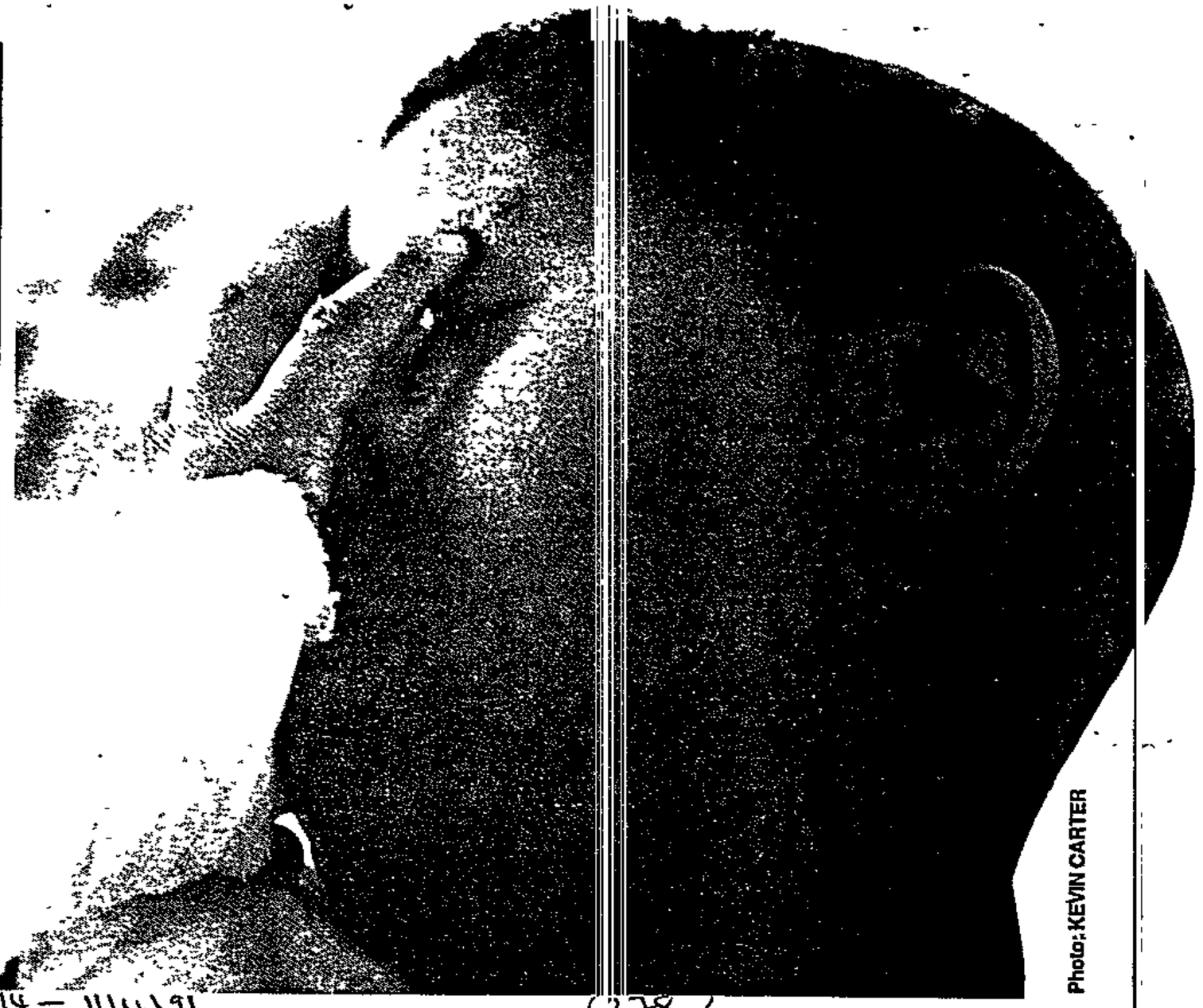
Similar protest marches will be held across the country on Saturday as part of a national "mass action offensive", organised by the alliance of the ANC, SACP and Cosatu.

ANC spokesman Barbara Hogan said at a media conference in Johannesburg: "We believe that unless the government releases all political prisoners and removes all other obstacles to negotiations by the end of the month, the whole process of negotiations will be jeopardised."

The marches are to Pretoria Central Prison, the Johannesburg Prison, Leeuhof Prison near Sharpeville, the Krugersdorp Prison and Modderbee Prison on the East Rand. — Sapa.

Two women are kidnapped to a hostel, then shot, stabbed and left for dead. One manages to crawl away. This is her story

From her hospital bed, Matenza Mgali talks to WALLY MBHELE



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A WOUNDED young woman lay on the ground in terror on Sunday night as a gang of men danced and whistled around her, repeatedly hacking at her with pangas — while her friend lay dead nearby.

Only by pretending to be dead herself did Matenza Mgali live to tell of the ordeal from her hospital bed.

Talking softly and trying to hide her pain, the survivor of the abduction and gruesome attack told how African National Congress Youth League activist Sibongile Maseko was murdered in the grounds of a Thokoza hostel this week.

The incident has sparked a decision by Thokoza residents and Phola Park squatters to march on the local police station tomorrow.

The two women were dragged from Mgali's home into the Mshayazafe (which means "beat him to death") hostel compound and attacked with rifles and "traditional weapons".

Mgali, who survived two attacks in 20 minutes, said she heard her friend utter her last sound — a scream — a moment before the loud bang of a rifle shot.

As she spoke, Mgali grimaced in pain from stab wounds in her back.

"I was sitting with my sister in the house on Sunday when a strange man came in and said I must please help him because he wanted to join Umkhonto weSizwe," Mgali bitterly recalled.

She said when she asked the man who he was, where he came from and who directed him to her, the man simply walked out. He immediately returned with another man who was brandishing a pistol.

"Sibongile, a neighbour, was coming to visit my home at the time and apparently saw what was happening. She tried to run away but was caught by four more Zulu-speaking men who were waiting outside. We were then dragged across the street, with rifles pointed at our heads. The other four men, who were carrying pangas and spears, followed as we were taken to the back of the hostel.

"It was like a terrible nightmare," she said softly.

Mshayazafe hostel is opposite Mgali's home in Khumalo Street and was the scene of several clashes in last year's wave of violence in Thokoza.

She said that, upon their arrival at the hostel, they were asked to point out the homes of other ANC members in Thokoza, and questioned about Thokoza Civic Association president Sam Ntuli's whereabouts. It appeared they were Inkatha members.

According to Mgali, Ntuli is a frequent visitor at her home, and it was clear that the gang wanted to assassinate him. They had no hesitation in shooting the women when they couldn't answer.

"All of a sudden I heard a loud bang and it felt as if my head was burning. Blood was pouring down my face. I fell down and heard another loud bang. Sibongile screamed only once and then there was dead silence," said Mgali.

After another 20 minutes, she thought the men had left. She unsteadily struggled to stand up, and staggered about, looking for her friend. "I was feeling weak and dizzy and everything seemed to be dark for me."

Suddenly, the men emerged from the veld, whistling and dancing as they viciously resumed stabbing her.

"I said a short prayer because I could see this was my last day in this world. For the next 20 minutes I pretended to be dead until I could hear that the men had all gone. I crawled over the railway line to the nearby Vereeniging road where I was picked up by a passing motorist and rushed to hospital," Mgali said.

Thokoza residents and squatters from the nearby Phola Park were yesterday gearing themselves up for the mass march on the local police station. They intend to present a petition bringing home to the police and "all involved in violence in the township that violence must come to an end".

Civic Association of Southern Transvaal president Moses Mayekiso has been asked to join the march.

Angry Thokoza activists said efforts to bring about peace to the area have been frustrated by a series of concerted attacks on their homes and repeated attempts on the lives of the Thokoza leadership.

"Mobs of armed vigilantes freely roam our streets at night, raiding our homes in our sleep and there has been nothing done to stop them," said a civic leader who did not want to be named.

He said residents were now left with no option but to defend themselves with all means at their disposal, and expose the pepetrators of violence.

Some of the attacks in recent months include a grenade attack on the Ntuli's home on February 3 which left four people, among them two children, injured

On March 10 — the day after the Inkatha-civics peace talks — the home of civic activist Sanah Shokhoa was attacked with AK-47 rifles and her husband and children assaulted by unknown assailants. They suffered minor injuries.

Activists said that, despite their reporting the abduction of Maseko and Mgali to the local police, nothing was done to show that the police took the matter seriously until Mgali broke the news from the hospital on Tuesday.

They described the situation as "intolerable" and said they wouldn't be surprised if they were attacked during their march to the police station tomorrow

Tension rises on East Rand

By WALLY MBHELE

FEARS of yet more carnage in Katlehong on the East Rand were heightened this week by the cutting of electricity to the township..

Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) described the cut-off of electricity to the township as a recipe for violence.

Rumours of new clashes in Katlehong follow two separate meetings this month to discuss the rent crisis — which produced conflicting decisions.

A rent meeting convened by the Katlehong Town Council on March 10 — which attracted hundreds of armed hostel dwellers — set increased rates: up from R10 to R25 for those whose houses have no electricity, and from R45 to R72 for electrified houses.

It was in this meeting that various Transvaal councillors, including Alexandra mayor Prince Mokoena, publicly announced their affiliation and loyalty to Inkatha.

Hostel inmates declared at the meeting that if residents failed to pay their bills for electricity by March 31 — a deadline set by the council — they would go from house to house and force residents to pay or face eviction.

The meeting resolved that the civic association was not representative of the people of Katlehong and new elections in which all organisations would be represented would be worked for.

In response, a civic meeting held two weeks later, on March 24, resolved to continue a 12-month rent boycott — declared on March 7 last year at a meeting which attracted more than 80 000 people.

These decisions have set the scene for conflict between the two groups. The civic was holding meetings behind closed doors this week, while the hostel dwellers were locked in a series of meetings at kwaSine hostel.

These were not the only sources of tension on the East Rand:

- Duduza township is reported to be tense following rumours that residents would be attacked when Inkatha launches a branch at a local stadium on Sunday.
- Tembisa is faced with electricity cuts if residents fail to meet the council's deadline of Monday for interim rent payments.
- Thokoza and Phola Park residents are poised to march on the local police station to protest against unchecked violence in the area.

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Sequel to vigil tragedy



EIGHT men have been arrested in connection with the Alexandra Township vigil massacre in which 14 people died under a hail of AK-47 rifle bullets last month.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe told a Press conference yesterday that seven of the men were arrested on Wednesday night.

This follows the arrest on March 28 of Dixon Mbatha (27), who appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on Tuesday on charges of murder.

By THEMBA MOLEFE and IKE MOTSAPI

Describing the arrests as a "breakthrough", Malherbe said more arrests were possible as investigations continued.

Police have also confiscated an AK-47 assault rifle, one magazine and 30 rounds of ammunition, a .38 special revolver and 10 rounds of am-

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munition.

"The AK-47 rifle is likely to be connected to other murders in Alexandra. The confiscated weapons have been sent for ballistic tests," he said.

He dismissed as speculation a front-page report in yesterday's *Sowetan* which said the vigil attack was a result of a family feud and not linked to political faction fighting. Sowetan 5/4/91.

Attack

This is despite earlier police confirmation that politics had nothing to do with the attack.

"We have different information which we are not obliged to reveal at this stage," said Malherbe.

He did not rule out a political motive as being behind the massacre.

Feuding

Nine members of the Maphanga and Ramokgale families were among the 14 people who died in the 4.20am attack on March 27 at the night vigil for Mrs Jane Ramokgale in First Avenue.

Family members told *Sowetan* the family were feuding over a large plot in the township left by their late grandmother, Mrs Gogo Hani Maphanga.

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By WALLY MBHELE and PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

LIFE in Alexandra is cheap, but death is expensive.

Last week Wellington Ramokgola's three sons and six other family members were shot dead by unknown assassins in a pre-dawn massacre of 15 people. The attack was at a funeral vigil in Ramokgola's home for his 41-year-old wife, Jane, murdered the week before.

Last weekend Ramokgola was trying to raise the money to pay for 10 funerals. He produced from his pocket a slip with a quote from the undertakers: R1 550 per corpse for a b-type coffin and R1 320 for a t-type coffin.

The randomness of the conflict is illustrated by the killing of the Ramokgola family. Jane Ramokgola was gunned down while leaving the outside toilet in the yard which the Ramokgola family shares with 14 other families.

Ramokgola's three boys — Solomon, (21), Paulus (19), and Timoti (17) — and the six other family members were strafed by gunfire when armed men burst into the home during the vigil, swearing in Zulu that they would kill everyone.

Ramokgola, an unemployed labourer who was fired by Barlow Rand two years ago for going on strike, says he is not angry.

"What can anger help?" he asked. "I don't know what my life will be like from now. This is going to take a long time to forget. I don't know what will happen tomorrow. They can even come now and finish me off."

As he bowed his head onto his fingertips, tears of despair filled Ramokgola's eyes: "The more I talk of these things, the more I become confused. I'm already weak in spirit. I can't talk further about this," he said, concluding the interview.

Ramokgola, who is not a member of a political party, is just another confused victim of a tornado that has blown into Reef townships during the past nine months, damaging tens of thousands of lives.

Many residents of Alexandra and Kathlehong, where tension is mounting, feel a deep rage at these events. There is general agreement that the violence is the work of a "third force" which can only be stopped if the government is willing to defend them, and that neither the government nor the African National Congress is interested in their plight.

"Police are not willing to protect us from the carnage that has fallen on our township," said an Alexanda resident, Peter Hlahatsi, "and neither does the ANC defend us. The only option left for us is to defend ourselves."

In fact, there is a widespread view that the ANC should not have suspended the armed struggle.

"The ANC must send (Umkhonto weSizwe chief of staff Chris) Hani and MK to defend us against these people," said Alexandra resident Sello Mothibe.

"We are not protected here in Alex. We don't have guns. We use petrol bombs, sticks and stones against people who armed with rifles, shotguns, pangas and spears."

Mothibe added that "we don't see what the ANC is doing to protect us. They must give us guns to protect ourselves." Training in the use of firearms was necessary; firearms should not be given to those who didn't have adequate training.

Asked whether such training would be illegal, he said: "Didn't you see the AWB, even women, on TV the other day? Didn't they say they were training to protect themselves? So why can't we?"

While Ramokgola was trying to raise the money to bury his family, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela was meeting Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi in Durban. But many residents of Alexandra and Kathlehong saw the Mandela-Buthelezi meetings as "useless". Even if the two leaders were to hold joint peace rallies in the townships, they said, it would not stem the violence.

Hlahatsi, for example, said he believed that operations against township residents were carried out by professional assassins who are "sent from somewhere".

In Katlehong, Zodwa Nkosi, who stays near one of the biggest hostels in the township, says the community has noticed that "a lot of people have arrived in the hostels since the violence began last year.

"About 80 percent of them are not working. Where do they get money for food, to buy arms and ammunition? No section of the community is as heavily armed as these people."

She and her neighbours said they feared a possible attack — and the only way they could see of solving the problem was to demolish the hostels.

However, a deployment of troops — and not police — might help keep the peace, because the South African Defence Force troops do not take sides.

Said John Manganyi of Katlehong: "Black members of the SADF do not smile with anyone. They are serious people who don't care whether you are a Zulu or a Xhosa. They don't even know those two languages, that is why they are always serious about peace."

Manganyi, who once lived in a hostel, claims many of the Zulu hostel dwellers were fetched from Natal and promised jobs on the Reef — "only to find that they had come to fight here".

Six shot at Soweto station

JOHANNESBURG. — Six people were injured and two people may have died in a shooting incident at Soweto's Inhlanzane station early last night.

Police said two women and four men were injured, and residents claimed at least two people died. Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni said police had not received reports of deaths.

Captain Ngobeni said the station was quiet last night and police were still not certain what sparked the violence, although there were rumours that it was a revenge attack by hostel dwellers following an earlier attack.

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela's personal secretary, Ms Bontle Setshogoe, said the Mandela residence had been inundated with calls from residents claiming Inkatha supporters were attacking commuters at the station.

She said she had received telephone calls saying Inkatha supporters were disembarking from trains and shooting people at random and police were in the area but were not stopping the violence.

Ms Setshogoe said Mr Mandela had left hurriedly to summon help.

Some callers claimed that at least two people had died, she said.

Captain Ngobeni said all the injured had been shot and were taken to Baragwanath Hospital.

Marching to Pretoria

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Time's up ... marchers remind the government of the April 30 deadline on prisoners.

Violence threat halts march

By CP Reporters and Sapa

UMKHONTO weSizwe chief of staff Chris Hani walked into the Pretoria Central Prison yesterday to demand the unconditional release of all his cadres before the end of this month.

More than 5 000 ANC supporters waited patiently outside the prison while Hani and Winnie Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, delivered a memorandum demanding, among other things, the unconditional release of all political prisoners and the dismissal of the cabinet ministers responsible for the security forces.

The march on Pretoria Central – which started on Church Square and brought traffic in the capital to a standstill – was one of five by ANC supporters to prisons in the PWV area to urge the government to address the remaining obstacles that have to be removed before negotiations can start.

After the march a short ceremony was held at the Mamelodi cemetery to unveil the tombstone of Solomon Mahlangu, an MK soldier executed in 1979.

Hani told the crowds that the march had delivered a powerful message to the FW de Klerk "regime" which he hoped De Klerk would heed.

Hani praised both the crowds and the police for showing disciplined behaviour.

"We have achieved an important victory by the discipline we have displayed which shows that De Klerk has no reason to keep our cadres behind bars.

"I would also like to thank the police for their behaviour and hope that they shall maintain it when we arrive at the new society as they will still be cops.

"But in the new society we shall expect them to uphold democracy," said Hani.

More than 3 500 ANC members also marched from Soweto's Lesedi Clinic to the Johannesburg Prison.

Addressing the crowd before the 14km march began, prominent ANC leader and former life-prisoner Andrew Mlangeni warned the government that unless political prisoners were released by April 30, the ANC would consider suspending talks.

"We are saying to the government that unless these demands are met, the ANC will reconsider further participation in the peace talks."

Get rid of these last barriers to talks, ANC warns govt



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Police monitored the protest, but kept a low profile.

The march to the prison – popularly known as "Sun City" – where 20 ANC members are held, also commemorated the 1979 execution of MK soldier Solomon Mahlangu.

The march follows a day after the ANC handed De Klerk an ultimatum to meet certain demands, including the dismissal of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan by May 9, or face a breakdown in the peace talks.

Umkhonto weSizwe commander Ebrahim Ebrahim told the jubilant crowd that if the government did not yield to their demands, the ANC would unleash its force on it.



Solidarity outside "Sun City". ■ Pics: MIKE MZILENI

On the East Rand, about 1 000 protestors marched on the Moderbee Prison where ANC officials Cyril Jantjies and Amos Masondo handed a memorandum to the prison's commanding officer, Brigadier Dawie Slabbert, who promised to forward it to the Ministry of Justice.

After singing and toyi-toying for two hours, the protestors went to Daveyton's Sinaba stadium where a memorial service was held for Solomon Mahlangu and the 18 people who were shot dead in the township on March 24.

■ The petition also demanded the unconditional return of all exiles; the scrapping of all security laws; the dismissal of all responsible for crimes committed by hit squads; outlawing the carrying of weapons – traditional or otherwise – at public places or at rallies; the dismantling of all counter-insurgency units such as the Askaris, 32 Battalion, the CCB, Koevoet and the Z-squad, and the immediate suspension of policemen responsible for last year's Sebokeng massacre and this year's Daveyton massacre.

prisoners. (Inset) A truck was petrolbombed by irate marchers in Krugersdorp. ■ See Page 5

Inkatha attack expected

RESIDENTS of Benoni's Enkanini squatter camp are bracing themselves for what they fear will be a violent invasion led by local Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade leaders tonight.

Squatters say local IFP Youth Brigade officials told them they would attack tonight to burn down the 250-house squatter camp on instructions of Wattville mayor George Nkosi and his council.

Residents told *City Press* that IFP Youth Brigade chairman Amos Ntshangase had openly threatened to destroy the camp, saying he and his men were acting on behalf of Nkosi and that the land they were occupying belonged to Nkosi.-

Squatter representatives say Ntshangase had been giving "friendly warnings" to Zulu-speaking squatters in the past week, saying Inkatha did not want to "spill blood" but could be forced to.

Zulu-speaking squatters claim they were told by known Inkatha leaders to leave Enkanini before the planned attack.

Zulu-speakers had to stand aside during the attack and, unlike others, would only be sjambokked.

Terrified residents approached lawyers on Friday to bring an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court restraining the council, the mayor and the IFP Youth Brigade from carrying out the attack planned for the early hours of this morning.

Residents told *City Press* yesterday their lawyers had contacted the Registrar of the Supreme Court but were told the matter had been referred to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

The Benoni Security Branch later told them police patrols would be stepped up.

Another focus of the squatters' fears is Elias Monare, a one-time ANC exile, who returned to South Africa from Lesotho recently.

Last month, Monare and 12 others won a court order to evict the Enkanini squatters because they planned to build houses for themselves on the land.

Under the court ruling, the squatters must be off the land by tomorrow.

Lawyers for the Westville Concerned Residents' Committee (WCRC) represented Enkanini squatters during last month's court action by Monare.

The court ordered the squatters to move off the land within 40 days.

Immediately after the court case, squatters received notices from Monare, ordering them to leave the land immediately.-

Squatters claim these notices were handed out by Monare, mayor Nkosi and people wearing Inkatha T-shirts.

The same Inkatha members have been identified by squatters as among those threatening to attack the camp.

During the court hearing, lawyers for the squatters questioned the ownership of the land by Monare and the others. They said Monare lived in Daveyton asked how he could could get to the top of the council's waiting list so soon after 30 years in exile.-

The court ordered the Wattville Council to find

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Jawbone on 'Koppie of Death'

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE remains of a human skull found on the notorious "Koppie of Death" near Klerksdorp this week raises questions about the number of people murdered there.

Klerksdorp resident LA Snyman made the grisly find – the lower jaw of a human skull – while walking past the spot where mass murderer David Motshekgwa killed 14 women between 1987 and 1988.

Snyman's discovery brings to 16 the number of skeletons found on the spot.

After Motshekgwa's conviction for the murders, a 15th skeleton, believed to be that of a woman, was found there last April.

Motshekgwa was sentenced to death 14 times for killing seven women and seven others who could not be identified due to the decomposed state of their bodies.

He was also sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for attempting to murder Stompie Phika, who managed to escape and identified him.

Klerksdorp assistant CID chief Major Dirk Stear said: "We cannot say whether the bone is that of a male or female, neither can we determine what nationality he or she was. We have sent the bone to our forensic laboratory for analysis and the matter is under investigation."

Enkanini squatters seek help

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alternative land for the Enkanini squatters. An area known as "Dried Fruit" was designated by the council but it was discovered the council did not own it and could not give it to the squatters.

The squatters have called a meeting – scheduled for Tuesday – at the offices of the Chief Magistrate in Benoni, between the WCRC and the Wattville Council to identify other land to which the Enkanini squatters can move.

City Press was unable to get comment from the various people implicated in affidavits. Amos Ntshangase was said to have gone to Enkanini for a meeting.

Efforts to reach Inkatha spokeswoman Suzanne Vos drew a blank.

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ANGRY Kagiso residents yesterday threatened to start a consumer boycott of white-owned businesses on the West Rand after a proposed march through Krugersdorp yesterday had to be cancelled in the face of threats by rightwingers.

The threat was issued from the St Mary's Catholic Church hours after the march – banned by the Krugersdorp Town Council on Friday – was called off for fear of "bloodshed".

Earlier dozens of heavily armed and khaki-clad Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) and Conservative Party (CP) supporters gathered at the town hall, from where the march was due to begin.

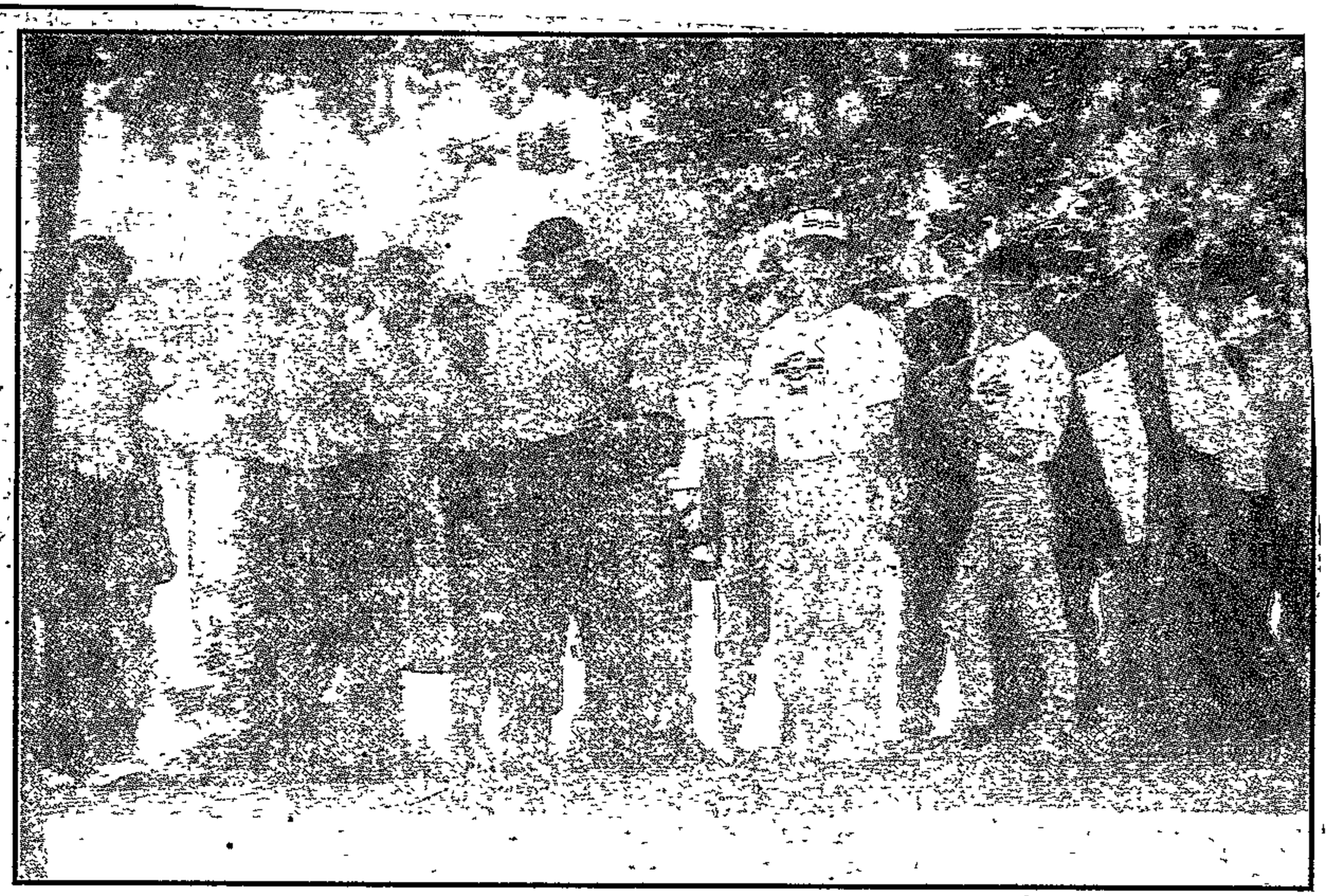
Many carried guns, sjamboks, axes and sharpened sticks.

ANC spokesman Nomvula Motingoa said kombis ferrying marchers were turned back after news of an imminent AWB attack was received.

ANC West Rand branch chairman Uhuru Moiloa told *City Press* that the Kagiso meeting had decided to seek broad agreement with other political groups in the area before embarking on the consumer boycott.

"We want to warn Krugersdorp whites to support the right to assemble freely."

■ In another incident in Krugersdorp yesterday a South African Breweries (SAB) truck caught fire, allegedly after being hit by firebombs.



Traditional weapons . . . armed rightwingers gather outside the Krugersdorp town hall.

Five die as violence flares on East Rand

Business Day Reporter

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AT least five people were killed yesterday in township violence on the East Rand.

Four people died at a squatter camp at Katlehong, where the Inkatha Freedom Party was holding a peace rally.

Police spokesman Maj Dave Bruce said the four bodies had all been burnt. It was possible the victims were shot before being set on fire.

"We can't say their deaths are a result of the rally," he said.

The meeting was held about 8km from the Mandela Village where the killings took place, reports Sapa.

Later the body of a man with a stab wound was found on a Katlehong sports field where the Inkatha rally was being held. BDay 8/4/91

Bruce said the man, aged about 25, was found shortly after the rally ended.

An Inkatha supporter was allegedly stabbed by a colleague.

While the man lay bleeding IFP national chairman Frank Mdlalose told party faithfuls that traditional weapons did not threaten peace.

"We've come here to call for peace and anyone fighting is not keeping to the basic tenets of the IFP," Mdalose said.

In Soweto, automatic gunfire exploded and shots were fired in the air as a throng of Inkatha supporters danced through Soweto's Emdeni township at the end of a rally.

Inkatha youth leader Themba Khoza told the crowd of several thousand that traditional weapons were part of Zulu culture and would never be relinquished.

FEELING THE WRATH



Armed with an array of weapons, including firearms, AWB commandos, including women, in khaki uniform, mass around the Krugersdorp City Hall where they ensured an ANC protest march was called off.

SOWETAN **reporters THEMBA MOLEFE and MATHATHA TSEDU were in Krugersdorp on Saturday when the wrath of ultra-right Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging commandos was unleashed on journalists covering the AWB's breaking-up of an African National Congress march.**

Here they relate their nightmare at the hands of these rightwingers.

WE arrived at the Krugersdorp City Hall to find the battle lines drawn. Only this time it was between the Press and armed commandos of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, with the police almost on the touchline.

The hostility in their eyes was unmistakable.

One had to tread very carefully if one was to write the story without becoming part of it.

The AWB were raring to go at anything that moved . and black

They had just won their first round after African National Congress-led marchers heeded an earlier police order to disperse to avoid a bloodbath.

The commandos then took over the city hall, hurling abuse at journalists on the scene.

Tsedu said: "I took a reluctant retreat when a burly and bearded khaki-clad man told me to go away, brandishing a rubber truncheon in my face.

"In fact, this chap called me a kaffir and told me to go away

"When his mate snatched the truncheon from his hand and approached me, it really looked like he was going to use it on me.

"I retreated as they went for Tladi Khuele for the second time."

City Press news photographer Khuele was not so lucky

He was attacked by a group of rightwingers as he took pictures of Reuter's photographer Graham Williams' altercation with an AWB official who was demanding

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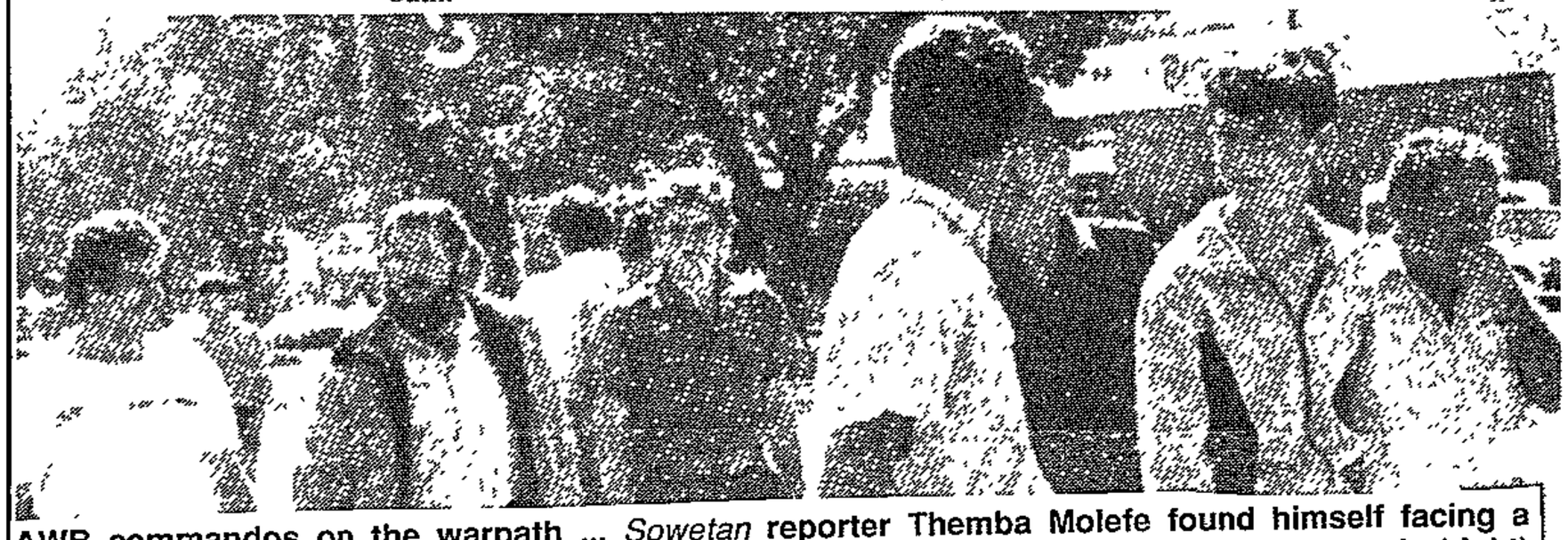

AWB commandos on the warpath ... *Sowetan* reporter Themba Molefe found himself facing a firearm held by the bearded man (left) while Mathatha Tsedu retreated when the commando (right) threatened him with a truncheon.

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that he (Williams) give him the film which was in the camera

Tladi was chased across the street and hit with a baton before his camera was smashed.

When he went to point out his assailant to a senior police officer, he was attacked again. Then the police moved in.

A kombi full of black commuters which stopped for a red robot was ordered to f..k off by the AWB men and women who seemed to have taken over the maintenance of law and order.

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Said Molefe "I was interviewing a group of bystanders when I suddenly found myself alone, with my group having evaporated around me.

"I found myself looking at a steady gaze from an armed AWB man, who was brandishing a gun and a baton

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"When a policeman came to me and said if I was from the media I should 'go and stand with the other media', pointing at a group of white journalists, I made my way in that direction quite quickly and eagerly".

It had been a terrible day for us and other black people nearby. The obscenities that were hurled at us are unprintable in a family newspaper like this one.

White reporters were also at the receiving end of the burly men who seemed to have never heard of Press freedom at all.

An Afrikaans-speaking journalist said of the behaviour of his kinsmen: " I am ashamed to call myself an Afrikaner because of such uncouth behaviour of my people."

The harassment that we had to endure on Saturday is to us a third dimension having in the past faced the wrath of the police and black political organisations

Will it ever end?



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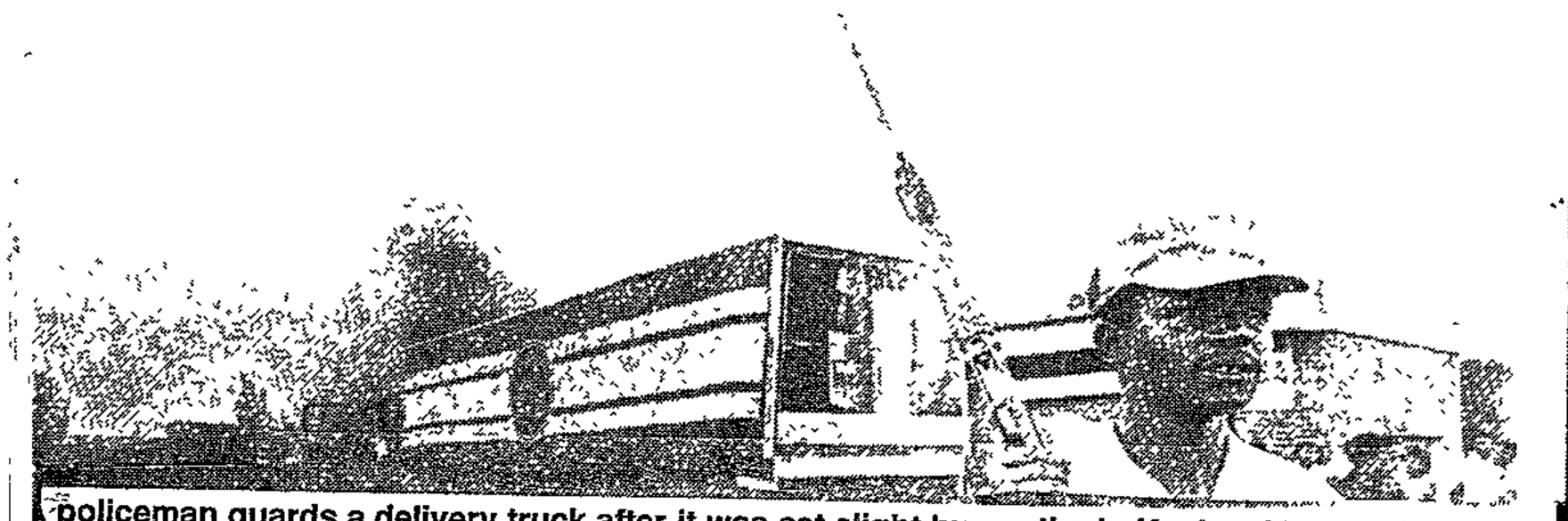

A policeman guards a delivery truck after it was set alight by youths in Kagiso, Krugersdorp. This was after ANC supporters returned to the township after the AWB action at a march on Krugersdorp Prison.



Mr David Kleinbooi next to his bus which was damaged by a suspected limpet mine about 3am in Toekomsrus, Randfontein, on Saturday. Damage to the bus, which had been hired to take marchers to Krugersdorp, was estimated at R35 000.

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ANC move monument after attack

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

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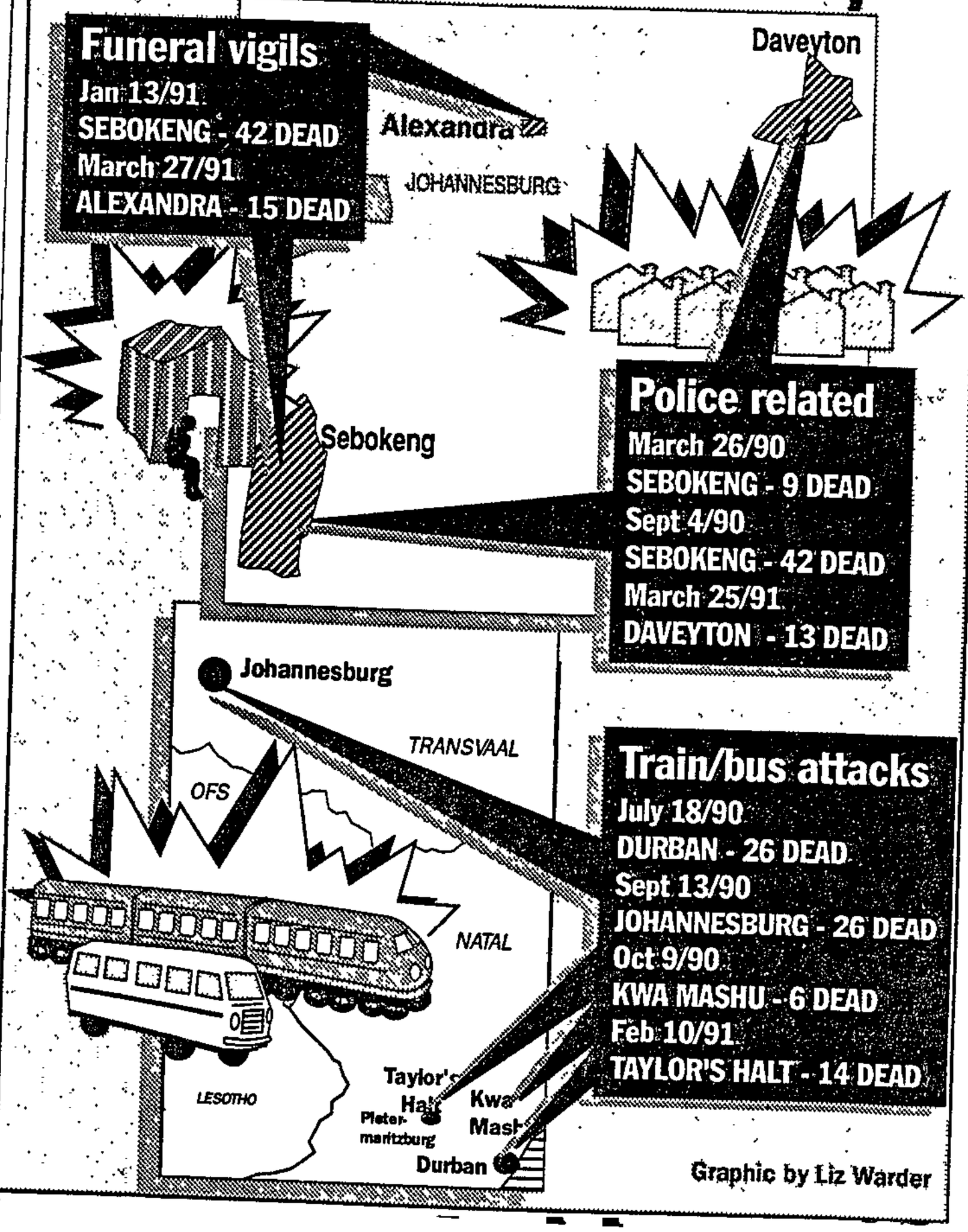
Major 'massacres' in the last year



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12 killed in bloody Sunday

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By Monica Oosterbroek
Crime Staff

Faction fighting took the lives of another 12 people on the Witwaterand yesterday and left dozens seriously injured.

Six people were killed, four of them burnt and possibly shot dead, following an Inkatha "peace" rally in Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday.

Police said a group of about 100 people ran amok throwing stones and firing at Casspirs. Police used birdshot to disperse the group.

Four charred bodies were found after the rally and another found shot dead outside the stadium.

A sixth victim, an Inkatha man, was allegedly stabbed to death accidentally by a fellow supporter and found lying in the stadium after the rally.

In the nearby Mandela Village squatter camp, two men were hacked and shot dead yesterday morning.

Eyewitnesses said the men were killed during an attack by rival Xhosas from the neighbouring Holimisa squatter camp. The attackers also tore down shelters and set the vehicle of a local civic leader alight.

Yesterday evening, it was reported that armed men in the deserted Holimisa camp were preparing for a revenge Inkatha attack. They claimed Inkatha supporters from the Mandela Village and police had attacked them on Wednesday.

Police have denied the allegation.

Unrest continued in Soweto over the weekend, resulting in the death of another four people and nearly 20 injuries.

An Inkatha supporter was stoned to death and six more injured in a clash after an Inkatha "peace rally" at Emdeni in Soweto yesterday.

Police said Mlindeni Mlambo had been attacked by a group of youths at 3.15 pm yesterday while on his way back home.

About 30 minutes later, a group of Inkatha supporters attacked a group of "Comrades", leaving one dead and six wounded. They were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital.

Police found the body of a man lying in front of a house in Emdeni when they went to investigate a shooting incident. While at the scene, police were also shot at with AK-47 rifles but nobody was injured.

An Inkatha supporter was killed and another injured when a hand grenade was thrown at two guards at the Merafe Hostel late last night, police said.

Police reinforcements have been moved into unrest areas to help "contain the situation".

● Unrest areas in Natal have been fairly quiet since Friday with one reported death.

At Ndaleni, near Richmond in Natal, a man was killed in a shootout with police after he and others hurled a hand grenade and opened fire at a private dwelling.

Mass funeral to be held in Alex

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EIGHT victims of the recent wave of violence in Alexandra will be buried at a mass funeral on April 13, the township's Relief Coordinating Committee said yesterday.

More than 100 people have died in the violence.

Of the 83 bodies discovered in the Government mortuary, only 37 have been positively identified, the ARCC said in a Press statement.

The ARCC appealed to the community yesterday to come forward and identify those killed.

"We are also appealing to the families in the rural areas to come and check if their people are not among the corpses in the mortuary," said the ARCC statement.

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"Our concern is the state in which the bodies are and time is running out.

"Soon the Government will decide to give them a paupers' funeral."

The ARCC said Wednesday had been set as a deadline for the identification of victims.

The ARCC also appealed for more donations to help with the burials.

It has raised more than R11 000, which includes R10 000 from the Australian Government, R1 000 from Dave Dalling, MP for Sandton, and R1 000 from Johnson Wax.

The names of those who will be buried on Saturday are to be released this week. - *Sapa.*

Right wing the only upset in peaceful ANC marches

RIGHT-WING intervention marred the otherwise peaceful marches by ANC supporters to prisons in the PWV area, where memoranda demanding the release of political prisoners and the unconditional return of exiles were presented to the authorities on Saturday.

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and his public relations officer, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, arrested with 12 other AWB members for allegedly obstructing police in Pretoria, were later warned and released, police spokesman Maj Willie Vlotman confirmed. BIDay 8/4/91.

Vlotman said the ANC marchers were otherwise peaceful.

CP spokesman Clive Derby-Lewis said in a statement after the march in Krugersdorp was called off due to threats of right-wing disruption: "We are not prepared to allow any form of violence or intimidation in the form of marches in our towns."

The Pretoria march from Church Square, where the leader of the AWB and 13 other members were arrested earlier, was led by ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) chief of staff Chris Hani and the ANC's social welfare head Winnie Mandela

Hani unveiled a statue dedicated to fallen MK heroes at the entrance to Mamelodi township in Pretoria.

In Johannesburg, 3 000 marchers, led by ANC leaders Andrew Mlangeni, Steve Tshwete and Ibrahim Ibrahim, walked peacefully from Soweto to the Johannesburg prison where a memorandum was handed to the acting commanding officer, Maj J H Breytenbach.

Our Durban correspondent reports that about 2 000 ANC supporters took part in a march through central Maritzburg on Saturday.

No violent incidents were reported.

The marches follow an ANC ultimatum to government to meet certain conditions failing which the ANC would reconsider further participation in the peace talks. The memorandum to prison authorities demanded:

- ☐ The release of political prisoners and detainees;
- ☐ An end to anti-apartheid activists' trials;
- ☐ The scrapping of security legislation;
- ☐ A general amnesty to exiles and prisoners; and
- ☐ Effective steps from government to end violence in townships.

"We are angered by the government's delay in considering these reasonable demands," the memorandum declared. — Sapa.



Peace rally

Inkatha supporters with red headbands and traditional weapons at a rally held yesterday at Emdeni, Soweto. The rally was addressed by Transvaal Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza and Humphrey Ndhlovu.

Pic: VELI NHLAPO

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SIX people were killed - four of them burned to death - following an Inkatha "peace" rally in Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday.

Two more men died after being hacked and shot in the Mandela village squatter camp on the outskirts of the township in what witnesses claimed had been a lightning attack by rivals from the neighbouring Holomisa squatter camp.

The four charred bodies were found after a group of about 100 stoned and fired two shots at Casspirs, said police spokesman Major Dave Bruce.

He said another man was shot dead in Mpiki Street

An Inkatha man was earlier accidentally

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Casualties of peace rally

Meanwhile automatic gunfire exploded and shots were fired in the air as a throng of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters danced through Soweto's Emdeni township at the end of a peace rally.

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Police could not immediately confirm the reports.

A police unrest report said two bodies with hack and stab wounds were discovered at Jabulani hostel in Soweto.

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nothing to do with peace," he said.

A Sapa reporter saw the body of a man lying next to a shack. Riot police guarded the blanket-covered body and kept residents away.

A woman who did not want to be named said another man was killed by a group of people she said had come from the neighbouring Holomisa camp.

She said a crowd of men, who claimed they were looking for the ANC's crisis committee members at Mandela village, destroyed their shelters in the camp.

While the man lay bleeding to death, IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose told reporters traditional weapons did not threaten peace.

"Traditional weapons have always been traditional weapons and have

Two CP towns face boycotts

Sowetan 8/4/91

By THEMBA MOLEFE and MATHATHA TSEDU

THE West Rand towns of Krugersdorp and Randfontein face a massive consumer boycott before April 30.

A regional spokesman for the African National Congress, Mr Vusi Mavuso, said the organisation would consult other anti-apartheid formations, including the Pan Africanist Congress, the Azanian Peoples Organisation and civic associations to decide on when and how to implement the action.

"But it would definitely be before April 30, the deadline agreed upon in the Pretoria Minute for the release of all political prisoners," Mavuso said.

The boycott threat follows the armed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging offensive on Saturday which put paid to ANC attempts to march on the Krugersdorp Prison.

The march to the Krugersdorp Prison was cancelled following threats by armed rightwingers.

It was one of several planned by the ANC and its allies throughout the country to demand the release of political prisoners and the return of exiles.

Angry ANC supporters, who were also incensed by the bombing of a bus that was to take Toekomsrus marchers to the town, decided to boycott white businesses in the two towns at a meeting held afterwards at the Roman Catholic Church in Kagiso.

Damage to the bus was estimated at R35 000.

Arrested

An attempt to disrupt an ANC march on the Pretoria Central Prison backfired when AWB leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, and 13 other rightwingers were arrested for refusing to dismount the statue of Paul Kruger.

In Johannesburg, about 2 000 people marched peacefully to the Johannesburg Prison where a delegation, led by ANC leader Mr Andrew Mlangeni, handed a memorandum to prison authorities.

Alinah Dube reports that the march in Pretoria, led by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani and Mrs Winnie Mandela, was preceded by fiery speeches by the two leaders who said negotiations would crumble if violence persisted.

Mandela said prison doors would have to open "forthwith and the prisoners let out before negotiations or talks about talks" could be resumed.

Launch of Chamber hangs in the balance

By Jo-Anne Collinge and Shirley Woodgate 9/4/91

Political violence has reared its head as a last minute threat to the formation of the multiracial Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, due to be constituted in Johannesburg today.

The inaugural meeting was still in the balance 15 minutes before it was due to start at 9 am as there was no sign of any of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) members.

At the heart of the issue is a claim by CAST that township councillors "have become the actual source of violence against our people" and that sitting on a joint structure with councillors demands urgent reconsideration.

CAST affiliates — including those who are potential members of the Metropolitan Chamber — were due to meet today to take a final decision on whether to take part in the Chamber or not.

Said CAST vice-president Kgabisi Masunkutu yesterday: "There might ... be a surprise taking place."

CAST president Moses Mayekiso said: "The whole violence issue is going to play a role in deciding whether to participate in such a structure with people who are mowing down the communities through using red doeke (sic) vigilantes."

CAST general secretary Sam Ntuli added that CAST had resolved "that civics are not allowed to sit with councillors any more because of the escalation of violence".

In addition to reviewing participation in the Chamber, CAST is seeking a meeting with President de Klerk this week to discuss its demand for the resignation of councillors and its proposal for the setting up of "interim local structures".

At the launch it appears possible that would-be participants will be faced with a last-minute amendment to the constitution, moved by the civics, in which an attempt may be made to eliminate councillors.

In terms of the draft constitution, the Chamber will comprise nine civics from the greater Johannesburg area, the Johannesburg, Roodepoort, Randburg and Sandton councils, coloured and Indian management committees, the three Soweto councils and the TPA.

● Sapa reports that Mr Mayekiso said if the Government did not ban traditional weapons, then CAST would encourage township residents to carry weapons. People should be armed to defend themselves through defence committees using available weapons, CAST added.

14 killed in squatter feud

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shopping trolleys and wheelbarrows crammed with household possessions, determined to avoid another attack, as Casspirs and an armoured ambulances drove past. There was no evidence of further fighting.

A group of women stood around a body which had been covered with a blanket and ringed with candles. The unidentified victim had apparently been shot.

Several residents said they believed they had been attacked by squatters from Holomisa Park because Zulus, Xhosas, Sothos and Shangaans lived in harmony in Mandela Park.

They also said the attack had been sparked by jealousy over the fact that Mandela Park, unlike Holomisa Park, had sanitation facilities and that their leader, a Mr Sibambo, allegedly had links with Inkatha.

Gubuza Gusha, who was left destitute after his shack was gutted, said he was shocked by what he termed an unprovoked attack.

"I'm now left with nothing except what I am wearing."

Simon Mathenjwa said he had no idea where he was going to sleep as he had no relatives or friends in the neigbouring township.

"The Holomisa Park people see us as their enemies. They want to instil tribalism in us," he said.

Two Holomisa Park men, armed with sticks, told The Star a different story.

They said on Sunday Mr Sibambo and Inkatha "impis" — allegedly armed with AK-47s — had invaded Holomisa Park, firing shots and burning shacks.

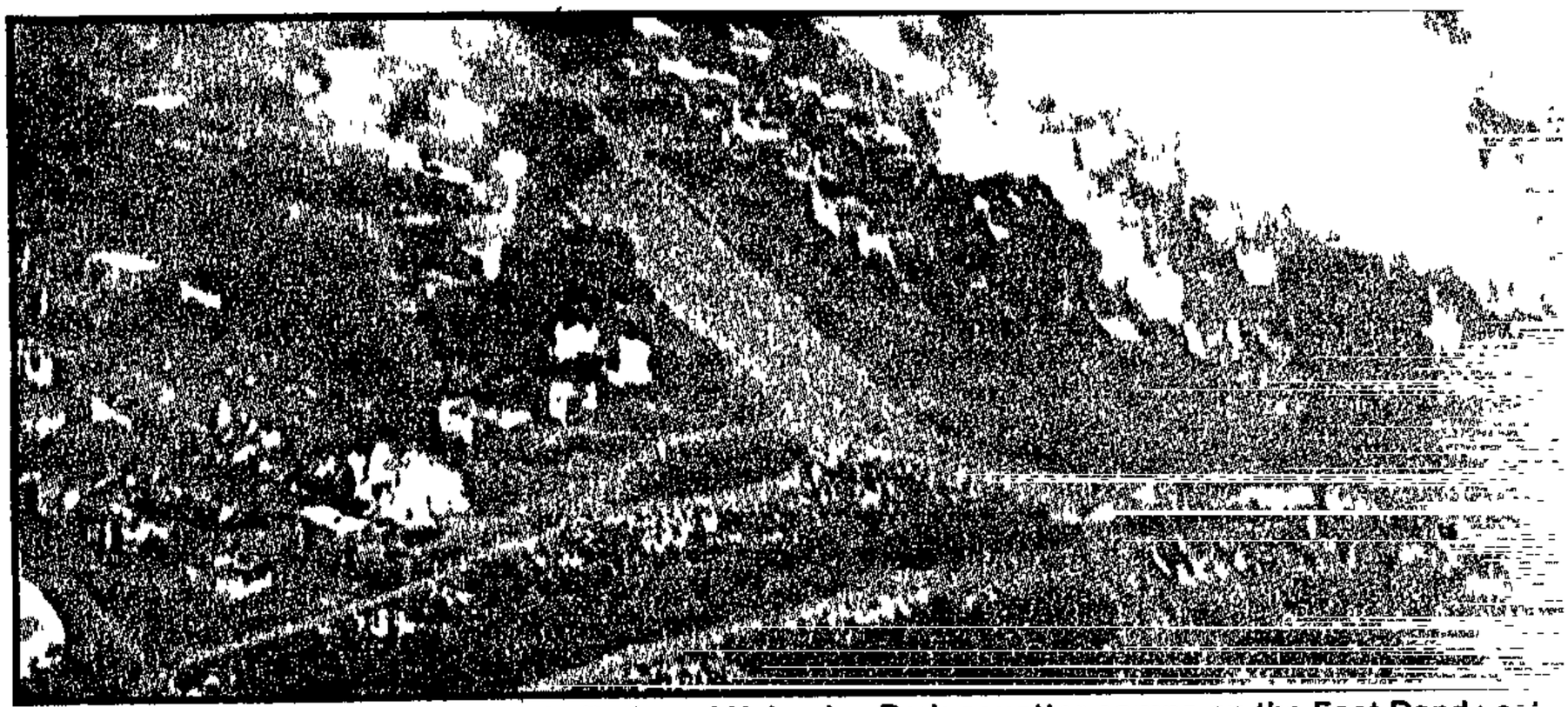
They said last night's attack had been a revenge mission.

On Sunday, eight people were killed in Katlehong — six after an Inkatha peace rally at Huntersfield stadium and two in Mandela Park.

Major Bruce reported a number of violent incidents in Katlehong earlier yesterday.

A hand grenade had been thrown at a private security company at 1 am. Four houses had been burnt in Mandela Park at 1.15 am. A petrol bomb had been thrown in Siluma View in Katlehong at about 4 am. At 8.15 am in the same area, the body of a man with hack wounds had been found.

Squatter camps ablaze in renewed violence



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Trail of death and fl

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Staff Reporters

At least 14 people were killed and many more injured in heavy fighting yesterday between residents of Katlehong's Mandela Village squatter camp and Holomisa squatter camp on the East Rand.

Hundreds of squatters fled the area last night when 70 to 100 shacks were set ablaze

Police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said early today police on patrol had found the bodies hacked, stabbed and shot.

Seven bodies had been found in Mandela Village and the others in the Holomisa camp.

He said it was difficult to establish what the fighting was about as residents had given conflicting reports.

Major Bruce said the problem was between Xhosas

"It's Xhosas attacking Xhosas — it does not seem any other ethnic group is involved."

The problem began on Sunday night when two men were killed in Mandela Park in an attack by rival Xhosas from the neighbouring Holomisa camp.

Both camps are at the main entrance to Katlehong.

Natalspruit Hospital last night reported that hundreds of refugees had arrived there during the early evening. The hospital said more than a dozen people had been treated for bullet and hack wounds.

Police patrols were maintained in the area. They were attacked a number of times, hampering the investigation into the continuing violence.

Patrols came under fire from AK-47 rifles and a police vehicle was burnt out, but no one was injured in these attacks.

A witness, who had been flying over the area just before sunset, told The Star: "All I could see was smoke and flames."

Witnesses in Mandela Park said shots had been heard in several parts of the township and not only in the two camps

They said attackers had opened fire with AK-47s before entering Mandela Park and setting fire to buildings at random.

Several shacks were still burning at about 8 pm and a steady stream of scared residents — mainly women and children — were leaving the area.

Many people were pushing

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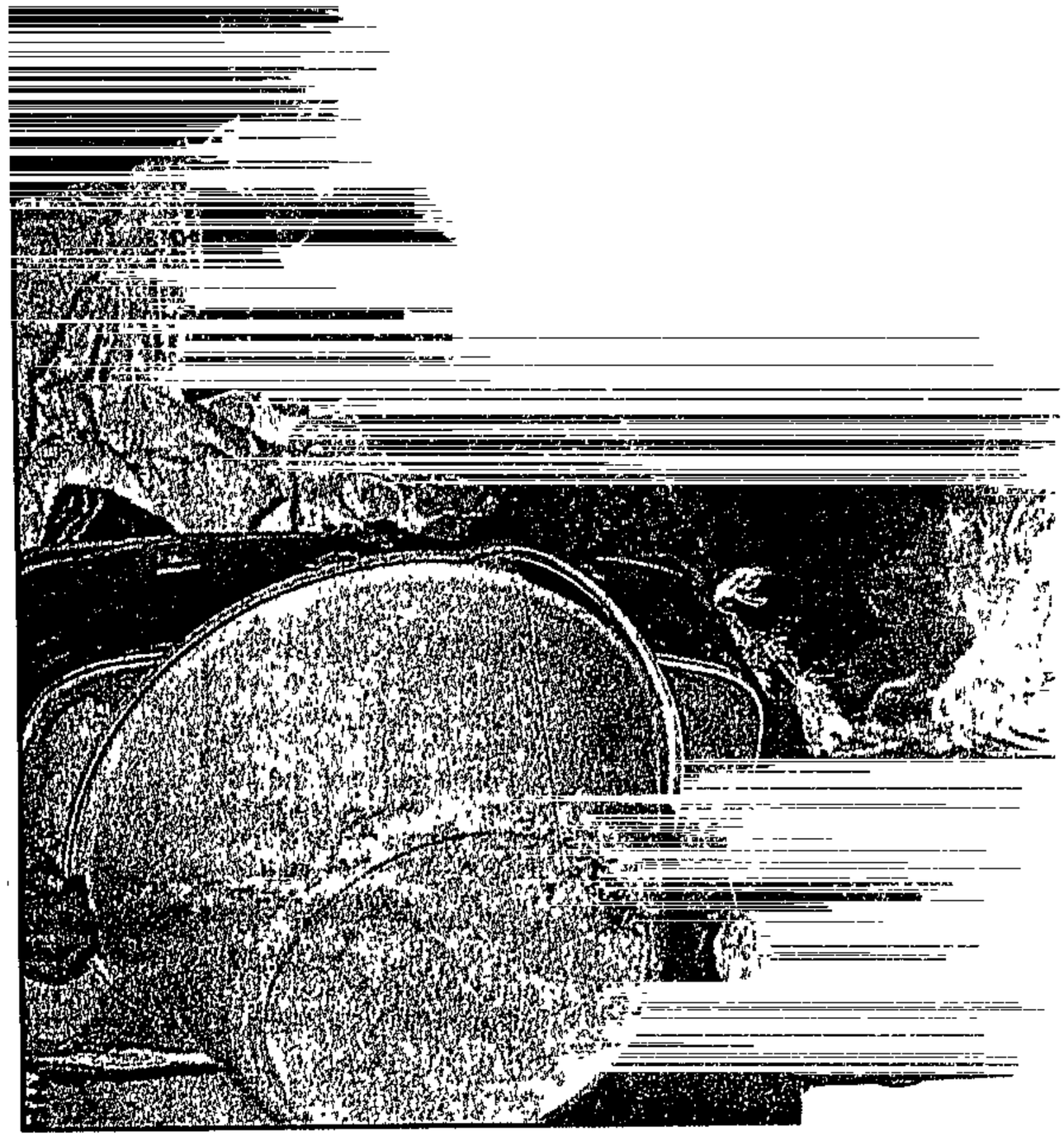

Homeless . . . a Katlehong man quits his squatter cam

March ban: ANC calls for boycott

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC has called for a mass boycott of all white-owned businesses in Krugersdorp and Randfontein in response to the forced cancellation of an ANC march in Krugersdorp at the weekend.

Witwatersrand ANC spokesman Mr Thami Luphoko said yesterday the boycott would probably start on April 20.

Saturday's march was aborted after thousands of ANC supporters were confronted by gun-wielding rightwingers.

Mr Luphoko said the boycott would go ahead even if the town councils involved agreed to let the ANC stage another march.

He said he expected the ANC leadership to support the boycott.

A spokesman for the Krugersdorp Town Council said he did not know of the boycott plans and the council was not planning to discuss the issue.

Randfontein council was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Police's attitude to Inkatha splashed

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Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Photographs of South African police sitting atop an armoured car watching armed Inkatha supporters at a rally in Katlehong at the weekend were splashed across the foreign pages of British newspapers yesterday.

The pictures underscore the perception here that police ignore Inkatha assaults on ANC areas.

The Independent's caption noted that "police made no move to disarm the men", adding that "six people were killed after the 'peace' rally attended by 3 000".

The paper's correspondent, Mr John Carlin, suggested yesterday that last week's ANC ultimatum would delay the negotiation process, although a compromise would ultimately be reached.

He believed the fact that ANC supporters were living in terror in the townships forced the organisation to issue the ultimatum.

Civics issue call to arms

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC-aligned Civics Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday urged township residents to arm themselves and form defence units.

The organisation supported the ANC's call for a ban on the carrying of weapons, but said that as long as the government failed to heed this call it was necessary for residents to defend themselves against vigilantes and "third force" elements.

Cast spokesmen told a press conference the organisation had asked President F W de Klerk to meet them on Thursday to discuss the escalating violence on the Reef.

Cast would demand the urgent scrapping of hostels, which it said had become "vigilante bases", and the immediate resignation of remaining black councillors and management committees who had become "the actual source of violence against our people".

Cast president Mr Moses Mayekiso said while his organisation supported the ANC's disarmament call, until it was heeded communities would have to carry weapons for self-defence.

These weapons would include firearms.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

(1) and (2) No. The Commission did, however, recommend that although no concession with regard to tax on fringe benefits flowing from share option schemes should be granted, a limited degree of exemption must be granted in respect of benefits derived from share incentive schemes which have been approved by the Commissioner for Inland Revenue and which are created for the benefit of *all* permanent employees of a company and not only for new entrants These recommendations were accepted, in principle, by Government. The matter is being investigated by the Commissioner for Inland Revenue in consultation with the Tax Advisory Committee and shall enjoy [illegible] on completion of the investigation

(3) The investigation will still take some time and I do not consider it advisable to make a statement before I receive a report back in this regard.

Bedfordview: new police station

*12 Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether it is intended to build a new police station in Bedfordview; if not, why not, if so, when will building operations (a) commence and (b) be completed?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Yes

(a) and (b)

The provision of the service is determined by the availability of funds The projected tender date for a new police station in Bedfordview is September 1995

A new planning of all South African Police accommodation requirements is presently being carried out with a view to reducing costs, i e state expenditure This process can have an influence on the date.

Consequently, I cannot at this stage indicate when building operations will commence or be completed.

Abortion/sterilisation: legislation

*13. Dr Z J DE BEER asked the Minister of National Health

(1) Whether she intends to introduce any legislation in regard to abortion and sterilization during the present session of Parliament, if not, why not, if so, (a) what legislation and (b) when,

(2) whether she has received any representations in this regard during the past 12 months; if so, (a) from whom and (b) what was (i) the nature of and (ii) her response to these representations?

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(1) No, the majority of persons who reacted to the invitation to comment are against [illegible] and Sterilisation Act, 1975,

(2) yes, representations in this regard have been received after an invitation for comments was issued to the general public on 20 March 1990,

(a) a total of 48 846 persons reacted to the invitation This includes individuals of all population groups, several organisations and professional persons and

(b) (i) 98,62% of the persons that reacted to the invitation were against any amendments of the existing Act and

(ii) it is clear that the general public is not in favour of amendments of the Act Therefore the decision was made not to amend the Act

Illegitimate children: rights of access to fathers

*14 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Justice

Whether it is the intention to introduce legislation in terms of which rights of access will be granted to fathers of illegitimate children, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) what is envisaged in this regard? B644E

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The rights of a father regarding his illegitimate child are at present being investigated by the

South African Law Commission and it is appropriate to await their recommendations in this regard

Pension contributions: backlog

*15. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Finance†

Whether there is a backlog at present in the payment of the State's share in pension contributions, if so, (a) since when, (b) how large is the amount concerned and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF FINANCE

No

(a) Falls away

(b) Falls away

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Unrest incidents: ANC/SAP

*16 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Law and Order †

(1) Whether the ANC has been granted permission for some of its members to accompany the South African Police to unrest incidents; if so, with effect from what date;

(2) whether an exception to the usual procedure has been made in the above-mentioned case; if so, why,

(3) whether the same concession has been granted to (a) Inkatha and (b) other political parties, if not, why not, if so, to which political parties?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) No, no general permission has been granted

(2) After the declaration of the unrest regulations in accordance with section 5A of Public Safety Act, (Act 3 of 1953) on 11 November 1990, which also provided for the application of a curfew in Atteridgeville, the ANC alleged that the curfew and the presence of the Operational Branch of the South African Police in Atteridgeville was stirring up animosity amongst the youth and residents of Atteridgeville In an attempt to refute these allegations it was agreed upon with the ANC that they would appoint two lawyers. The purpose of this was that they would accompany the Police to scenes of unrest, after the Police had notified them of such incidents In this way it could be shown to the organisation that the conduct of the Police was *bona fide* and taking place within their powers

However, it was found that the two lawyers were pursuing the Police everywhere without invitation and without good reason In view of this the Regional Commissioner accordingly decided not to proceed with the procedure agreed upon No occasion had arisen, before the pursuit referred to, for the Police to contact the two lawyers

(3) (a) and (b)
No, because no such requests have as yet been addressed to the South African Police and neither has any such instance yet occurred where it was in the interest of the maintenance of law and order If Inkatha, or any other political party deems it necessary to have discussions with the South African Police about this matter, they are welcome

*17 Mr R F Haswell—Public Works and Land Affairs [Question standing over]

Atmospheric Pollution Act: amendments

*18 Mr R F HASWELL asked the Minister of National Health

(1) Whether her Department intends motivating amendments to the Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Act, No 45 of 1965, during the current session of Parliament, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether she will consider introducing amendments providing for (a) stricter national and regional regulations and (b) economic incentives, if not, why not?

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(1) No, the Department of National Health and Population Development is waiting for the report of the President's Council

Political violence toll more than 550 this year

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BETWEEN 550 and 600 people died in political violence during the first three months of this year — the second worst toll yet — the SA Institute of Race Relations said yesterday.

A police spokesman said the figure was possible, as police unrest statistics to February 11 this year totalled 190 deaths, reports Sapa.

The institute said in a statement that the figure was a third lower than for January to March last year, when the worst toll was recorded.

More than 9 700 people have died in political violence since September 1984, institute records show.

Last year 3 699 people died in political violence — more than double the 1 403 who perished in the previous worst year, 1989.

The institute said it could not be certain of the exact number of deaths as it was not always clear whetner particular deaths were politically related or not.

Since September 1984 more than 9 700 people died in political violence.

The institute said the number of political fatalities in each of the past six years was: 1985 — 879; 1986 — 1 298; 1987 — 661; 1988 — 1 149; 1989 — 1 403; 1990 — 3 699.

The death toll in Reef township violence at the weekend climbed to 11 yesterday when two more bodies were found in Soweto. Soweto police spokesman Capt Joe Ngobeni said one man had been shot dead in the suburb of Emndeni while another was killed in a handgrenade attack on the Merafe Hostel.

Business Day Reporter

Both incidents happened on Sunday night. The deaths followed attacks by unknown armed men on 13 houses in Emndeni on Sunday.

The police spokesman said the attacks appeared to be in revenge for the stoning of an Inkatha supporter after an Inkatha rally earlier in the day.

Yesterday, Soweto was reported "quiet with no signs of tension" by police.

The East Rand's Katlehong, where eight people died on Sunday, was quiet but tense yesterday. A number of unrest incidents, which left one person dead and four others injured, occurred before daybreak.

Police confirmed that further outbreaks of unrest took place in neighbouring Thokoza township during the night, but could not provide details.

Yesterday police appealed for information on the recent violence in Johannesburg's Alexandra township, where more than 80 people had died during the past two months, Sapa reports.

Now 14 die in squatter fighting

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 14 people have been killed and many more injured in heavy fighting between residents of Katlehong's Mandela Village and Holomisa Park squatter camps.

Hundreds fled last night when between 70 and 100 shacks were torched.

Police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said today police found the bodies hacked, stabbed and shot. Seven bodies were found in Mandela Village with the remaining dead in Holomisa Park.

He said it was difficult to establish what the fighting was about as residents gave conflicting reports.

The problem began on Sunday night when two men were killed during an attack by rival Xhosas from the neighbouring Holomisa Park. It had been reported that men in the Holomisa camp were preparing for a revenge Inkatha attack.

Xhosa-speakers

It was claimed that a group of Xhosa-speaking people from Holomisa Park had attacked the adjoining Mandela Village.

Both camps are at the main entrance to Katlehong on the East Rand, and both house Xhosas.

Natalspruit Hospital last night reported that "hundreds" of refugees had arrived and "more than a dozen" people had been treated for bullet and hack wounds.

Police patrols were attacked several times, hampering investigation. Patrols came under fire from AK-47 rifles and a police vehicle was burnt out, but no one was injured.

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They claimed that last night's attack was in revenge.

On Sunday, eight people were killed in Katlehong, six after an Inkatha peace rally at the Huntersfield stadium and two in Mandela Village.

Warring factions agree to end fighting

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The warring factions at Katlehong's Holomisa Park and Mandela Park squatter camps — where at least six people have died since Saturday — agreed last night to end the fighting.

ANC spokesman for the PWV area Ronnie Mamoepa said the two factions agreed to put an end to the conflict after the intervention of the ANC regional office and the Katlehong ANC branch.

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani was due to address a peace rally in the area this morning.

Mandela Park residents yesterday said the bloodletting in the two squatter camps — situated on the outskirts of Katlehong — was sparked by jealousy over toilet and other facilities.

Last night, Witwatersrand police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said police had found only two bodies in the wake of Monday's conflict in which between 70 and 100 shacks — the majority in Mandela Park — were set alight.

One body was found in Mandela Park on Monday and one just north of the camp yesterday.

Major Bruce said 15 people had been killed in the entire Katlehong area since Saturday.

On Saturday two bodies were found in Holomisa Park. Eight bodies were found on Sunday — two in Mandela Park, four in Mphike Street, one in Palime section and one in the Huntersfield Stadium where an Inkatha "peace rally" had been held.

On Monday three bodies were found — one in Siluma View, one in Mandela Park and another near the Buafuti hostel.

Yesterday, two bodies were found — one near the Kwezine hostel and another just north of Mandela Park.

Police yesterday said they would seal off the rival camps with barbed wire.

Mandela Park squatters told The Star yesterday that people from the Holomisa camp were jealous because their camp had running water and portable toilets. Last week, the two camps clashed when Holomisa squatters tried to steal toilets, residents said.

● Six people, including a special constable, were shot dead and another was injured in Soweto yesterday.

Five residents — identified as three ANC and two Inkatha supporters — were killed after the weekend clash between Inkatha and ANC supporters at Emdeni.

Falati ordered boys' removal

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — One of Mrs Winnie Mandela's co-accused, Mrs Xoliswa Falati, yesterday said she had suggested the removal of three youths and a man from a Soweto church manse to Mrs Mandela's home, where they were later assaulted.

Mrs Falati, 37, told the Rand Supreme Court she had made the decision to remove the four for their own protection, after learning that the supervisor of the manse, the Reverend Paul Verryn, was sexually abusing them

She denied being present during the assaults on the four, saying she had left the four in the custody of Mrs Mandela's bodyguard, Jerry Richardson, who had earlier accompanied her and members of the Mandela Football Club to fetch the alleged victims from the manse.

An often emotional Mrs Falati said Mrs Mandela, 56 — who was aware of the alleged sexual misconducts at the manse — was not home on the night of the assault, December 29, 1988, and had only returned two days later.

Mrs Falati, who took the witness stand after another co-accused, Mr John Morgan, 61, decided not to testify, said she was shocked when she arrived at the Mandela home on December 30, 1988, and discovered that the four had been assaulted.

Mrs Falati denied that the four were abducted, saying they had "willingly" gone to the Mandela home.

Mrs Falati said she was eager to keep them at Mrs Mandela's home until the allegations of homosexuality had been solved, as Mr Verryn was a "psychologist and would twist their minds" if they returned to the manse.

The trial continues today.

Political Correspondent

MEDIA coverage of the Winnie Mandela trial was in danger of eroding respect for the law, former Cape Times editor, Mr Tony Heard, said yesterday.

In an address to the Executive Women's Club in the city, Mr Heard said a wide cross-section of the the media had been running commentaries on the case which showed scant respect for due process and violated the sub judice rule.

"Beyond the demonstrations and tussles outside the court lies something more subtle and important within: a danger that this cause celebre will go down as a classic example of trial by newspaper.

"That is, erosion of our standards of respect for the law," he said.

He acknowleged that competitive pressures might encourage publications to stray from the rules but he urged his media colleagues to "go easy".



CO-ACCUSED ... Mrs Xoliswa Falati

Katlehong: a wasteland of tragedy

DARIUS SANAI

NERVOUSNESS is a fairly natural emotion to experience as one approaches post-carnage Katlehong. An empty police car, a petrol station, then you leave the tarred road and enter — enter what?

First, neat rows of small houses. But then the houses end and in a rough wasteland are crumbling, smelling shacks.

Yesterday a new squatter camp was set up in this East Rand township. Entire homes have been dumped inside supermarket trolleys, wheeled and planted together on a patch of dirty grass.

The people in this new sub-settlement have fled from 20 murders in the past three days — 20 people burnt and hacked to death on their own street, just 100m away in Xhosa-speaking Mandela Village.

Standing among the frying pans and mattresses, a woman cooks potatoes on a big gas stove. The eyes are more frightened than hostile.

But everything becomes relaxed and cheery when they start speaking, when they realise you want to listen. Yes, they are frightened to go back to their homes (or ex-homes). No, they are not sure who was responsible.

An ANC representative comes over and suggests to the huddled masses (at least 100 of them) that they all go back Peace has been restored, he says.

"Why should we?" is the general murmur. Their open-air lives are a change for the day

Walking among the burnt-out shacks 100m away the atmosphere is tenser but still calm. Monday night's attackers appear to have been selective — some shacks are just black patches on the ground, while their neighbours stand intact.

The killers also "selected" a nine-month old baby to be killed.

There are a few signs of violence — one black patch has a bicycle frame inside it, the gears and tyres melted away.

But where is the anger, the pain, you want to ask. They live in misery and squalor, and even that is being destroyed. Yet they smile and pose for photographs.

To outside eyes Mandela Village is a place where tragedy has been foisted on top of misery. Yet the worst of the tragedy itself is that the Kathelongs and Alexandras will go on and on until all sides recognise the murder and arson campaigns for the chilling slaughters they reallv are.

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Strife-torn areas patrolled

JOHANNESBURG — Soldiers and police patrolled strife-torn squatter camps in Katlehong township yesterday, after two days of violence in the East Rand township which has left at least 15 people dead and scores of shacks gutted

Nine squatters lost their lives in fighting between residents of the Mandela Village and Holomisa camps, which erupted on Sunday morning and continued through Monday night. Six other people died in Katlehong on Sunday at or near the Inkatha Freedom Party's "peace rally"

Fifteen people were injured on Monday in the fighting between residents of the vast Mandela Village and the smaller Holomisa squatter camps — allegedly over the presence of Zulus in the area, residents and hospital sources said.

The two camps were tense yesterday, as residents retrieved belongings and moved out to seek refuge in greater Katlehong.

Police said two people were found dead yesterday morning, after renewed clashes the previous night. Residents said one of the victims was a leader of a Mandela Village committee, Mr Johannes Sibambo

On Sunday seven other people were shot or hacked to death, according to police reports Five of the bodies were only found on Monday

Referring to the cause of the violence, a Holomisa camp resident said "They are ANC and Inkatha and we are ANC We are using ANC rules and they area using Inkatha rules"

His explanation was corroborated by other Holomisa residents who said the presence of the Zulus had inflamed passions

"They fired shots at us and we burnt their shacks," the Holomisa camp resident added.

Earlier some residents said the violence had been sparked by jealousy in the Holomisa camp over the Mandela camp's sanitation facilities

A police spokesman said some 100 shacks in Mandela Village were torched on Monday, sending hundreds of residents fleeing to safety

Residents said one of the structures burnt down was an ANC office

Yesterday, residents of the Mandela camp retrieved their belongings, carrying matresses, pots and various items.

Police erected razor wire around the Mandela camp, and together w troops patrolled the dusty road sep ating the two camps.

"Bullets were just going up a down," said Mr Stuart Martin Band Malawian whose shack was razed fire "I have nothing, everything burnt. — Sapa





SQUATTER STRIFE ... A policeman, above, keeps watch over residents of Holomisa Park squatter camp during a shack-to-shack search Young squatters, right, flee Mandela Village where 100 shacks were set alight.

Pictures REUTER and AP

Policeman dies in gun battle

JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman was shot and killed after he and colleagues went to a house in Meadowlands, Soweto on Monday night to follow up a tip-off about illegal arms

Police said occupants started shooting at police They returned fire and Constable M Phiri was killed in the exchange. The suspects fled and no weapons were found. — Sapa

Township taps reconnected

JOHANNESBURG — The water supply at Carolina's disease-ridden Silobela township was reconnected yesterday afternoon after residents agreed to start paying their new water bills.

The Eastern Transvaal township, without water since January 16 faces a growing health crisis as a result of the switch off

Squatter killed by hand-grenade

JOHANNESBURG — A woman, Ms Tiji Nomuwethu, was killed and two people injured in a hand-grenade attack in a squatter settlement in Alexandra township, near Johannesburg, on Monday night.

● According to the Police Directorate of Public Relations' unrest report for the past 24 hours In Phomolong (Kroonstad) a vehicle was set alight, at Kagiso (Krugersdorp) a delivery vehicle was damaged in a stone-throwing attack, at Moslakeng (Randfontein) three vehicles and a home were damaged in petrol bomb attacks — Sapa

8-year-old buried in Daveyton

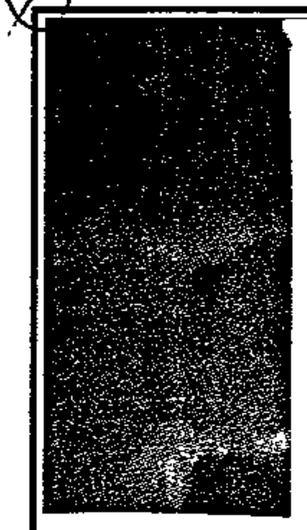
DAVEYTON — An eight-year-old girl who died in clashes between police and ANC supporters three weeks ago was yesterday buried during a peaceful ceremony attended by 500 people An ANC speaker appealed for political tolerance

Nomathamsanqa Matsolo a Grade A pupil at Nkubela Lower Primary School, was the first of the 14 people killed in Daveyton on March 24 to be buried Last August her parents fled Vosloorus township, also on the East Rand, when their house was gutted during unrest there — Sapa

DET buys extra matric textbooks

PRETORIA. — The first consignments of additional textbooks ordered by the Department of Education and Training for matriculants have been delivered to schools, DET director-general, Dr Bernhard Louw, said yesterday

The department had placed orders to the value of R27 million with publishers who were dispatching



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Xhosas clash: 100 huts torched

JOHANNESBURG. — In what police described as faction fighting between rival Xhosas, up to 100 shacks were torched on Monday night in the Mandela Village squatter camp on the outskirts of Katlehong on the East Rand.

Accounts at the weekend by residents of Mandela Village and the neighbouring Holomisa camp, have painted a confused picture of the situation.

Violence erupted on Sunday, when two men were killed — one shot, one hacked to death in Mandela Village.

The killings happened while an Inkatha Freedom Party "peace" rally was in progress nearby, which later that day claimed six more lives, police said.

Residents claimed rival Xhosas from Holomisa camp had launched a lightning attack on Mandela Village on Sunday morning, killing the two men, tearing down shelters and setting the vehicle of a civic leader alight.

A woman who was threatened said the attackers were looking for community leaders, in particular ANC Crisis Committee members living in the camp.

She said three similar attacks had previously been launched from Holomisa camp.

In contrast to Mandela Village, where people seemed to go about their normal Sunday morning chores, most of the Holomisa camp was deserted.

At the edge of the camp, about 50 men wrapped in blankets and armed with spears, knives, pangas and sharpened iron rods, sat crouched together.

They said they were waiting for an attack from Mandela Village which could happened "any minute".

They denied that the morning's attack had been launched from their camp.

"Its Inkatha killing one another," said one man, who claimed there were "plenty" of IFP supporters living in Mandela Village. — Sapa

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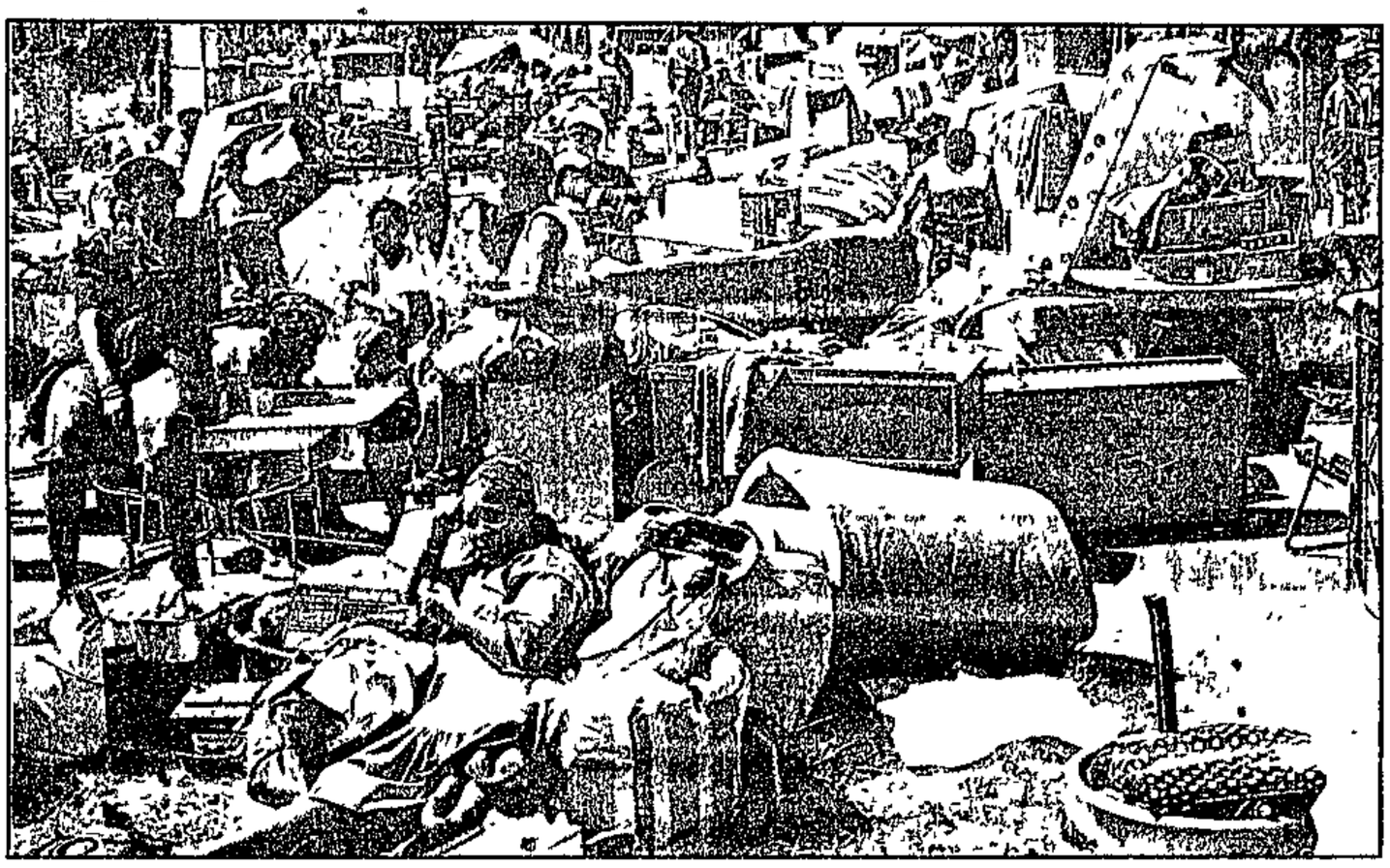

This was the scene at the Baptist Reform Church in Katlehong yesterday where scores of squatters from Mandela and Holomisa camps have sought refuge. Many of them said they were praying that it did not rain.

Pics MBUZENI ZULU



NOWHERE TO GO The sadness of the ongoing violence is that it affects everyone, including the very young and the very old. This baby was one of the scores of refugees looking for shelter yesterday.

Squatters flee from Katlehong

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

HUNDREDS of squatters have abandoned their ragged shacks after violence claimed at least 15 lives in Katlehong. Sowetan 10/4/91 (278

Yesterday, scores of residents were seen fleeing Mandela and Holomisa camps - the scene of fierce battles since Sunday afternoon

Police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said police yesterday found two more bodies in the area

He said one of the bodies, found on the northern side of the two camps, was decapitated while the other, found near Kwesine Hostel in the township, had its arms cut off and was burnt

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Squatters flee shacks

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The violence worsened on Monday evening when about 100 shacks were set ablaze. Shots were also reportedly fired at police patrolling the area.

The refugees have sought shelter with relatives or friends, while others flocked to local churches and Natalpruit Hospital.

Many of those found at the Bantu Reformed Church in Nhlapo Section and the hospital said "we have lost everything and (we have) nowhere to go".

At noon yesterday, police started erecting a razor wire fence around Mandela camp to separate its residents from those of the rival Holomisa camp.

Bruce said the objective of the wire fence was to contain the situation and that police had set up three control points which would be manned day and night.

He also said police would meet the Mandela camp committee every day at 10 in the morning to discuss any problems. Sowetan 10/4/91.

"All these things show the concern police have on the violence and their determination to end it," he said.

By yesterday, it was still unclear what had caused the conflict. Residents at the two camps gave conflicting reports.

One Mandela camp resident said some squatters at Holomisa camp were unhappy with Zulus staying at their camp. They regarded them as "enemies". This had been relayed to the Mandela camp leader, a Mr Sibambo, who ignored their request. Mandela camp is occupied by Xhosas, Zulus, Shangaans and Sothos, while mainly Xhosas stay at Holomisa.

Another Holomisa camp resident said the war erupted when Sibambo earmarked a piece of land at their camp for portable toilets. When he was confronted by Holomisa residents, he allegedly beat up a man and later threatened to shoot them.

Winnie accused says she was 'a mother' to boys at manse

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JOHANNESBURG. — Miss Xoliswa Falati, who claims she was a mother figure to the "children" at the Methodist manse, has denied that she or Mrs Winnie Mandela were present when four young men were assaulted.

Miss Falati, 37, also claimed that the Rev Paul Verryn and Mrs Mandela's attorney, Mr Ismail Ayob, stopped witnesses from coming forward to testify in her defence.

She is the first accused to take the witness stand in the trial arising from events at Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof home on December 29 1988.

Mrs Mandela's driver, Mr John Morgan, 61, closed his case yesterday without giving evidence.

Mrs Mandela's counsel has told Mr Justice M S Stegmann, presiding over the trial in the Rand Supreme Court, that Mrs Mandela would testify. Mrs Mandela will not be called to the stand until Miss Falati's evidence is concluded.

The three accused have all pleaded not guilty to four counts of kidnapping and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. Last month Miss Falati's daughter, Nompumelelo, 18, was acquitted on all charges.

Yesterday Miss Falati said she did "social welfare" work for the Anglican church, dealing with detainees. On March 2 1988, "security forces" smashed the locks on the door of her house in Springs and she was advised to move, she said.

Mr Verryn offered her accomodation but she did not move to the Methodist Manse in Orlando West until November 1988. She got to know him because as a psychologist as well as a minister he counselled detainees, she said.

Later during her evidence she repeatedly referred to Mr Verryn's ability to "twist" the minds of young men because he was a psychologist.

In September 1988, Miss Falati said, Mr Verryn told her about a rumour that he sexually abused youths who stayed at the manse.

Miss Falati told him it was a well-known ploy to discredit people who were "in the struggle" and that he should put it out of his mind.

There were between 23 and 35 people living at the three-bedroomed manse, Miss Falati said, and there was "no discipline".

She suggested that as they were all homeless "we turn this place into a home" and she supervised scrubbing of walls and allocated dishwashing and cooking duties.

She said the youngsters isolated Stompie Seipei, 14, because they believed he had "sold" four cadres in Parys.

She said she brought her own son, then eight, to the manse so that Stompie would have someone to play with. But the other youngsters continued distrust Stompie.

(Proceeding).

Three Reef townships declared unrest areas

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Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Three Reef townships — Vosloorus, Tokoza and Katlehong — have been declared unrest areas in terms of an extraordinary Government Gazette published yesterday.

The emergency measures, effective from today, impose a 9 pm to 4 am curfew in those areas and give security forces sweeping powers to combat the violence there.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok issued the proclamation in terms of the Public Safety Act.

"Unrest area" measures have been used regularly by police since the scrapping of the national state of emergency last year last year to smother outbreaks of killing in mainly Reef townships.

Vosloos, in the Alberton magisterial district and in the south of Boksburg, Tokoza near Brakpan and Katlehong near Germiston have all been unrest areas before.

Security forces used the "unrest areas" declarations last year to suppress violence in Operation Iron Fist.

President de Klerk's government has shown a preference for the "unrest areas" declaration because, officials say, it allows a more pinpoint approach and greater flexibility than a blanket emergency.

Mr Vlok has in the past lifted the curfews as soon as the violence in those areas subsided.

There were no reports of violence on the East Rand yesterday.

In faction fighting over the weekend and on Monday a total of 15 people was killed in the Kathlehong area, according to police.

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani visited the area yesterday.

Monica Oosterbroek reports that Mr Hani, addressing about 500 squatters from the two camps, said whites were to blame for the recent outbreak of violence in Reef townships.

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He said the Government, the police and the army were spreading dissent.

The policy of apartheid was the reason squatters were living in poverty, he said. this was a reason for the violence. Mr Hani urged residents to join the ANC, which would ensure comfortable living conditions for all.

There was also a call from residents in both camps for police to take down the 3 km of razor wire, surrounding Mandela Village camp, which was put up on Tuesday.

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East Rand townships declared unrest areas

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LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday declared three East Rand townships unrest areas and put them under immediate 9pm to 4am curfews.

The affected townships are Katlehong, Vosloorus and Thokoza.

Law and Order spokesman Brig Leon Mellet said the restrictions had been imposed on the townships to curb violence.

At least 18 people died and 15 injured after clashes between communities of two Katlehong squatter camps broke out on Sunday.

The ANC's PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said while measures needed to be taken to end violence, the restrictions imposed on the three townships had been rendered obsolete by agreements reached by the warring factions. The warring factions at the Holomisa and Mandela Village squatter camps agreed on Tuesday night to cease hostilities.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Maj Dave Bruce said Katlehong was quiet yesterday with no signs of tension.

Sapa reports residents of Mandela Village, who had sought refuge at a nearby church and at the Natalspruit Hospital, streamed back to the area after a peace rally addressed by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of Staff Chris Hani yesterday.

Hani and the two squatter camps' committees agreed a joint committee of the two warring factions would continue the process of reconciliation.

Speaking after a three-hour meeting with the leaders of the squatter camps' committes, Hani said the spirit of the two groups was favourable to reconciliation.

WILSON ZWANE

Both groups gave constructive input to the talks.

Hani added the ANC's basic position was unity among the oppressed and that the violence was detrimental to the negotiations process.

He also critised police for putting up razor-wire around the Mandela Village camp saying it did not contribute towards peace but divided the people.

"We believe in dialogue and not building hostels in the township. Squatters should move freely into the location (township) and those from the location should be able to do the same," he said.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of SA from Natal, Transkei and Ciskei will make a fact-finding visit to strife-torn townships and hostels in the PWV region this weekend.

A Contralesa statement said political organisations, church bodies and business people were invited to join the group on Saturday.

A rally would also be held in Alexandra township on Sunday, said Contralesa spokesman Sipiwe Thusi.

Contralesa supported the ANC's opposition to the carrying of so-called traditional weapons, as well as its calls for the suspension of Vlok and Defence Minister Magnus Malan.

Thusi rejected Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi's standpoint on the traditional weapons issue, accusing him of distorting the customs of the Zulus.

Crackdown



Members of the SADF towering over the crowd at a peace rally at Mandela and Holomisa squatter camps in Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday. Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani addressed the squatters. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Government imposes 9pm to 4am curfew

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By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN and NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Government yesterday declared Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tokoza townships on the East Rand "unrest areas".

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok issued the proclamation in terms of the Public Safety Act. A curfew between 9pm and 4am has also been imposed on the three townships.

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Meanwhile, peace seems to have returned to the Mandela and Holomisa squatter camps in Katlehong

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after the warring factions in the area agreed on Tuesday night to end the conflict.

Some of the residents who earlier fled the trouble-torn area were streaming back to the camps late yesterday. Sowetan 11/4/91

The Holomisa and Mandela camps have been the scene of fierce battles since Sunday. At least 15 people have been killed.

The declaration brings to five the number of unrest areas in the Transvaal. Soweto and Alexandra were declared unrest areas last month.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order said yesterday the declaration was an attempt to defuse the volatile situation and to restore peace.

The emergency regulations have been used by police since the scrapping of the State of Emergency last year to smother outbreaks of violence, mainly in Reef townships.

This is not the first time Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus have been declared unrest areas.

The African National Congress yesterday held a rally at Mandela camp which was addressed by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani.

Hundreds of residents attending the rally expressed joy by clapping their hands, ululating and shouting "Viva" when they were told that the two camps had reached a peace accord.

The agreement to end the violence was reached by committees representing the two camps.

It was facilitated by the local ANC branch and the Katlehong Civic Association.

Hani told a media briefing that the ANC was worried about the escalating violence which threatened the negotiation process.

He said it was because of violence that they had sent an ultimatum to the Government.

Committees from the two camps had agreed that a commission be set up to continue monitoring the peace process.

Claims of police role in violence

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HIT squad or vigilante activities allegedly initiated by security forces had contributed to the violence between residents at the Brits township of Oukasie.

This is the finding of a Lawyers for Human Rights Commission of Inquiry. Their report was released yesterday.

The commission, appointed by the United Democratic Front in 1986, was headed by the LHR's national director, Mr Brian Currin.

It found that the State's forced removals policy was the major contributing factor to the violence and that the breakdown in the administration of law and order occurred when the courts were unable to address the conflict.

There were factions of people fighting against the proposed removals and those wanting to move to Lethlabile, according to the commission.

By ALINAH DUBE and Sapa

Its recommendations are that:.

* The Transvaal Provincial Administration be called upon to liaise with and consult Oukasie residents about the upgrading of the area;

* The establishment of a working group consisting of Oukasie residents, the white community of Brits and industrialists;

Complaints

* Inter-personal relationships be established with the police to facilitate co-operation with the residents; and

* Complaints and charges which were laid with the police be investigated thoroughly and quickly to enable the law to take its course.

There was no immediate reaction to the report from the police or the Department of Justice.

It was reported to the commission that the security forces openly associated themselves with certain individual leaders, appearing to confirm rumours of bias.

"It was alleged that members of the SAP had approached a resident in an attempt to recruit him to their ranks.

"He was specifically requested to attack the homes of members of the Brits Action Committee," the report alleged.

He refused their alleged request.

In another affidavit, an Oukasie resident alleged he was hired by a certain member of the community to attack houses of Brits Action Committee members. The person assured him they had the support of the police.

One resident said a certain captain had told him that if he continued to support the resistance to the move, he would suffer the consequences.

"During or about this time his house was bombed, resulting in the death of his wife."

Leaders to meet Buthelezi on PEC

Eight killed in unrest in Natal and Transvaal

PRETORIA. — Eight people were killed in incidents of unrest on Wednesday, police said in their daily unrest report yesterday.

Two men were hacked and stabbed to death at Nkulu, near Port Shepstone.

And at Murchison, also near Port Shepstone, a man was killed when one group of men attacked another group, police said.

The bodies of four people were discovered yesterday at a black reserve of Mankenganeni in the Mbongolweni area, near Eshowe in Natal.

A KwaZulu police spokesman said it was suspected the four were the victims of continuing faction fighting in the area. No arrests have been made.

At Katlehong, East Rand, a man was shot dead. — Sapa

ANC homes blasted

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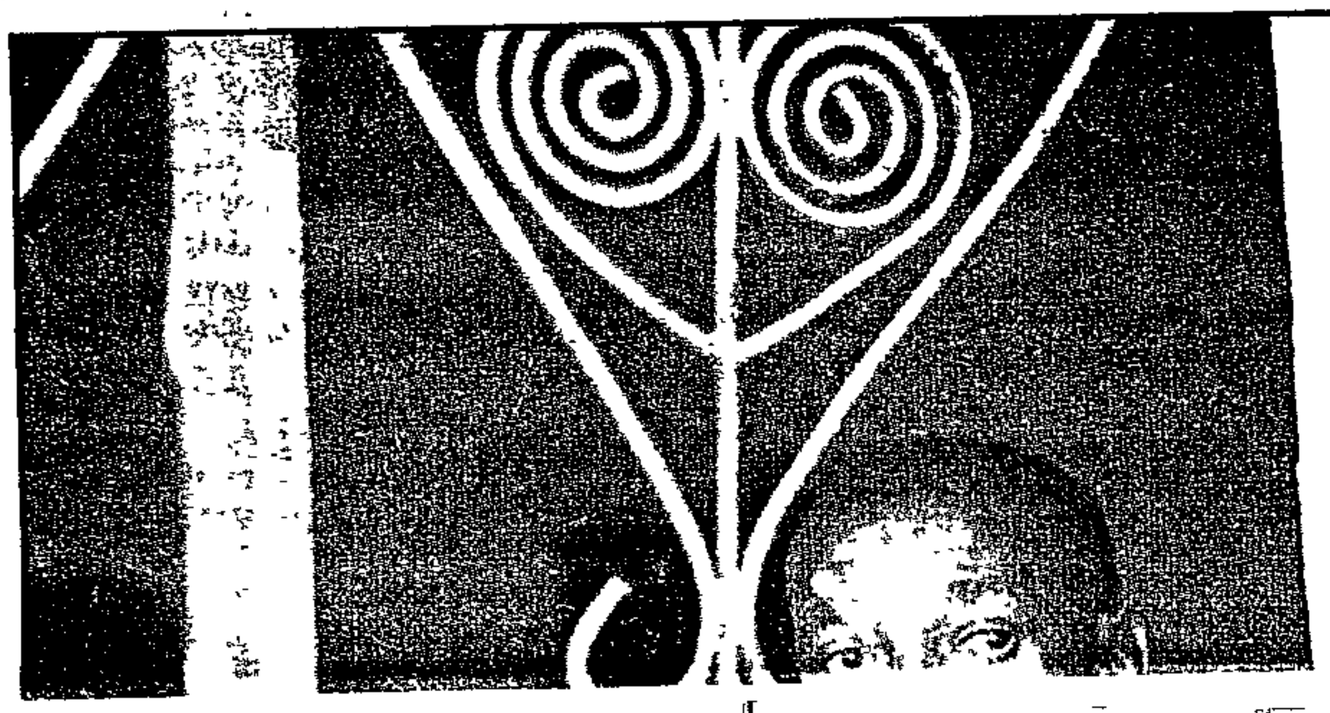
Girl (7) hurt as grenades hit 3 homes



A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD girl was among three people injured when three homes of ANC Youth League members were damaged in separate pre-dawn hand-grenade attacks yesterday.

The AYL members are the organisation's president Oupa Motingoa (27), projects officer Eric Ngwane (21) and Gabriel Lelake (19).

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The attacks, in Munsieville, Krugersdorp, shattered windows in all three houses while the walls of two of them cracked.

The first attack at 3.15am was at the home of Mrs Dora Motingoa, which was slightly damaged by a grenade thrown through a window. No one was injured.

The second attack took place about 15 minutes later at the home of Mr Johannes Lelake. Another

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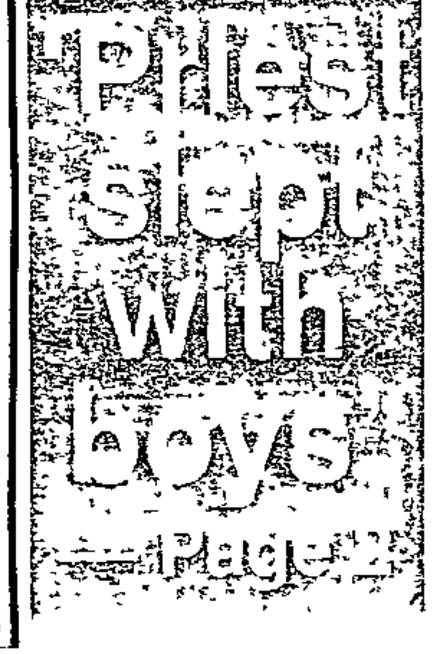

Girl (7) hurt in attack

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grenade was thrown into his house. His son, Gabriel, was injured in the leg and back.

The third attack occurred at 3.35am at Mrs Evelyne Ngwane's home. A grenade was also thrown into the house.

Her two daughters, Athalia (7) and Olga (16), were injured. Athalia sustained head injuries and has been admitted to Leratong Hospital.

Olga was injured in the arm and knee and has been discharged from hospital.

A spokesman for the West Rand police yesterday confirmed the attacks.

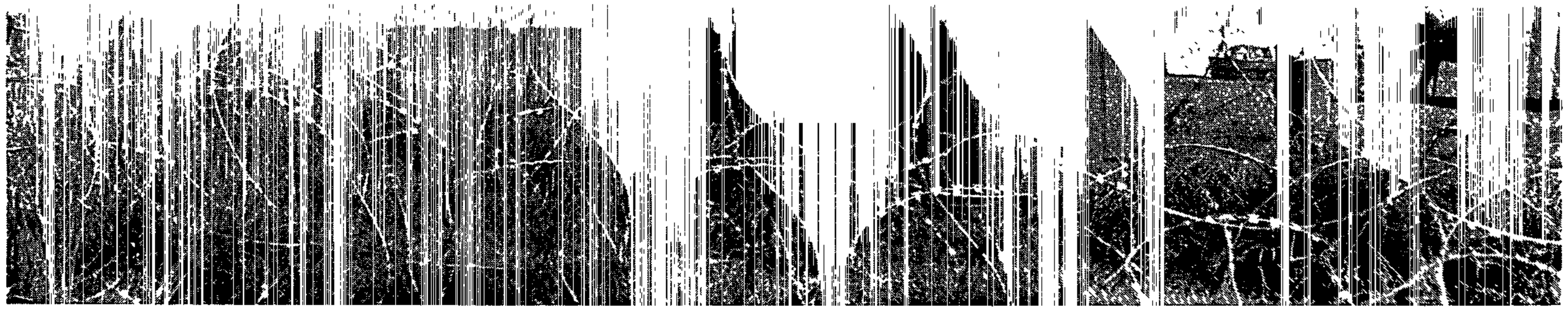
She said police were still investigating and could at this stage not say if the attacks were politically motivated.

Baffled

Oupa said they were still baffled by the attacks. They did not know who was responsible.

"We are conducting our own investigations. However, we cannot rule out the possibility that some elements are trying to intimidate us because of our activism.

"We also cannot dismiss the fact that there may be people who would like to create disharmony in the township. These people may be feeling unhappy that calm is currently reigning in the area," he said.



Reason for war ... Holomisa Park squatters stole portable toilets from Mandela Park — sparking three days of violence in which 15 people died

Photograh: KEVIN CARTER

The toilets that started the trouble

By MONDLI MAKHANYA

THEFT of toilets and ethnic antagonism were at the heart of clashes among residents of Kathlehong squatter camps this week.

Fifteen people died when squatters from Holomisa Park, which has no toilet or water facilities, attacked residents of Mandela Park — which is one of the most organised squatter settlements on the East Rand. Both camps are African National Congress strongholds and jealousy over the facilities at Mandela Park may have sparked the violence.

The clashes began on Sunday when squatters from the exclusively Xhosa Holomisa Park attacked the tribally mixed Mandela Park. One of the victims was the Mandela Park residents' committee chairman known to residents only as Sibambo. More than 100 shacks were razed in Mandela Park.

Portable toilets in Mandela Park are understood to have been stolen by Holomisa people, a move which led Shangaan-speaking Sibambo to go and reclaim them, accompanied by "Zulu men" suspected by Holomisa people of being Inkatha members. This may have given rise to fears of an attack.

While the immediate cause of the violence is still not clear the main objective seems to have been an attempt by Holomisa Park residents to rid Mandela Park of Zulu speakers.

Residents of Mandela Park claim they were attacked by Holomisa residents on Sunday and, unsuspecting, were unable to defend themselves.

Their rivals at Holomisa dispute this: "Some men came to Holomisa on Saturday night and shouted that they can wipe out Holomisa in five minutes. We recognised one of them as Sibambo and we suspect he was with Inkatha members. They returned a while later and burnt some shacks," said a Holomisa resident.

The attacks continued until Tuesday, climaxing in the death of Sibambo. By Wednesday peace returned to the area after an accord was brokered by Umkhonto weSizwe chief-of-staff Chris Hani.

The history of the two squatter camps gives further insight into the Holomisa Park residents' reasoning. The longer-established Mandela Park has portable toilets, water reticulation and well-structured roads. A monthly charge of R15 is payable to the residents' committee. Former Kathlehong residents make up a large portion of inhabitants.

Holomisa Park, conversely, has absolutely no facilities and relies on Mandela Park for water. Most of its inhabitants were forced out of Zonkizizwe and Crossroads settlements by Inkatha supporters last year.

Mandela Park residents claim they have in the past been threatened by Holomisa Park residents .

"They told us we were harbouring our own enemies who might turn against us and them, therfore we should get rid of them before they do this. But we have been living happily together here and no one has ever threatened anyone," said Mphikiseni Maphanga, a Xhosa resident of Mandela Park.

Holomisa Park residents arriving at Wednesday's peace rally to be addressed by Hani made no secret of their feelings.

They arrived bearing an ANC flag and singing Xhosa songs: "My home is Umtata. My home is in Pondoland."

Doubtless perturbed by this display of Xhosa nationalism, Hani took pains in his main address to tell the crowd that the ANC was a home for all tribes and races. He laid specific emphasis on the role played by Zulu leaders in the building of the ANC.

Security forces have a heavy presence in the area and razorwire has been place around Mandela Park to ward off any attack. This has backfired on Holomisa residents, who have now lost their source of water.

Despite the peace agreement and the razor fence Mandela Park residents are still distrustful of their neighbours.

"We don't really know what they had against us in the first place, so they might still attack," said one Mandela Park man.

GANG WARS: *Khutsong residents live in fear of the rival groups which are battling for control*

Thugs rule the 'no-go' zone

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A gang war between the G-squad and the Zim-Zims is tearing the Western Transvaal township apart. The Zim-Zim vigilantes spoke to **PHILIPPA GARSON** about the causes of the war



Young vigilantes ... Members of the gang known as the Zim-Zims — though they say the black-consciousness associations of the name are inappropriate Photograph: PHILIPPA GARSON

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'THE Gaddaffis have become like animals. They live on their own in shacks and smoke dagga all day. They have guns and knives, they steal and kill, they desecrate the graves of their victims, they teach their girlfriends to use knives against our girlfriends ..."

These are the words of a vigilante gang called the "Zim-Zims", who are at war with the Gaddaffis" or "G-squad", a group of dissident "comrades" in the Western Transvaal township of Khutsong.

The G-squad has been shielded for too long by the progressive movements, and its members' actions have tarnished the image of the African National Congress, says vigilante ring-leader Spanki Lesotho.

Tired of "biased" press coverage, the vigilantes decided this week to tell their side of the story to *The Weekly Mail*

They say the G-squad, consisting of boys and girls, have defied parental control and live on their own in the neighbouring squatter camp Residents claim they smoke dagga openly, are armed with guns and knives and live by looting local spaza shops and robbing businessmen and other township inhabitants.

Their area is a "no-go" zone at night. Many people, weary of the violence and intimidation, have left the location.

The vigilantes deny being supporters of any black consciousness organisation, as their name suggests. They say they have been labelled as such to get the largely ANC-supporting community to turn against them.

They claim that many of their members are in fact supporters of the ANC. But, when family members died at the hands of the G-squad, they formed a vigilante group to put a stop to the violence and avenge the deaths.

Residents say the Zim-Zims collaborate with the police who in turn exploit the divisions. So far the security forces have shot dead several G-squad members; *The Weekly Mail* has a string of affidavits related to these killings.

Community attempts to re-unite the two groups have so far failed, but this week another peace initiative, to get the two gangs together, was underway.

The trouble started early last year after certain "comrades", who tried to put a stop to the group's lawless actions, became targets.

An anonymous source says that when a comrade, Thomas Mvundle, tried to dissuade the youths from their acts of thuggery last year, the squad held a panga to his mother's throat and threatened to kill her if she did not hand over her son. She died of a heart attack three days later. Mvundle became a vigilante.

Vigilante leader Lesotho, who is a card-carrying member of the ANC, says his brother and woman companion were killed and then burnt last year. And three weeks ago his common-law wife, Talitha, was stabbed and burnt to death allegedly "by the girls and boys of the G-squad".

Now he too has turned to violence. But he looks sad. "Let bygones be bygones," he says. Lesotho carries a battered red-striped suitcase in which he keeps his ANC membership cards, a picture of Nelson Mandela, ANC literature and records of the fatalities.

Eight young girls, some of whom reportedly carry knives and terrorise the vigilante girlfriends, have been charged with the murder of Talitha.

The girls also face serious assault charges arising from the incidents last month when one "Nonki" was seriously stabbed in the buttocks at the local high school. A second girl was allegedly beaten by the the G-squad girls and only rescued when the teacher prevented them from throwing her into the sewer.

"They have turned to teaching their girls to use knives to stab our girls and stop them from going to school," says Lesotho.

He cites a letter he claims was written by a G-squad gang member which reads: "And all those who disagree with our laws or direction of the movement must leave the location."

Allegations abound, however, of co-operation between the police and the vigilante group. Many of the vigilantes are the sons of businessmen whose investments have been targets of petrol bombs and hold-ups by the G-squad. But residents say the vigilantes have become as ruthless as the G-squad, claiming that more than 20 people have been killed by them.

In December last year, vigilantes allegedly alighted from police vehicles, sprayed gunfire on a night vigil tent, killing two people, paralysing another and injuring at least 20. Four, including Lesotho, were charged with murder and released on bail. Police denied any involvement, saying the attack occurred shortly after a yellow panel van drove past the scene.

Scores of youths have died in recent months as the armed gangs continue to fight each other.

The vigilantes deny responsibility for many attacks carried out against the squad. "They have many enemies, not only us," says Teddy Motsau. "They have destroyed lots of property and victims are retaliating, but the blame always comes this side."

Motsau's father's tavern was burnt and his car hi-jacked. Motsau narrowly escaped death in November last year in a shooting incident when his body was riddled with bullets. "It is justified that the police shoot these guys in cold blood," he says, showing his scars. "They tried to gun me down.

"They killed my younger brother and now they have threatened to kill my four-year-old son to force me to surrender," says Lesotho

He refuses to disclose how many youths he has on his side. He denies working with the police and claims, like many other youths, that in 1986 he too was tortured with electric shock treatment at Welverdiend police station.

"I am a member of the ANC I know their constitution and that if you work in the system you are a collaborator. But let's say your brother has been killed by those you know. You will work with the police to apprehend the perpetrators."

Lesotho alleges that the G-squad "necklaced" Kosi Maseko, an ANC marshal, after an internal squabble. He says that three weeks ago they tried to dig up her corpse to reburn it.

Another source commented: "I don't know if they managed to do it. I do know that they vandalised the grave and threw away all the flowers that had been placed on the coffin."

Her father, Ephraim, has since joined the vigilantes.

The vigilantes criticise the local civic and ANC branch who "side" with the G-squad. "I personally feel that the ANC image has been tarnished in Khutsong. They created this monster and now they cannot control it," says Motsau.

Secretary of the local ANC branch, Dan Ndzeku, says the group of comrades began to involve themselves in criminal activity last year, after the unbanning of political organisations.

"Everybody began to feel that the kinds of activities carried out by the youngsters, such as the burning down of vehicles, attacks, assaults on people, all in the name of the movement was unacceptable," he says.

The G-squad became known after the much publicised incident in which gang members allegedly tortured a group of pupils in a deserted school, cutting off their ears with razor blades and forcing them to eat the flesh.

According to Ndzeku, some youths began to resist the violent actions carried out in the name of the ANC. "But anybody who was openly against the criminal acts was considered to be the enemy of the people."

The squad of about 50 members "are just young kids, 15 and 16-year-olds. Most of them grew up in front of me and now they have changed and become like animals," Ndzeku says.

He says the vigilantes have grown rapidly in number as threatened residents join them, adding that the ANC national leadership has been called in to solve the crisis.

One civic member sadly commented: "We want to gear ourselves to peace but you ask yourself, 'how will things be tomorrow morning. Will I still be alive?'"

Oukasie wins fight for survival

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'State tried to create instability'

MARK SUZMAN
and MCKEED KTLOLO

LIKE many other South African townships, the small community of Oukasie, near Brits, has seen more than its share of harsh treatment over the past half-decade: forced removals, service cutoffs, police intimidation and faction fighting have long been the order of the day.

The roots of such violence are complex, but a 25-page commission of inquiry into the Oukasie case released this week by Lawyers for Human Rights provides a revealing glimpse into the manner in which actions from different organs of the State combined with intense socio-economic stresses to create a climate of instability.

Official policy

According to the LHR report, Oukasie was first established in 1928, but from the 1950s onward the Government has followed a policy that its residents should ultimately be moved elsewhere

After a series of tentative moves in this direction, in December 1985 the inhabitants of Oukasie, then having a population of 16 000 (now 7 000), were told that they would have to move to Lethabhile, which lay 25 km north of Brits (and ran the risk of incorporation into Boputhatswana)

Once the decision had been made, the commission asserts, the State began a subtle policy of trying to make life in the township so unpalatable that residents would decide to move voluntarily This was signalled when the Development Board of the Southern Transvaal decided not to take any action towards upgrading the township: there are no tarred roads, no electricity and no street lighting, no new house construction and few communal water taps.

In response, residents formed the Brits Action Committee (BAC) to co-ordinate protest against the Government decision, asserting that Oukasie was their ancestral home (90 percent of residents were born there) and that the transport, service and housing costs would be prohibitive in the new location

The BAC proved successful in its fight for publicity, getting legal permission to get new plots and international community endorsement of the community's stand. Despite this, the report asserts· "the State in its persistent aim of achieving its single-minded goal .. continued its policy of positive neglect".

As a result, in 1988 the Transvaal Provincial Administration slapped an "emergency camp" tag on Oukasie which, among other curbs, prevented the building of new houses and arrival of new residents

Just prior to this, moreover, the report found that widespread intimidation had been practised against the BAC, including petrol-bomb attacks and police recruitment efforts As part of the state of emergency, many of the BAC leaders were also arrested while hit-squad/vigilante attacks were carried out against community organisations and trade unions

Following rumours (which the LHR investigators say were most likely spread by the Security Force to divide the opposition) that the detained leaders were, in fact, police spies, a new action committee was formed, and the township became divided into two warring factions — the newer "comrades" and the older group calling itself the "Vark Squad".

Assault, murder

At this stage, violence became entrenched in the township, and physical confrontations and attacks became regular events. This consisted mainly of intimidation and assault, but included murder.

Exacerbating the situation, the LHR commission also found widespread evidence of police involvement in vigilante groups which "aimed to create a climate of fear and demoralisation in the township so that people would move 'voluntarily' "

In addition, when complaints were brought to the authorities, the police and courts were apparently unresponsive to the violence This resulted in what the report terms "a total breakdown in the administration of justice" as perpetrators of violence were almost never punished by magistrates, leading to a de facto "decriminalisation" of violence.

Over the past year, the violence has subsided, and in January the State finally acknowledged that Oukasie is a "permanent residential area" and agreed to the upgrading of the township.

Nevertheless, many root causes of unrest remain and continued socio-economic pressures could well result in a resumption of violence To prevent this — and as an example to other areas — the report recommends that.

- The TPA liaise with and consult local residents in regard to the upgrading of the township.
- Working groups consisting of Brits and Oukasie residents and industrialists be formed to handle issues of employment, local government and aid for upgrading of the area.
- Residents' criminal charges and complaints laid with the SAP be thoroughly and swiftly investigated, enabling the law to take its course



PRAISE ... Chris Hani defends the security forces to Katlehong residents Picture: JOE SEFALE

ANC's man of war on mission of peace

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By SYDNEY MOSES

CHRIS HANI, Umkhonto we Sizwe's chief of staff, twice came to the defence of the police and security forces in the past week.

Last Saturday he surprised everyone by saying: "We are looking forward to the time where we can respect the police as our people. The time has come for the police to be re-orientated.

"The policemen are not guilty; they did what the government ordered them to do."

Then on Tuesday he defended the security forces to Katlehong residents during a peace mission.

Warring Mandela and Holomisa squatter camp residents complained about the presence of the police and the army in the township, saying they were part of the problem and should be removed.

But Mr Hani responded by praising the security presence, saying they were there to maintain peace in the area.

He said: "The police are being paid by the government to maintain law and order and must keep patrolling the area until the situation is calm. The troops have to be here in the area because the government has a duty to stop violence.

"Security police and troops should conduct a dialogue with leaders in the community so there can be communication."

Mr Hani said residents should be aware of outsiders who exploited violence in a bid to cause chaos.

He warned them to watch out for people who wore ANC and SACP T-shirts and shouted slogans by day, but were involved in violent activities by night. And Mr Hani pleaded: "Bury the dead, do not avenge.

"There should be a dialogue, reconciliation, peace, love and unity."

But pleas for peace and the strong security force presence in Katlehong were not enough to save the life of one resident.

The man was attending a Freedom Party rally at the Huntersfield stadium on Sunday and wore a red headband to identify himself as a Zulu.

He was accused of being an ANC spy and was stabbed through the chest with a spear and left to bleed to death.

Security police were keeping a low profile outside the stadium, unaware of the killing inside.

Major Dave Bruce said the body of the unidentified man was in the government mortuary. No arrests have been made.

'Protect yourselves' Mandela tells crowd

By DAN DHLAMINI

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela yesterday urged people to form defence units to protect themselves against the "enemy".

He was speaking at the mass funeral of Anne Ramokgola, 38; Solomon Ramokgola, 21; Timothy Ramokgola, 17; Paul Ramokgola, 15; Eric Yawa, 18; Michael Ndlovu, 18; Sello Phiri, 21; Sipho Radebe, 21; and Lydia Maphanga, 28.

They were killed in an ambush on a night vigil in Alexandra township last month.

Mandela said the ANC had agreed with the government to suspend the armed struggle, but never agreed that people should not defend themselves.

Mandela accused the government of working hand-in-glove with criminals and of being reluctant to stop the violence.

He said the main purpose of the set of demands the ANC had made was to force the government to stop the violence.

Addressing more than 20 000 mourners, South African Council of Churches general secretary Rev Frank Chikane blamed the government for the violence which has claimed many lives.

Azapo president Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said the time had come for blacks to unite and stand up against the "third force", which he said was taking advantage of the faction fight between blacks.

■ State President FW de Klerk, the AWB, and the Inkatha Freedom Party were responsible for the current violence in black townships, Albertina Sisulu, wife of ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu, told mourners in Soweto yesterday.

She was addressing thousands who attended the funeral of Ezekiel Jongi Ndzanga, an ANC cadre who collapsed and died in Tanzania last month. The service was also addressed by Winnie Mandela and Mankekolo Mahlangu, a former Azapo member who joined the ANC in exile.

In a scathing attack on De Klerk, Sisulu accused him of insincerity in the negotiations to bring about a new democratic governement.

"De Klerk, the AWB and the IFP are directly responsible for the current violence. We are aware of the thousands of murderers who are brought in loads of trucks and buses at night to kill our people," she told the ululating crowd.

Mahlangu, who went into exile 10 years ago, appealed to the mourners to pick up Ndzanga's "spear" and march forward to freedom.

Staff Reporters

10 killed, 73 injured in bloody clash in Soweto

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In a weekend of bloody political conflict in Soweto, at least 10 people were killed and 73 others injured in clashes between hostel dwellers and residents.

Soweto police liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn said police stepped in last night during a pitched battle between Inkatha supporters from the Nancefield Hostel and ANC supporters from the adjoining Klipspruit.

Police fired teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot.

About 2 500 people were involved in the clash which involved "a lot of bullets", Colonel Halgryn said. Police were fired at, he said. An off-duty policeman was stabbed and wounded in the back with a spear.

Three bodies were found around the Nancefield Hostel late last night, he said.

Scores of injured people were taken to Baragwanath Hospital after the clash and hospital staff worked through the night.

Colonel Halgryn said the fighting was apparently sparked by an incident on Saturday afternoon when three "Zulu speakers" from the hostel were attacked in Klipspruit and admitted to the hospital with stab wounds.

"On Saturday night people from the hostel went to Klipspruit and a fight broke out. Several petrol bombs and stones were thrown and live ammunition was fired at the police."

Three bodies were found in the area early yesterday.

At the Merafe hostel, about four kilometres away, police found the bodies of two men who had been shot on Sunday, Colonel Halgryn said. Another two bodies were found in the hostel area this morning, he added.

At Baragwanath Hospital last night, the patients, some of whom were in a serious condition and most of whom had bullet and birdshot wounds, claimed police had opened fire on them.

Staff at Baragwanath Hospital confirmed last night that more than 52 people were being treated for various injuries.

Witnesses said a few hundred ANC supporters had gathered at the railway line to defend themselves against a large Zulu contingent on the other side, when the police opened fire on them without warning.

This was denied by police.

By late last night, police had managed to confine the ANC supporters to the eastern half of the hostel and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters to the western side, Colonel Halgryn said.

Today, the situation in the area was calm

● Reef violence — Pages 2, 3

At least 10 killed in weekend unrest

AT LEAST 10 people died in unrest at the weekend, including four near the Soweto home of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, police said yesterday.

Liaison officer Col Johan Mostert said four bodies were found yesterday after fighting at a hostel near Mandela's house in Orlando West.

Two bodies were found near Nancefield hostel and another two near Merafe hostel.

It was believed the four people were killed on Saturday night during battles between Inkatha-supporting Nancefield hostel dwellers and ANC-supporting residents of the area, Mostert said.

The ANC leader was never under threat of attack, Mostert said.

WILSON ZWANE

He said ANC supporters had told police about clashes in the area and that Inkatha supporters were forming armed bands at the hostel.

"Police who went there to investigate were shot at by the Inkatha supporters," Mostert said. No policemen were injured.

Soweto was quiet yesterday. The bodies of two men with stab and hack wounds were found in Alexandra.

In other unrest, a youth was killed and another seriously injured when they were shot in an ANC/Inkatha clash in Port Shepstone, Natal, Mostert said.

Battles near Mandela home

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JOHANNESBURG. — Fierce battles near the home of Mr Nelson Mandela in Soweto killed at least four people overnight, police said yesterday.

Violence in various other parts of the country left another six people dead during the same period, police reported in their daily statement on unrest.

Residents of Soweto's Orlando West suburb alerted police after hearing gunfire last night.

The Orlando West violence pitted Zulus from the Nancefield worker hostel against Xhosa residents late on Saturday and into yesterday, police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said.

The fighting left 52 people injured, some seriously. A nurse at Baragwanath hospital said the injured had been treated by late last night, most for shotgun wounds. Police confirmed they had used shotguns and tear smoke to stop the fighting.

At the height of the fighting around midnight on Saturday, Xhosa warriors, armed with spears and clubs, lit bonfires on the hill above the house of Mr Mandela, a Xhosa chieftain, Col Mostert said witnesses had claimed.

The Mandela home is about a kilometre from the hostel and fighting raged not far from the house, but, Col Mostert said, Mr Mandela and his family "never appeared to be in danger".

Mr Mandela had left South Africa yesterday afternoon for Zimbabwe, but his wife Winnie was at home, a Mandela aide at the house said.

"We feel quite safe here . . . we have guards," he added.

Stoned

Col Mostert said ANC supporters tipped police off that there had been fighting in the area and that Inkatha supporters were gathering at the hostel.

Col Mostert said that by last last night, ANC supporters had been confined to the eastern half of the hostel and Inkatha supporters to the western side.

Both groups had appointed guards to prevent renewed attacks and police were patrolling the area between the warring groups.

Police who investigated were stoned by Inkatha supporters, Col Mostert said, but no police members were injured.

Police found two bodies with gunshot wounds and shells of AK-47 cartridges nearby. Another two bodies were found. One had been "necklaced" and the other had stab and hack wounds.

According to reports, two bonfires were lit on a hill overlooking the Mandela mansion at the height of the fighting.

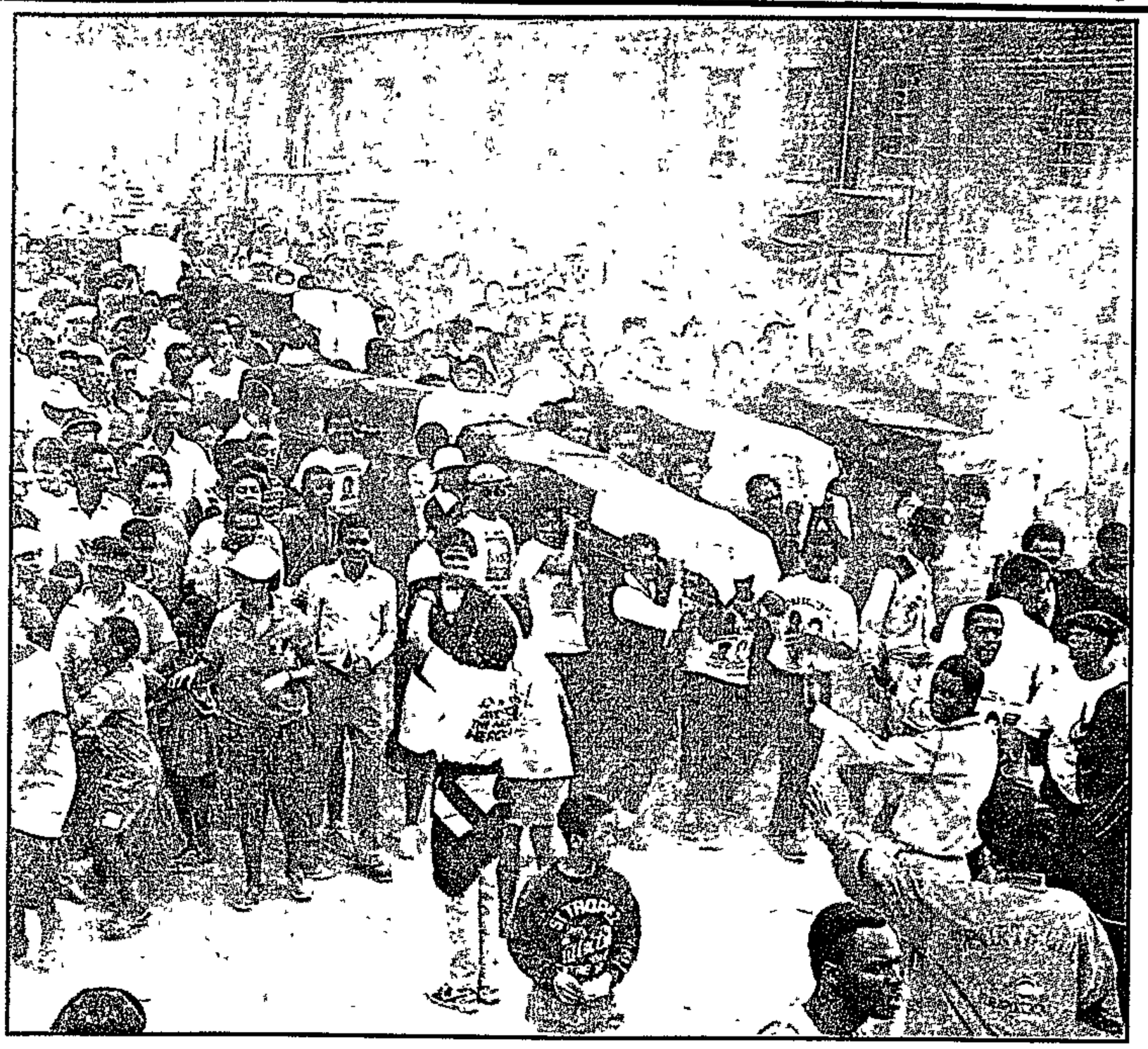
A Xhosa man at one fire was quoted as saying: "We're burning the two Zulus we killed."

The bodies of the victims, he said, had been mutilated before being set alight — the tongues and testicles had been cut out "for our muti".

The bodies of two men with stab and hack wounds were found in Alexandra.

In unrest in Natal, a youth was killed and another seriously injured when they were shot in an ANC/Inkatha conflict in Port Shepstone, Col Mostert said.

In Cape Town a petrol bomb was thrown at a house in Khayelitsha. — Sapa and UPI



Coffins of the nine victims are carried shoulder-high during a funeral procession to Alexandra cemetery on Saturday. Picture by MBUZENI ZULU.

Mandela hits out at Government, Press

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THE Government and the Press came under heavy criticism from ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela at a mass funeral of eight unrest victims in Alexandra on Saturday.

The eight were killed during a night vigil on the eve of the burial of their relative, Mrs Jane Ramokgola, about three weeks ago.

The victims were her sons Solomon (21), Timothy (17) and Paul (15), Liya Maphanga (28) a relative, Eric Yawa (18), Michael Ndhlovu (18), Sello Phiri (21), Sipho Radebe (21). All were buried with Ramakgola.

Mandela said the attitude of some sections of the Press to the ANC's set of demands had been very disappointing.

"They have criticised the ANC for submitting the set of demands and issuing an ultimatum to the Government."

Reef corpses sent to Transkei

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ABOUT 1 000 mourners attended a memorial service on Friday of 10 of the 18 people who were killed on March 24 in clashes between the police and residents in Daveyton, writes NKOPANE MAKOBANE.

After the service at the Sinaba Stadium the bodies of the victims were transported to Transkei where they were buried at the weekend.

Police kept a close watch over proceedings from a distance.

Speakers at the service included, ANC representatives John Nkadimeng, Mahommed Valli Moosa and Xolani Nduna, Transkei Consul General, Mr V N Mditshwa, Mr Amos Masondo of Cosatu and the local Methodist priest, the Rev M A Madibo.

Call for defence brigades



The body of a victim of the weekend killings is ironically covered with a copy of *Sowetan* story on violence.

PAC and ANC in unity bid

By ISMAEL LARGARDIEN

HARARE - The South African Government will have a "formidable negotiating partner by the middle of this week"

This is the message from Harare, Zimbabwe, where the executives of the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress meet today in an attempt to form a "patriotic front" against the Government

The two-day meeting will be opened by Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, who is also funding the convention.

Negotiations on a future South Africa will never be the same again, PAC secretary for information Mr Barney Desai said yesterday

"A patriotic front will change the complexion of the present phase of negotiations," he said.

The PAC national executive council met for the first time at the weekend since it was elected last December

Statement

While there was no statement forthcoming from the PAC yesterday, the organisation's executive was, however, positive that a "patriotic front" would become a reality.

"Things are 90 percent ready" on the PAC side but the next two days would see some hard talking between the two organisations, PAC sources said

Commenting in the local media the ANC's chief representative in Zimbabwe, Mr Max Mlonyeni, said the organisation had passed a resolution at its national consultative conference in Johannesburg last December "that a patriotic front should be established"

"It is important for all those forces who want to benefit from a liberated South Africa to come together and plan this process towards liberation," Mlonyeni told the *Sunday Mail* in Harare

Commenting on today's meeting, the PAC's secre-

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By MOKGADI PELA, DON SEOKANE and Sapa

TEN more people were killed in Soweto and Alexandra in continuing violence at the weekend - against the backdrop of a call by ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela that people should form self-defence units.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the cause of the fighting was still unknown and police were investigating.

Police found four bodies in the vicinity of Nancefield Hostel, where gunfire was reported on Saturday night

Two more bodies were found outside Merafe Hostel Both men had been shot with AK-47 rifles, Mariemuthoo said

The body of a man was found at 11am yesterday at Nancefield Hostel and another, with stab and hack wounds, was found in Jabulani

Two petrol bombs were allegedly hurled at a police patrol Casspir in Jabulani, injuring two policemen

Mariemuthoo said a house was stoned in Klipspruit, Soweto, causing damage estimated at R600

Police said yesterday the body of a

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WHAT do you think about self-defence units in our streets and communities? Air your opinion to the nation. Phone Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise today and talk to him live between 4.30pm and 5pm The hotline number is 714-8063. Listen to the *Sowetan* Talkback programme on Radio Metro on mediumwave at 576KhZ.

10 die in violence

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man was found in Alexandra at 1am on Saturday, hours before the mass funeral of nine violence victims. Another man with stab and hack wounds was found dead in the township in the early hours of yesterday.

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela urged an estimated 5 000 crowd at the mass funeral of violence victims to establish self-defence units.

"If it is okay for whites to have neighbourhood watch units then it should be equally okay for blacks to establish defence units.

"The aim of the defence units is not to carry armed operations against the Government and its installations but to protect the communities from a third force hiding behind ethnic violence," he said.

Defence units

Mandela told the crowd that the ANC had no agreement with the Government on defence units.

Reacting to the formation of defence units, police spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police were opposed to all private armies across the political spectrum, including the ANC's units and the AWB's Wenkommandos.

He said the creation of private armies was a recipe for civil war. "Such bodies can only lead to further polarisation and even greater bloodshed."

In the Western Transvaal township of Kanana, an explosive device exploded in front of a councillor's house, causing damage estimated at about R4 000.

Other minor unrest incidents were reported in Mohlakeng, near Randfontein, Daveyton and KwaThema in Springs.

At least 10 die, 73 hurt as violence flares in Soweto

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least 10 people have died in violence which erupted around Nancefield Hostel in Orlando, Soweto.

A police spokesman said today the death toll could rise.

At least 73 injured people were taken to Baragwanath Hospital after police used teargas and birdshot to quell fighting between a large number of African National Congress and Inkatha supporters outside the hostel.

The patients, some of whom were in a serious condition and most of whom had bullet and birdshot wounds, claimed police had opened fire on them.

Witnesses said a few hundred ANC supporters had gathered at the railway line to defend themselves against a large Zulu impi on the other side when the police opened fire on them without warning.

Police spokesman for Soweto Colonel Tienie Halgryn denied the allegations. "These injuries were not caused by the police," he said.

He said police reinforcements were sent in last night to quell heavy fighting between 2 500 ANC and Inkatha supporters at Klipspruit.

The groups were armed with spears, axes and sticks and police had separated them, Colonel Halgryn said.

A policeman was stabbed with a spear.

By late last night police had confined the ANC supporters to the eastern half of the hostel and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters to the western side.

Men, women and children lay in the casualty ward at Baragwanath last night, waiting to be treated.

"The police shot us," said Mr Themba Kowa.

He said a large group of residents gathered to march to the hostel when the police arrived.

"They gave us no warning. They just started shooting us," he said.

Mr Muntu Ncube's clothes were soaked with blood from wounds on his chest and face. He also said he had been shot by the police.

"We were just sitting there on the railway line when the police shot us. I tried to run away, but there were too many people closing in on me, crying and screaming," he said.

Fighting started near the Soweto home of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela on Saturday when four people were killed. Police found two bodies with gunshot wounds, another was necklaced and the fourth was stabbed and hacked to death.

Fighting apparently began when Zulu hostel dwellers were attacked on Saturday night. Revenge attacks were later carried out on a squatter camp near Mr Mandela's house.

Police said ANC supporters had tipped them off that fighting was raging in the area and that Inkatha supporters were gathering at the hostel.

Journalists were outside the hostel just before the alleged shooting began. A large police and SADF contingent sat in Casspirs and vans on the bridge overlooking the Nancefield Hostel, watching hundreds of armed Zulus crouching in the grass.

When the journalists tried to follow two Casspirs to the area where the ANC supporters were gathering, one Casspir parked across the road, blocking it, while the other disappeared.

Witnesses said police arrived in a Casspir and opened fire on them soon afterwards.

● Faction fighting on the Natal South Coast claimed three more lives at the weekend, police said. — Sapa.

Bop police alleged to have crossed border after stoning

Star 16/4/91

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

Commuters at Moretele near Hammanskraal are calling for the immediate withdrawal of Bophuthatswana Transport Holdings buses following an alleged cross-border operation into South Africa by Bophuthatswana police yesterday.

It was claimed the police fired teargas and rubber bullets at stone-throwing mobs after the windows of more than 50 buses were shattered.

A number of people were said to have been injured during the incident, which allegedly occurred near the Hammanskraal railway station inside South Africa early yesterday.

The incident is believed to have arisen as a result of a boycott against a 20 percent bus fare increase two weeks ago.

Trouble started when taxi operators and a group of commuters allegedly stopped buses and demanded the release of their arrested colleagues.

Officials at Hammanskraal Hospital, where the commuters claimed to have rushed some of the injured, denied having received any person with injuries allegedly inflicted during the disturbance.



AT COURT ...
Mrs Winnie Mandela

Falati 'didn't believe Stompie was dead'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A co-accused in Mrs Winnie Mandela's trial yesterday said she did not believe a 14-year-old boy, who had been taken to Mrs Mandela's home in December 1988, had been murdered until she saw photos of his body.

Mrs Xoliswa Falati, 37, told the Rand Supreme Court that, despite widespread publicity surrounding the disappearance and possible murder of Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, she had not provided police with information because she did not believe the media reports.

Last Tuesday Mrs Falati told the court that on December 29, 1988, she had suggested the removal of Stompie and three other people from a Soweto church manse to Mrs Mandela's home.

Mrs Falati said she had made the decision to remove the four for their own protection after learning that they were being sexually abused by the supervisor of the manse, the Reverend Paul Verryn.

The four were later assaulted at Mrs Mandela's home before Stompie, who was accused of being a police informer, was murdered by Mrs Mandela's bodyguard, Jerry Richardson.

Stompie's body was found on January 7, 1989 in an open lot in Soweto with his throat cut, and was only identified by police a month later.

Richardson was convicted in August last year of Stompie's murder and sentenced to death.

Both Mrs Mandela, 56, and Mrs Falati have denied being present during the assault and, together with co-accused, Mr John Morgan, 61, have pleaded not guilty to four counts each of kidnapping and assault arising from the December abduction.

When asked by state advocate Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, whether she suspected that Stompie was a police informer, Mrs Falati said she initially believed he was, but later changed her mind.

She agreed with Mr Swanepoel that it was a serious allegation to label someone as a police informer, and added that the black community would try to "win back" an informer with "love and comradeship".

During her cross-examination Mrs Falati contradicted evidence she gave during Richardson's trial concerning her movements on the night of the assault.

Mrs Falati told the court she had caught a taxi home after removing the four from the manse on December 29 and leaving them with Richardson at Mrs Mandela's home.

During Richardson's trial she gave evidence that a driver had taken her home.

She also repeated her allegation that the Mandela's lawyer, Mr Ismail Ayob, had tried to cover up the homosexual activities of Mr Verryn because he was a member of the South African Council of Churches

The trial continues today.

Mixed views on units



SOWETAN/Radio Metro Talkback callers expressed mixed views on self-defence units suggested by ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela at the Alexandra mass funeral on Saturday.

Mashumi from Mamelodi told host Tim Modise defence units would plunge black areas into further violence.

He wanted to know who would head the units, saying "they could be taken over by these young rascals who call themselves comrades".

"While I agree with Mandela, I fear, however, that the ANC might become victim to its own good intentions."

Peter from Dobsonville said every human being had a right to self-defence. He said defence units would usher peace into the townships.

"We have lost confidence in the police force and feel that this call came too late," he added.

Sandile said the defence units would be acceptable on condition those in charge underwent intensive training.

Joseph from Atteridgeville said the call for defence units was justified.

Faith from Vosloorus said the ANC should have consulted other liberation movements before unilaterally making such a call.

She said those in charge of defence units should be taught how to deal with people. "If they are armed they might take the law into their own hands," she added.

State moves to end feuds

THE Government is expected to make a major announcement this week introducing measures to try to end the endemic township violence which is threatening negotiations.

It is expected that the announcement will include measures to curb the carrying of vicious weapons such as pangas and axes at political meetings and marches.

Weapons

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok hinted at steps to come during a phone-in programme on SABC radio last week.

It now seems that the Government might compromise with the ANC, which has demanded a ban on "traditional weapons", by allowing traditional Zulu weapons such as knobkieries and sticks but forbidding more dangerous weapons such as axes and pangas.

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10 killed in Soweto clashes

FIVE more bodies were found by police in Soweto yesterday following fierce clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents at the weekend.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the bodies were picked up around Klipspruit township and Merafe and Nancefield hostels.

He said the death toll since the fighting broke out on Saturday stood at 10 and about 72 people had been injured.

Mariemuthoo said the situation was quiet yesterday. No further incidents of sporadic violence were reported.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said police had stepped in during a pitched battle between Inkatha supporters from Nancefield Hostel and African National Congress supporters from neighbouring Klipspruit township on Sunday night.

They fired teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse the warring factions.

He said about 2 500 people were involved in the clash, which involved "a lot of bullets". Police were also fired at.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE and Sapa

In one incident, an off-duty policeman was stabbed with a spear.

Scores of the injured were taken to Baragwanath Hospital.

Halgryn said fighting broke out on Saturday when four people were killed. Two bodies were found with gunshot wounds, another was necklaced while the fourth had been stabbed and hacked to death.

Attacked

Fighting apparently broke out when hostel dwellers were attacked by township residents.

Revenge attacks were later carried out at the Power Park squatter camp.

Several petrol bombs and stones were thrown and live ammunition was fired at the police.

Three bodies were found in the area on Sunday morning.

Police found the bodies of two men who had been shot at Merafe Hostel. Two other bodies were found in the hostel area

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P.T.O.



Family members of the latest victim of violence in Soweto clear the spot where the man was found near Mapetla hostel yesterday morning. The man was among 10 people killed so far in the township since Saturday. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

5 more killed

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yesterday morning. Sowetan 16/4/91

Witnesses said a group of residents had gathered at the railway line near Klipspruit to defend themselves against the hostel dwellers when the police opened fire without warning.

This has, however, been denied by police.

"We stepped between the parties to restore peace and did not open fire on either group.

Armed with spears (278)

"The groups were armed with spears, axes and sticks," Halgryn said.

Residents taken to Baragwanath Hospital claimed police had opened fire on them.

"The police shot us," said Mr Themba Kowa. Propping himself up on his stretcher, he said a large group of residents had gathered to march to the hostel when the police arrived on the scene.

"They gave us no warning. They just started shooting us," he said.

Women to protest

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THE Human Rights Committee of the Transvaal Young Women's Christian Association and the Concerned Women's Crisis Committee are to take part in march tomorrow in protest against violence in the townships.

The march starts at Khotso House, 62 Marshall Street, Johannesburg, at 10am.

The demonstrators will march to John Vorster Square before proceeding to the offices of the Transvaal Provincial Administration in Braamfontein where memorandum will be delivered.

A spokesperson for the CWCC, Mrs Nomsa Nduma, said the women would march to show their concern and to urge the Government to curb the bloodletting.

"Women are losing their husbands and their children," she said.

Motorists hurt in roadblock stoning – claim

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By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

Several motorists are believed to have been injured at the weekend by stone-throwing youths on the Tadime section main road in Katlehong when they failed to stop to have their cars searched.

Residents in the area said the group of youths stopped drivers on the main road and demanded to search their cars for weapons.

According to a resident, who wanted to remain anonymous, several drivers panicked and sped away when stopped by the stick-wielding and stone-carrying youths.

A policeman said a group of visitors from Lesotho lost their money and some belongings after the youths searched their car.

Residents said the youths had also been responsible for the violence in the area by provoking Inkatha hostel dwellers.

Approached for comment yesterday, East Rand police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel said: "So far we have not found any record that anybody reported the incident to the police."

She added, however, that East Rand Riot Squad members had received a report of stone-throwing at about 3 am on Sunday at Padima section in Katlehong.

At the scene they found between 20 and 30 youths in the process of "blocking vehicles", deflating tyres and stealing petrol.

"Police reacted by firing a shotgun. The group dispersed and no one was injured."

Captain van Zweel said members of the public who set up roadblocks and searched vehicles had no legal authority to do so.

She said those who had been involved in the incident should report the matter to the police.

Man necklaced (278)

THE necklaced body of an unidentified man and an arms cache were found yesterday at separate hostels during what police described as a quiet day on the Reef.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tinie Halgryn said the body was found in a veld near Nancefield Hostel about 2pm. Sowetan 17/4/91

And the East Rand police discovered an arms cache in a dawn raid on a hostel in Katlehong.

Among the weapons were an AK-47 rifle, 80 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, 240 9mm rounds of ammunition, three .303 rounds, an AK pistol grip, an AK cleaning kit and 12 AK magazines.

Police said no arrests had been made.

Dispute over self-defence units grows

Sowetan 17/4/91

COMMUNITY organisations - not the ANC - will be primarily responsible for preventing self-defence units proposed by the ANC from becoming private armies, a spokesman for the organisation said yesterday.

ANC Youth League spokesman Mr Parks Mankahlana was reacting to a growing controversy following the call for defence units by ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela at the weekend.

A 29-page confidential ANC manual details the organisation's concept of the units.

"One must realise that these self-defence units are community structures. They are not per se organs of the ANC," said ANC Sharpeville chairman Mr Siza Rani.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze, rejecting any form of State accommodation over the defence units, said yesterday:

Tolerated

"Private political armies from all sectors of the political spectrum will not be tolerated in any way."

Details of the confidential ANC booklet, entitled *For the Sake of Our Lives - Guidelines for the Creation of People's Self-Defence Units*, were revealed in *Business Day* yesterday.

The document details how para-military self-defence units could be formed and deployed countrywide under the guidance of the ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Fears

Self-defence units already exist in five Vaal townships, said Rani last week.

As a result of fears of an attack, the ANC last Wednesday night set up defence units in Evaton, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong and Sebokeng, Rani said.

They operated mainly at night, patrolling streets and searching "suspicious-looking cars" at township entrances. - *Sapa.*

I was out of town, Winnie tells court

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela, who took the stand for the first time yesterday in her trial for kidnapping and assault, said she was out of town when the crimes allegedly took place and was "outraged" when accused of complicity by black anti-apartheid activists.

Her testimony followed evidence from two youths who claimed to be her victims, who said Mrs Mandela, 56, threatened, punched and whipped them and two others at her home on the evening of December 29, 1988.

Speaking softly and calmly, Mrs Mandela denied being involved in either the abduction or assault of four youths, saying she was in the Free State town of Brandfort at the time.

She said she first heard of the allegations of kidnapping and assault when members of a Soweto crisis community approached her in mid-January 1989 and informed her that she had been accused of the crimes.

"I was furious (and) said I knew nothing about the allegations," she said.

Mrs Mandela said she had little knowledge of who stayed in the back rooms of her home — where the victims were allegedly detained and assaulted — as young people often "sought refuge" there from detention and police harassment.

Mrs Mandela told the court she first learnt that four people from the manse were staying in her back rooms when she returned from Brandfort on December 31, 1988.

She said a co-accused, Miss Xoliswa Falati, had met her on her return and had "rattled something" about removing children from the manse, where they were being sexually abused by the manse supervisor, the Rev Paul Verryn, and placing them in Mrs Mandela's home.

Mrs Mandela said that after being informed of the assaults she approached Jerry Richardson, the coach of the Mandela United soccer club, and "inquired whether he had any knowledge" of the assaults.

Richardson, who also stayed in the houses' back rooms, admitted only "slapping" the four victims while questioning them.

Mrs Mandela said because of the "serious and false" allegations against her she did not believe the similar allegations directed against Richardson and other youths living in the rooms.

Last August, Richardson was convicted for the murder of 14-year-old Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, one of the youths taken from the manse, and sentenced to death.

Mrs Mandela, Miss Falati, 37, and a third co-accused, Mr John Morgan, 61, have all pleaded not guilty to four counts each of kidnapping and assault arising out of the December abduction.

Mrs Mandela's counsel, Mr George Bizos, SC, yesterday told the court he would call at least two people to testify that his client went to Brandfort at the time of the December 29, 1988 assault and only returned on December 31.

He said Mr Thabo Motau would testify that he drove Mrs Mandela to Brandfort and Ms Nora Moahloli would testify that Mrs Mandela stayed with her there and attended a meeting with her to discuss the future of welfare projects Mrs Mandela had set up. — Own Correspondent, UPI

'Spy claim dangerous'

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela's allegation last week that a journalist for a British newspaper was a state agent could place him in personal danger and restrict the free flow of information, the Association of Democratic Journalists said yesterday.

ADJ general-secretary Mr Monty Narsoo requested Mrs Mandela to either substantiate the allegation, which has received wide local and international media coverage, or withdraw it.

In the presence of her bodyguards at her trial on Thursday, Mrs Mandela reportedly accused Mr Mandla Themba, an ADJ member working for the Independent, of being a member of the special branch.

Mr Narsoo said the allegation would affect Mr Themba's ability to effectively carry out his job and could affect his personal life. — Sapa

Chaos as Principals chased by pupils again

schools open

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI and ALINAH DUBE

UNCERTAINTY, class disruptions and stayaways marked the first two days of the second quarter of schooling in the Transvaal.

Attendances at schools under the Department of Education and Training varied from nought to 80 percent with thousands of pupils in Atteridgeville and Soshanguve boycotting classes.

The Mamelodi principals who resumed their duties on Monday were once again chased away from their schools, allegedly by members of the Congress of South African Students.

What is to be done about the continuing crisis in our schools? Let the nation hear your opinion. Telephone Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise today and talk to him live between 4.30 and 5pm. The hotline number is 714-8063. Listen to the *Sowetan* Talkback programme on Radio Metro on mediumwave 576 KhZ.

There was a complete stayaway in Atteridgeville. It was sparked off by pamphlets distributed by Cosas saying pupils should only return to school today.

A Cosas official in the Southern Transvaal, Mr Aaron Moela, said the organisation's executives yesterday visited various townships to assess the situation as the regional office had not called for any stayaway.

The stayaway was condemned by the Azanian

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Chaos at schools

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Students Movement which said pupils must "arm themselves with education, no matter how minimal it is".

Liaison officer for DET's Highveld region Mr Levy Tshetlo said the majority of high schools in his region did not "open at all" on Monday.

"In most secondary schools neither teachers nor pupils turned up.

"However, some primary schools opened and ran smoothly. We were really shocked with this state of affairs because we cannot attribute it to anything. We were not aware of any campaigns to stay away," he said.

High schools in Katlehong were deserted as early as 11am yesterday. Pupils said they left classes early because teachers did not turn up.

However, the deputy chairman of the South African Democratic Teachers Union, Mr Mandu Chiloane, said teachers reported for classes but few pupils turned up.

"There was no reason why we should stay away," he said. "The only teachers who have not been attending are those who received suspension letters from the Highveld region."

The public relations officer for the Johannesburg region, Mr Solly Mashokwe, said attendances on reopening day were normal. Some schools in Soweto reported 80 percent attendances, he said.

However, *Sowetan* reporters on Monday found many pupils moving up and down the streets while others were seen idling inside the school premises as early as 10am.

Winnie tells court she was framed

Cape Times 18/4/91 (278) (338)

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela yesterday said evidence implicating her in crimes of kidnapping and assault was fabricated and she hoped the reasons for the fabrication would emerge during her present trial.

She told the Rand Supreme Court that only the people who had fabricated the evidence would be able to say why they had done it, adding this was not the first time made-up evidence had been used against her.

She said she hoped the reasons would emerge "during the court case (through evidence) given by some of the witnesses".

Under cross-examination by Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, for the state, she conceded that despite widespread allegations about her involvement in the December 29, 1988, kidnapping of four people from a Soweto church manse and their subsequent assault, she had not formally produced an alibi until the beginning of her trial in February this year.

Mrs Mandela agreed she had not informed Soweto community leaders, police, the media, the Witwatersrand attorney-general or a magistrate of her alibi.

Her alibi is that at the time of the abduction and assaults she was in the Free State town of Brandfort, discussing welfare projects with community leaders.

Mr Swanepoel asked why, when allegations were made against her, she had not simply said she was in Brandfort and could not have committed the offences.

She said she felt there was no need to produce an alibi as the allegations were "absurd".



AT COURT ... Mr Nelson Mandela and his wife Winnie arrive at the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. Picture. AP

She added that her alibi had come up during football coach Jerry Richardson's murder trial last year.

Mr Swanepoel asked her when it had first emerged that she was not at home on December 29 as she claimed.

"I cannot remember," Mrs Mandela said.

"Did you tell anyone before you went that you were going to Brandfort?"

"I was not in the habit of disclosing my moves because of my experiences."

Earlier in her evidence Mrs Mandela said she had been betrayed by a "handful of so-called anti-apartheid leaders" who had called for her to be ostracised from the community following allegations of her involvement in the abduction and assault.

Mrs Mandela said she had been tried by members of the Mass Democratic Movement, including Mr Murphy Morobe, Mr Archie Gumede and Mr Mohammed Valli Moosa, without being consulted.

She said her detractors had also "stated that no lawyer belonging to the democratic movement" should represent her.

A statement by prominent anti-apartheid lawyer Mr Krish Naidoo that he was withdrawing as her attorney had surprised her, as he had never represented her.

Mrs Mandela, 57, and her co-accused, Ms Xoliswa Falati, 37, and Mr John Morgan, 61, have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Mrs Mandela dismissed claims by Mr Swanepoel that the alleged homosexual activity of the supervisor of the manse, the Rev Paul Verryn, had "nothing to do with your defence".

"If it were not for (Mr Verryn's alleged sexual misconduct) I would not be in this court," Mrs Mandela said.

Mrs Mandela agreed that even if Mr Verryn had been sexually abusing youths at the manse it had nothing to do with the assault on the abducted four at her house.

During her evidence-in-chief Mrs Mandela said that despite Mr Verryn's sexual misconduct she held him "in the highest esteem" for the community work he had done in Soweto.

She said she had wanted to "contain the problem" and persuade Mr Verryn to seek psychiatric help.

The trial continues today.

Winnie's alibi 'revealed only after 2 years'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — It has emerged in the Rand Supreme Court here that Mrs Winnie Mandela's alibi was only revealed during the trial despite the alleged crimes having been committed more than two years ago.

Mrs Mandela, 56, Miss Xoliswa Falati, 37, and Mr John Morgan, 61, have all pleaded not guilty to four counts each of kidnapping and of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The State's case is that Mrs Mandela ordered the kidnap of four youths from the Orlando West Methodist manse, which was carried out on December 29 1988, and that later that evening, she took an active part in the assaults with other people, including her co-accused.

Mrs Mandela, under cross-examination by Mr Jan Swanepoel SC, for the State, agreed that she could not recall revealing her alibi to anyone until this trial.

She has said that on the night of the alleged crimes she was in Brandfort and that all the evidence against her has been fabricated.

DID NOT TELL PRESS EITHER

Mrs Mandela said she could not recollect having mentioned her alibi to members of the Crisis Committee who came to see her in the second week of January 1989 about rumours that she was involved. Nor could she remember telling her attorney, Mr Ismail Ayob, who saw her on January 13.

She did not tell the media who had "put her on trial" about it either.

Mr Kenneth Kgase, 31, and Mr Thabiso Mono, 22, testified that Mrs Mandela took part in the assaults.

She accepted that it was an undisputed fact that the police only became involved in the investigation on February 17 1989.

She did not tell the police of her alibi, nor did she tell the Attorney-General when it was announced he was pressing charges against her.

She said her alibi was mentioned during the Richardson trial, but not by her. The court has been told that Jerry Richardson, who has been sentenced to death for the murder of Stompie Seipei, 14, lived at the back of Mrs Mandela's property.

The charges in this trial relate to the kidnapping and assault of Mr Kgase, Mr Mono, Pello Mekgwe and Stompie. Mrs Mandela said her legal representatives had advised her not to testify in Richardson's defence.

The hearing continues today.

● Mrs Mandela yesterday paid a short visit to veteran activist Helen Joseph in the Johannesburg General Hospital, where the 86-year-old anti-apartheid stalwart had major abdominal surgery.

Mrs Mandela visited Mrs Joseph in the afternoon after being cross-examined on her defence testimony in the Rand Supreme Court.

Cape Times 19/4/91

Doubt cast on Winnie's alibi

JOHANNESBURG. — Evidence that Mrs Winnie Mandela's minibus was in two places at the same time casts doubt on her alibi, it has been suggested in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mrs Mandela has said she was being transported in the minibus to Brandfort in the Free State on the evening of December 29, 1988. This is about the same time she is alleged to have initiated and taken part in a vicious sjambok assault on child activist Stompie Seipei and three men at her Soweto home.

In a statement to the police, her co-accused and driver, Mr John Morgan, said he had used the same minibus on the same night to transport another co-accused in the trial, Ms Xoliswa Falati, and her daughter, Nompumelelo, to the Orlando West Methodist Church manse.

Mrs Mandela told the court yesterday she had left Soweto for Brandfort about 7pm, but according to Mr Morgan's statement, he was driving the minibus in Soweto later on the same evening.

Mr Morgan's statement was accepted as evidence after a trial-within-a-trail about two weeks ago.

Mrs Mandela, Ms Falati and Mr Morgan have pleaded not guilty to kidnap and assault charges.

Other evidence presented to the court Mr Jan Swanepoel, for the state, yesterday included a newspaper report from February 19, 1989. It quoted former Mandela United Football Club coach Jerry Richardson as admitting to assaulting Stompie and the three men.

Secret report

Richardson was sentenced to death last year for murdering Stompie, 14.

In the report, Richardson said Stompie had last been seen at the Mandela house about a week after he and the others had been removed from the manse.

Mr Swanepoel also submitted as evidence another newspaper article about a secret report sent to ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo in Lusaka by the Soweto Crisis Committee (SCC), which investigated the allegations that Mrs Mandela had been involved in the kidnap and assault.

The SCC report apparently recommended that ties with Mrs Mandela be severed.

Mr Swanepoel hammered at Mrs Mandela's apparent inability yesterday to remember specific details presented as fact in a statement attributed to her and submitted as evidence at the start of the trial.

The statement mapped out Mrs Mandela's Brandfort alibi and described how Ms Falati, with the help of Richardson, had brought Stompie and the three men to her Soweto home without Mrs Mandela's knowledge or consent.

According to Mrs Mandela, she returned to Soweto on December 31, two days after the assault apparently occurred, and was told by Ms Falati that the four had been brought from the manse.

Mrs Mandela denied that she had made aware the four had been assaulted or were being held against their wills at her home.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa

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Inkatha weapon smugglers 'exposed'

JOHANNESBURG. — The Weekly Mail said yesterday it had exposed a gun-running network supplying heavy weaponry to Inkatha supporters on the East Rand and had this week bought an AK-47 automatic rifle.

For R1 500, the paper said in a preview of today's edition, one could buy a used heavy weapon, carrying case, magazine of ammunition and basic training in use of the weapon.

One such network supplied AK-47s, Scorpion machine guns, Makarov pistols and shotguns to anyone who had enough money and could convince the buyer they were not a "comrade". The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok had responded by saying police had themselves exposed a number of gun-running networks since January, the Weekly Mail said.

The Weekly Mail said it would hand the weapons over to the police today. — Sapa

Death toll in Eshowe rises to 11

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DURBAN. — The death toll in faction fighting at Eshowe has risen to 11, with about 1 000 people injured in the past two weeks.

KwaZulu police said 40 homes had been burnt down.

KwaZulu police have deployed reinforcements in the area.

● A KwaMashu youth — his clothes doused in petrol — escaped his own execution this week and, while hiding, watched three of his co-accused in a "people's court" being necklaced in a river bed.

Mr Simanga Gama now fears for his life and has gone into hiding.

A police spokesman said the four were sentenced to death after being "arrested" in connection with a housebreaking incident.

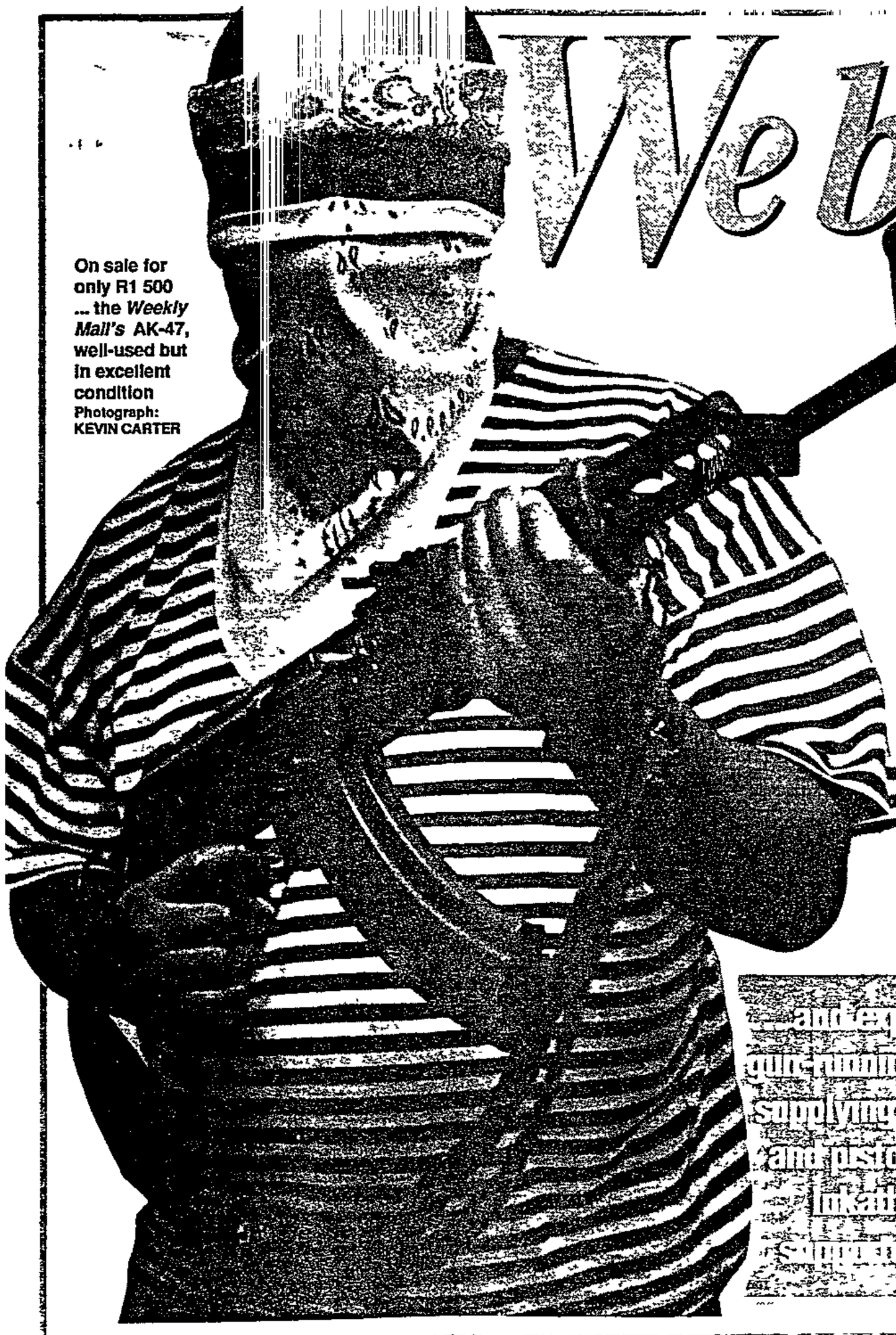
Man shot

● A security guard at KwaThema Municipal Board, Springs, was badly burnt after two petrol bombs were thrown at a power station.

● And at Umbumbulu on the Natal South Coast, a man was shot dead and his vehicle set alight.

Also at Umbumbulu, narcotics police seized five guns and 178kg of dagga yesterday. — Sapa

We buy an AK 47



On sale for only R1 500 ... the *Weekly Mail's* AK-47, well-used but in excellent condition
Photograph: KEVIN CARTER

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Weekly Mail Investigations Team

THE *Weekly Mail* has bought an AK-47 and exposed an extensive and sophisticated arms sales network supplying Inkatha members on the East Rand.

The network runs from Komatipoort to East Rand townships and hostels and supplies AK-47s, shotguns, Makarov pistols and Scorpion sub-machine pistols.

It's easy to get an AK-47 in the townships

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The Weekly Mail buys an AK-47

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as long as you've got money, *The Weekly Mail* was told as this deadly weapon was handed over to us this week. (278)

The AK-47 was bought for R1 500. The only condition was that the purchaser had to prove that he was not a "comrade" and would not use it against Inkatha. The seller is happy to give it to any person antagonistic to the African National Congress — including bank robbers.

The deal involved training by a Mozambican expert, an ordinary suitcase to carry the gun and 30 bullets, although many of them were old and rusty.

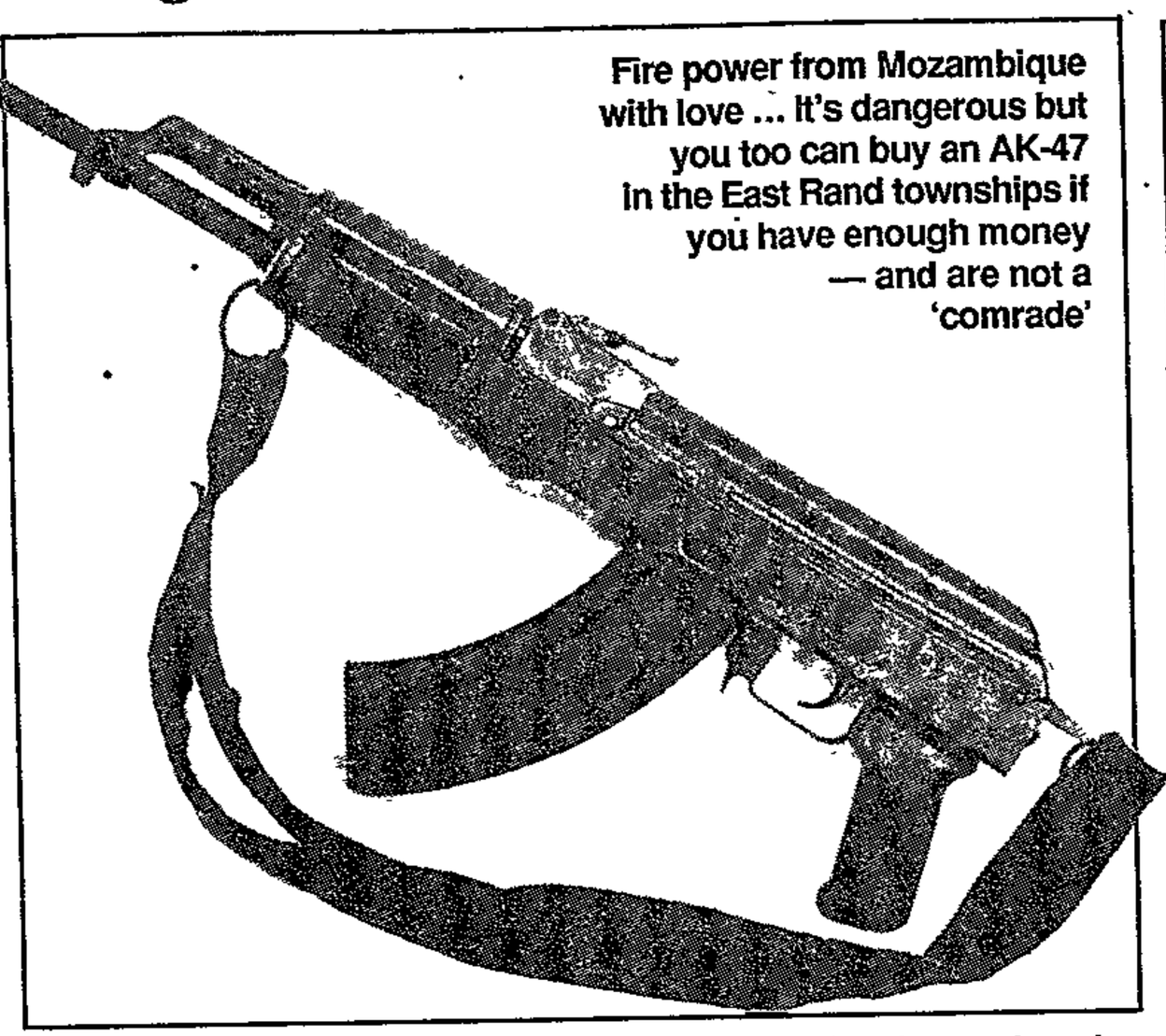
"As long as you've got money, there's really no problem. We have plenty of weapons," the seller said.

According to our source, the original purchase took place in an East Rand township house. Among those involved were a hostel dweller and a firm and vociferous supporter of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The Inkatha supporter, originally from Natal, appeared to be a coordinator for prospective buyers in the township, with strong links to hostel dwellers. He was not shy of his Inkatha links: he was prepared to challenge the rent boycott and angrily reject the resignation of councillors even in a shebeen surrounded by people expressing anti-Inkatha sentiments.

The hostel dweller was quieter, but shared his friend's beliefs. "We must seriously fight those people who force us not to pay rent," he said.

To start the deal, the purchaser had to say that he wanted the gun for a robbery and to avenge himself against comrades who had killed his father.



Fire power from Mozambique with love ... It's dangerous but you too can buy an AK-47 in the East Rand townships if you have enough money — and are not a 'comrade'

The agent from the hostel responded: "You see, if you can't protect yourselves against the comrades, you'll die. It is good that you have approached us. We have AK-47s, but money is important."

He then said that there were "Mozambican Shangaans" who supplied them with weapons and this purchaser would definitely be considered. The suppliers, he was told, were ex-Mozambican soldiers who had once held positions of authority in the army. No indication was given of which army they had belonged to in Mozambique, but they were said to be experienced in using weapons of war.

Some of them had medals to their credit for outstanding service.

It was also confirmed that when the situation of conflict warranted it, these men could act as field commanders, personally directing battles.

They said there were "others" (Mozambicans) who supplied arms to the "comrades". There is no love lost between the two groups of suppliers.

Although the "Mozambicans" did arrive to deliver the weapon, our source was not able to sit down and discuss it with them because of their tight schedule around the East Rand townships.

As the AK-47 rifle was handed over to the original purchaser, a stern warning was issued: "Take this and be careful about how you handle and use it. If you are arrested and identify us to the police, that will be your last day in this world.

"Some people take weapons and go around the shebeens scaring people. That is not the purpose of selling this to you."

The purchaser was then wished the best of luck in his "missions".

SA police have 'also exposed' gun smugglers

Weekly Mail Reporter

POLICE last night reacted to *The Weekly Mail's* gun-running exposé by announcing that, since January, they have themselves exposed "several weapon smuggling networks".

In a statement released after hearing of *The Weekly Mail's* story, the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, said the SAP had seized large numbers of illegal firearms and made several arrests.

Further arrests were expected shortly and suspects will be tried in open court as soon as possible, the minister said.

Where the dreaded AK-47s come from

Pipeline of death

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Sowetan 19/4/91

By IKE MOTSAPI on Special Assignment for Sowetan Africa News Service



AK-47 assault rifles and other foreign weapons are on the market for as little as R20 in Swaziland, an investigation by *Sowetan* has established.

I discovered this shocking fact during a visit to Swaziland a week ago.

I had to wait for almost five hours before I nearly bought three AK-47s for R70 at Lomahasha.

The town has been found to be the nerve centre for smalltime and bigtime arms smugglers.

While some of the arms pass unnoticed through this town on their way to the Reef, others are sold right there by Mozambicans who cross the border illegally every day.

The arms, which are smuggled from Mozambique into Swaziland at Lomahasha, a town bordering the two countries, come from Renamo, the guerilla movement fighting to topple the Mozambican Government.

Renamo soldiers give their AK-47 rifles and Makarov pistols to fellow-Mozambicans in exchange for food and clothing. The arms are then sold across the border in Swaziland.

The AK-47 assault rifles are in the market for R20 each while

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Makarov pistols are sold for R5 apiece.

There is also a big arms ring involving hundreds of smuggled AK-47 rifles which make their way to the Reef selling at between R4 000 and R6 000 each.

"These arms are also smuggled from Mozambique through Lomahasha in Swaziland to Natal where they are sent to the Reef.

Police in Swaziland are concerned that despite daily army and police roadblocks they are unable to detect these arms. Sowetan 19/4/91

Inspector Azaria Ndimandze, the Swaziland CID chief, said his men arrest about 10 people found to be in possession of the AK-47s and other foreign arms every month.

He said Swazi police had so far recovered more than 500 AK-47s and other arms of foreign origin since the beginning of the year.

"Others have obviously got through," he said.

It has been established that the arms that got through the police roadblocks in Swaziland end up in the Natal town of Weenen which the South African Police believe to be the main distribution centre to the Reef.

"These arms are sold on the Reef for amounts between R4 000 and R6 000 each," said Lieutenant-Colonel R Reynolds, head of the Natal police liaison division.

● **Turn to Pages 6 and 7 for the full story on the "Pipeline of death".**

Saturday nights 'Jo'burg's most dangerous time'

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CARINA LE GRANGE

SATURDAY nights are the most dangerous time for residents of Greater Johannesburg, a study has found.

The study into "non-fatal injuries due to external causes", by researchers attached to the University of South Africa, found that most Johannesburg residents are injured between 6 pm and midnight on Saturdays, and that half such injuries are the result of interpersonal violence.

Black and coloured men were most at risk, it found.

Findings

The findings were released at a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday by researchers Alex Butchart and Dr Victor Nell, who are attached to Unisa's Health Psychology Unit.

The study shows that between June 1989 and August last year, interpersonal injuries accounted for 63,5 percent and 60,2 percent of injuries among black and coloured men respectively.

Sharp instruments were the commonest weapons.

Of the white men, 28,4 percent suffered interpersonal injuries. Most gunshot injuries occurred among blacks (13 percent) and white men (7,6 percent)

The majority of injuries among black and coloured women were also due to interpersonal violence, with sharp instruments being the main cause.

White women were most often injured in vehicle accidents, but 9,2 percent suffered injuries through interpersonal violence.

Mr Butchart said comparative studies indicated that a black person in Johannesburg was 44 times more likely to be injured than if he or she lived in Buenos Aires, and the risk was seven times greater for whites.

Transport accidents accounted for 21 percent of all injuries during the period studied and other accidents for 27 percent.

Dr Nell said that although it did not focus on political violence, the study could be of use in President de Klerk's efforts to combat violence.

Dr Nell said that if Mr de Klerk's answer to the violence in the country was more police, more court action and similar responses, it would not succeed.

"If you don't get to the root of the problem, it won't work," he said.

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Winnie

surd" a prosecution claim that she wanted the former coach of the Mandela United football club, Jerry Richardson, "to take the blame" for the abduction and assault of the four people.

Mrs Mandela said that in February 1989 she had caught Richardson lying to a reporter about his involvement in the assaults and had instructed him to tell the truth.

She said Richardson then admitted to the reporter that he had slapped and beaten the youths in the back room of her home.

"(I had the) impression he was trying to protect (the Mandela) family (by lying to the reporter)," Mrs Mandela said.

Last August Richardson was convicted for the murder of 14-year-old Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, one of the abducted youths, and sentenced to death.

Mrs Mandela also asked Mr Swanepoel whether he was suggesting "that I volunteer myself as a police informer" after he had asked why she had not reported the "slapping" and "punching" of the youths to the police after Richardson and two others had confessed their involvement to her.

Mrs Mandela added she had not gone to the police as she was living in an "abnormal society" (referring to the 1988/1989 climate of anti-government protest and township perceptions of police being the enemy).

The trial proceeds on Monday. — Sapa

Witness differs with Winnie

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela's key defence witness apparently differs with her on a crucial aspect of her alibi defence — the date on which Mrs Mandela claims she arrived in Brandfort in the Free State.

State advocate Mr Jan Swanepoel yesterday revealed to the Rand Supreme Court a statement made by Mrs Nora Moahloli of Brandfort, in which she said Mrs Mandela arrived to visit her in the Free State town on the night of December 28, 1988.

Mrs Mandela's evidence is that she arrived in Brandfort a day later on the night of December 29, about the same time she is alleged by the state to have initiated and participated in a vicious sjambok assault on 14-year-old Stompie Seipei and three men at her Diepkloof, Soweto house.

Mrs Mandela, 56, Mr Morgan, 61, and a third co-accused Miss Xoliswa Falati, 37, have all pleaded not guilty to four counts each of kidnapping and assault.

Two witnesses

Mrs Mandela yesterday said she did not agree with the dates quoted from Mrs Moahloli's statement, which was made to police investigators on February 1 this year.

Mrs Moahloli, who was named by Mrs Mandela's attorney Mr George Bizos as one of two defence witnesses who will support her alibi, is expected to testify next week.

Mr Swanepoel said he was unsure whether Mrs Moahloliwould contest her statement.

Mr Swanepoel also attempted to shake Mrs Mandela's alibi on Thursday, when he pointed out that, according to available evidence, the minibus which she claimed transported her to Brandfort was also allegedly used later that night in Soweto by her driver and co-accused Mr John Morgan.

Earlier yesterday Mrs Mandela described as "ab-

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Man necklaced in Vosloorus hostel

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JOHANNESBURG. — A man was necklaced to death outside the Sotho hostel in Vosloorus, near Boksburg, yesterday afternoon, police said.

A police spokesman said a mob, "believed to be Zulus", attacked and necklaced the man outside the hostel about 3pm.

On Thursday night two men were killed when unknown gunmen fired on a group of people in Jabulani, Soweto, police said.

A body was found in a yard on Thursday in Klipspruit, near Nancefield hostel. Several shacks were also slightly damaged when a suspected limpet mine exploded at a squatter camp in Klipspruit at 5am yesterday. Nobody was injured.

In Germiston, a woman was slightly injured on Thursday when a gunmen shot at a police vehicle at the Phola Park squatter camp.

At Kwa-Thema, Springs, a man was slightly injured when a petrol bomb was hurled at a power station on Thursday. — Sapa

Inkatha, ANC both want arms probe

By THEMBA KHUMALO

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Township mayor killed in ambush

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By MARK STANSFIELD and SYDNEY MOSES

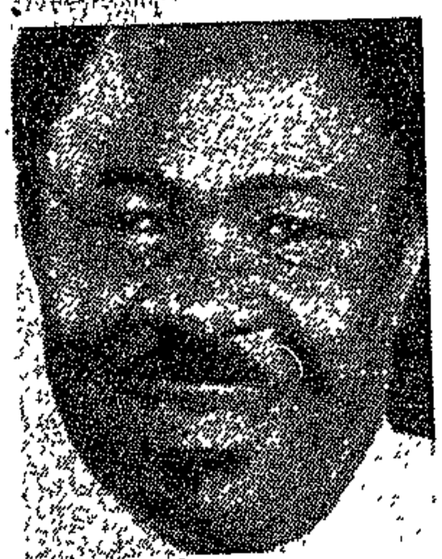
A TOWNSHIP mayor was lured into an ambush and killed in a hail of AK-47 gunfire this weekend.

The assassination of Moses Khumalo, mayor of Diepmeadow in Soweto, late on Friday night coincided with five necklacings on the East Rand and in Natal.

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough yesterday expressed shock at the murder of Mr Khumalo, whom he called "one of the most prominent leaders in local government in the Transvaal".

"Mr Khumalo's death is nothing other than a cowardly and foolish deed, especially if it is taken into account that he continuously strove for the upliftment of his people," said Mr Hough.

Mr Khumalo's family believes he was lured into the ambush. He left home after receiving a phone call, from a man unknown to the family, asking him to attend a meeting that night.



MOSES KHUMALO
Assassinated

Police said yesterday an unknown number of gunmen armed with AK-47s and Makarov pistols opened fire on the mayor's car, riddling it with bullets, about 3km from his home.

Yesterday afternoon the Khumalo family held a memorial service at home while an armed policeman kept guard.

Mayor Khumalo's son Herbert said his father had left home at about 8pm on Friday after a "friend", whom the rest of the family didn't know, had telephoned and requested a meeting in Zone Eight.

"That was the last time I saw him alive," he said.

"My dad has received death threats in the past but for a few months now it has been quiet, but maybe he just didn't want to alarm us and didn't tell us about new ones."

Mr Khumalo, 63, was a Soweto councillor for 10 years and was elected mayor of Diepmeadow in December 1989.

In the necklacings, the bodies of three men were found in Vosloosrus, near Boksburg.

On Friday afternoon the body of one man was found outside the Sotho hostel.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the man, believed to be Xhosa-speaking, was apparently necklaced outside the hostel. Two other burnt bodies were found in the township yesterday. One man's head, hands and feet had been amputated.

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In another necklacing in Katlehong, the decapitated body of male nurse Victor Msimango, 35, allegedly abducted in a taxi in Katlehong with eight others two weeks ago, was found by relatives yesterday near the Kwesine hostel.

In Natal, the bodies of two men, one of whom had been necklaced, were found at Nyandizulu in Port Shepstone, pushing the death toll in the strife there to at least 17 since last Sunday.

'Get rid of those AK-47s'

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By MOKGADI PELA

THE huge presence of AK-47 rifles was a scourge to the black community that must be removed before it was too late, callers to the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback Show said on Friday.

Only one of the callers said it was necessary for black people to possess the weapons as they needed to protect themselves.

Archie from Tembisa told Radio Metro's Tim Modise that AK-47 rifles were meant to free the oppressed people.

He said the guns were being misused. He said he was surprised that nothing was being done to stop the prevalence of the weapons.



Modise from Katlehong said AK-47 rifles had contributed to the carnage in the townships as evidenced by the hijacking of cars and robberies.

"The weapon has lost its meaning," he added.

Johannes, also from Katlehong, said people should be allowed to carry guns because the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging also displayed its weapons openly.

Nelson from Dube said police should work with the liberation movement to stop the carnage.

Tebogo from Diepkloof said no sensible person could condone the availability of the weapons on "such a massive scale especially because they are being used for the wrong purpose".

Violent weekend claims nine lives

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LINDEN BIRNS

NINE people have been killed — and several of them mutilated — in unrest incidents around the country since Saturday night.

Police reported yesterday that two mutilated bodies had been found in Vosloorus on the East Rand. One victim had his head, hands and feet cut off. Police suspect the charred torso had been dragged from a nearby hostel.

In the same area, the burned and bullet-riddled body of another man was found.

Police said yesterday two bodies, one shot and the other hacked, were found in Alexandra, while at Katlehong, near Germiston, police found the body of a man who had been shot several times.

Three men were killed at Mpumuza, Natal, when a group of people fired a number of shots at a rival group. Five men were later arrested.

One man died and a woman was injured after a group set fire to a home in Ndaleni near Richmond, Natal. The man, allegedly one of the attackers, died after being shot by the property owner.

On Friday a man was killed when the bus he was travelling in was stopped by a group of men near Umkomaas, Natal. The men removed the passenger from the bus before killing him, police said.

In Soweto gunmen opened fire on a house in central western Jabavu early yesterday. No one was hurt in the incident.

Reef townships were quiet during the day, police said yesterday.

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More security promised after murder of mayor

SECURITY for black mayors would be stepped up after the killing of Diepmeadow mayor Moses Khumalo, police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn said yesterday.

Khumalo was gunned down on Friday night in an AK-47 ambush in Meadowlands on the eve of his departure for Frankfurt, Germany.

Two other Greater Soweto mayors, Oscar Maseko of Soweto and MacFarlane Phenethi of Dobsonville, left as scheduled on Saturday night on a two-week educational and training tour of Germany at the invitation of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Halgryn said municipal police had always maintained security at mayors' homes in Soweto since these councillors had become the targets of threats and intimidation.

"Now police are going to step up security," he added.

He declined to say what stricter security measures police would take, saying, "if we publish our strategies in newspapers, people we guard against would know about them".

Khumalo was one of the most defiant of councillors in the face of black organisations' calls for their resignations.

THEO RAWANA

In February he and the other two Greater Soweto mayors took a strong stand against the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast), declaring that they would not be intimidated into resigning. They vowed to stay in office until a new form of government was introduced.

The Sunday Star yesterday quoted Cast spokesman Cas Coovadia as saying it was "to be regretted that any human being is killed in this manner.

"We do not encourage our people to use violence against our opponents and we certainly would not support this action."

But he said Cast and other civic organisations would continue to campaign, through disciplined and non-violent mass actions, to end the system of black local authorities.

By yesterday no arrests had been made in connection with Khumalo's death.

Continuing violence claims 15 more lives

JOHANNESBURG. — Fifteen people have been killed — and several of them mutilated — in unrest incidents around the country in the last four days.

Police reported yesterday that two mutilated bodies were found at Vosloorus on the East Rand. One victim had his head, hands and feet cut off. Police suspect the charred torso had been dragged from a nearby hostel. The burnt and bullet-riddled body of another man was found in the same area.

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On Friday a man was killed when the bus in which he was travelling was stopped by a group of men near Umkomaas, Natal.

A man was killed and four other people injured when a gang opened fire on a group at Soweto's Nancefield hostel.

The bodies of two men, one of whom had been necklaced, were found at Nyandizulu in Port Shepstone.

Two other people were reported killed at Gezubuzo near Plessislaer overnight on Thursday. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Tougher protection for black mayors

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Security for black mayors would be stepped up following the killing of Diepmeadow mayor Mr Moses Khumalo at the weekend, police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday.

Mr Khumalo was gunned down in an AK-47 ambush in Meadowlands on the eve of his departure — together with two other greater Soweto mayors, Mr Oscar Maseko of Soweto and Mr MacFarlane Phenethi of Dobsonville — for Frankfurt, Germany.

Col Halgryn said municipal police had always maintained security at mayors' homes in Soweto since these councillors had come in for threats and intimidation.

"Municipal police have always patrolled areas near their homes. But now police are going to step up security," he added.

Mr Khumalo was one of the most defiant councillors in the face of black organisations' calls for them to resign.

In February this year he, together with the other two Greater Soweto mayors, took a strong stand against the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast), declaring that they would not be intimidated into resigning.

The mayors vowed to stay in office until a new form of government was introduced.

A previous assassination attempt on Mr Khumalo in December 1989 failed. He escaped unscathed after he was shot at by gunmen only five days after he became mayor. Mr Khumalo is survived by his wife Catherine and five children.

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the incident.

Who killed Khumalo?

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By KENOSI MODISANE and DON SEOKANE

WHO killed Diepmeadow mayor Mr Moses Khumalo?

This is the question that still needs to be answered after the veteran community councillor was gunned down in Soweto at the weekend.

His family ruled out politics as the reason why he was killed.

"This is in no way related to the conflict between councillors and the civic associations. We are disturbed by reports in weekend papers that the incident was politically motivated," his son, Sydney, a former reporter with the *Sowetan*, said yesterday.

"There were misleading reports in some Sunday papers that he was lured to an ambush. As far

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Mayor dies in a hail of bullets

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as we know, he was on good terms with community bodies.

"He was one of the signatories of the Soweto Accord with the Soweto People's Delegation led by trade unionist Cyril Ramaphosa. This rules out any possibility of politics being involved in his killing," he said.

But Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn yesterday said: "We certainly believe the motive for his killing is political and unrest related."

"Who else would kill him?" Halgryn asked.

Khumalo's friend and special adviser to the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr David Thebehali, said he did not think Khumalo's killing was politically motivated.

"There were previous attempts on his life and they all did not seem to be politically motivated. Hopefully police investigations will reveal the truth."

Mr Cas Coovadia, a spokesman for the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal, said it was to be regretted that "a human being should be killed in such a way".

Khumalo was murdered shortly after he had left his mayoral home in Meadowlands Zone 4 about 8.30pm on Friday to visit another councillor about three kilometres away in Zone 8 where he was to discuss his trip to Germany.

He was to have left for Germany the following day.

Police found his body in the bullet-riddled mayoral car he was driving about 11.30pm but the family was only informed about the killing at 7.30am the next day.

This was the third attempt on Khumalo's life. The first was in 1984 when his house was petrol-bombed. The second was in 1989 when gunmen way-laid him and riddled his car with bullets from AK-47s.

Khumalo escaped unhurt in both incidents.

Meanwhile, **Sapa** reports that two burnt bodies, one found decapitated with hands and feet cut off outside a hostel in Vosloorus on the East Rand, were among eight people who were killed in unrest-related incidents at the weekend.

Indications were the torso of the headless man had been dragged from the hostel, police said.

Also on the East Rand, in Katlehong the burnt body of a man was found with bullet wounds. In Alexandra police found two bodies, one shot and the other hacked to death.

Three men were killed at Mpumuza in Natal after a group of people fired shots into another group. Five men have been arrested in connection with the incident.

At Ndaleni, near Richmond in Natal, a man was killed after a home-owner fired shots at a group attacking his home.

Maggie's Freedom protest mounting

By Shirley Woodgate

Opposition to Johannesburg management committee plans to grant the Freedom of the City to Margaret Thatcher was stepped up yesterday with the Johannesburg Civic Association warning that the honour would be a Pyrrhic victory for the former British prime minister.

The ANC and PAC threatened at the weekend to make it impossible for Mrs Thatcher to go about her business in South Africa and warned of mass demonstrations if the council went ahead with its plans.

Advising her not to accept the offer, Civic Association spokesman Mohammed Dangor warned that if the council ignored the wishes of the majority of the people, a future nonracial local government was likely to strip Mrs Thatcher of the Freedom of the City.

"She did little for the cause of liberation of the oppressed in South Africa. On the contrary, she consistently supported the oppressors," he said.

Johannesburg management committee member Paul Asherson reacted by saying threats would not deter the council if the committee's recommendation were approved at next week's meeting.

He said speculation about the line to be taken by future governments was irrelevant.

Winnie anger over State's alibi suggestion

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Winnie Mandela has lashed out at the suggestion that it took more than two years for her alibi to be revealed.

Mrs Mandela, 56, her co-accused Xolıswa Falati, 37, and John Morgan, 61, who are on trıal in the Rand Supreme Court, pleaded not guilty to kidnapping four youths from the Orlando West Methodist manse on December 29, 1988, and to committing four counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Her alibi is that she went to Brandfort on that day and so could not have committed the crimes.

Her counsel, Mr George Bizos, SC, asked her what she expected would have happened had she told newspaper reporters that she had gone to Brandfort and had identified the schoolteacher she had visted.

Mrs Mandela said: "I knew it would set off problems for the innocent people of Brandfort — but I did not even deliberate about that at the time."

She said if there was no reference to Brandfort in the video of the interview she granted, that did not mean she had not mentioned Brandfort. She said she responded to questions.

Mr Bizos asked why she had not answered the State's question about not mentioning her trip to Brandfort to the Attorney-General.

"Was there speculation in the Press that you were to be charged?" Mr Bizos asked.

Mrs Mandela replied: "Yes there was, the evidence that I had been in Brandfort had been led in the Richardson trial.

"To say it was mentioned after two years is ... absolute nonsense."

The suggestion that Mrs Mandela did not reveal her defence until the trial was made by Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, for the State, during cross-examination and was widely reported.

The Richardson trial concerned the same eight charges faced by these accused as well as the murder of Stompie Seipei, 14, and the attempted murder of Lerotodi Ikaneng.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

Jerry Richardson, who lived at the back of Mrs Mandela's property and was the former coach of the Mandela United Football Club, was convicted on all counts and on August 8 last year he was sentenced to death. Richarson has appealed.

Thabo Motau, 22, of Orlando West, testified that he drove Mrs Mandela to Brandfort on December 29, 1988. He remembered the date and time because he was reluctant to go. There was a New Year's Eve party in Johannesburg he wished to attend.

He described Mrs Mandela as his benefactoress. She had got him a scholarship and paid school expenses. It would have been impolite to say he wanted to go back.

The trial continues today.

4 killed in shootout

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE and Sapa

POLICE shot dead four men and seized an arms cache, including a rocket launcher, near Komatipoort on the Mozambican border on Sunday night.

In another incident, a man who was allegedly smuggling weapons into South Africa was wounded when he resisted arrest at the weekend.

The two incidents follow *Sowetan's* report about the illegal trade in AK-47 rifles from Mozambique to South Africa.

Commissioner of the South African Police General Johan van der Merwe said police returned fire when the four men fired shots from their vehicle as it was being stopped by a police patrol 40km from Komatipoort.

None of the five policemen was injured in the shootout shortly before 9pm.

Van der Merwe said 16 AK-47 assault rifles, an RPG launcher with a missile, a machinegun, pistols and a large quantity of ammunition were seized.

He said police had acted after a tip-off.

Later, Law and Order Ministry spokesman

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Cops shoot dead four near border

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Brigadier Leon Mellet said he could not speculate about where the men had come from. Police are investigating.

Police also said a middle-aged man was spotted about 30km from Komatipoort along the South African border on Friday afternoon. He started running.

When he failed to respond to an order to stop shots were fired. A bullet hit him in the leg. He was found to have a number of AK-47 rifles.

Police have offered rewards for AK-47 rifles and information that could lead to the seizure of the weapons.

A *Sowetan* reporter on a special assignment for the Argus newspaper group on Friday exposed illegal trading in AK-47 assault rifles and other foreign weapons sold for as little as R20 in Swaziland.

His investigation found that arms are smuggled from Mozambique into Swaziland at Lomahasha, a town bordering the two countries. The weapons come from Renamo, the guerilla movement fighting to topple the Mozambican Government.

Renamo soldiers give their AK-47 rifles and Makarov pistols to fellow-Mozambicans in exchange for food and clothing. The arms are then sold across the border in Swaziland.

We would set Winnie free — Chris Hani

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From DAVID BRAUN
The Argus Foreign Service

WASHINGTON. — The African National Congress would release Mrs Winnie Mandela from prison as soon it came to power, should she be jailed as a result of her trial, according to Mr Chris Hani, an executive member of the organisation.

Mr Hani told a breakfast meeting of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington yesterday that most black people in South Africa believed Mrs Mandela's trial was political.

"We cannot understand the timing of the trial at all. What happened to Stompie and those young people goes back to three years ago. Mrs Mandela is a leading figure in the struggle in our country," he said.

Vindictive

Mr Hani said he felt the South African government was really vindictive and wanted to put Mrs Mandela in her place. The government also wanted to discredit Mr Nelson Mandela, and bog him down by forcing him to attend court sessions instead of attending to the many pressing problems of the country.

"Certainly, the ANC sees it as a political trial. We do not accept the impartiality of the South African courts. If she is convicted we shall protest (against) that conviction. My own view is that when we take over, if she is not released we will release her immediately. We do not see her as a criminal," he said.

Mr Hani said the government was continuing to intimidate the liberation movements with its security legislation.

In his own case, whenever he said something Defence Minister General Magnus Malan did not approve of, the minister warned him he had only temporary immunity from prosecution.

"They do this to intimidate us to make sure we blacks say only what they want to hear. The security forces continue to behave in the old way. They still detain people and they still beat up people," he said.

Mr Hani slammed the government for failing to control the violence in the country, insinuating that as the National Party and the Inkatha Freedom Party were "sleeping together" no attempt was being made to strip Inkatha supporters of their cultural weapons.

He said President De Klerk was attemptng a delaying tactic by calling for a conference on security. It would serve little purpose to bring everyone together to discuss the violence. Mr De Klerk commanded the security forces and he should take action.

Integrated force

He said the security forces had been very efficient when ANC forces had planted bombs. There had been roadblocks and dog patrols and within three months arrests had been made.

Now it was believed the government was not serious about the violence because it was black lives that were being lost.

Asked what he saw as the future role for the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (which Mr Hani commands), he said it would have to be integrated with the South African Defence Force and forces from the homeland armies and the PAC's military organisation into a new non-partisan South African army.

Both the SADF and Umkhonto were highly politicised, and this would have to change so that the future armed forces of the country bolstered the democratic government and would in no way be in a position to veto it, he said.

Mr Hani said he was primarily in the US to tell people not to lift sanctions until change in South Africa was irreversible.

He said it made no sense to reward Mr De Klerk for promised reforms when the victims of oppression were still in favour of sanctions.

The lifting of sanctions at this stage would only encourage Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha and those in the government who wanted to keep the status quo, while it would demoralise Mr Mandela and others fighting for change, he said.

The point of irreversibility would be reached once an interim government was in place to monitor the negotiations process, he added.

Pupils and gang clash in township

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

VIOLENCE erupted in Maokeng, Kroonstad, yesterday when at least five houses were burnt and schooling came to a halt following the killing of a high school pupil.

Residents said yesterday the township has been tense since Saturday, when an 18-year-old schoolboy was killed by members of the notorious Three Million gang.

The boy, a pupil at Dr Reginald Cingo High School, was killed at his home in Constantia in front of his mother.

On Monday, all the school's pupils assembled and resolved to go and attack the gang at its stronghold in Troubou, a section of Constantia.

Fierce fighting followed and there were injuries on both sides with some admitted to hospital.

Five houses were set alight yesterday.

One of the houses is said to belong to the brother of the gang boss, known as "Die Witty".

The gang is said to have retaliated and burnt other houses.

There has been no schooling in the area since Monday.

One resident alleged that the gang was being favoured by the police.

He alleged that in one instance, when the gang was cornered, police came to its rescue by teargassing pupils, thereby helping the gang to escape.

Another resident said the gang came to the school on Monday accompanied by police and demanded "to know what the pupils intended to do".

A police spokesman in Bloemfontein had not responded to a *Sowetan* enquiry by the time of going to press.

Meanwhile, a hospitalised member of the gang was stabbed to death by another hospital patient he allegedly tried to attack inside the medical facility on Monday morning.

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Facts disputed in Winnie trial

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A key defence witness in Mrs Winnie Mandela's trial yesterday disputed evidence contained in her statement to police about Mrs Mandela's December 1988 trip to Brandfort.

Mrs Nora Moahloli, a Brandfort schoolteacher, told the Rand Supreme Court that although she had signed the statement, there were factual mistakes due to communication problems and police ignoring her requests to correct the mistakes.

In the statement Mrs Moahloli said Mrs Mandela had arrived in the Free State town on December 28, 1988, and had left on December 30 after discussing welfare projects.

Mrs Mandela's evidence is that she arrived in Brandfort a day later, on the night of December 29, about the same time four people, abducted from a Soweto church manse, were being assaulted at her home.

Mrs Moahloli said her statement had been taken earlier this year on February 1 by Mr Coetzee, a Johannesburg policeman, who had asked whether Mrs Mandela's visit had spanned the days of December 28, 29 and 30.

She said when she asked whether December 28 was a Thursday, because she knew Mrs Mandela had arrived on a Thursday night, the policeman had ignored her and continued with his questions.

Mrs Moahloli said she had signed the document "after a while" because she had not wanted to "undermine" Mr Coetzee.

Banishment

She added that immediately after leaving the police station, she phoned the law offices of Ms Kathleen Satchwell, a member of the defence team for Mrs Mandela's co-accused, and informed her of what had happened

During the afternoon session state advocate Mr Chris van Vuuren cross-examined Mrs Moahloli about Mrs Mandela's involvement in welfare projects during and after her banishment to Brandfort between 1977 and 1985.

Earlier yesterday a Johannesburg journalist, Ms Pat Devereaux, testified that she had interviewed state witness Mr Kenneth Kgase after the London-based Sunday Telegraph had published his description of the assault at Mrs Mandela's home.

Ms Devereaux said Mr Kgase had been reluctant to grant the interview as he feared for his life and did not want the story published in South Africa.

Mrs Mandela's counsel, Mr George Bizos, SC, also informed the court that the defence would not be calling the editor of the Sunday Star, Mr John Hildyard, as he had refused to consult with them.

He said Mr Hildyard had indicated if called to testify he would not disclose any information, or would refuse to answer questions related to the identity of reporters who had written articles concerning the abductions and assaults.

Mr Bizos said his client's defence case had been disadvantaged by the fact they could not "get to the bottom of allegations against (her)".

The case continues.



WINNIE WITNESS . . . Ms Nora Moahloli outside the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. She testified in Mrs Winnie Mandela's trial yesterday. Picture AP

One dead, one hurt in unrest

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PRETORIA. — One man died, one was injured and six people were arrested in incidents of unrest in the last 24 hours, according to the police unrest report yesterday.

At Vosloorus, Alberton, police found the charred body of a man.

At Katlehong, Germiston, police used birdshot to disperse a mob which stoned a private vehicle. One man was injured and two were arrested.

Police arrested five men after seizing a semi-automatic firearm, a magazine and 30 rounds of ammunition at a roadblock in Tembisa, Kempton Park, early on Monday.

A house was damaged by fire at Moakeng, Kroonstad.

At Impatheni, Richmond, six houses were torched. — Sapa

CITY NATIONAL

Why I contradicted Winnie teacher

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANESBURG. — Brandfort school teacher Mrs Nora Moahloli told the Rand Supreme Court why she had signed a statement which contradicted Mrs Winnie Mandela's evidence.

Mrs Moahloli, who testified in the Jerry Richardson trial last year, told Mr Justice M S Stegmann yesterday that Mrs Mandela had arrived in Brandfort after 10pm on December 29 1988.

Yet a statement to the police, which Mrs Moahloli signed on February 1 this year — four days before the trial was due to begin — puts Mrs Mandela's arrival in Brandfort as December 28, not 29.

Explaining how she came to make the statement, Mrs Moahloli said she had not been feeling well and had gone into a pharmacy to buy medication for high blood pressure.

She was approached by a black man who asked her to speak to a white man who was sitting outside in a car.

It would not take long, she was told.

When she got into the car, she was taken to the police station. The white man, identified as a Colonel Coetzee, asked if Mrs Mandela had arrived in Brandfort on December 28.

Mrs Moahloli said she had asked if that was a Thursday but he did not answer.

He spoke Afrikans but switched to English when she said there could be communication problems.

He spoke about "being friends in these days" and had asked her to provide him with documents relating to welfare projects which Mrs Mandela had visited in Brandfort.

Mrs Moahloli had agreed but was worried about signing a document, as he requested.

She asked him to return on another day but he said he had to take the document, which was written in Afrikaans, with him that day.

Because she was in a police station, had argued with the colonel and thought he might think she was "undermining" him, she had signed the statement, Mrs Moahloli said.

Mrs Mandela and her co-accused, Mr John Morgan, 61, and Miss Xoliswa Falati, 37, have pleaded not guilty to four counts of kidnapping and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The trial continues today.

Train attack: 'Blood everywhere'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A woman was killed and three people were injured when commuters on a train near the Inhlazane Station in Soweto were attacked last night, allegedly by Inkatha supporters.

Witnesses said the attackers had pangas, axes and an AK47. People were hacked and stabbed, and shots fired.

Some passengers threw themselves out of the moving train, witnesses said.

"Blood was everywhere. The attackers moved from coach to coach as they went on their rampage. Shoes, handbags and parcels were left lying at the station. Screams and shouts echoed along the platform."

A police spokesman said he could not confirm whether Inkatha supporters were involved.

The train was travelling from Johannesburg to Naledi. It was attacked at 7.30pm.

This is the third reported attack on commuters using trains bound for Johannesburg townships this year. Last year scores of people died as trains became a focal point for violence.

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Dispute over pens as alibi in Mandela trial is tested

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The State will send a page of handwritten notes to experts in an attempt to establish if they were all written at the same time, the Winnie Mandela trial was told.

The document was handed to Mr Justice M S Stegmann in the Rand Supreme Court during Brandfort schoolteacher Mrs Nora Moahloli's evidence-in-chief.

She was called in support of Mrs Mandela's alibi.

NOTES AT MEETING

Mrs Mandela had told the court she could not have been guilty of four counts of kidnapping and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm on December 29 1988 because she left for Brandfort that day.

Mrs Moahloli told the court Mrs Mandela arrived at her home between 10pm and 11pm on December 29 and the next day they attended a meeting at which Mrs Mandela made suggestions about the running of a day-care centre. Mrs Moahloli took notes during that meeting.

Yesterday Mrs Moahloli was cross-examined by Mr Chris van Vuuren for the State. The judge remarked on the repetition and at one point said: "Even I could answer that question by now Mr Van Vuuren."

Among the issues canvassed was whether parts of the document had been written with different pens.

Mr Van Vuuren put it to Mrs Moahloli that the heading "Day Care Centre" and an entry "quotations obtained for furniture" appeared to be written in one pen — while the date and "suggestions by Zamile" appeared to be written in another.

Zamile is the diminutive of Nomzamo, Mrs Mandela's first name.

Mrs Moahloli said everything was written in blue ink. She disagreed that it was written with different pens but said it was possible because there had been a glass on the table containing a number of pens and she might have changed pens when one "flopped".

Deputy Attorney-General Mr Jan Swanepoel SC — who leads the prosecution — was given permission by the judge to remove the original document from the court record for a day.

Cross-examination of Mrs Moahloli will resume today.

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Winnie: Document in dispute over alibi



ON TRIAL . . .
Mrs Winnie Mandela

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Forensic experts are to examine a document, allegedly written during a December 1988 meeting in Brandfort, to determine whether sections suggesting Mrs Winnie Mandela's presence at the meeting were written on different occasions.

Moments before Mrs Mandela's assault and kidnapping trial was adjourned in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday, Mr Justice Michael S Stegmann granted a request by the state to have the document examined by experts.

The state is arguing that the December 30, 1988, date at the top of the document and comments attributed to Mrs Mandela are written with a pen different to the one used to write the document's heading as well as quotations for a list of items.

State advocate Mr Chris van Vuuren yesterday asked defence witness and author of the notes, Brandfort schoolteacher Mrs Nora Moahloli, whether two different pens had been used to write the notes.

Mrs Moahloli replied it was possible as she could have changed pens if there had been a problem with the pen she was originally using.

Mrs Moahloli's evidence about Mrs Mandela's December 1988 visit to Brandfort to discuss welfare projects corroborated Mrs Mandela's alibi that she was travelling to the Free State town about the same time four people were abducted from a Soweto church manse and assaulted at her home.

In an earlier statement Mrs Moahloli said Mrs Mandela had arrived in Brandfort on December 28, 1988, and had left on December 30.

Mrs Mandela's evidence is that she arrived in Brandfort a day later on the night of December 29.

The trial continues today.

Residents to protest 'cops indifference'

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RESIDENTS of Maokeng in Kroonstad have vowed to stage an unauthorised march to protest alleged police reluctance to arrest a gang terrorising the township.

Police have described as "totally false" allegations they are not taking action against the "Three Million" gang who, the African National Congress alleges, have killed and terrorised township residents for the past seven months.

Kroonstad's ANC organiser, Mr Dennis Bloem, said yesterday police denials of the allegations were "just not true."

Memo

He said Maokeng residents had had enough and would march from the township to Kroonstad police station this morning where they would deliver a memorandum calling for a commission of inquiry into their allegations.

In the latest incident a 16-year-old ANC Youth League member was stabbed to death in his home on Friday night.

Police confirmed the death but said there was no evidence the murderers were linked to the gang.

Bloem reacted with disbelief, saying the boy's mother had reported the names of the men involved as she was in the house at the time and recognised them.

In their statement, police said the gang's operations were "very scarce, if ever". They said several gang members had been arrested and a number of firearms seized in the past.

"Arrests were made but due to lack of evidence because people are afraid, opposing bail has always been unsuccesful. These cases are, however, still being investigated," the statement read. - *Sapa*.

Govt clain drop in sq

THE Government yesterday claimed a dramatic drop in the number of squatters, from about 900 000 to 500 000 between 1989 and last year.

According to the 1990 annual report of the Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing tabled in Parliament yesterday, the Government has resettled the former squatters.

"By and large, the provincial administrations have been successful in settling squatters in an orderly manner, despite the extent of squatting," the report said.

The report covered the period between June 1989 and June 1990.

Khumalo 'dedicated life to community'

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By Zingisa Mkhuma

Moses Khumalo, the mayor of Diepmeadow, who was slain in an ambush last Friday night, was committed to the upliftment of the black community and was instrumental in bringing about the present climate of reconciliation, Transvaal MEC John Mavuso said yesterday.

Speaking at a memorial service at Soweto's Diepkloof Hall, Mr Mavuso questioned the morality of a community that allowed people of Mr Khumalo's calibre to be murdered. He said Mr Khumalo had not gone about advertising himself and making promises, but had done what he was called upon to do by the community.

"If we condone such acts of violence ... then the new and bright South Africa that we are all looking forward to will never come," he said.

Mr Khumalo will be buried on Sunday.

ANC irate as SAP gives back traditional weapons

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By Monica Oosterbroek 378

Police have returned traditional weapons to Inkatha supporters living in Alexandra, on the Johannesburg border, after confiscating their sticks and knobkerries during last month's unrest.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said it was decided to return "genuine traditional weapons" after several meetings with Inkatha supporters.

"Inkatha leaders came to the police station on Wednesday, and we returned the sticks that had not been involved in violent acts. We will return traditional weapons to any group who wish to have them returned."

The ANC yesterday condemned the move, and believes it will encourage further violence.

In a statement to the media, the ANC said traditional weapons were lethal and had been used to kill and injure many people.

"We find it unacceptable that Inkatha would demand their weapons ... and the response is positive without hesitation from the police.

"This confirms our view that the searching and disarming of Inkatha members and supporters was a public relations exercise by the security forces aimed at proving the impartiality of the police."

The ANC reiterated their demand that all traditional weapons be banned.

Marchers protest against gang

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KROONSTAD — More than 10 000 people took to the streets in Kroonstad's Maokeng township yesterday in a march to protest against alleged police reluctance to prevent a gang from terrorising residents.

Scores of policemen watched the chanting throng, who marched without magisterial permission to vent their anger at the "Three Million" gang's victimisation of mainly ANC-supporting residents.

The crowd swelled from around 2 000 to more than 10 000 marchers. They handed a memorandum to police at the township's boundary with Kroonstad.

Tension ran high when heavily armed police apparently ordered the marchers to disperse.

The ANC's northern Free State leader, Patrick "Terror" Lekota, however, intervened to negotiate with high-ranking officers who agreed to allow the march to proceed.

Mr Lekota led the chanting crowd to hand in a memorandum and made an impassioned plea to police receiving it to bring the gang to book.

The memorandum outlined cases of murder, abduction, intimidation and theft allegedly committed by the gang over recent months and demanded that a commission of inquiry be instituted into all reported cases against the gang.

Residents claim they have reported dozens of cases against the gang and that the SAP has failed to act.

Police have said there has not been enough evidence in these cases to convict anyone.

Mr Lekota, however, told policemen receiving the memorandum that the community would "collaborate with you to catch these criminals".

He asked the police to forward the memorandum to the Ministers of Law and Order and of Justice and to the Commissioner of Police.

Many residents interviewed expressed anger at the gang's activities and alleged police reluctance to arrest members.

The gang's latest action was allegedly the killing of an ANC Youth League member last Friday. Isaac Masukela (16) was stabbed in his home by a group of men identifying themselves as Three Million gangsters.

His mother, Maria Masukela, said seven men entered her home demanding to see her son. After a quarrel with her, they dragged Isaac out of bed and one man stabbed him to death.

A grieving Mrs Masukela said the assailants told her they were members of the gang and then threatened to kill her.

She said she reported the incident to the police, supplying the names of the men.

Asked for comment, police confirmed the death but said there was no evidence linking the murderers to the gang. — Sapa.



CLAIM SUPPORTED ... Mrs Winnie Mandela leaves the Supreme Court yesterday. Picture: AP

Winnie trial: More evidence of sexual abuse

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Further evidence that a Methodist minister sexually abused youths staying at a Soweto church manse was heard in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday after the state failed to have the evidence ruled inadmissible.

Evidence by Mr Aubrey Nxumalo that he was sexually abused by the supervisor of the manse, the Rev Paul Verryn, supports Mrs Winnie Mandela's defence that her decision to allow four people to stay in the back rooms of her home was motivated by her concern that they were being sexually abused at the manse.

State witnesses have testified that on the night of December 29, 1988, Mrs Mandela was part of a group of people who assaulted the former manse residents.

Mrs Mandela's defence argument that she was concerned about sexual misconduct at the manse is coupled with her alibi that she was travelling to Brandfort at the time of the assaults.

State advocate Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, argued that Mr Verryn's conduct was not an issue in the trial.

However, Mr Justice M Stegmann said Mr Nxumalo's evidence had "sufficient relevance" to Mrs Mandela's state of mind at the time of the alleged abductions.

Mr Nxumalo, 26, testified that he had spent the first two nights at the manse in Mr Verryn's bed with Mr Verryn and another man.

He said that on both nights Mr Verryn had "interfered with my private parts" and he had pushed him away. Mr Nxumalo said that after that he never again shared a bed with Mr Verryn and there were no further incidents.

Mrs Mandela, 56, Miss Xoliswa Falati, 37, and Mr John Morgan, 61, have all pleaded not guilty to four charges each of kidnap and assault.

Yesterday the state announced its intention to apply for the reopening of its case against Mrs Mandela to rebut evidence given by defence witness Mrs Nora Maohloli.

In her evidence Mrs Maohloli said she did not support a police statement attributed to her, because it contained factual mistakes due to communication problems and police ignoring her requests to correct the mistakes.

In the statement Mrs Maohloli had said that Mrs Mandela arrived in Brandfort on December 28, 1988 and left on December 30. Mrs Mandela's evidence is that she arrived in Brandfort a day later, on the night of December 29.

The trial continues today.



"Each group beat us for 30 seconds before the next began When they each had a turn, they all came in and beat us until three minutes was up"

— 'People's Court' victims Collin Mahlobe and Dennis Khalo (right)

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Thug justice

Savagely beaten by young thugs ... in the name of 'people's justice'

By PAUL ALEXANDER and PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

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IN the intensive care unit of Ga-Rankuwa Hospital, 24-year-old Alfred Makgopela is fighting for his life, his body a mass of deep cuts, welts and scabs from a savage beating sustained at the hands of a people's court in Mamelodi.

Makgopela's is but one of a series of abuses by people's courts in the Pretoria township. But his is all the more bizarre because of claims by sources in the township that the "sentence" for his alleged crimes was a form of crucifixion

A curtain of secrecy has gone up around the case — despite condemnation of the abuses by political leaders in the township. Makgopela's mother, in fear for her son's life, refused to speak to reporters after being visited by "comrades"

Citing "medical ethics", the hospital authorities refuse to comment on his condition. However *The Weekly Mail* visited the still-unconscious Makgopela in the ward this week and established that he was beaten to within an inch of his life and is suffering from kidney failure.

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We were unable to establish or disprove the claim, by a well-placed source close to the family, that Makgopela had been crucified by being nailed down while he was beaten as punishment for allegedly burning down a house in the community.

The leadership of the local African National Congress-aligned civic organisation, in whose name Makgopela and others were punished, were unaware until this week of the case. They

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have condemned it and promised to investigate. But some lower-level members of the civic who do know about the case have refused to share their information with the press.

Evidence is mounting that people's courts run by young toughs, increasingly out of control of any parental or higher political authority, are moving into the vacuum left by the disintegration of law and order in South Africa's townships.

The Weekly Mail has established that a disciplinary action administered by a people's court was a major cause of the conflict between the squatter camps of Holomisa Park and Mandela Park in Katlehong two weeks ago which resulted in the death of 15 people.

Ronnie Mamoepa, media officer for the ANC in the Transvaal region, said that after the violence in September last year, both communities imposed a 9pm curfew. Disciplinary measures were imposed against curfew-breakers.

This week four youths from Mamelodi described how they were viciously whipped by "comrades" after being convicted of trivial crimes by a people's court.

The four youths, covered in thick welts from head to lower back, were all victims of a savage method of flogging called *siwasho*, the Zulu word for "cleansing medicine". Sentences are doled out on the basis of a certain number of minutes of flogging rather than the number of lashes, depending on the severity of the offence.

Colin Mahloele, at 15 the youngest of the four, said he had fainted from the beatings administered with sjamboks from 15 "comrades".

"They took me into a classroom and began beating me two at a time. Each group of two beat me for at least 30 seconds before the next entered. When they each had a turn before the three minutes sentence was over, they all came in and beat me for the remainder of the time."

Another victim, Dennis Khalo (17), tried to revive Mahloele — who fainted during the beatings — with water, but was threatened. On Mahloele's revival they continued to beat him until the sentence was complete.

Like Mahloele, the other three youths, Khalo (17); George Thobejane (17), ans Joseph Kolotsi were given over 100 lashes each, meted out in similar fashion.

Thobejane's uncle, Johannes Kgomo, attempted to plead on the boys' behalf at the trial and received 15 lashes for his efforts.

What struck Kgomo most about this people's court was the disorderly manner in which the meeting was conducted. "Firstly, no introductions were made so we never knew who they were representing," he said. "They went straight into the case. Even when punishing us it was everyone for himself."

At the trial a young girl alleged she had been raped by the boys. The boys claim they were each called to give evidence, but their evidence was dismissed as lies. They deny that they knew their accuser personally.

According to Mahloele's sister, Molly, on their arrival home from the beatings "we had to rush them to Mamelodi Day Centre (a clinic) because they were weak".

The incident began two weeks ago when the girl, who was allegedly beaten by a friend of the four youths, reported the matter to her father, who took it to the "comrades".

According to Thobejane, they first knew of their alleged crime when "comrades" came to their homes on April 5 to fetch them for the trial. The youths were not at home, so messages were left for them to attend the trial.

When they received the messages, the four youths went to the girl's home to inquire about their "summons". They were ordered to appear before the people's court the following week.

Interviewed this week, Mamelodi civic leader Pasty Malefo blamed the problem of people's courts on the disintegration of the community and the resulting abdication of parental authority.

He said youths were convening people's courts in the name of the civic and prosecuting people twice their age over issues such as marital problems.

"People resort to desperate measures to deal with desperate problems," he said. "When people go to the police, for instance, they come after a long time, if at all. The police, the administration, everything to do with authority, are part of the problem.

"This community is bombarded by so many problems that are not being dealt with. The trouble is that the youngsters, who are unemployed and have time on their hands to deal with people's day to day problems, are very ill-disciplined."

Insurance broker Willie Segabutle, who has personally taken up the case of the four youths, said this week that he is aware of two other serious cases, where one Mamelodi person was flogged "to death" and another "is in a wheelchair after being flogged".

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Winnie trial witness says parson fondled him

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Aubrey Nxumalo has testified in the Winnie Mandela trial about homosexuality after the judge ruled his evidence was relevant to show the state of mind of the accused.

Mr Nxumalo, 26, of Daveyton, was called to give evidence yesterday about allegations of homosexuality at the Orlando West Methodist manse before December 29 1988, the day on which it is alleged four young men were kidnapped and taken to Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof home.

STATE OF MIND

Mrs Mandela, 56, Mrs Xoliswa Falati, 37, and Mr John Morgan, 61, have pleaded not guilty to four counts of kidnapping and four counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Mr Justice M S Stegmann said that if Mrs Mandela's alibi — that she could not have taken part in the crimes because she was in Brandfort — was disproved, the State needed to prove the state of mind of the two women.

If Mrs Mandela and Miss Falati believed the Rev Paul Verryn was a "vicious sodomite", the judge said, it would tend to mitigate against the wrongful intention (to kidnap) attributed to them by the State.

Mr Nxumalo said he was a former detainee when he went to Khotso House for help in July 1988. He was referred to Mr Verryn.

On his first night at the manse, Mr Nxumalo said he was told to share a double bed with Mr Verryn and Thomas Nkosi. During the night, Mr Verryn caressed his thighs and testicles. He pushed Mr Verryn's hand away.

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The next night the same thing occurred. He had told Mr Verryn he did not like what had happened and it wasn't repeated in the time he spent at the manse until January 1 1989.

He said that on December 29 1988, Miss Falati took four young men away.

The trial continues today.

Randfontein next target of boycott

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RANDFONTEIN is the latest West Rand town to fall victim to a consumer boycott.

Residents of Mohlakeng and Toekomsrus townships yesterday resolved to boycott businesses in Randfontein from tomorrow.

The Randfontein boycott was delayed a week while township residents discussed tactics, according to Thami Luphoko, ANC PWV regional organiser and executive member of the ANC's Mohlakeng branch.

The Krugerdorp - started last week - and Randfontein boycotts were sparked by the two Conservative town councils' refusal to give permission for marches on March 6 this year to demand the release of political prisoners, democratically elected local government, upgrading of services and provision of land for the homeless, and the opening of amenities for all races.

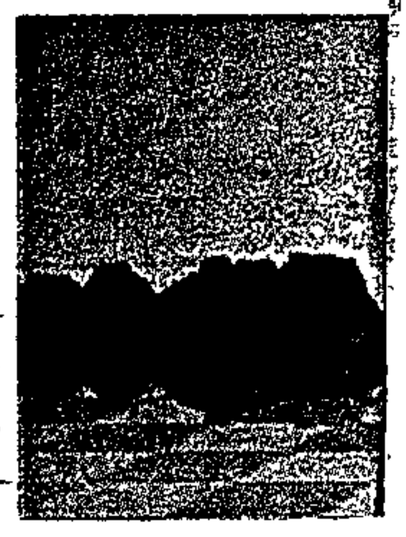
Letter

Chairman of the local branch of the ANC, Uhuru Moiloa, showed reporters a letter from the West Rand Chamber of Commerce inviting them to discuss the boycott and "explore the possibility of establishing a more permanent channel of communication" between the two parties.

Marshall Fourie, the Chamber's president-designate, confirmed he wrote the letter.

Moiloa said the Krugersdorp boycott was succesful, adding that traders and residents were not buying from white businesses.

Because of the discussions going on between the West Rand Chamber of Commerce and both the Krugersdorp Town Council and the ANC, Fourie said he could not comment on the boycott "at this stage". - *Sowetan Correspondent.*



32 Battalion under (verbal) fire

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Many of the problems the SADF faces as the new South Africa approaches converge on 32 Battalion — much respected some, but hated by others. This effective fighting force is being increasingly criticised as much for its political position as for the way it allegedly conducts itself in the townships. Can such a controversial unit survive under a new government? Indeed, it is a question which haunts several other areas of the defence establishment too. PAT DEVEREAUX reports.

THE deployment of the crack combat mercenary unit 32 Battalion in strife-torn PWV townships "to quell violence" is causing concern among residents and the ANC.

The much-feared black, Portuguese-speaking unit comprises former FNLA fighters from Angola. At the end of the war in Namibia the battalion was resettled in Pomfret in the Northern Cape at a cost of over R25 million, according to deputy Defence Minister Wynand Breytenbach.

Since then the unit has, according to former founder and commander of the unit, Colonel Jan Breytenbach, been used "most effectively as a neutral force to quell violence in the Natal and the PWV townships".

He acknowledged that the unit was not liked by the ANC. He said this was because it was effective. "The battalion is Portuguese-speaking and cannot be easily influenced or infiltrated by the ANC," he said, adding that it was also completely anti-communist.

Top ANC officials, including Umkhonto We Sizwe commander, Tokyo Sexwale, have demanded to know: "Why has this battalion been brought back to this country?"

Mr Sexwale said that, politically, the unit was thoroughly discredited. "Nobody wants Battalion 32. They are mercenaries from Angola. They don't speak our language and don't know our country. The unit murdered so many people in Angola," he said.

According to Mr Sexwale the battalion's role in the townships had become suspect because in certain "Third Force" type vigilante attacks, victims had said they had overheard their attackers speaking Portuguese.

In July last year ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela, speaking at a press conference, suggested that highly trained Renamo-type professional killers were conducting attacks as part of a sinister "Third Force" intent on destabilising the peace process.

It was in August last year that the Government first sent crack army units, including 32 Battalion, into Witwatersrand townships in an attempt to stop the spreading violence.

The latest issue of Mayibuye, the ANC's mouthpiece, states that soldiers from 32 Battalion have occupied a soccer field between two Thokoza high schools since February 25 and have become unpopular with residents.

According to the Mayibuye report, soldiers have started creating problems in the community. "They allegedly grab schoolgirls and fondle them in full view of military seniors. Thokoza residents have been campaigning for the removal of these troops," said the report.

ANC information officer Saki Macozoma said communities were not happy with soldiers setting up camp without consultation and there had been complaints about their role and behaviour, specifically in Thokoza.

He confirmed the allegations of Portuguese-speaking vigilantes and added that since South Africa fought alongside and trained Unita and Renamo it had access to mercenaries of all descriptions who could fit into the "Third Force" role.

In May last year, when the unit was deployed in Natal, residents complained that 32 Battalion had allegedly been involved in rape and theft in areas near Maritzburg. The SADF and police at the time said they would investigate this.

Replying to queries about the battalion, SA Defence Force director of Public Relations, Brigadier A H Louw said: "The battalion is being used in support of the SA Police."

He would not disclose details of troop deployments but said 32 Battalion, like any other SA army unit, was used in support of the SA police when and where necessary.

He confirmed that a temporary support point had been established in Thokoza for use by units deployed there. He added that 32 Battalion was no longer in Natal.

He rejected allegations of the battalion's involvement in promoting violence. But he said: "Local residents had specifically requested this battalion's presence rather than that of any other unit."

Brigadier Louw dismissed the claims about the battalion's conduct and said: "It is an old ploy to vaguely accuse effective security force elements of all sorts of wrong-doing because they stand in the way of those wishing to enforce their will on others, often through violent measures."

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Youth tells of 'sex abuse' at manse

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A youth, who may not be identified, told the Rand Supreme Court how he had been subjected to sexual abuse by a Methodist minister.

The evidence was led yesterday before Mr Justice M S Stegmann during the trial of Mrs Winnie Mandela, Miss Xoliswa Falati and Mr John Morgan. They have all pleaded not guilty to four counts of kidnapping and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The State's objection to the evidence of alleged homosexuality at the manse was overruled by the judge.

Conspiracy

The State had argued that Mrs Mandela had chosen the defence of an alibi and so could not say: "I was not there, but if I was, this happened because of the homosexuality at the manse." The judge said the State had alleged that Mrs Mandela, who was not actually present when four youths were removed from the manse, was part of a conspiracy to kidnap.

Although he did not have to make any finding on the sexual allegations, he said that if Mrs Mandela's alibi was disproved the State would have to prove the state of mind of Mrs Mandela and Miss Falati.

If Mrs Mandela and Miss Falati believed the Reverend Paul Verryn was a "vicious sodomite" it would tend to mitigate against the wrongful intention attributed to them, he said.

The judge, the State and the defence teams agree that even if there was sexual misconduct at the manse that would not justify assaults.

As the youth gave explicit details of what he said had been done to him by Mr Verryn, there was not a murmur from the public gallery.

The youth said he had been expelled from school for being a member of a students' organisation and was in detention for 14 days. He was too afraid to go to a government school and went to the South African Council of Churches for help.

Mr Verryn provided him with accommodation and paid for his schooling.

Under cross-examination the youth conceded that his evidence-in-chief differed from his testimony when questioned by the State regarding the dates on which the alleged sexual abuse took place. There were two incidents in different years but the dates on which they took place were not important to him, he said.

He went to Mrs Mandela for assistance after each event.

He also forgot to mention he had stayed at Mrs Mandela's home in Orlando West, a short distance from the manse, and not only at her Diepkloof home.

IFP 'provoked'

INKATHA Freedom Party members were provoked by unknown "agent provocateurs" to commit the violence which claimed the lives of 22 people on Sunday, the organisation said yesterday (278) 80 words 30/4/91

And, in Ulundi yesterday, IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi took the ANC to task following its weekend claims that Inkatha planned to assassinate its leaders before May 9.

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who is shot several times in the back and later hacked with pangas. The attackers take away his service revolver. He dies on the stoep of the house. Next to die is elder brother, Alfred. He had been in the kitchen preparing food for his niece. He tries to run, but is shot dead as he tries to dash out of the kitchen door.

Spokes Manaka, who hid himself in a tool shed, is shot in the forehead by the attackers.

The next victim of the attack is the family dog - shot in the back and later put down by the police.

2.45pm - The attackers help themselves to a pot of meat prepared by Alfred Matloha. Police appear on the scene and order the impi to return to its buses which are parked nearby. No arrests are made. *Sowetan* could not discover why not.

2.48pm - Meadowlands Zone 3: The Moletsane house at 697 Thakadu street: Mrs Elizabeth Moletsane and her family are in the yard inspecting the damage to their house.

The house had been ransacked by a rampaging mob which came from the direction of the stadium says Mrs Moletsane. She says that after the attack she saw one of the attackers speak to a white policeman at the corner. The policeman then came to inspect the house.

Residents ask the police why they did not take action to stop the attack by the impis. A white police officer - Mrs Moletsane says she is not sure of his rank but thinks he was an officer - tells the angry crowd that they had just arrived.

2.50pm - Two houses away a group of people is being questioned by two senior white police officers. There are three police vans, one with a load of policeman on board.

2.55pm - Police remove four bodies and load them into a windowless van.

A street away a fifth body is dragged from under a parked car. It is the body of Peter Selobane.

A witness says Selobane was hiding from the impi. There is confusion about who fired the shot which killed him.

3.10pm - *Sowetan's* team moves towards Khumalo's house about one kilometre away where buses are unloading mourners from Avalon Cemetery.

3.30pm - 3.45pm. The mass of mourners moves into Odendaal Street less than 500 metres from Khumalo's house. Mr Mduduzi Sithebe, standing in a yard watching the passing crowd, is shot in the thigh.

The son of the owner of the yard where this happens, Mr Themba Manyoni, says Sithebe had shouted "Viva" at the passing crowd. Police rush him to Baragwanath Hospital. A police major on the scene tells reporters it would be too difficult to disarm anybody in such a mob. A house, also in Odendaal Street, has a hole in the roof.

Apparently it was caused by another shot fired by someone in the crowd.

3.55pm - 4.30pm. A police helicopter hovers over the area.

6.30pm - The impi marches past the Meadowlands police station.

6.40pm - Residents, fearing for their lives, leave their homes to seek shelter with relatives in other parts of Soweto. At this stage no policemen are visible on the scene.

Rightwing group disrupts Mandela

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By MONK NKOMO

MR Nelson Mandela was whisked to safety after rowdy rightwing student groups burnt ANC flags and stopped him from speaking at the University of Pretoria yesterday.

The groups, among them the CP Youth Organisation, most of whom wore blue headbands, burnt two ANC flags and booed when the National Anthem "Nkosi Sikelel' i-Afrika" was sung. Sowetan 30/4/91

Labeling Mandela "a communist", the groups instead turned their backs to the stage and sang "Die Stem van Suid Afrika".

An unidentified white man then went to the stage apparently to stop the proceedings.

He became involved in a scuffle with one of Mandela's bodyguards who pushed him away.

Hell broke loose.

The ANC deputy president was then whisked away "for safety reasons", according to one of the organisation's aides.

A large number of white students and a few blacks who were eager to be addressed by Mandela said they were disappointed by the behaviour of the rightwing students.

"They behaved like barbarians," a white student said.

The meeting was eventually called off.

Homes of two councillors are attacked

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THE homes of at least two Tembisa councillors were stoned and petrol-bombed at the weekend following the cut-off of power to the township on Friday.

Several other councillors in the township, including mayor Mr Solomon More, are said to have left their homes after the power cut and are still in hiding.

Police spokesman Captain Ida Van Zweel said she could not confirm the incidents.

A notice issued last week said that due to residents not having paid rent the Tembisa council was unable to pay its accounts and was forced to reduce water and discontinue electricity supplies.

Perishable goods

Shopkeepers in the township said perishable goods had been lost because of the power cut.

One shopkeeper, who did not wish to be named, said he could not afford to pay his outstanding account of about R7 000 for services.

He said the account contained charges for protection services, which were not provided by the council.

"My customers are mugged in front of my shop and I'm also threatened and intimidated by robbers. The police are nowhere in sight to protect us," the shopkeeper said.

Residents were told at meetings held by the Tembisa Residents Association to continue the rent boycott and not be "intimidated" by the electricity switch-off. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

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50 killed in violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Weekend violence on the Witwatersrand and in Natal claimed the lives of at least 50 people, with close on 200 wounded, authorities confirmed yesterday.

At least 43 people died and at least 186 were injured on the Witwatersrand, after violence broke out in Alexandra on Friday and spilled over to Soweto on Sunday afternoon.

The violence comes in the wake of ANC claims of secret Inkatha Freedom Party and Defence Force plans to assassinate ANC leaders and attack communities on the Witwatersrand.

While the SADF has denied the allegations, the IFP yesterday deplored the outbreak of violence on the Reef, adding that it rejected "any form of violence".

Yesterday the official death toll in Alexandra, the scene of what police have described as isolated attacks by a group of unidentified assailants, stood at 21 and more bodies were expected to be found.

A total of 182 people were treated for hack, stab or gunshot wounds.

Police repeatedly used rubber bullets, birdshot and teargas to disperse groups roaming the township and a heavy police presence was being maintained.

Police have confirmed that schools in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, were vacated yesterday morning, following rumours of an impending attack, allegedly by Inkatha Freedom Party warriors.



VIOLENCE VICTIM ... The body of a Soweto resident killed on Sunday by Inkatha supporters lies in the street while a police patrol passes by. Picture AP

Pupils who allegedly jumped out of windows of one Alexandra secondary school were treated for shock and minor injuries at the health clinic, according to a clinic spokesman, Dr Grant Rex.

They had apparently panicked following a nearby clash at a squatter camp.

Police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said shots were fired at a Sandton traffic department vehicle at the edge of the township and also from the Alexandra hostel.

He said police used two canisters of teargas to disperse a crowd of 40 to 60 people, which had gathered at the Alexandra stadium.

"There are no indications of any Inkatha group in the area," he said, adding that the area was quiet late yesterday morning.

At least 148 people were wounded and 21 killed in Alexandra at the weekend, in what police describes as isolated attacks by a small group of unidentified assailants.

The death toll in Soweto from Sunday's violence has risen to 22, police have confirmed.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jacques de Vries said bodies in the state mortuary, at first thought to be crime victims, had been identified as people killed in the aftermath of the funeral of Inkatha leader and Diepmeadow mayor Mr Moses Khumalo.

Six people were killed at the Dlamini squatter camp.

Two people were hacked to death at the Dube hostel, and two more were shot dead, said Colonel De Vries. At least four people were wounded, one seriously. — Sapa

Official unrest death toll at weekend rises to 54

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THE official death toll from the weekend violence in Soweto and Alexandra climbed to 54 yesterday as police discovered the bodies of more victims.

Police put the number of people injured in clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporting factions at 176.

They also confirmed at least another seven people were killed and about 30 injured in weekend clashes in other areas of SA

SAP spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said Alexandra pupils fled schools yesterday after rumours of an impending Inkatha attack.

False

"Police saturated the area and stepped up patrols, but nothing to substantiate the rumour could be found," he said.

Several false reports of fighting were received by police during the day, SAP spokesman Capt Henriette Bester said late yesterday.

"We believe there are elements in the townships trying to scare residents. They are creating panic and unnecessary tension in these areas." She added if the police were to be effective, then they had to patrol areas where they were needed most.

A police helicopter was also

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deployed for aerial patrols over Alexandra, Volsoorus, Katlehong and Thembisa yesterday.

At least 20 people died during clashes in Soweto on Sunday. The fighting which was believed to have been initiated by Inkatha supporters, began to subside on Sunday night.

Police spokesman Col Jac de Vries said 10 people were killed near the Meadowlands stadium and a woman was found shot dead at the Diepkloof hostel. Six people were killed at the Dlamini squatter camp, two were hacked to death at the Dube hostel and the body of another man was found at the Nancefield hostel.

The daily SAP unrest report said one man was seriously injured when a gang of men attacked him with sharp instruments and then threw him from a moving train near Phefeni railway station in Soweto.

In the same area one man was badly hacked and a child shot several times after being attacked by a group of people. They both survived. Nearby three other men were injured when attacked by a mob with sharp instruments, police said.

A private vehicle was set alight at Naledi, Soweto.

On the East Rand, four people were arrested after sporadic violence in Thembisa, Katlehong and Vosloorus yesterday. Capt Bester said Thembisa scholars stayed away from school yesterday and went on a rampage through the township's streets. A Post Office vehicle was set alight before police could act.

In Vosloorus a group of about 250 scholars attacked and looted a bottle store. Police arrested two youths who were caught after removing 20 cases of liquor, she said.

A Lubner's delivery truck and a municipal refuse lorry were set alight while another municipal vehicle was stoned in the township. The occupants of all three vehicles escaped unhurt, she added.

Burnt

Thembisa, near Kempton Park, was quiet but tense yesterday following incidents of stone-throwing which resulted in two arrests.

An SAP vehicle was stoned and two other vehicles burnt out in Katlehong, near Germiston, said Bester.

In Natal police found the "necklaced" body of a black man at Kwa Mashu, near Durban. One man was killed and another seriously injured at Mqolobeni, Port Shepstone.

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Winnie: Claim disputed

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The state yesterday reopened its case against Mrs Winnie Mandela with a security policeman disputing the claim of a defence witness that he had not accurately recorded a statement by her.

Colonel Abraham Coetzee, who is attached to the Soweto branch of the security police, told the Rand Supreme Court that a "voluntary" statement by Brandfort schoolteacher Mrs Nora Moahloli was accurate.

Last Tuesday Mrs Moahloli testified that the affidavit, made three days before the February 4 start of Mrs Mandela's kidnap and assault trial, contained factual mistakes due to communication problems and police ignoring her requests to correct the mistakes.

The statement contradicts Mrs Mandela's alibi that she was travelling to Brandfort about the same time four people were abducted from a Soweto church manse and assaulted at her home.

In the document, Mrs Moahloli said Mrs Mandela had arrived in Brandfort on December 28, 1988, and had left on December 30 after discussing welfare projects.

Mrs Mandela's evidence is that she arrived in the Free State town a day later on the night of December 29.

Mrs Moahloli said Colonel Coetzee had asked whether Mrs Mandela's visit had spanned the days of December 28, 29 and 30.

She said that when she asked whether December 28 was a Thursday, because she knew Mrs Mandela had arrived on a Thursday night, Colonel Coetzee had ignored her and continued his questions.

Colonel Coetzee denied he had put any dates to Mrs Moahloli, adding that she had first told him that Mrs Mandela arrived on December 27 and left on December 29.

After completing her statement, Mrs Moahloli told him she had made a mistake; that Mrs Mandela had in fact arrived on December 28 and left on December 30.

Colonel Coetzee said he had spoken "mainly in English (and) points (Mrs Moahloli) did not understand" were translated into Sotho by another security policeman.

In cross-examination, Mrs Mandela's counsel, Mr George Bizos, SC, asked why the statement was written in Afrikaans if he had spoken in English.

'Hotstix' testifies

Colonel Coetzee replied that he had been using an interpreter.

Earlier in the day Mr Bizos provisionally closed Mrs Mandela's defence after the court had heard testimony from Soweto musician Mr Sipho "Hotstix" Mabusa.

Mr Mabusa said that although three of the assault victims had accompanied Mrs Mandela to the January 4, 1989, funeral of his father he had not noticed that any of them were injured.

He also denied a report written for the London-based Sunday Telegraph by one of the victims, Mr Kenneth Kgase, that he felt embarrassed by the sight of Mr Kgase's beaten face.

Mr Mabusa also denied Mr Kgase's claim that Mrs Mandela had told him (Mr Mabusa) that Mr Kgase had been beaten-up because "he tried to tell too much to the system, so the boys gave him a bit of an education".

The trial continues today.

Colonel 'knew security police watched Winnie'

ARGUS 30/4/91

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A security police colonel told the Rand Supreme Court that he knew Mrs Winnie Mandela was someone the security police watched, from reading newspaper reports.

Colonel Abraham Coetzee said he worked in administration.

Until he went to Brandfort to take a statement from Mrs Nora Moahloli, the schoolteacher who testified in support of Mrs Mandela's alibi, he had had nothing to do with the investigation, he said.

Mrs Mandela, 56, Miss Xoliswa Falati, 37, and Mr John Morgan, 61, have all pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Colonel Coetzee said he had offered to take the statement because he wanted to spend the weekend in Bloemfontein with family.

He denied that when he went to Brandfort, on February 1 this year, that he knew that Mrs Mandela's trial was due to begin a few days later (on February 4); that Mrs Moahloli had testified during the Jerry Richardson trial or that the dates December 28/29 1988 were exceptionally important.

Colonel Coetzee said the investigating officer, Captain Fred Dempsey, gave him information which he wrote on a foolscap sheet of paper. He had since misplaced the notes.

He was told to ask Mrs Moahloli if Mrs Mandela was in Brandfort between December 20 1989 and January 1 1989, Colonel Coetzee said.

"She said Mrs Mandela's visit was on December 27, 28 and 29. But when I began taking down the statement, she said she had made a mistake and it was 28, 29 and 30," Colonel Coetzee said. He denied that he suggested the dates.

(The court had already heard Mrs Moahloli testify that Mrs Mandela was in Brandfort on December 29, 30 and 31. It is the State's case that Mrs Mandela was involved in the crimes on December 29.)

Yesterday Mrs Mandela's counsel, Mr George Bizos SC, reserved his right to call a bank employee about the source of funds in State witness Mr Kenny Kgase's bank account.

ATTACKS AFTER FUNERAL

10 killed in mob rampage

Star 29/4/91

By Guy Jepson (278)

At least 10 people were killed by mourners yesterday who went on the rampage in Meadowlands and Dlamini squatter camp in Soweto during and after the extended funeral service of murdered Diepmeadow mayor and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Moses Julius Khumalo.

The bloody attacks — and a series of killings in Alexandra township since Saturday — brings to at least 25 the number of people killed on the Reef — and 32 countrywide — at the weekend.

Witnesses accused the police of standing by as groups of heavily harmed Inkatha mourners poured out of the Meadowlands stadium where the funeral rally was being held and rampaged through neighbouring Meadowlands Zone 3, shooting and hacking residents and attacking homes and cars.

Denying that the police did nothing to stop the attack, Colonel Jac de Vries, regional liaison officer for the Soweto police, confirmed that five people, including an off-duty policeman, were killed, one was seriously injured and windows were smashed in Zone 3 during the 2.30 pm attack.

Reuters journalist Juda Ngwenya reported that about 3 000 Inkatha Freedom Party sympathisers wielding spears and knives and shouting "Kill them, kill them" swarmed out of a funeral rally at a stadium and attacked residents. He alleged "watching police made no move to stop fighters wearing red headbands hack at people in streets near the stadium".

Colonel de Vries denied that the attackers formed part of a 3 000-strong group.

"There were only 3 000 people at the stadium. The Inkatha group didn't act as a large crowd. They were moving in small groups from behind the buses. They were already at the houses when we set out after them.

"We fired some teargas — but very little, as we realised it was not really effective. By the time we got in we found the bodies and picked them up."

Referring to the allegations that the police had allowed the attack to proceed, Colonel de Vries said, it was "not in the nature of the SAP or any of its members to stand idly by".

Three or four detachments of police had accompanied

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ANC 'spy' system behind plot claims

INFORMANTS in township hostels were the ANC's source of information on alleged plans to attack top ANC figures and launch a campaign of violence leading up to the May 9 ultimatum, senior ANC sources said.

Allegations of a plot to kill ANC leaders and spark tensions between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party were made public by ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo at the weekend. B1 Daily 29/4/91

The informants at the hostels — traditionally seen as anti-ANC strongholds — appear to be part of a well-established network built up over the past few months in the wake of clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents.

ANC national executive committee member Aziz Pahad said yesterday there was a growing concern in the hostels about violence, and that hostel dwellers were coming forward to provide details of planned attacks. ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu confirmed the existence of a network of hostel informants.

An ANC informant apparently attended a meeting of hostel representatives from the PWV region at which they were told Inkatha was to go on the offensive because the ANC was not interested in peace.

The ANC added hostel informants had

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also told the ANC they were being terrorised into paying a tax to buy firearms and were forced to take part in attacks.

The ANC claimed Inkatha Youth Brigade operatives were being deployed in the PWV after training in the eastern Transvaal and Natal. Nzo said part of their role was to suppress the anti-violence feeling among some hostel dwellers.

He alleged that squads had been formed to attack leaders and May Day rallies and that intelligence units had passed on information about these attacks to the squads.

The ANC alleged that a "Third Force" was trying to cause tension between its members and those of Inkatha. It alleged the "Third Force" was drawn from elements of the security forces and Inkatha.

The ANC said the assassination in February of Mhlabuzima Maphumulo — who headed a coalition of Natal chiefs aligned to the ANC — was carried out to provoke the ANC into a counterattack against Inkatha. In affidavits presented to City Press newspaper, Sipho Madlala who claimed to be a Military Intelligence agent said he committed the killing on instructions from the Security Branch of the SA Police.

The SADF has denied the claim and allegations that it is involved in "Third Force" violence.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze called on the ANC to produce Madlala who would be questioned in the presence of an ANC lawyer. He also said arrangements were being made to have a senior police officer contact the ANC to investigate its claims.

The ANC said it had informed government of the impending attacks and that it had stepped up security to protect ANC and community leaders. The ANC said it was working on a Peace Charter to attain peace in the townships.

24 killed in Reef violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — Ten people slaughtered in Soweto after a funeral yesterday and at least 14 killed since Saturday morning in Alexandra township were among the 24 killed in weekend township unrest on the Reef, police said.

Some Soweto residents — attacked by alleged Inkatha supporters after the funeral of Diepmeadow mayor and Inkatha leader Mr Moses Khumalo — accused police of not taking action. Police have denied the charge.

News video footage shows red-headbanded men singing, brandishing weapons and streaming past police vehicles from the funeral service before moving between houses and attacking residents.

The attack left five people dead, one seriously injured, and windows of cars and houses smashed, police said.

Buses returning from Soweto's Avalon cemetery later stopped alongside a squatter camp and, before police could intervene, men disembarked and hacked five squatters to death, injuring three, they said.

In video footage of the earlier attack, a funeral marshal is seen running after the attackers to try to stop them. He was threatened with his life by the attackers, a TV crew said.

Police vans are twice seen driving past without taking action and the TV crew said police, despite their heavy presence in the area, arrived on the scene only about three minutes after the five-minute attack.

Police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said there was a helicopter monitoring the violence and a heavy police presence on the ground which had averted more extensive death and destruction.

Soweto remained tense last night, but police had sufficient force on the ground to control the situation, he said.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said last night that the deaths were proof that Mr Alfred Nzo, general-secretary of the ANC, was not just talking when he warned that Inkatha was planning such an attack.

Mr Macozoma said the attack had been planned in a hostel in Soweto and the ANC had found out about it.

Alexandra was quiet yesterday afternoon after 14 people were killed and 24 wounded at the weekend. Police said three of the dead had been shot and the rest hacked to death.

Most of the dead were Zulus, they said. — Sapa

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Informants 'told ANC of attack'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Informants in township hostels were the ANC's source of information on alleged plans to attack top ANC figures and launch a campaign of violence leading up to the May 9 ultimatum, a senior ANC source said.

Allegations of a plot to kill ANC leaders and spark tensions between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party were made public by ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo at the weekend.

The informants at the hostels — traditionally seen as anti-ANC strongholds — appear to be part of a well-established network.

The ANC added that hostel informants had also told the ANC they were being terrorised into paying a tax to buy firearms and were forced to take part in attacks.



GRIEF· Children are comforted by their weeping grandmother, after their father, whose body lies under a blanket, was killed by Inkatha supporters avenging the death of the mayor of Diepmeadow.

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Deadly rampage after funeral

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 29 people were killed on the Reef at the weekend.

Ten were killed by mourners who went on the rampage in Soweto yesterday during an extended funeral for the murdered Diepmeadow mayor and an Inkatha official.

In Alexandra 19 bodies were found by police and 148 people were wounded.

'KILL THEM'

Thirty-seven people were shot or hacked to death countrywide.

Witnesses to the Soweto violence accused police of standing by as groups of heavily armed Inkatha mourners poured out of the Meadowlands stadium where the funeral rally was being held and rampaged through Meadowlands Zone 3, shooting and hacking residents and attacking homes and cars

A Reuters photographer, Mr Juda Ngwenya, said that about 3 000 Inkatha sympathisers, wielding spears and knives and shouting "Kill them, kill them", swarmed out of the funeral rally about 2.30pm.

He said police did not stop "fighters wearing red headbands" from hackick residents in streets near the stadium.

Meadowlands Civic Association publicity secretary Mr Louis Ramono said Inkatha supporters were boarding buses when they suddenly began the attack in the presence of police.

"Afterwards they walked back through the police lines to the buses, still carrying their guns."

There was more bloodletting shortly before 5pm when hundreds of heavily-armed mourners returned from the Avalon cemetery, where Inkatha official Mr Moses Khumalo, 63, had been buried.

Mourners on buses returning from the cemetery stopped alongside Dlamini squatter camp, disembarked and attacked the camp, killing five people and injuring three, before police could intervene.

'DEEPLY DISTRESSED'

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza said he was deeply distressed about the deaths and denied that mourners launched unprovoked attacks

Mourners had been forced to defend themselves from an attack by unknown men, he said.

The regional liaison officer for the Soweto police, Colonel Jac De Vries, said small groups of Inkatha supporters were involved and denied that the attackers formed part of a 3 000-strong group.

The groups were at the houses when police gave chase. Some teargas was fired but this was "not really effective" and when police arrived bodies were found and picked up, he said.

148 WOUNDED

Referring to the allegations that the police had allowed the attack to proceed, Colonel De Vries said, it was "not in the nature of the SAP or any of its members to stand idly by".

Police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said the deaths and injuries in Alexandra resulted from isolated attacks by a small group of unidentified assailants.

Director of the Alexandra health clinic Dr Tim Wilson said 102 people had been treated for stab and panga wounds. Forty-six were admitted with gunshot wounds. Six people were dead on arrival.

Shouts of 'kill them', 'kill them' at funeral

Six slain at mayor's burial



MOSES KHUMALO

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A RAMPAGING mob shot and hacked to death at least six people at former Diepmeadow mayor Moses Khumalo's funeral in Soweto yesterday.

About 3 000 Inkatha Freedom Party sympathisers wielding spears and knives and shouting "kill them, kill them" stormed out of a funeral rally at Meadowlands Stadium and attacked residents.

Watching police made no attempt to stop the mob, wearing red headbands, as it attacked people in streets near the stadium.

Reuters staffer Juda Ngwenya said he saw gunfire coming from the Inkatha crowd. "These police are dogs. They just do nothing to save us," a Meadowlands resident said.

Meanwhile, police said at least 14 people had been killed in sporadic clashes in Alexandra since Saturday morning. (See Page 3)

More than 1 200 people have been killed in spear and gun battles around Johannesburg since August. Eighty of them were killed in battles in Alexandra last month.

Six people were killed in political unrest else-

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Khumalo funeral marred

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where on Friday night. Sowetan 2/5/91.

The Meadowlands attack took place while mourners were making their way to buses to take them to the burial of Inkatha official Khumalo, gunned down in an ambush in Soweto on April 19.

At the rally they had heard an emotional speech written by Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, blaming the killing on an ANC-backed campaign for the resignation of black councillors.

Slaughter

The speech, read by an Inkatha official in Buthelezi's absence, said everyone should be shocked by Khumalo's death.

"Kill is not the right word. Slaughter is the very word that should be used. We should all be shocked at human slaughter as though human beings could be slaughtered at the altar of political expediency," he said.

The fighters left the stadium and began breaking into houses and cars on their way to the buses, searching out occupants and attacking them.

The ANC predicted the attack in a statement on Saturday warning of an imminent campaign of violence by security forces and Inkatha against its operations.

Assassination

It said recent assassinations of ANC and Inkatha officials had been carried out by hit squads with the aim of instigating violence between the two organisations.

The townships and villages in Natal and hostels around Johannesburg have been the scene of bitter fighting between the ANC and Inkatha.

The fighting continues despite peace-making efforts by President FW de Klerk, Buthelezi and ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela. - *Sapa-Reuter.*

14 die, 24 injured in Alexandra violence

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AT LEAST 14 people were killed and 24 injured in violence in Alexandra at the weekend.

But all was quiet in the township yesterday, police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said.

By midnight on Saturday, police had found 11 bodies in the township, most of them Zulus and victims of what police described as isolated attacks by a small group of unidentified assailants.

Three more bodies were found yesterday morning, Bester said.

All were found away from the township's hostels, a flashpoint of previous violence.

Three victims had been shot and the rest hacked to death.

The dead had not been identified and it was uncertain if they were residents of the area, she said.

Those wounded were treated at the Alexandra Health Clinic.

Meanwhile, at Maxontyo, Table Mountain, in Natal, police on Saturday found the body of a man who had been shot dead.

In other unrest-related incidents, 10 men were arrested at Springs on Saturday, following an illegal placard demonstration.

At Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, a policeman was injured when a group of people stoned his vehicle. The group had earlier attacked and looted a brewery truck. - *Sapa.*

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Fists fly as Mandela is silenced

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Political Reporter

Pandemonium broke loose at the University of Pretoria yesterday when a group of rowdy right-wing students prevented ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela from speaking on campus.

Students burnt two ANC flags and occupied the stage of the students' amphitheatre minutes after Mr Mandela, surrounded by security guards and aides, arrived in the stadium.

Pretoria right-winger Hendrik Claasens tried to grab the microphone Mr Mandela's bodyguards intervened and about 40 students flocked to the stage to "protect a white man from being assaulted by blacks".

Scuffles broke out between the bodyguards, ANC marshals and the rightwingers and a grim-faced Mr Mandela was escorted to safety.

Most of the crowd, estimated at 7 000 by the organisers, watched in shock and chanted "down, down" as the group sang traditional Afrikaans folk songs on the stage and cut the cords of radio and television equipment

But earlier, they joined in protest when Students for a Democratic Society chairman Hedwig Barry asked the crowd to sing "the national anthem", "Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika". The rightwingers turned their backs to the stage and were joined by most people in singing the official anthem

The right-wing group waved banners with slogans such as "ANC scum go home", "ANC are murderers" and "Peace for all nations, try apartheid".

Dignitaries, including diplomats from the Canadian, Australian, Italian, Dutch, French and Finnish embassies, were told to leave the venue amid rumours the rightwingers were about to be teargassed.

At a press conference, Ms Barry said the organisers were appalled at the "undisciplined and revolting" behaviour and wanted to apologise to Mr Mandela It was a sad day when a politician of Mr Mandela's stature was prevented from speaking

Dean of student affairs Professor Flip van der Watt said he deeply regretted yesterday's events and added the university would try to identify the culprits.

Mr Claasens was jailed for 10 months more than 30 years ago after breaking up a meeting in Pretoria addressed by the late ANC president and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Chief Albert Luthuli

● In a statement released last night, the right-wing Afrikaner Studentefront (ASF) said the meeting was broken up because the singing of "Nkosi Sikel' iAfrika" was announced as the "national anthem"

This was enough "to stir up the emotions of any right-thinking white", the ASF said.

6 hacked to death at hostel

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Staff Reporters and Sapa

Six Soweto residents were hacked to death last night when a small band of men attacked them near the Dobsonville hostel.

In Soweto and Alexandra township, police said they were were out in force last night after 61 people were reported to have died on the Reef since the start of the weekend.

The six men who died from multiple stab wounds brought Soweto's unrest death toll up to 28.

In Alexandra, after a spate of killings continued throughout the weekend, police picking up bodies put the death toll at 33 last night.

According to reports from terrified Dobsonville residents, a large group of Inkatha warriors gathered at the hostel this morning, armed with traditional weapons, chanting war songs and dancing.

"I think they are celebrating the deaths of our people last night," one man said.

There were no reports of violence from Alexandra township last night.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said no killings had been reported in the township yesterday. Police had fired teargas, rubber bullets and some birdshot to disperse groups of people.

Yesterday, police — who were using two helicopters — "saturated" the township, a spokesman said.

In Soweto on Sunday, mourners rampaged through Meadowlands Zone 3 and Dlamini squatter camp after the funeral of slain Diepmeadow mayor Moses Khumalo.

The death toll was first given as 10. However, police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn yesterday said more bodies had been indentified as those of people killed in the attack.

Last night Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said the SAP was using "all our available staff to maintain law and order".

In Alexandra the weekend killings, according to police, were carried out mainly by isolated groups of unidentified attackers. Police said most of those killed were Zulus.



Family grieves . . close relatives lay wreaths at the grave of slain Diepmeadow mayor and chairman of the Greater Soweto Council Committee, Moses Khumalo, who was buried at the Avalon cemetery in Soweto yesterday. His mother, Catherine, is flanked by brothers Sydney (left) and Herbert. Picture: Jacoob Rykliff

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the procession, he said, and police had been monitoring the area for 24 hours.

Meadowlands Civic Association publicity secretary Louis Ramono, who was in Zone 3 at the time of the attack said Inkatha supporters were boarding buses at the stadium "when all of a sudden they started attacking houses and people."

"This happened while the police were there," he said

"Afterwards they (the attackers) just walked back through the police lines to the buses, still carrying their guns."

There was more bloodletting

10 killed in mob rampage

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shortly before 5 pm when mourners returned from the Avalon Cemetery, where Mr Khumalo had been buried

Another five people died and four were seriously injured, Colonel de Vries said.

Mourners on buses returning from the cemetery stopped alongside Dlamini squatter camp, disembarked and attacked the camp, killing five people and injuring three, before police could intervene.

Colonel de Vries said police had been driving behind and in front of the buses and birdshot was used to prevent the Inkatha supporters still near the buses from joining the attack.

Asked why, given the first attack, police had not managed to stop the attackers, Colonel de Vries said:

"These things happen very quickly — it takes a second for a guy with a panga to hack someone. If we hadn't been there the death toll would have been much higher."

Sapa reports that Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said he was deeply distressed about the deaths.

He denied however that mourners had launched unprovoked attacks against residents. Mourners had instead been forced to defend themselves from an attack by an unknown group of men, he said.

Phil Molefe reports that hundreds of heavily armed Inkatha members brandising an assortment of dangerous weapons attended the funeral of Mr Khumalo (63), who died in a hail of bullets last Friday.

ANC youth demos spark off violence

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Staff Reporters and Sapa

Youths rampaged through Soweto, women chained themselves to the railings of Parliament and hundreds of activists were arrested yesterday during countrywide protests organised by the ANC Youth League (Ancyl).

The demonstrations — to demand the release of all political prisoners by midnight last night — turned ugly in Diepkloof, Soweto, as youths stoned vehicles, attacked a press photographer and set fire to a police van.

About 5 000 pupil marchers surrounded the Diepkloof police station shortly after a memorandum was presented by a delegation to the station commander, Captain H J Boshoff.

While delegation leaders were addressing the crowd, a police van parked next to the station was set alight.

In the ensuing chaos, youths stoned the police station, and police retaliated by firing shots into the crowd.

At the nearby Mandela Village squatter camp, youths stoned buses and council vehicles and attacked The Star's photographer Ken Oosterbroek, stealing his camera.

Police banned marches to the Union Buildings in Pretoria and Parliament in Cape Town, arresting 25 Ancyl supporters near the Union Buildings, including the organisation's national president Peter Mokaba.

In Cape Town, three women chained themselves to the railings outside Parliament as a crowd of about 150 demonstrators carrying banners, flags and posters marched from St George's Cathedral to the entrance to Parliament.

In Bloemfontein, ANC members who staged a sit-in on the steps of the Appeal Court were removed by the police.

Chanting

When a planned sit-in in Pretoria was declared illegal, youths demanded that they be allowed to present a memorandum at the Union Buildings. Police refused and Ancyl members drove to the Union Buildings. They were stopped, warned to disperse and later arrested, police said.

Hundreds of chanting, dancing University of the Witwatersrand students, led by the ANC's recently released Carl Niehaus, staged a peaceful march to the Hillbrow police station.

They delivered an open letter for President de Klerk, demanding an end to violence and to alleged police partiality, the immediate release of all political prisoners and indemnity for all political exiles.

Pickets, and sit-ins at embassies, government offices, police stations and offices of the National Party took place at various centres throughout the country.

Ancyl publicity secretary Parks Mankahlana said 50 youths were arrested in Klerksdorp after picketing the local National Party offices, and 48 arrested in Vereeniging after occupying offices of the Department of Internal Affairs.

Fifteen Ancyl supporters staged a three-hour sit-in at the Pietersburg offices of the Department of Internal Affairs, said Mr Mankahlana.

In Kimberley, members of the league presented a memorandum to the Attorney-General to be handed to Mr de Klerk.

Last night police arrested more than 40 Ancyl members after forcibly removing them from the National Party provincial office in Cape Town. Charges of trespassing were laid.

In Port Elizabeth, about 300 youths held a peaceful march to the local Bureau for Information offices where their memorandum was accepted by an official.

A small group of mostly elderly women held a brief demonstration outside the Pretoria Central Prison.

All was quiet in Durban yesterday but protests would start tomorrow, Durban Ancyl leader Mzwandile Mhlanzi said.

He said government institutions and regional-authority premises would be occupied in sit-in protest actions.



AT COURT ... Mrs Winnie Mandela, wearing a turban, appears outside the Rand Supreme Court yesterday where she is appearing on charges of kidnapping. Picture AP

Winnie defence witness erred in earlier evidence

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A defence witness in Mrs Winnie Mandela's trial has said under cross-examination that he made mistakes in his earlier evidence.

The 17-year-old witness, who may be identified only as Youth X because of his age, is the second person to be called by Mrs Mandela's defence to testify that a Methodist minister sexually abused youths staying at a Soweto church manse.

During his evidence, Youth X said the supervisor of the manse, the Rev Paul Verryn, had taken his (Youth X's) hand and masturbated himself (Mr Verryn) in September 1987 and again in June 1988.

He said that after both occasions he had sought help from Mrs Mandela and had stayed in the back room of her home in Diepkloof, Soweto, for a couple of months.

He said he had returned to the manse in March 1988 only because his mother, who knew nothing about Mr Verryn's alleged sexual misconduct, was "pushing me to go to school" and that he was supposed to stay at the manse during school terms.

However, under cross-examination by state advocate Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, yesterday, Youth X said he had made a number of mistakes, including the dates of the sexual assaults, in his evidence-in-chief.

He corrected his earlier testimony, saying the sexual assaults took place in June 1987 and September 1988.

He also conceded that on the first occasion he left the manse, he stayed at Mrs Mandela's Orlando West home. He had stayed at her new home in Diepkloof only in 1988.

Asked how he could have made such mistakes, Youth X answered that "a person forgets".

Youth X's testimony, coupled with earlier evidence in which Mr Aubrey Nxumalo said he was also sexually abused by Mr Verryn, supports Mrs Mandela's defence that her decision to allow four people to stay in the back rooms of her home was motivated by her being concerned that they were being sexually abused at the manse.

Alibi

State witnesses have testified that on the night of December 29, 1988, Mrs Mandela was one of a group of people who assaulted the former manse residents in the back rooms of the Mandela home.

Mrs Mandela's defence argument that she was concerned about sexual misconduct at the manse is coupled with her alibi that she was travelling to Brandfort at the time of the assaults.

Mrs Mandela, 56, Miss Xoliswa Falati, 37, and Mr John Morgan, 61, have all pleaded not guilty to four charges each of kidnap and assault.

The trial continues on Monday.

Satour may reopen office down under

THERE is a possibility that the South African Tourism Board will reopen its office in Australia.

The executive director of Satour, Mr Spencer Thomas, said that as a result of the political reforms in South Africa, Satour might be allowed to reopen its Australian office.

Mr Thomas said that despite the lack of an office, a record 23 000 Australians had visited South Africa last year. — Sapa.

ANC in clampdown
Crack troops upset

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Picture ROY WIGLEY, The Argus

Teaching UCT dance students a thing or [illegible] Russian choreographer and

Top coach in SA to

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The deployment of the crack 32 Battalion in strife-torn Transvaal townships "to quell violence" is causing concern among residents and the ANC.

The much-feared black, Portuguese-speaking unit comprises former FNLA fighters from Angola. At the end of the Namibian war, the unit was resettled in the Northern Cape.

Since then the unit has, according to former commander of the unit Colonel Jan Breytenbach, been used "most effectively as a neutral force to quell violence in the Natal and the Transvaal townships".

Unit effective

He said the unit was not liked by the ANC This was because it was effective "The unit is Portuguese-speaking and cannot be easily influenced or infiltrated"

Top ANC officials, including Umkhonto We Sizwe commander Mr Tokyo Sexwale, have demanded to know why the unit has been brought back.

Mr Sexwale said it was thoroughly discredited politically. "Nobody wants them. They are mercenaries from Angola. They don't speak our language and don't know our country."

He said the unit's role had become suspect because in certain "Third Force" vigilante attacks, victims had said they had overheard their attackers speaking Portuguese.

Last year ANC deputy leader Mr Nelson Mandela suggested that highly trained Renamo-type professional killers were conducting attacks as part of a sinister "Third Force" intent on destabilising the peace process.

It was in August last year that the government first sent crack army units, including 32 Battalion, into Transvaal townships in an attempt to stop the spreading violence.

The latest issue of Mayibuye, the ANC's mouthpiece, says soldiers from the unit had become unpopular.

According to Mayibuye, soldiers allegedly grabbed schoolgirls and fondled them. "Residents have been campaigning for the removal of these troops"

In May last year, when the unit was deployed in Natal, residents complained that troops had allegedly been involved in rape and theft. The SADF and police said they would investigate.

SA Defence Force director of public relations Brigadier A H Louw said: "The unit is used in support of the police."

Unit asked for

He rejected allegations of the unit's involvement in promoting violence. "Local residents specifically requested their presence rather than that of any other unit."

Brigadier Louw dismissed claims about misconduct and said "It is an old ploy to vaguely accuse effective security force elements of all sorts of wrong-doing because they stand in the way of those wishing to enforce their will on others, often through violent measures"

Daveyton clash: 35 (278) to appear in court

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By Helen Grange

Thirty-five people arrested in connection with a policeman's death in the East Rand township of Daveyton — where a clash between police and ANC supporters took place last month — will appear in court today.

They will be appearing in the Benoni Magistrate's Court on charges of murder, attempted murder, alternatively public violence.

Police said a judicial inquiry into the clash was still in progress and would take some time to complete.

Twelve ANC supporters were shot and policeman Lance-Sergeant P J van Wyk was hacked to death when police clashed with a crowd of "comrades".

The comrades were said to be arming themselves to protect residents against Inkatha members at a nearby rally, where a new branch of the Inkatha Freedom Party was inaugurated.

Criticised

Police and residents disagree on how the clash started.

A top-level investigation is being conducted into the incident under the deputy chief of the CID, Lieutenant-General Jaap Joubert.

The Daveyton Crisis Committee has criticised police for not honouring an agreement negotiated prior to the Inkatha rally between police, the IFP and ANC supporters.

The alleged agreement was that Inkatha members be stopped from marching to and from the stadium, police should disarm Inkatha members, even those with "traditional weapons", and police would refrain from interfering with residents who stayed away from Inkatha members.

Carnage at Soweto hostel

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Police warn on curfew, weapons

By Monica Oosterbroek

Violent clashes between hostel dwellers and residents of Dobsonville in Soweto have left six people dead and several seriously injured.

Residents said the fighting began early yesterday morning when Inkatha supporters living in the hostel allegedly murdered six non-Zulus at the hostel.

While hundreds of Inkatha men wearing red headbands and armed with traditional weapons chanted war songs and marched inside the perimeter of the hostel at dawn, a mob of residents gathered on a soccer field across the road.

A large police contingent was unable to prevent a revenge attack on the hostel just after midday.

Police said residents opened fire on about 40 Inkatha supporters, seriously injuring three people.

Soweto police liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn persuaded representatives from both sides, including the ANC's media officer Saki Macozoma, to meet in the hostel for peace talks in the afternoon.

During peace talks, residents wearing white headbands sneaked through a back entrance into the hostel and opened fire on police and Inkatha members.

An Inkatha man was seriously injured when he was hacked several times in the head.

Police used birdshot and teargas to separate the fighters and restore peace.

Razor wire was erected around the hostel, and the remaining Inkatha hostel dwellers were taken away for the night to prevent further clashes.

Mr Macozoma said the peace talks had been promising, despite the attack.

Police have issued a warning about carrrying dangerous weapons during today's May Day celebrations in Soweto, where 28 people have been killed in violence since Sunday.

Colonel Jac de Vries warned that the dusk-to-dawn curfew would be strictly enforced.

Police would confiscate all "non-traditional weapons" before today's ANC/SACP/Cosatu rally at Orlando Stadium.

In Alexandra, police found the body of a man with hack wounds on Monday night, bringing to 33 the number of people killed there since Friday.

MORNING FINAL

IFP escapes cops' blitz

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12 die in taxi rank drama

Do the police treat Inkatha supporters more leniently than other people? What is your experience? Telephone Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise between 4.30 and 5pm today and tell the nation what you think. The hotline number is 714-8063. Listen to the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback programme on mediumwave 576 KhZ.



ALLEGATIONS that police were not acting impartially were further fuelled during the first official May Day celebrations held countrywide yesterday.

Police maintained a heavy presence at the rallies but questions were immediately asked why they searched Cosatu supporters at Orlando Stadium, Soweto, for weapons while Inkatha members were left untouched at George Goch Stadium.

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This followed a police warning that all "non-traditional" weapons would be confiscated at all public gatherings.

At George Goch Stadium, more than 15 000 heavily armed Inkatha members marched past a police contingent carrying battle axes, sharpened irons, pangas and knobkerries But none were confiscated.

However, at Orlando Stadium police, who positioned themselves at all entrances, searched everyone entering

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

ABOUT 12 people died and 21 others were seriously injured when gunmen in two minibuses opened fire on pedestrians outside the Natalspruit Hospital on the East Rand yesterday.

Ambulance driver Mr Peter Masisa said he counted 12 dead - four inside the taxis and others around the taxis.

"Apparently people

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Police taking sides - claim

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the stadium and seized knobkerries and batons carried by Cosatu supporters.

At a roadblock on the Old Potchefstroom Road near Baragwanath Hospital a *Sowetan* team saw police stopping and searching all cars, but allowing Inkatha buses to go through.

After the George Goch rally gunshots were heard from the direction of the singing and chanting Inkatha members.

It appeared that some in the crowd were firing into the air.

Captain Henrietta Bester, liaison officer for the Witwatersrand police, said yesterday there was no reason to search and disarm Inkatha members at George Goch because "they were peaceful".

At Orlando there was a brief quarrel between the police and Cosatu vice-chairman Mr Sam Shilowa when police started to search people entering the stadium.

Cosatu marshals wanted to do it themselves.

Brigadier Isak Minnaar, a police officer on the scene, appealed to Shilowa to restrain the 10 000-strong crowd.

Minaar said: "The police are here to maintain law and order and nothing else."

Police earlier issued a statement saying that from April 30 they would maintain strict control over all public gatherings in Soweto.

They also said a 9pm to 4am curfew would be applied strictly.

Millions of workers gathered at various centres throughout the world yesterday to celebrate May 1, which is known as May Day.

In South Africa, thousands of workers celebrated the first official May Day holiday by attending rallies at various centres across the country. Most of the May Day meetings were organised by the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the National Council of Trade Unions and Inkatha.

ANC leader Mr Walter Sisulu yesterday said his organisation would use all strategies at its disposal to pressurise the Government towards a peaceful, new non-racial and democratic South Africa.

Addressing a May Day rally organised by Cosatu at Pretoria's Atteridgeville Super Stadium, the ANC leader lauded Cosatu for its fight for equal rights on the labour front.

He said the ANC supported all demands made to the Government by the labour federation.

In Zamdela, Sasolburg, the ANC, PAC and Azapo came under fire at a May Day rally organised by Nactu and the Municipality, Farmworkers and Allied Workers Union (Mifawu).

The organisation lamented the fact that leaders from the three movements did not honour their obligation to address the meeting.

15 die despite large deployment of police

A LARGE deployment of police failed to prevent at least 15 people being killed on the Reef on Workers' Day yesterday.

In Soweto, nine people died in sporadic clashes between Inkatha and ANC supporters, while six people were gunned down in Katlehong when a group of men went on a shooting spree outside the Natalspruit Hospital.

Police spokesman Capt Jacob Ngobeni said "hundreds of extra policemen" were deployed in Soweto in an attempt to prevent a recurrence of the violence which left more than 20 dead on Sunday.

Five people were hacked or shot to death in clashes thoughout the day at Dobsonville

TANIA LEVY

hostel.

A sixth was burnt alive in the late afternoon.

Two people were killed and at least four injured at Zondi. A body was found at the Nancefield Hostel.

In Daveyton, a Xhosa-speaking man died after being shot by a policeman whose arm he had hacked at a roadblock.

Police spokesman Henriette Bester said he was one of a group of about 20 men who had refused to hand over their spears and axes to police at the roadblock into the East Rand township.

They tried to attack the police, who then used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot. The man was shot after he hacked Constable F Els's shoulder.

The men escaped, but the seriously wounded man was found later by police and died on the way to hospital, said Bester

She said five men and a woman were shot dead when a group of men opened fire on bystanders outside Katlehong's Natalspruit Hospital. No arrests had been made, but police had found AK-47 and Tokorev cartridges on the scene.

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Taking a break heavily armed riot police relax against the wall of the Orlando Stadium yesterday during the ANC/Cosatu May Day rally Picture- Ken Oosterbroek

Women and children seek refuge from bloodbath

Hundreds flee to Bara

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Staff Reporters

Sporadic fighting continued in Soweto today in the wake of bloody May Day faction battles

After a night of terror which saw hundreds of women and children seeking refuge at Baragwanath Hospital, residents locked themselves in their homes t d y as shooting continued in Meadowlands

The bitter faction fights, which claimed at least 30 lives on the Reef, came as the countdown to the May 9 "stop the violence" ultimatum continued

Today a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, said township policing alone could not stop the violence

"The only solution is discussion The violence is politically inspired and a political solution must be found The illness is political intolerance The police can only deal w'th the symptoms"

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela told a May Day rally

"The next eight days are very crucial ones for all South Africans They will determine whether or not our hopes of moving forward quickly towards the establishment of a democratic South Africa are to be dashed even before we have come to negotiations"

It was clear the Government was not doing everything it could to end the violence and evidence of police collusion was overwhelming, said Mr Mandela

The political impasse saw Meadowland , Soweto, res.-dents wake to another day of terror

Said one woman "Nobody is going to go out to work or school with the shooting going on There are groups of youths roaming around I think they want to protect us against Dube hostel people"

The death toll included included 23 victims in Soweto, as workers' rallies turned into clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporters

Police said today reports of two white men being slain in Diepkloof were incorrect

In one of the most cold blooded attacks yesterday, the occupants of a brown Peugeot with a false registration pulled up next to a taxi rank opposite the Natalspruit Hospital and gunned down five men and a woman

Fourteen people were injured in the attack and are being treated at the Natalspruit Hospital

Eyewitnesses said the men stopped at the taxi rank and suddenly opened fire with AK-47 rifles and Tokorev pistols at passengers queueing up to board the taxis

At least 30 cartridges were found at the scene

Anyone with information is requested to call the investigating officer, Warrant Officer Nick De Goede, at the riot squad, (011) 901-1715

Fighting yesterday also hit Alexandra near Sandton, and East Rand townships

Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said most of the violence in Soweto yesterday and overnight occurred in Dobsonville, but that deaths and violence were spread "thoughout all of Soweto"

He said police used teargas and birdshot several times throughout the night, and were themselves shot at

At Dube hostel, police were the target of automatic gunfire

"One man was necklaced, while most of the other

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dead had been shot. Some deaths were due to stabbing and hackings," he said.

At least 32 people were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital with stab and gunshot wounds.

TheAlexandra Health Centre and University Clinic reported that it had treated 14 casualties yesterday between 7 pm and midnight.

The killings and terror in the townships came despite large security force deployments.

Again there were claims that police were not impartial in dealing with the warring factions, and had failed to disarm Inkatha members.

In Tembisa on the East Rand, in what may have been retaliatory attacks for the cutting off of electricity supplies to boycotting residents, six houses, two the homes of town councillors, were gutted and four vehicles, one belonging to a councillor, were set on fire yesterday.

Police have described the situation this morning in East Rand townships as calm.

At a rally at George Goch Stadium, attended by about 20 000 heavily armed supporters, IFP central committee member Musa Myeni said the ANC and the SACP had "declared war" on all South Africans.

"The communists have declared war, and we in the IFP are seen by them as the first line of defence that must be crushed before they take over the country."

Township justice under fire

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Youths are in hospital as a result of punishment by "people's courts", reports MCKEED KOTLOLO.

CONCERNED residents of Mamelodi have called for the immediate disbandment of the "people's courts" following a spate of brutal assaults on local youths by members of kangaroo courts and "comrades" since the beginning of the year.

They also blamed the local civic body for having lost control over the comrades and the people's courts in the township.

Youths aged between 13 and 18 have been brutally assaulted by members of these courts for a variety of crimes, including offences they claimed they had not committed

Three such victims are in different Pretoria hospitals, where they were described as being in either "critical", "serious" or "slightly improving" condition.

Alfred Makgopela of Mamelodi East was assaulted at the beginning of April and had been unconscious for more than a week at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital. His parents did not want to discuss his case.

Medupe Phetla, admitted in critical condition to the H F Verwoerd Hospital, was reported to have died as a result of the assaults. He was later said to be alive but in a serious condition.

The latest case is that of a 14-year-old youth who was allegedly assaulted "all night long" last Friday by Mamelodi East comrades He is in a serious condition at the Mamelodi Day Hospital.

Some parents and relatives of victims said they had been intimidated into not reporting to the police. Others had either reported the assaults or were in a process of laying charges.

They accused the members of the people's courts and the comrades of applying "barbaric methods of digging out the truth and punishing innocent people".

The liaison officer for the northern Transvaal police, Colonel Frank Alton, confirmed a number of assault cases but said he could not say if they were linked to people's courts.

Colonel Alton said similar cases were also reported from Soshanguve. One involved three youths who were brought to the police on April 24 by a man who claimed they had stolen goods, including a television set

The youths had been severely assaulted and one had died as a result of the beating.

The superintendent of the Mamelodi Hospital said the hospital had previously received few assault cases linked to the people's courts, but the numbers of such assaults had increased recently.

Victims' relatives blamed the local civic association for failing to control the courts, which they had allegedly created.

They called for the immediate disbandment of the structures as they stood, and said only those with knowledge of the law and legal procedures should lead them.

The Star was referred to the publicity secretary of the Mamelodi Civic Association, Pasty Malefo, but he was unavailable

The majority of the victims interviewed said they had been given a chance to give their side of the case, but the complainant was always regarded as right and defendants' statements were rejected as lies.

One victim, a secondary school pupil who received more than 50 lashes on his back, said he was assaulted for allegedly having told a relative of the complainant that he was not afraid of the comrades □

Winnie: Smiles as state closes case

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela smiled broadly yesterday when the state and her defence teams closed their cases to conclude the hearing of evidence in the Rand Supreme Court trial in which she and two others face charges of kidnap and assault.

The state yesterday attempted to use the long-standing feud between senior ANC members Mrs Albertina Sisulu and Mrs Mandela to destroy the alibi proffered by the latter in defence of the charges she faces. state advocate Mr Jan Swanepoel told the court unsuccessful attempts had been made to call Mrs Sisulu as a state witness.

Part of Mrs Mandela's alibi was that she had taken one of the youths, Katiza Cebekhulu, to the Soweto surgery of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat on December 29, 1988, and thereafter left for Brandfort. Mr Swanepoel said his intention was to call Mrs Sisulu, Dr Asvat's assistant at the time, to support a visiting card which suggested Cebekhulu had consulted the doctor on December 30.

Final argument begins on Monday, May 6. — Sapa

ANC, Inkatha supporters die in May Day clashes

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — May Day celebrations turned into bloody clashes between rival political groups on the Reef.

Last night, police said they expected the death toll, estimated at at least 22, to rise overnight amid continued sporadic fighting between ANC and Inkatha supporters in Soweto, where at least 15 people were killed.

The other major trouble-spot was Tembisa on the East Rand, where six people — including a woman wearing an ANC T-shirt — died when an unknown gunman opened fire on a taxi rank.

Six houses, two the homes of town councillors, were gutted and four vehicles, one belonging to a councillor, were set on fire.

In Soweto, at least 32 people were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital with stab and gunshot wounds.

Trouble flared early in Nancefield between ANC and Inkatha supporters.

At least one person died and scores were injured in the clashes, which occurred as people were on their way to May Day rallies.

In other incidents, three people were killed at Dobsonville and four outside the Jabulani hostel.

A body was found with hack wounds outside Dube hostel.

Six more people were certified dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital.

In Johannesburg's city centre, a man was stabbed to death and another, wearing an IFP T-shirt and red headband, was seriously injured after a huge Inkatha rally at George Goch stadium.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said Inkatha supporters returning from George Goch were met by groups of armed opponents at railway stations in the township.

Police maintained a heavy presence at rallies around Johannesburg.

But again there was controversy over claims that police were not impartial in dealing with the warring factions.

ANC supporters in the township, who claimed that they had been disarmed by police, asked why heavily armed Inkatha supporters did not have their weapons confiscated at George Goch.

In incidents countrywide, 46 people were teargassed and arrested in Cape Town during an illegal placard demonstration outside parliament.

At Magabeni, outside Umkomaas, two men were killed. One was shot and the other was set alight. In another incident in the same area, two men were arrested for allegedly attacking a man with sharp objects.

May 9 ultimatum

Fourteen people were arrested in Pretoria during an illegal gathering at the Edmund Street taxi rank.

Rallies by Inkatha, and the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance, were marked by accusations and counter-accusations on who was to be blamed for the township carnage.

At the peaceful George Goch rally, attended by about 20 000 heavily armed supporters, Inkatha Freedom Party central committee member Mr Musa Myeni said the ANC and the SACP had declared war on South Africans.

"The communists have declared war and we in the IFP are seen by them as the first line of defence that must be crushed before they take over the country."

A central theme of ANC rallies was the April 30 deadline for the release of political prisoners and the return of exiles, and the May 9 ultimatum to the government to take drastic action on the violence or face the ANC's withdrawal from the negotiation process.

Addressing about 10 000 people in Sebokeng, ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela made it clear that his organisation would not budge on its May 9 ultimatum.

"The next eight days ... are very crucial ones for all South Africans. They will determine whether or not our hopes of moving forward quickly towards the establishment of a democratic South Africa are to be dashed even before we have come to negotiations," he said.

Two versions of shooting

WIDELY differing versions of a shooting incident in Daveyton were yesterday given by police and the ANC. *Sowetan* presents them both in order to illustrate the confusion over much of what is going on in our streets today. **NKOPANE MAKOBANE** reports.

Police say:

An axe-wielding man who attacked and wounded a policeman manning a roadblock in Daveyton yesterday morning was fatally wounded during a clash between police and occupants of a minibus.

Police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said police fired birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas to disperse the heavily armed minibus passengers who attacked the police position. Sowetan 2/5/91 . 278

"A minibus with about 20 Xhosa-speakers on board was stopped at the roadblock in Esselen Street at the entrance to Daveyton at about 8.10am," said Bester.

"The occupants were armed with spears, pangas, axes and other sharp instruments. The police ordered them to hand over the weapons before entering the township. They refused and threatened to attack and kill the police.

"The next thing they charged the police. Constable FC Els was hacked twice on the right upper arm, near the shoulder.

"He fired shots at his attacker, wounding him. Some of the other suspects put the wounded man in the minibus and drove away, while others scattered among the houses."

Police later found a critically injured man in the minibus. He died before the ambulance arrived.

Els was treated on the scene by paramedics and was later taken to hospital. Bester described the township as quiet but tense yesterday.

ANC says:

Mr Howard Xolilizwe, general secretary of the Daveyton ANC Youth League, said he and others were travelling in two minibuses to attend the May Day rally at Orlando Stadium.

Along Esselen Street they were stopped by police at a roadblock about 7am. The minibus that travelled in front of them had 15 passengers.

Police ordered the occupants to get out and asked where they were going.

They were then questioned about the knobkerries, iron bars and electric plastic pipes they were carrying.

They were ordered to hand them over. They refused.

They were then told to turn back. One minibus driver was told to drive off. The occupants were forced to go back home on foot.

While the group was walking, it was approached by three police vehicles. A senior officer who was not present earlier at the roadblock asked one of the group to explain what was taking place.

After the explanation, the officer got into his car. Suddenly one white policeman fired a teargas canister at the group. Immediately thereafter there was shooting and the group ran in all directions.

Later, it was realised that two of the "comrades" were seriously injured. One had a wound in the neck and the other in the thigh. According to Xolilizwe, both men have been admitted to the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital.

Xolilizwe denied that the group was Xhosa-speaking. He maintained that police were not attacked or threatened. He said police used live bullets.

Conference to focus on crime

By KAMAL SINGH

THE ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party and the PAC have been invited to a conference to seek ways and means of curbing the increasing lawlessness in Soweto. 278

The conference, under the theme "Soweto Convention on Crime - In Search of a Practical Solution", will be held at Funda Centre, Diepkloof, on May 8.

It has been organised jointly by the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the local branch of the National Institute of Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders.

Conference co-ordinator Mr Sydney Mpako said the three organisations had not yet responded to the invitation.

He said the conference would investigate practical solutions to counter crime in Soweto.

"Some of the factors which led to the lawlessness include high drop-out rates in schools, overcrowding, drug abuse, low income levels and the easy availability of guns," Mpako said.



PHILEMON MAKHETHA



FRANK CHIKANE

About 1 000 delegates, representing the business sector, community and youth organisations are expected to attend.

Some of the speakers scheduled to address the conference include Mr Philemon Makhetha, president of the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Colonel Jac de Vries, a Soweto police spokesman, the Rev Frank Chikane, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, and Mr Shimane Khumalo, director of the Soweto branch of Nicro.

There will also be speakers from the South African Media Council, the Johannesburg Bar, an insurance industry representative and the Soweto Youth Association.



TEARS FOR THE TERROR: Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela, weeps at the home of Mrs Sindisiwe Motha who was shot dead yesterday. Mrs Mandela went to console the family. See report below. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Battle lines drawn in Soweto

Sowetan Reporters

BATTLE lines were drawn in a tense Soweto yesterday as the township began to split into Inkatha and non-Inkatha supporters.

At Dobsonville, non-Inkatha supporters were driven out of the local hostel by what dwellers said were "foreigners" who chased them out of their rooms.

And at the Diepkloof and Kliptown squatter camps, Inkatha members were chased out by non-Zulu speaking people.

Hundreds of youths yesterday besieged the Orlando West house of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and demanded that the African National Congress pull out of negotiations with the Government.

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On a knife's edge

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Everybody talks peace, but more people die in violence every day and Soweto is practically at war. If peace is so important why can it not be achieved? What is going on? Telephone Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise between 4.30 and 5pm today and tell the nation what you think. The hotline number is 714-8063. Listen to the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback programme on medium-wave 576 KhZ.

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Battle lines drawn in Soweto

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The youths, who said they were angered by the death of a woman who was killed in her house in Dube, also demanded that they be given guns to fight Inkatha supporters in Soweto.

They were addressed by Mr Siphiwe Nyanda, a former "Operation Vula" trialist. Sowetan 3/5/91

Later, Mrs Winnie Mandela was followed by a convoy of cars to the home of the dead woman in Dube.

The "foreigners" at Dobsonville Hostel were reported to have arrived at night on May Day and demanded that non-Inkatha members join the movement or leave the hostel.

Sowetan found groups of men leaving the hostel. They all said they feared the men would attack them at night.

Members of the South African Defence Force and the police watched while the dancing mob ululated as some of the dwellers left the hostel.

Inkatha supporters who had attended a rally at George Goch Hostel found their belongings in the street at the Mandela squatter camp in Diepkloof. (278)

Inkatha member Mr Zacharia Nxumalo, who runs a shebeen at the squatter camp, said: "I found my shack in shambles when I returned from the rally."

About 100 other Inkatha supporters sought refuge at the neighbouring police station and at Diepkloof Hostel.

At Chicken Farm squatter camp, near Kliptown Station, the situation was tense when rumours spread that Inkatha supporters from Nancefield Hostel were about to attack.

Earlier yesterday morning, police picked up at least three bodies among the reeds next to the camp.

Hundreds of armed Inkatha members were prevented by police from crossing the Old Potchefstroom Road.

Residents living at the nearby Fred Clark area got out of their homes and watched the impi from a distance.

At one stage, motorists using the road were afraid to go past the spot where the impi was camping.

At the camp itself, Xhosa-speaking men, wearing white headbands, mobilised themselves by setting barricades at one entrance to the camp.

They were also heavily armed in preparation for a possible attack.

At about noon, police using four vans escorted Zulu-speaking people from the camp to go and fetch their belongings.

As the women loaded their possessions onto the vans, there were shouts that all Zulu-speaking people were no longer wanted at the camp.

Other residents at the camp could be seen fleeing the area with whatever items they could manage to carry. Many said they feared that there could be an attack at the camp last night.

Woman killed by stray bullet

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A 36-YEAR-OLD Soweto mother of eight was gunned down while answering the telephone in her home in Dube, Soweto, yesterday.

Mrs Sindisiwe Motha was killed when she was hit by a stray bullet, apparently fired from Dube Hostel, about 150 metres from her home.

The incident took place during clashes between hostel dwellers and Dube residents in which shots were said to have been fired indiscriminately from the direction of the hostel.

Mrs Angie Modiba, a family friend who was in the house when the incident occurred, said Motha went to answer the telephone about 10.30am.

By IKE MOTSAPI

"When Sindi answered the telephone, the caller told her she wanted to speak to Thembi.

"She then called Thembi to the phone. As she turned to give Thembi the receiver, she suddenly asked me to rub her on her right leg as she was feeling numb.

"Just as I was about to do that I felt as if someone was throwing sand into my face.

"Sindi collapsed. She was covered in blood all over her body.

"This shocked everybody in the house," said Modiba.

Mrs Winnie Mandela, accompanied by pupils and concerned residents, visited the Motha family to offer their sympathies.

Police yesterday confirmed the incident but declined to elaborate.

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Mandela relatives among 83 unrest dead

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TWO relatives of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela were killed in the latest wave of unrest, an ANC spokesman confirmed as the death toll in Reef violence since the weekend climbed to at least 83.

Details of the incident in which the two died in Zondi, Soweto, on Wednesday were sketchy last night, but it is understood Mandela reported their deaths to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok. It is believed one was Mandela's cousin.

A tense standoff between crudely armed hostel dwellers and Soweto residents continued yesterday.

Last night residents of Pimville township in Soweto reported the Old Potchefstroom Road had been closed by police as Nancefield hostel dwellers and residents fought pitched battles.

JONATHON REES, LINDEN BIRNS and THEO RAWANA

The residents said a youth was shot dead by hostel dwellers.

Police said they recovered two bodies at a Kliptown squatter camp yesterday morning, one an old man with a crushed skull and stab wounds.

Two shots fired from near Dube hostel during the late morning killed a woman standing inside her house and injured a man outside

Police dispersed youths approaching the hostel and later kept apart groups of residents and hostel dwellers — but made no effort to disarm the groups.

An SAP municipal unit inspector said the two sides would not be disarmed.

"Would you like to try?" he asked journalists.

About noon, men wearing red headbands and clutching sharpened rods and hand-made machetes stoned a passing commuter train near Nancefield hostel.

Sporadic gunfire was heard during the early afternoon in Meadowlands, where

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street barricades were manned by youths.

Some residents said police behaviour had been neutral, while others said police either left the area at night or aided attacks by escorting raiders from the hostel.

Police appeared to maintain a relatively low-key presence throughout Soweto's troubled areas during the afternoon.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said residents reported that police had escorted "heavily armed Inkatha warriors" to a Pimville railway station, allegedly to protect other Inkatha members.

This was "ludicrous" in the light of previous bloody attacks on trains, he said.

A police spokesman said there were no serious unrest incidents in other Reef townships yesterday.

An Alexandra priest yesterday told reporters that Inkatha members returning from a Workers' Day rally on Wednesday shot four people in the township in full view of the police.

The Rev Benjamin Mzamo of the New Central Methodist Church said that as the armed, chanting "impis" got off the buses, they attacked residents with pangas and fired at them as they fled.

"I approached one policeman and asked him why they were not doing anything to stop the shooting — and got no reply," Mzamo said.

Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Capt Henriette Bester said she was "sick and tired of allegations that police were taking sides. We are there to protect people and not to take sides".

Soweto simmers after bloody clashes

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the body of a man was found in the area at about 6.30 pm.

Earlier in the evening, reporters Al-Ameen Kafaar and Stan Hlope of The Star were threatened by heavily armed men when they stopped their vehicle at the hostel.

"The police came to our rescue and called the Inkatha supporters back, but they warned us to leave as the situation was volatile," said Kafaar.

Other areas of conflict were Dobsonville, Klipspruit — where a body was found at 6.15 pm — and Nancefield.

● In Dobsonville, non-Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers were driven out of the local hostel by "foreigners".

● Inkatha supporters were driven out of Diepkloof and Klipsruit squatter camps.

● Hundreds of youths besieged the Orlando West home of Nelson Mandela, demanding the ANC pull out of talks with the Government.

● At least 32 people were admitted to Baragwanath hospital with stab and gunshot wounds.

Soweto still simmers after clashes

Staff Reporters

Inkatha central committee member Musa Myeni's house was set alight in Pimville, Soweto, last night.

Mr Myeni said a handgrenade was thrown in through the living room window about 10pm. It exploded and set the house alight.

He said nobody was in the house at the time and was he told about the attack by a neighbour. He said he had been informed that the roof had collapsed and the house was still burning at 11.30pm.

This was one of the sporadic incidents as violence continued in Soweto yesterday in the wake of bloody May Day clashes in the sprawling township.

Police reported that a total of 27 bodies had been found between 2 pm on Wednesday and 9 pm last night, amid reports that residents in several sections of the township had yesterday split into pro-Inkatha and pro-ANC camps. At least 43 people have been injured.

Police liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn said there were sporadic incidents of violence throughout the day with police being forced to use teargas and live ammunition to separate warring crowds.

Police were called out frequently to scenes of violence only to see the attackers vanish, leaving bodies behind.

Since Wednesday, 37 people have died in faction fighting in Reef townships, according to police reports.

Soweto's Dube hostel — where police last night brokered a two-hour truce meeting between ANC and Inkatha representatives — was yesterday's main flashpoint.

Fighting between the Inkatha supporters and local residents broke out at midday and continued intermittently until early evening.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said

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KEEPING WATCH ... Armed policemen atop an armoured vehicle keep watch in Soweto yesterday in a bid to prevent further clahes. About 37 people have died in the violence in the past two days.

Picture: AP

Soweto factions agree to truce

JOHANNESBURG. — Warring factions in Soweto have agreed to a truce.

The agreement, between the factions of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), was reached after negotiations organised by the police.

Colonel Jac de Vries, police liaison officer in Soweto, said the two-hour meeting was held in the open air in Dube.

The ANC group was led by Mr Tokyo Sexwale and the IFP by Mr Canwell Ngidi.

The violence has claimed at least 26 victims in the last two days. About 43 people have been injured.

Two of those who died in Soweto violence were relatives of Mr Nelson Mandela, according to SA Council of Churches (SACC) general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane. He did not give their names.

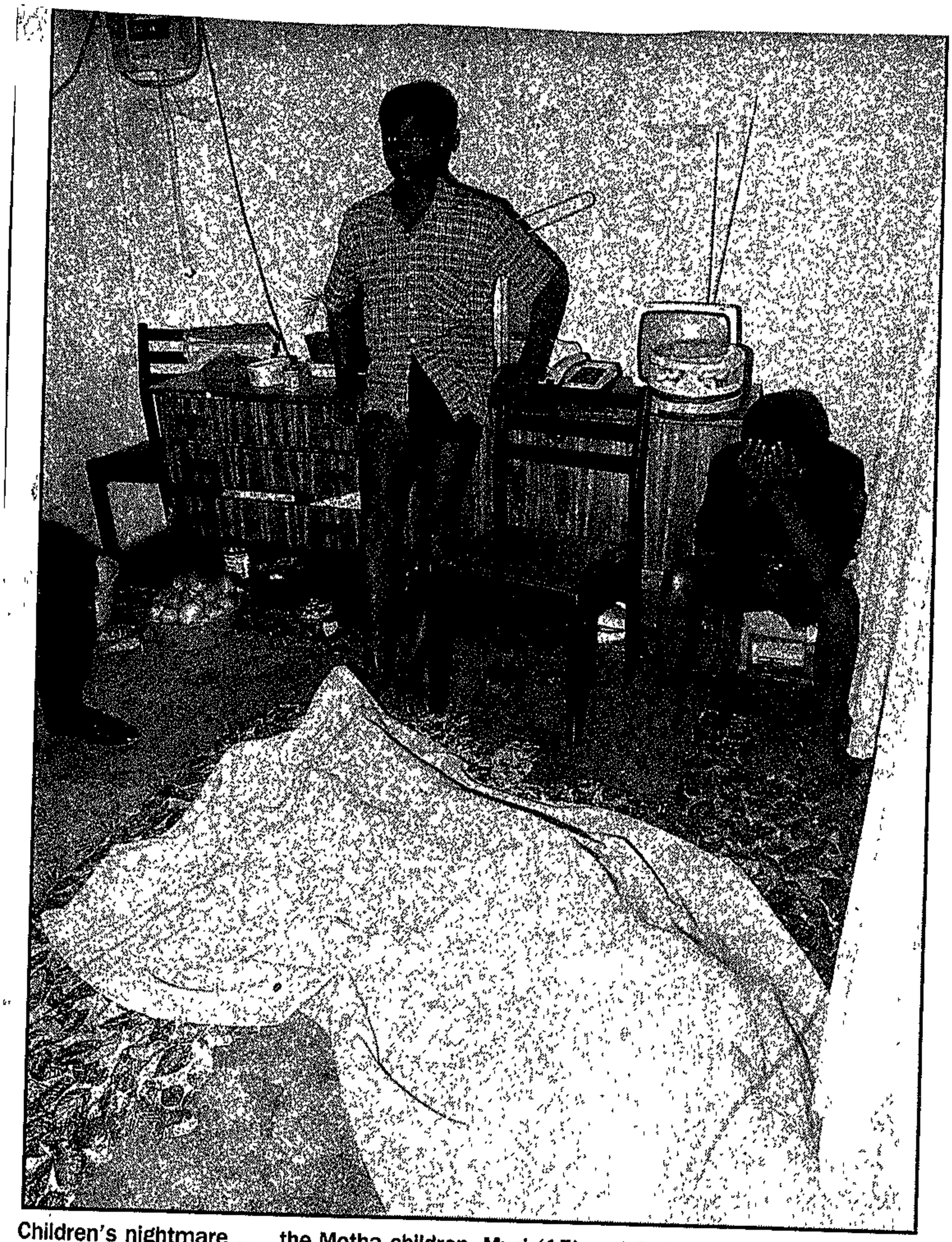
Two bodies were found near the Klipspruit squatters camp, Kliptown, yesterday morning.

Police liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn said there were sporadic incidents of violence throughout yesterday.

Late yesterday a man's body was found with hack wounds near the Nancefield bridge

He also said a woman was killed when a stray bullet smashed through the window of a house in Orlando West.

The SACC yesterday met Mr Mandela to discuss the violence and the deadlock in talks with the government. — Sapa



Children's nightmare . . . the Motha children, Muzi (15) and Sakhile (14) (right), with the body of their mother, Sindisiwe, covered by a blanket. Mrs Motha was shot and killed inside her home in Dube yesterday.
Picture: Herbert Mabuza

Katlehong shootings planned, say victims

By Thabo Leshilo Star 3/5/91 (278)

Victims of Wednesday's Mafia-style shooting in Katlehong claim they were singled out for attack because they displayed a National Union of Metalworkers banner which identified them as ANC/SACP/Cosatu supporters.

"We do not know what hit us," Sizakele Mooi said from a hospital bed yesterday.

Six people died in the attack and 19 were treated in hospital.

Mr Mooi (51) said the attack occurred just after their taxi, one of eight used to ferry ANC/SACP/Cosatu supporters to the May Day rally at Orlando Stadium, arrived at 4.30 pm.

The taxi had been delayed at a police roadblock at the entrance to the township and was the fifth to arrive at the rank, on the corner of Letsogo and Hospital streets, when it was raked by gunfire.

A father of six, Albert Nyanga (52), said that after being shot in the arm, he ran away and hid in a nearby house. He arrived at Natalspruit Hospital in great pain a few hours later.

Another victim, a 62-year-old father of five who wishes to remain anonymous, was shot in the back during the attack. The bullet passed close to his spine.

He said he did not see the assailants but suspected the attack was related to the Soweto rally.

"It boggles my mind how the attackers managed to carry the weapons undetected when there were so many roadblocks," he said.

The blood-dimmed tide is rising in Alex

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Minutes away from Johannesburg is Alexandra township, where two armies are battling for territory.

PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK spent a night there

MIKE bought his dream home in Alexandra last year — a white house with a neat patch of garden in a smart row in the otherwise dilapidated ghetto. His small step into suburban living has turned into a nightmare.

His house is halfway up a hill. At the top are the shacks of Sixth Avenue, the frontline of the area controlled by the Inkatha Freedom Party. At the bottom are the shacks of Eighth Avenue, African National Congress territory.

Across the road is a huge migrant workers' hostel, the subject of a fierce contest for possession between the two groups this past weekend, in which more than 20 people died.

After dark, the sound of AK-47 fire crackles in the air. Mike puts his lights out, hides his children under the bed and peers out at the armies clashing outside — the red-headbanded Zulu warriors and the young ANC "comrades" wearing blankets, both sides brandishing an assortment of lethal weapons.

Since the renewed upsurge of fighting, there has been a heavy security force presence in the township and a curfew. Military trucks roar past on the road outside. To Mike that means security. "When the Defence Force is present, the level of violence goes down."

There is little sign of the ANC's much-vaunted "self-defence units", which the movement purported to have set up to protect residents against attacks from Inkatha, though some activists claim that they are being set up now around tight security.

Ordinary residents in the township believe that neither the ANC nor the police have been able to protect them and the demand has gone out for guns to protect themselves

"If someone gave me a gun I would accept it, to protect my wife and children," says Mike. "But there are no defence units. If the ANC had defence units, there would not be so many people dying."

The ANC does have neighbourhood protection units. These are usually a couple of teenagers stationed at a vantage point for the night, armed with whistles that they blow loudly when they see vigilantes coming. "That is mere marshalling," says Mike

Some residents have telephones and are able to phone around from place to place to warn one another that another attack is coming from, say, the direction of Fourth Avenue.

Sitting in Mike's house late at night one hears the sound of rifle fire. As the soap opera *Dynasty* plays on the television screen in his lounge, he phones around to report to residents in other zones that there could be trouble. But the security force presence is too intense and no attack materialises that night.

The struggle in Alexandra is a straight battle for geographical control. At the beginning of January, Alexandra was an ANC stronghold and had no Inkatha presence at all. But, starting by securing control over the first hostel, Inkatha has moved up street by street, seizing hold of the township.

Some activists concede that their rivals now control about a quarter of the township. Blocks that, weeks ago, were crammed full of squatter shacks are now devastated and empty.

New corrugated tin structures are being erected with the words "Zulu" painted on them, reflecting the extent to which Inkatha as a political party has managed to mobilise around its ethnic identity.

Each new attack creates a new wave of refugees pushing supermarket trollies stacked with their belongings, seeking sanctuary from the war in the grounds of clinics, churches or in the cramped backrooms of domestic workers in the surrounding white suburbs.

Sometimes they are not even fleeing a real event. The township is filled with rumours of imminent attacks. There is an overwhelming mood of panic and paranoia and fear, of the ceremony of innocence being drowned by the blood-dimmed tide.

One man claims that the reason why Inkatha has been unable to secure the second hostel is because black policemen live there, having moved out of the first hostel because they could no longer stand the smell of corpses that had been dragged there.

Mike refuses to move out, despite his fears for his wife and two small children. "Once I move out, I will never again be able to get back into this house," he says. "People who have left their homes have left them forever. They are taken by Inkatha."

Before the 9pm curfew, people stumble home to Alexandra in the dark, fearfully, treading around one another and over the uncollected garbage that lies piled up in the streets.

After the curfew, the empty streets acquire an eerie feel. Alexandra is surrounded by barbed wire and boarded-up factories and army patrols. A fire burns beside a water tower — the acrid, black smoke of tyre and rubber burning.

White Johannesburg is frighteningly close. Down London Road, you turn left at the largest liquor store in the southern hemisphere. Within three minutes you are passing the Corlett Cinema, the floodlights of a rugby match and the large suburban homes of white Johannesburg.

On a clear evening you can look across at the lights of Alexandra, as if from another country, and wander what rough beast, its hour come round at last, slouches towards this Babylon to be born.

In this war zone, the dead are the lucky ones

(278) Photographer **KEVIN CARTER** spent Workers' Day in Soweto, and returned with this harrowing account

IT'S one more day in Soweto 1991, Workers' Day, in fact, so it's also a kind of "mini-weekend", and one more day, it seems, is all it takes to fill me anew with despair for my country, and the seemingly hopeless situation.

First stop is at Orlando Stadium, where an African National Congress rally is being held, and my first impression is that something crazy must be going on, because the police are present in such force, and so heavily armed, that they completely dominate the surroundings.

On closer inspection one soon sees that very little is in fact going on, the rally is not very well attended, and the stadium is less than half full. The people who are there are unarmed, sober, and most certainly of no threat to the community around them — indeed the only thing of note is the overwhelming police presence. They are searching people at the entrances, and confiscating any weapons that are found. I decide to leave, and go to an Inkatha rally being held at the George Goch stadium.

A radio news report changes my mind however, with a report of a shooting near the Dobsonville hostel. Instant about-turn, and scream over to Dobsonville. From several blocks away, it is obvious that something is going on. The barricades are up, rocks and burning tyres in the road, making access difficult. Closer to the hostel I see the heavy police presence, drive through and park the car.

Nearby, opposite the hostel, lies the body of a man allegedly shot by the police. Angry residents have gathered, separated by an enormous police presence from the hostel across the road. The police move into the hostel to do a sweep and search. Inside, the Zulu warriors, distinguished by their red headbands and their penchant for carrying sharpened objects, are not perturbed by the police invasion. Many are drinking from quarts of beer, and many are blind drunk; all are armed, and none are searched.

I ask questions, and two distinctly different tales emerge:

Story A, as told by various spokespersons for the Dobsonville residents:

"This is not Xhosa-Zulu this you hear, don't you write that. This is Gatsha Buthelezi versus everybody These Zulus must now get out and go back to Natal, look at their weapons look at them, you can see with your own eyes, and they have guns — why do the police not take their weapons? Look at that house, do you see the broken windows, it is Inkatha. Only this morning they chased all non-Zulu out of the hostel, saying from now on only a Zulu may be there. And if the people get angry, and want to go to the hostel, the police shoot us. Do you see that man, dead, for what? And he is lucky to be dead, it is better than life here, look at that man, that is all he could rescue from his room, where must he sleep? The police must go, we will clean up these hostels and the problems will all be over."

Story B, as told by various representatives for the "Redbands" in the hostel:

"What do you mean why do I carry this weapon? This is all I have and the comrades have guns. They rob and steal from us, and tell us we must go back to Natal, they want to burn our hostel. All I want is to live and work but they won't let us live in peace here. Those who are told to leave are spies, they are not our people, and we must defend ourselves. We must fight them."

The red headbands of death

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The impi rises as one man amid the

SUNDAY, April 28: Meadowlands stadium Zone 3, where the funeral service for slain Diepmeadow councillor and prominent Inkatha member Moses Khumalo is in progress.

Mourners in Inkatha T-shirts a bussed in from several outlying hoste and others on foot pour into the stad um. Police at the gates and on the p rimeters monitor the crowds. Res dents looking on are threatened wi death by a group of armed men enterin the stadium.

It is about 11am, the air is tense, feels as if something is about to burs The police have given assurance to th local civic body that no incidents will b allowed. Not many of the weapons i sight are traditional There are home made tomahawks, sharpened fenc poles and plain butcher knives. The lat ter are worn on the hip like swords.



DRESSED TO KILL ... One of the more bizarre sights in Soweto on Workers' Day



MAKING A STATEMENT ... but the

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ing the mob. Stephen Matloha, a sergeant at Protea police station, is shot several times in the back and hacked with a panga. He dies on the stoep of the house.

Spokes Manaka runs to the back of the house and tries to hide in a chest-high tool shed The mob kills him there. His elder cousin Alfred Matloha is shot at the kitchen door trying to dash out of the house, which is by now swarming with members of the impi. The family dog is shot in the back and is later put down by the police.

Dan Matloha, who hid under a bed with the children, hears shouts and screaming in the yard and house. He and the children hear the shots that kill their relatives

Matloha says the police did nothing to



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help them. Police who were parked at the street corner move into Thakadu Street, fire shots in the air and subdue the mob. Elizabeth Moltsane sees the impi move off, and one attacker speaking to a white police officer.

In Nakedi street, Peter Selobane, Patrick Makoti and youths in the street are chased by the impi. They dash into Makoti's yard. Selobane hides under Makoti's panel van parked in the yard. Makoti locks himself in the garage.

Selobane dies under the car after a bullet enters his right arm and travels through his chest to exit on the left. His body is dumped alongside those of the two brothers and their cousin and that of Jack Matiyane, killed in the street.

Minutes later Nakedi Street is quiet.



WAR VICTIM ... Slain in Soweto on Workers' Day, just another victim of the senseless violence sweeping South Africa

DOWN A LION ... Working off a thirst on Workers' Day

A night of fear in the war zone

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FRANK CHIKANE, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, gives a personal account of Wednesday night's battle in Soweto

ON Wednesday night Soweto was robbed of its only tranquil time with continuous bursts of gunfire and in some areas the sounds of gunfire were interspersed with huge explosions. According to media reports, 22 people were killed during this one night alone.

As the night advanced, sounds of gunfire became more and more distinct and louder. I was in my study at 9pm when I heard a burst of gunfire, not far from my residence. Shortly afterwards Tom Manthata, South African Council of Churches (SACC) staff member dealing with the crisis in the country, called me to check whether my family was safe as he had received calls reporting a gunfire war just 500m from where I stay.

Just after 11pm, Nelson Mandela returned my call. I had called him earlier to try to arrange an appointment to discuss the looming crisis in the light of the deadlock between the De Klerk government and the African National Congress, and the escalating violence since Sunday. Mandela said he had just come back after an emergency call to a family member in Zondi. Two members of the family had been killed by gunmen on Wednesday.

Whilst monitoring the sound of gunfire I received a distress call from the Mbulis in Pimville on the far southern side of Soweto, reporting a condition of siege as gunfire sounds closed in on their house. Mzwakhe Mbuli is the Soweto people's poet and his wife, Nomsa Mbuli, is a staff member of the SACC.

I tried three telephone numbers at police headquarters in Soweto but the telephone rang without response. At last I reached Kliptown police station where I was told that the police were aware of the situation and that a unit had been sent to the area.

When I returned to the Mbulis by telephone, a huge explosion had just been heard within the vicinity of their house. I called the family again on Thursday morning and found that they were safe. But they reported there were still sounds of gunfire.

Media reports on Thursday morning said 22 people were killed in Soweto on Wednesday night, bringing the total number of deaths since the weekend to 36. Two people were killed in Diepkloof around the area where my family monitored the gunfire between 9pm and 2.30am The SABC reported yesterday that an AK-47 was found in the area.

ANC calls police to prevent attack

By Brian Sokutu and Musa Mapisa

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A group of Soweto youths marched on the Mandela home in Orlando West and demanded arms to defend themselves following the shooting of a woman inside her home in Dube, Soweto, yesterday morning

In an apparent mix-up, the youths were mistaken for hostile elements and the ANC's Soweto office called in the riot squad to deter an attack on the house, according to Major Steve Olivier who commanded the 13-man contingent which arrived about 20 minutes later.

Shootings

However, there were no incidents and after Major Olivier talked to Winnie Mandela, who arrived just before the police, she accompanied the youths to the scene of the shootings.

According to witnesses Sindisiwe Motha, a 36-year-old mother of five died at about 11 am when an unknown man fired randomly at residents near the Maponya supermarket.

Another victim, Colin Molebatsi, was shot in the leg.

According to relatives and neighbours, Mrs Motha was shot at through the lounge window when she went to answer the telephone.

The bullet went through her body and hit the wall.

A witness said the wounded Mr Molebatsi crawled into a nearby house "while the gunman tried to finish him off"

The gunman then ran into the nearby Dube hostel, the witness said.

Tension rose when residents confronted the police for failing to apprehend the killer.

Later, a group of youths marched to the Mandela home and demanded that they be given weapons to defend themselves.

"It's time the ANC leadership forgot about conferences and meetings and gave us arms to defend ourselves," they said.

The group waited outside the Mandela home to convey their anger to the ANC leadership.

And, after Mrs Mandela arrived home they followed her to Mrs Motha's home, where she comforted the family.

Also present at the Motha home was ANC Women's League national president Gertrude Shope and Congress of South African Trade Unions deputy general-secretary Sydney Mafumadi.

"This is one of the most tragic events, I'm outraged," a sobbing Mrs Mandela, speaking in her personal capacity, told the press.

Defend

She said she had been told that Mrs Motha was killed while police were present

"People are asking to be armed and they have a right to defend themselves," she said.

She said the ANC would issue a statement.

The ANC Women's League condemned the incident, Mrs Shope said.

"It is terrible seeing our country being reduced to a war zone," she added.

Fighting on the Reef continues

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Guns boom all night

INCIDENTS of sporadic violence continued in Soweto yesterday following one of the worst nights of violence on May Day.

Residents said they heard gunfire all night and police claimed their vehicles were shot at several times while patrolling the trouble-torn townships.

The killings and terror in the townships came despite large security force deployments.

Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said most of the violence in Soweto yesterday and overnight occurred in Dobsonville, but that deaths and violence were spread "throughout all of Soweto".

He said police used teargas and birdshot several times throughout the night.

At least 32 people were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital with stab and gunshot wounds.

The bitter fights, which claimed the lives of at least 30 on the Reef, came as the countdown to the May 9 "stop the violence" ultimatum to the Government continued.

The political impasse saw residents of Meadowlands, Dube, Klipspruit, Dobsonville and Alexandra awake to another day of terror.

Said a woman in Meadowlands: "Nobody is going to go out to work or school with the shooting going on. There are groups of youths roaming around. I think they want to protect us against Dube hostel people."

Police said yesterday reports of two white men being slain in Diepkloof were incorrect.

Residents locked themselves up and hundreds of women and children took refuge at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto on Wednesday.

Yesterday morning police found the body of a man who had been shot dead at Klipspruit squatter camp near Nancefield Hostel, Halgryn said.

Kliptown resident Mrs Nonqaba Mosunkuthu said she heard shooting from the vicinity of Klipspruit squatter camp between 10pm on Wednesday and 6.30am yesterday.

She said a squatter camp resident had contacted her saying several people had been wounded and required urgent medical assistance. There had also been reports of more dead bodies, Mosunkuthu said.

Halgryn said police driving past Dube Hostel escaped injury when their vehicle was hit by automatic rifle fire.

There were other reports of shooting at Dube and Dobsonville but police did not know where the gunfire came from.

Two Dobsonville men were shot dead after they refused to pay R50 demanded by gunmen who had taken over their hostel.

"Evicted" dwellers said gunmen were demanding payment for the release of belongings from the building.

"He died because he could not pay the money," dwellers said as the blood-soaked body of one of the men was carried from the hostel yesterday morning.

In almost all incidents of violence in Soweto, most of the dead and wounded were found to be wearing either red or white headbands, suggesting that the cause was the ongoing war between members of the Inkatha Freedom Party and supporters of the ANC, Halgryn said.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester said two people were shot dead in downtown Johannesburg but these incidents appeared not to be unrest-related.

Captain Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, said extra measures had been implemented in Soweto since Wednesday.

He said roadblocks were set up throughout the township, hostels were being closely monitored and those hostels which had not been surrounded by razor wire were now getting the same protection.

"Railway stations are being closely watched to ensure people do not embark with weapons and the train routes are being patrolled."

The curfew in Soweto last night was more stringently enforced with more men and extra patrols.

Policing of townships alone could not stop the violence, he said.

"The only solution is discussion. The violence is politically inspired and a political solution must be found.

"The illness is political intolerance. The police can only deal with the symptoms."

At Dube Hostel, police were the target of automatic gunfire, he said.

Incidents of violence were also reported in Alexandra and several East Rand townships.

Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic reported that it had treated 14 casualties on Wednesday between 7pm and midnight. At least one woman was killed.

In Tembisa on the East Rand, in what may have been retaliatory attacks for the cutting off of electricity supplies to boycotting residents, six houses, two the homes of councillors, were gutted and four vehicles, one belonging to a councillor, were set on fire on Wednesday.

In Tokoza two grenades caused extensive damage to a house on Wednesday.

Police said damage was estimated at more than R30 000. No-one was at home at the time of the incident.

Lured to their deaths

'Protection' offer cloaks lust for blood

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THE violence sweeping Soweto took a bizarre turn yesterday. In an obvious attempt to kill at random, inmates at Dube hostel started to lure Sowetans inside . . . to their deaths. JOVIAL RANTAO was there.

DUBE Hostel — along with others, a symbol of apartheid — was yesterday turned into a slaughterhouse by its heartless inmates, who lured two Meadowlands residents to their deaths inside the compound.

On arrival, I saw police rescuing a middle-aged man, P H Hlongwane.

They were dragging him from the clutches of weapon-wielding hostel inmates who were busy turning his head into a dark red pulp.

Ambulance

I was approaching the western entrance of the hostel. An ambulance crew had just arrived and started to attend to Mr Hlongwane.

Colleague William Dhlamini and I heard the hostel dwellers, who stood in a row at the gate, calling to an old man who was walking past.

They appealed to him to enter the hostel gate for safety.

"Hey, old man. Come inside the hostel. Inside the township, you will be killed," they shouted.

The old man fell for the trick and was led away by four panga-wielding youths.

Realising this, we notified the police who in turn volunteered to accompany us into the hostel in an attempt to save the old man.

The old man had disappeared into the hostel. While on his trail, we came across two bodies, freshly killed.

One body had panga wounds, while the other was still smouldering, after being hacked and set alight.

Hostel inmates, who joked and laughed while two corpses lay near them, told me they did not know who the men were.

On the bodies, work identity cards could be clearly seen.

The men had been Meadowlands residents on their way home from work, not hostel inmates.

Upon seeing this, police believed our story that people were being lured to their deaths in the hostel.

Fruitless

After our grim discovery, we went around the hostel buildings in a fruitless effort to find and save the old man who had disappeared into the hostel. He was nowhere to be found.

My heart raced. "Is he still alive?" I asked myself. Probably not, but I battled to convince myself that he was.

I felt sad and bitter about seeing the old man being led away, possibly to his death, and not being able to do anything to save him.

Inside, the atmosphere was tense. Some inmates spoke in hushed tones, but were unperturbed by the police presence.

Traditional weapons were brandished as the hostel dwellers spoke of how they craved for blood.

As I went around with the police, some inmates peeped through windows. Others sprang from tall grass and fled, weapons in hand.

When I tried to talk to inmates, no one replied All I got were hostile looks.

Trailer

As we went out of the hostel, after failing to find the old man, the bodies of the two men that we found earlier were being loaded into a trailer, drawn by a police van.

Their families were probably waiting in vain for them to return home. They didn't know the men had joined the long casualty list of South Africa's violent society.

ANC call leads to big SAP search

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SEVERAL thousand policemen, supported by troops, last night launched a search of four hostels on the Rand — at the request of the ANC.

At a press conference last night, police said they intended to search the Old Man's Hostel in Alexandra, the George Goch Hostel, the Denver Hostel and the Wolhuter Hostel.

Similar operations on the same scale would be carried out in Soweto, said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe The searches were launched at midnight.

"At the request of the ANC, the police decided to search the hostels and disarm all the resident of all weapons, except traditional weapon," Colonel Malherbe said "Anything else that may appear dangerous, including firearms, will also be seized.

Inside the hostel of death

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At the time of going to press, Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said police were investigating reports of further outbreaks of fighting in Meadowlands.

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Protection offered – then the pangas fall

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The ANC said the withdrawal of the IFP from the meeting was "unfortunate in the circumstances, if one considers the number of deaths that have occurred in the region since May Day".

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Firearms

Two people were arrested for having an assortment of firearms, including a .22 rifle, a .38 Special revolver, a 6.35 pistol, commercial explosives, pangas and axes.

Giving a breakdown of yesterday's killings, Captain Ngobeni said eight bodies were found in Dube (five inside the hostel), five in Meadowlands, two in Nancefield (one inside the hostel) and one in Klipspruit.

Zingisa Mkhuma reports that the ANC has blamed the Govern-

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ment for the Reef violence, saying it had been forewarned but had done nothing to stop it.

The ANC accused the Government of "unleashing genocide" against the masses and said its failure to act impartially in the present violence had left thousands of people vulnerable.

It alleged that security forces knew well in advance that preparations for the "war" were under way in some Reef hostels, but nothing was done to prevent it.

From reports, the ANC said, it was clear the Government's security forces acted partially, "rendering our people soft targets of marauding impis".

The ANC cited the May Day rally in Orlando Stadium, where its members were subjected to body searches while Inkatha supporters were allowed to carry dangerous weapons.

"When the people were on their way home they were then butchered without any police in sight. It has now become useless and futile to inform the security forces of impending attacks in our communities," the statement said.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said he could not comment on the ANC's allegations as they were not supported by evidence.

He added that the police served all people equally, irrespective of their political affiliations.

"The police are apolitical and will investigate every allegation that is supported by evidence," Captain Ngobeni said.

The ANC also alleged the Government was using violence to force it to participate in a multiparty conference on violence. It rejected the proposal "in toto" as a way of ending violence.

"The regime must sack Vlok and Malan and phase out the hostel system with immediate effect if we are to rid our region of the scourge of violence."

Mandela's murdered relatives identified

JOHANNESBURG. — The names of Mr Nelson Mandela's two nephews who were killed in township violence this week were released yesterday.

They were Mr Douglas Nkosiyane, 54, and Mr Templeton Nkosiyane, 46. In a statement released yesterday, the ANC said the men were killed because they were related to Mr Mandela.

"Reports indicate that this is the reason why the men were murdered in their Zondi home," the statement said.

The two men were reportedly killed on Wednesday night.

The ANC appealed for calm following the deaths of Mr Mandela's nephews. — UPI

500 post office workers march

JOHANNESBURG. — A march yesterday through central Johannesburg by the Post and Telecommunications Workers' Association nearly turned nasty after police threatened to use force to disperse marchers.

About 500 people marched to the Joubert Park post office to hand over a memorandum. However, after the march a large group of demonstrators continued the march. — Sapa

Truce attempt in Soweto fails

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JOHANNESBURG. — A possible truce between Inkatha and the ANC in Soweto, where 36 people died this week, collapsed before it got going.

The two parties were due to meet last night at the Protea police station.

The breakdown happened as the death toll in Soweto rose to 16 yesterday with the discovery of five more bodies. The national death toll is 97.

An ANC spokesman, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, said he had been contacted by the Transvaal leader of Inkatha, Mr Themba Khoza. Mr Khoza said he would not attend the talks.

"The ANC is not calling off the meeting . . . we are committed to peace," Mr Mamoepa said yesterday afternoon. He said the ANC would be prepared to meet the IFP at a later date.

Mr Khoza said later that the township violence had gone too far for Inkatha supporters to "hold the other cheek".

He warned the ANC to "stop attacking" Inkatha supporters, as every alleged ANC attack would be met by an Inkatha counter-attack.

He also denied that Inkatha had agreed to a truce. "They (ANC) did not have a meeting with us," he said.

However, Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries announced on Thursday night that the two parties had agreed to hold truce talks after a two-hour open-air meeting in Dube. He said the truce meeting was scheduled for the following night.

Mr Khoza said the situation in Reef townships was "terrible", but that Inkatha counter-attacks were justified.

He said Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi would address a rally at the Bekkersdal stadium on the East Rand tomorrow morning. About 40 000 Inkatha members were expected to attend, he said.

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One more township victim

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr P H Hlongwane was transformed yesterday from an ordinary black South African worker into the latest horrifying statistic in the country's accelerating descent into township civil war.

The modestly dressed man, returning to Soweto from his job with a lighting firm, was dragged by a mob into a hostel compound and beaten to death behind a brick barracks, home to thousands of migrant workers.

His face was beaten to a pulp, his brown suit was shredded and his pockets were rifled in his final agonising moments before death.

An hour after the attack, police arrived at the dingy Dube barracks, just a few hundred metres from a busy shopping street, to remove Mr Hlongwane's body.

The charred and smoking corpse of another man lay in a shallow ditch nearby, beaten and hacked to death and then set alight in the name of political rivalry.



ON THE WARPATH ... Armed Zulus in Soweto yesterday. Picture: AP

Hostel dwellers, inured to the constant procession of mortuary vans and ambulances, stood in subdued groups watching a policeman search the smouldering rags clinging to Mr Hlongwane's fellow victim.

At least 100 people have died in similar circumstances over the past week, chalked up as victims of ANC-Inkatha warfare.

But the fate of Mr Hlongwane and his fellow victim told a story far removed from politics and possibly closer to the root cause of much of the violence.

The only evidence police could find of Mr Hlongwane's identity was a grubby payslip next to his body. His week's wages had disappeared into the hostel ghetto.

It was the same for the other man — payslip but no money.

"It's Friday, payday. You don't have to ask why this guy was killed," said a policeman.

Residents say criminals on both sides of the anti-apartheid fence use the political warfare between the ANC and Inkatha and their fight with police and government as a smokescreen for senseless violence.

On the other side of Dube hostel from Mr Hlongwane's body, a group of Inkatha supporters were sharpening homemade weapons, preparing for a night of violence as the sun set into the Soweto smoke haze.

"The ANC out there want to kill us. We must defend," one Inkatha supporter said, pointing with his makeshift spear across a piece of wasteland towards the houses of Soweto residents where the ANC enemy are supposed to live. — Sapa-Reuter

Lured to a brutal death

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

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Police spokesman Lieutenant Burger van Rooyen said police expected to find more bodies during the day.

Eight incidents of unrest, including stone-throwings and petrol bombings, were recorded during the night.

Police had used teargas to disperse about 300 people who had gathered illegally near the Meadowlands Hostel, according to Lieutenant Van Rooyen.

He confirmed police had launched an extensive serach for illegal firearms throughout the township. The Dube Hostel, as well as the Chicken Farm squatter camp near the Nancefield Hostel had been searched, he said.

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A priest gives last rites to a man killed in clashes near Meadowlands hospital in Soweto.

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DEATH STALKS STREET

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Reports by LEN KALANE and ELIAS MALULEKE

BODIES are picked up every day in Alexandra.

"This is a really stupid way of capturing the international spotlight," pointed out Charlotte, who was reluctant to give her surname in case she became the latest statistic.

She says present-day Alexandra is more dangerous than the violent days of the 1950s when the Spoilers and Msomi gangs reigned.

"These are bad times. Just last night they hacked two men to death in this very yard. Tonight they could be coming for me. It doesn't matter any longer if you are a woman or a child. We have learnt to live with the prospect of being killed at any time," Charlotte laments.

Night-time and weekends – which yield more casualties – are the worst times for Alex residents.

It all started on March 9, when 14 people were shot and hacked to death following the necklace murder of an Inkatha member the previous night.

Ironically, when violence exploded in most Reef townships last year, Alexandra – overpopulated and squalid with its massive hostel complexes – remained peaceful.



A soldier with a home-made pistol found moments after a killing.

The people of Alexandra stood together. They were one in soul and spirit, a shining example of a united community – until someone lit the fuse.

Night is the time for silence – and death. As darkness falls the people huddle together, locked in their rooms, TV sets off. Outside, there is a familiar, haunting whistle – signal of an imminent attack.

Next morning there will be more bodies to be picked up.

"This is too much," says Charlotte. "We can't stand it. Please talk to the ANC and Inkatha to make peace. Talk to whoever is behind this violence to please stop this state of affairs. Human beings can't live like this. If this is the price for a new South Africa, then to hell with the new South Africa."

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The fighting seems to have been fiercest in the area where Charlotte lives in Fourth Avenue. From Second to Fifth avenues, near the M1 Hostel, the Zulus have forcefully moved in.

They have sent families scurrying and taken over their homes and furniture. They have declared the whole area the "Zulu Zone". There is even talk of forced Inkatha membership if you live in this zone.

Charlotte's cousin, Alex Shibambo, and his younger brother Foster, fell into the hands of a Zulu mob, but escaped.

Alex said they were abducted by a Zulu impi last month and taken to the second floor of the M1 Hostel. With four others they were interrogated and accused of hating Inkatha.

One of the Zulus calmly walked up to one of them, Dick Mhlanga, and stabbed him in the neck and stomach. He fell down dead.

Alex said the five of them stood petrified, shaking like leaves. They knew any of them could be dead within a minute.

Alex jumped through the open second-floor window, followed by Foster. Both broke their legs but dragged themselves away and were treated in hospital. Foster still has his leg in plaster.

They do not know what happened to the other three, but Dick's body was apparently thrown out of the same window, to be picked up by police the next day.

We were still in Alexandra when we heard that another man had just been shot. He was accused of being a Xhosa in a Zulu stronghold. We were just in time to see troops conducting a search for the culprit.

The killer could not be far away as the man had just been shot, we were told.

We watched the soldiers cordon off a squatter area and conduct a house-to-house search. An eerie silence fell over the place. The soldiers calmly moved in and searched a zinc hut. They found a home-made pistol, the weapon apparently used in the attack.

Nobody claimed ownership. A man was taken away as dusk started falling over Alexandra, bringing another night of terror.

Daring Inkatha impis drive away hundreds of policemen

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By LEN KALANE and ELIAS MALULEKE

LARGE numbers of policemen and SADF members beat a retreat after an unsuccessful attempt to raid the Wolhuter men's hostel in Jeppe, Johannesburg, for firearms on Friday night.

This followed violent clashes between Inkatha and ANC supporters this week which brought the death toll in Soweto alone to 40.

More than 2 000 policemen swooped simultaneously on four single men's hostels in the Johannesburg area at midnight on Friday to disarm hostel residents of all but "traditional" weapons, reports Sapa.

They were due to search four hostels – Wolhuter, George Goch, and Denver hostels in Johannesburg and the old men's hostel in Alexandra.

But at the Wolhuter Hostel about 400 chanting and heavily armed Inkatha supporters drove away police and SADF members.

The Inkatha men with red headbands were ready to attack – armed with all sorts of weapons, including firearms.

Police and the SADF left the hostel without conducting their search after being warned that the crowd was drunk and even the leaders could not control them.

Col Johan Mostert, a senior police officer, confirmed he had seen hostel dwellers with firearms.

This incident follows a week in which:

■ Twenty-four bodies were picked up in Soweto on Wednesday – Workers' Day – with 13 more people killed elsewhere on the Witwatersrand, bringing the Workers' Day toll in the PWV area to 37.

Police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn said in almost all incidents of violence in Soweto, the dead and wounded were found wearing either red or white headbands, suggesting the fighting was between members of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC.

■ The first attack reported on Workers' Day was when gunmen killed six people and injured 23 when they fired on a crowd at a taxi rank opposite Natalspruit Hospital on the East Rand on Wednesday afternoon.

A reporter at the scene said ANC supporters were returning from a May Day rally in Orlando, Soweto, when they were attacked.

■ Two cousins of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela were murdered in their Soweto home on Wednesday night.

■ A prominent Inkatha leader, Ntwe Mafole, was seriously wounded at Ulundi. His wife, Thokozani, was shot dead.

■ In Alexandra a group returning from an Inkatha rally attacked residents, leaving one man dead and four women wounded. (See page 12).

■ A hand-grenade was thrown at the house of Inkatha Central Committee member Musa Myeni in Pimville, Soweto, late on Thursday night, setting it alight. No one was at home.

■ On Thursday morning Sindisiwe Motha, an unemployed mother of six, was killed by a stray bullet after answering the telephone at her home in Dube, Soweto.

Friend one day, deadly enemy the next

UNTIL last Sunday Dobsonville hostel inmates and township residents with homes bordering the hostel on the west, north and southern sides were good neighbours – or at least all lived and let live.

Differences between those inside and outside the hostel were largely social – hostel inmates lived in single-sex dormitories while township residents lived largely in family units

It is true township dwellers were envied for their modern houses, most of which were built last year, and filled with expensive goods such as TVs, microwave ovens and videos.

But in spite of these differences, residents and hostel inmates remained neighbours at peace with each other. On occasion the hostel dwellers would tease women from the township, but it was accepted in good spirit by both sides.

Now, however, a deadly enmity characterises the relationship.

Last Sunday residents experienced the wrath of hostel dwellers when a group of Zulu men from the adjacent hostel attacked and killed a number of residents.

As darkness descends on the area families now lie awake in fear of attacks, and on most nights gunfire ensures they don't doze off.

Everyone in the area refers to those responsible for the attacks as "Inkatha" or "Zulus".

Children from the area have been removed to the homes of friends and relatives in safer townships. Some have even been taken to relatives in the rural areas.

Only a fence, less than two metres high in places, separates hostel inmates and residents in this area.

One resident, Sizi Mabizela, told *City Press* she bought her house in Dobsonville last September and had no "problems with the hostel inmates" until the last few weeks.

These days however, she is "nervous day and night". What makes her even more vulnerable is the fact her husband works night shift.

Mabizela's next door neighbour, Hilda Myeni, moved to the area about seven months ago. She said she has thus far enjoyed "good neighbourly relations with the hostel residents".

Myeni now faces a cruel dilemma. She has worked all her life to buy and furnish her house and if she leaves she will lose everything she owns. "On the other hand, life in the area has become too dangerous," she said.

Another resident, Anna Maseko, who arrived in the area to live last September, said her family had "enjoyed a peaceful time in the area until last Sunday".

According to Maseko, since the Sunday attack the area has "become a war zone".

Maseko said: "Gunfire is heard all night long. You hear people running in your yard but you are too scared to peep through the windows, let alone investigate."

Leaving their house will not solve the problem for the Maseko family. "Wherever we go we will face the same dangers."

More and more youngsters from the area are disappearing from their homes – one of the Maseko sons included.

Two streets away from the hostel residents have erected crude barricades and have dug trenches as a means of defence.

Non-Zulu-speaking inmates have left the hostel.

Bombed out of office

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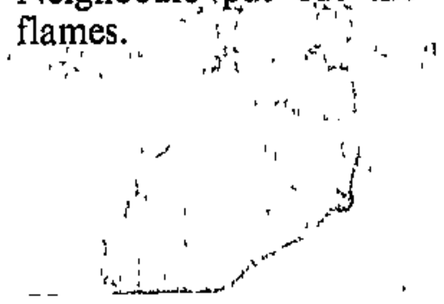
A THEMBISA councillor has resigned after her house was stoned and petrol bombed.

Egnie Zikalala, 59, is the first Thembisa councillor to be intimidated into resigning.

"Last Saturday evening I heard a group of chanting people approaching my house," she said.

"Minutes later a car sped past and I heard a loud explosion and later saw flames all over the yard."

The following night several petrol bombs were thrown at her house. One went through the window but failed to explode. Neighbours put out the flames.



It's Winnie to the rescue

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Squatters gather at Mandela home for protection

By DE WET POTGIETER and CAMUEL DIKOTLA

THE ANC was briefing squatters last night on defending themselves against attackers after their weapons were confiscated by police at various Soweto camps yesterday.

Earlier, hundreds of women from the Chicken Farm and Power Park squatter camps in Soweto converged on the house of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela asking for protection or means of defence in case of attack.

Winnie Mandela and an ANC Women's League delegation joined the anxious squatters in tours of both camps.

Squatter Pumla Mphakathi, of Power Park, told the ANC delegation how police in riot gear had confiscated hammers, axes and sharpened sticks yesterday morning.

Last night Mrs Mandela confirmed that men at various squatter camps had been briefed on methods of protecting their families "just in case".

She would not elaborate "as the enemy would counteract".

Early yesterday morning, security forces had to abandon part of a major raid on Johannesburg hostels when they were turned away by hostel leaders who warned them of a bloodbath if they entered.

Operation With No Name was launched by almost 3 000 policemen, supported by heavily-armed soldiers It was launched simultaneously at the George Goch, Denver and Wolhuter hostels in central Johannesburg and the Old Men's hostel in Alexandra. The huge operation was mounted at the request of the ANC.

Zulu leaders at the Wolhuter hostel warned police — armed only with batons and torches — that residents were drunk and police would be killed if they entered.

Security forces had to leave the Wolhuter and Denver hostels after several hours of deliberations with hostel *indunas* Thousands of heavily-armed dancing Zulus had gathered in battle lines in the courtyard of the Wolhuter hostel and the *indunas* had to keep the advancing masses back from the gates where policemen were waiting to enter

A delegation of Zulus — clearly nervous about the tense situation — deliberated with police negotiators through locked steel gates while they tried to keep the dancing hordes from attacking

Attack

An induna said that the Zulus were expecting an ANC attack and were in a fighting mood

He added that if the police tried to disarm residents, the ANC would attack them the next day

"It's dangerous in here; we don't want policemen killed," he said

Police abandoned the operation and left the Wolhuter and Denver hostels.

But police had no difficulty in gaining access to the other two hostels where a few knives were confiscated.

As the long convoys of security forces started leaving the troubled areas at 2am yesterday, a bigger joint force was getting ready to move into strife-torn Soweto for another major operation.



BARRED ... police negotiate with a leader at the Wolhuter hostel in Johannesburg Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

Unrest kills 17 more

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TOWNSHIP unrest claimed at least 17 lives on Saturday and early yesterday, police reported. Bday 6/5/91

Thirteen of the latest victims died in Soweto, bringing the death toll in the township to 51 over the past six days. Four people died in violence in Natal.

Police said in their latest unrest report that the burnt bodies of four men were found in Meadowlands, Soweto, and another burnt body was found in Dube.

At Dube, two men were shot and killed by armed men. Four men were hacked to death in Soweto.

Inkatha threatens to deploy 100 000 fighters in Soweto

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AN INKATHA leader said yesterday the organisation would deploy 100 000 armed fighters in Soweto in seven days' time if the ANC failed to end violence there.

Sapa reports Inkatha central committee member Musa Myeni told reporters before an Inkatha rally in Bekkersdal that the ANC had seven days to stop faction fighting or "Inkatha is going to deploy 100 000 men" in Soweto.

"You won't identify them. They won't wear any uniform. But they are going to look around. If they find a gangster hijacking a car, that gangster will be down," Myeni said.

Myeni — who heads Inkatha's public relations and international affairs departments — said the Inkatha men who could be deployed would be "armed with non-traditional weapons". This left open the possibility they might carry guns.

Myeni said Inkatha had been angered by police raids on migrant worker hostels around Johannesburg at the weekend. The raids had been requested by the ANC and were aimed at confiscating guns.

Inkatha had informed neither Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok nor the ANC of its planned move. "Vlok? I don't think we wanted permission," Myeni said.

TIM COHEN reports a spokesman for Vlok warned against the establishment of private armies and said police would not shirk their duty to maintain law and order.

In answer to the criticism that police were disarming hostel dwellers at the ANC's behest, he said police welcomed any assistance in maintaining law and order. The criticism demonstrated that police were acting in an impartial manner.

Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi told the Bekkersdal rally ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela himself had asked for a "troika" initiative against violence consisting of himself, Buthelezi and President F W de Klerk.

Buthelezi said he was "totally astounded" by ANC policy somersaults — a reference to the ANC's rejection of the troika idea.

He also claimed Mandela had done an about-face on the question of using foreign organisations to monitor violence.

Mandela, he said, had vigorously opposed the idea in private, while later demanding it in public.

Police wounded

40, claims witness

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By Staff Reporters and Sapa (278)

Police seized a number of weapons and several dozen rounds of ammunition when they stopped and searched a bus load of Inkatha supporters near Chiawelo in Soweto yesterday after passengers fired on a crowd stoning the bus.

Two bodies were later found in the area. One had been shot and the other had incurred stab and hack wounds.

Witnesses said earlier that in the same area police had shot and injured about 40 ANC supporters who attempted to halt a bus load of Inkatha supporters whom they believed were on their way to hold a funeral at the nearby Avalon cemetery.

The injured, including a young boy, were taken to Baragwanath hospital at about 2.30 pm. No one was seriously injured.

Altogether 21 people were killed in Soweto at the weekend, nine of them yesterday, bringing the official death toll there to 58 since May Day (May 1).

Four people were killed and three were wounded after violence erupted between Inkatha supporters and township residents after an Inkatha rally in Bekkersdal yesterday.

In Alexandra, Johannesburg, violence claimed the lives of three people, police reported late last night, raising yesterday's death toll on the Reef to 16.

A SA Defence Force soldier shot and killed a panga-wielding man in self-defence, when he was attacked during a foot patrol.

Two more bodies, one hacked and the other shot, were found in the township.

Witnesses claimed that a Chiawelo resident Alfred Negota (25) was shot dead by police at about 2 pm yesterday.

A relative said police prevented the family from taking the corpse, which was driven to a mortuary.

Witnesses at the scene told The Star the incident took place when residents tried to follow a busload of Inkatha supporters on its way to a rally in Bekkersdal.

Police spokesman Captain Ngobeni said Moroka police had opened a murder docket.

He said that police had used rubber bullets, teargas and birdshot to disperse a group of about 50 people from Chiawelo squatter camp at about 1.40 pm after the crowd stoned buses carrying Inkatha supporters and smashed the windscreen of a police vehicle near Avalon cemetery.

Captain Ngobeni said he could not confirm that anyone had been injured because the crowd had run away.

He said that later, at about 2 pm, a crowd stoned a busload of Inkatha supporters near Chiawelo on the old Potchefstroom Road. The passengers responded by firing shots.

Police stopped and searched the bus and confiscated an AK-47 rifle, four 9 mm pistols, a .45 pistol, two home-made handguns and several dozen rounds of ammunition. No arrests were made.

A victim of the Avalon shooting, Jabulani Twala (23), who had been shot in his back and arms, said ANC supporters had gathered between a Trek and Esso service station outside Chiawelo squatter camp at 1 pm after hearing rumours that men from Nancefield and Merafe hostels would be burying one of their dead at Avalon Cemetery.

Mr Twala said as the buses and vans — "with no registration numbers" — approached Chiawelo, the police started firing.

"First they tear-gassed us and then used the pump-guns," another victim, Fistus Mudau, said.

Joseph Marindile said he was in his yard with his one-year-old daughter, Jiphiwe, when he heard shooting and felt a pain in his back.

"The next thing I knew, I woke up in an ambulance and I don't know where my baby is," Mr Marindile, whose back is covered in small red wounds, said.

Giving a breakdown of the nine fatalities in Soweto yesterday Captain, Ngobeni said two bodies, one shot and the other hacked to death, were found in Dobsonville yesterday morning.

Another man was found stabbed to death in Diepkloof, he added.

Four hacked bodies were found near the Dube Hostel at noon, while two more bodies, one hacked and the other shot, were discovered at about 5 pm near Chiawelo.

The bodies of two men were found at Vusi Musi hostel in Tembisa on the East Rand yesterday morning.

Four deaths were reported in Natal over the weekend. The bodies of three men were found with stab wounds at Mtengwane Murchison in Port Shepstone. The body of a man who had been shot was found at Greytown, outside Maritzburg.

'100 000 Soweto fighters unless ANC halts violence'

Inkatha threat to unleash impis

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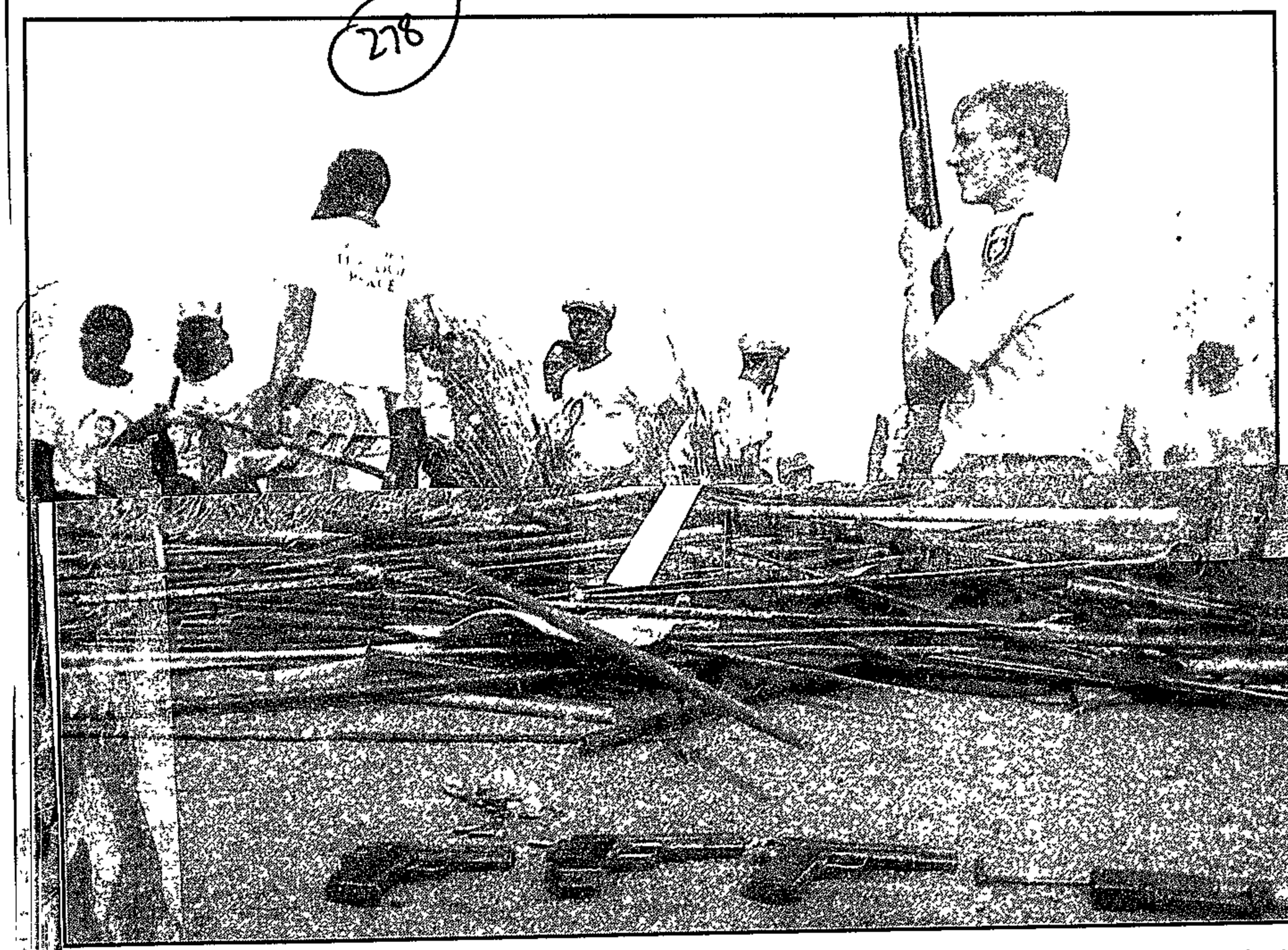

Weapons haul . . . a policeman stands guard yesterday over weapons seized from a bus carrying Inkatha supporters from Soweto to an IFP rally at Bekkersdal. Picture: Alf Kumalo

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By Guy Jepson

Inkatha will deploy 100 000 heavily armed fighters in Soweto unless the ANC halts political violence there, the Inkatha Freedom Party warned yesterday.

The threat, by IFP central committee member Musa Myeni, was made before an Inkatha rally in Bekkersdal on the West Rand, and follows the ANC's ultimatum that it would withdraw from negotiations unless the Government brought an end to township violence by Thursday (May 9).

Mr Myeni said if the ANC widened the area of conflict to other areas in Johannesburg, a further 150 000 fighters would be brought in.

In another development yesterday, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi announced that he was reserving his decision about whether to attend President F W de Klerk's conference on violence on May 24-25.

Since Wednesday, when fighting between IFP and ANC supporters broke out after May Day celebrations, at least 58 people have lost their lives in Soweto alone.

While the ANC described Mr Myeni's threat as "impractical as it is dangerous", it also pledged that township residents would defend themselves.

Mr Myeni, head of the IFP's public relations and international affairs department, said the fighters "would be armed with non-traditional weapons".

Asked by Patrick Laurence of The Star last night whether the IFP already had 100 000 fighters at its disposal, Mr Myeni said

"Oh yes. We are not going to look for them. They are there now."

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However, IFP president Chief Buthelezi said he was not aware of the plan.

In a speech opening an IFP branch in Bekkersdal, Chief Buthelezi said his followers were "being pushed beyond the limit" by police raids on hostels for Inkatha weapons at the request of the ANC.

"I will not be held responsible for the ire of the Zulus if they continue to be abused in this way . . . It is intolerable. The Zulus will not stand for this kind of treatment," he said.

Mr Myeni told The Star the IFP was "tired of playing games" and accused the ANC of "using innocent civilians as human shields".

He alleged that ANC-supporters waylaid Inkatha men by shooting at them and stoning them from "behind innocent bystanders".

He also accused the ANC of using the threat of Inkatha attacks to recruit members.

"The ANC tells the people: 'Inkatha is going to attack — you had better sign up'.

"They are using Inkatha as a recruiting agency. We are tired of this intimidation."

He told Sapa that the IFP had been angered by police raids on hostels.

"Because of the continued violence by the ANC . . . and the police busy marching into hostels under ANC supervision and not protecting innocent civilians, Inkatha is now going to deploy more than 100 000 men in Soweto," he said.

Reacting to Mr Myeni's threat last night, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police would do everthing in their power to maintain law and order at all times.

"We don't want a situation where two armed forces square off in the townships. In this regard the law will be strictly enforced," and added

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that the law "with regard to firearms" would be strictly enforced.

Referring to Mr Myeni's criticism of the police for searching the Inkatha hostels, Captain Kotze said his comments — and similar criticisms levelled by the ANC — proved that the police acted impartially.

In its reaction, the ANC categorically denied it was responsible for the violence.

"The truth is that the ANC discovered an Inkatha plot to attack the townships between April 30 and May 9. Another truth is that attacks occurred just as the ANC had indicated they would," an ANC spokesman said in a statement.

Referring to Mr Myeni's ultimatum, the ANC spokesman said: "We hope that it is nothing more than Myeni-speak aimed at inflaming passions at the rally. The deployment would add fuel to the violence.

"The ANC is saddened that leaders of the IFP like Mr Myeni seem so determined to permanently poison the well of goodwill rather than take measures that will end the violence."

The spokesman added that the ANC would continue talking to the IFP "at various levels", in an attempt to find peace, and that it would contact the IFP "to dissuade them from the course of action proposed by Musa Myeni".

● Police reported that four people died in violence in Bekkersdal after yesterday's IFP rally.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the trouble started at about 4,30 pm as a 5 000-strong Inkatha contingent which had left the stadium passed a squatter camp on the outskirts of the township.

Police and SADF troops had formed a "human shield" about 2 km long to separate ANC-supporting residents from the IFP procession, he said.

"Suddenly stones and petrol bombs were thrown from both sides. Police fired rubber bullets and birdshot. Shots were fired from both sides, with the police in the middle."

After the incident, a critically injured man, who had been shot in the head, was found. Police also found the body of a woman, who had been hacked and stabbed to death, and another injured woman who had been stabbed and hacked.

On the border of the township and the squatter camp, eight house were set alight and the body of a man with a gunshot wound was found.

Eight men were arrested for looting and arson, and two for illegal possession of firearms.

At the Bekkersdal exit IFP supporters allegedly killed a taxi driver and wounded a passenger. Police fired teargas and rubber bullets, Captain Opperman said.

'Sick' remark: Cop may be charged

By DANIEL SIMON

POLICE are to consider charging a suspended Soweto policeman in open court following a "sick joke" remark — in which the killing of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela was mentioned — to a group of armed Inkatha supporters in Dobsonville last week.

The policeman, who is expected to appear before a disciplinary committee this week, was heard to remark in English to an Inkatha group last Wednesday: "If you want to kill Mandela, take till tonight." The remark was recorded by a CNN television crew in the area.

Soweto regional commissioner Major-General J Swart was expected to convene a hearing this morning.

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34 die in weekend of township violence

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 16 people died in bloody violence in Reef townships yesterday, police confirmed.

This brought the death toll to at least 34 for the weekend, as at least 14 people were killed in incidents on Saturday.

In Soweto, nine people were either shot, hacked or stabbed to death, and the situation remained tense late on last night, a police spokesman said.

Police found two bodies, one shot and the other hacked, in Dobsonville.

One man was found stabbed to death in Diepkloof, four hacked bodies were found near Dube Hostel and two more bodies, one hacked and the other shot, were discovered near the Chiawelo squatter camp, he said.

There were four deaths in Natal. — Sapa

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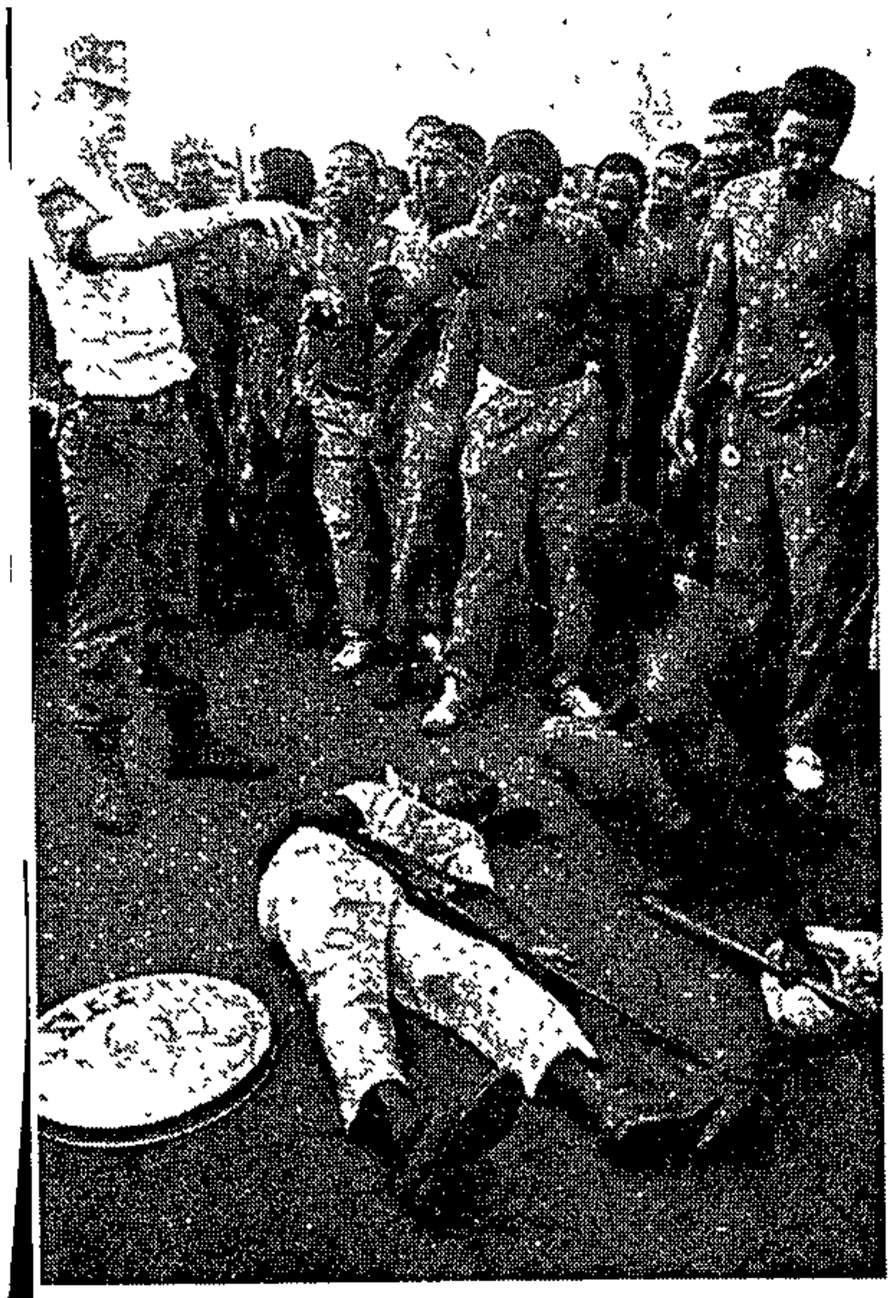
Buthelezi may boycott talks



RALLY DEATH . . . The body of an ANC supporter, one of four people killed at Bekkersdal on the West Rand, after an Inkatha rally there. Police formed a human shield to keep the two groups apart. Three people were killed near the Mandela squatter camp there and a taxi driver died in a scuffle at the township's exit. — Picture AP

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has threatened to pull out of the government-convened conference on violence, scheduled for May 24 and 25, in protest against "government collusion" with the ANC.

Chief Buthelezi told an IFP rally in Bekkersdal in the western Transvaal that the government colluded with the ANC by conducting searches at hostels last Friday night.

He called on the police also to raid ANC offices and the homes of that organisation's senior officials in search of arms caches, which he alleged were used by the ANC to perpetrate violence.

In his address, Chief Buthelezi alleged that ANC lawyers and their military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, accompanied police during the search of hostels.

"This action (search) by the police gives political credibility to the ANC's hideous and false accusations against the IFP and calls for redress," he said.

"The ANC attacks were not only against the IFP, but against Zulus — just because they are Zulus. I will not be held responsible for the ire of the Zulus if they continue to be abused in this way," said Chief Buthelezi.

Answering the criticism that police were disarming hostel dwellers at the ANC's behest, a spokesman for Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said the police welcomed any assistance in maintaining law and order. The criticism demonstrated that police were in fact acting in an impartial manner, said the spokesman, Captain Craig Kotze.

Four people were killed after the Inkatha rally in Bekkersdal.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman confirmed that two people were killed at the Mandela squatter camp when police, forming a human shield separating two groups, opened fire after the factions hurled stones and petrol bombs at each other.

Another body, with bullet wounds, was found near the squatter camp and a taxi driver was killed in a scuffle with IFP supporters. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

Eighteen more dead in township violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police said 18 more deaths were reported today.

In Soweto, police found the body of a man with bullet wounds in the Dube hostel, lying next to another man with serious hack wound injuries.

In Zondi, three men were shot dead in the early hours.

A man was shot in Chiawelo and another was found in Meadowlands with fatal stab wounds.

A sixth man was found in the strife-torn Dobsonville area, with hack wounds.

An SADF soldier shot and killed a man when he was attacked during a foot patrol in Johannesburg's Alexandra township yesterday.

Two more bodies, one hacked and the other shot, were found late on Sunday in the troubled township.

Rival factions renewed their attacks on each other on the East Rand, with four people killed yesterday.

Three bodies were found with stab and bullet wounds in Tembisa and another in Vosloorus.

Five deaths were reported in Natal last night.

A man was found dead in Richmond, two men were stabbed to death in the South Coast town of Port Shepstone and two men were shot dead in Umlazi near Durban.

● A throwaway remark has landed a policeman in serious trouble and he has been suspended.

In a moment of apparent light-heartedness, the unidentified policeman drove up to a group of Inkatha supporters wearing red headbands in Soweto and said: "If you want to kill (ANC deputy president Mr Nelson) Mandela, take until tonight," Sapa reports.

After a brief exchange, one of the men said: "Okay baas."

The off-the-cuff remarks and the scene was captured by a television crew. Footage of the scene was later carried on television.

COUNTDOWN

Last-ditch bids for peace as deadline looms

By BARRY STREEK

WITH the deadline to the ANC's ultimatum to the government on violence just three days away, last-minute efforts for a compromise to save the negotiation process continued at the weekend.

The ANC's national executive is due to meet today to consider the issue and a meeting between ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and President F W de Klerk before the Thursday deadline appears likely.

Despite the negotiations, tensions rose again in Soweto and the Witwatersrand, with at least 34 more deaths, two violent clashes and a threat by the Inkatha Freedom Party to send 250 000 unidentified fighters into the area, including 100 000 into Soweto.

The paramilitary force would be sent into Soweto unless the ANC stopped faction fighting there within seven days, a member of the IFP central committee, Mr Musa Myeni, told reporters.

"You won't identify them. They won't wear any uniform. But they are going to look around," he said.

However, IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who earlier threatened to pull out of the summit on violence in Pretoria on May 24/25, said he was unaware of the plan to send men into Soweto.

The ANC warned yesterday that the threatened deployment of 100 000 IFP men in Soweto was dangerous and would only fuel the uncontrollable violence.

It also denied it was responsible for the violence.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma added the ANC would continue talking to Inkatha to try to find a political solution to the violence.

A spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order said the government was opposed to any private armies and would take steps against them.

The Cape Times Johannesburg correspondent reports that a major role for business in ending township violence is expected to be proposed by leaders of the alliance made up of the ANC, Cosatu and the SA Communist Party.

Alliance leaders were scheduled to meet yesterday at an undisclosed venue to begin developing further strategies on the violence and to consider a summit convened by "neutral" parties — probably religious and business groups.

Their initiative would provide the

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EXECUTION . . . The bodies of two young men lie outside a Soweto hostel where they were said to have gone to buy dagga and alcohol before they were brutally attacked at the weekend. Picture: AP

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CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday launched a scathing attack on the ANC and called on the Government to search its offices and homes of its senior leaders for weapons of war.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

Speaking at a rally to launch a branch in Bekkersdal, Buthelezi accused the police of supporting the "propaganda of the ANC", warning that "if the police continued to do so, then politics will enter a very difficult phase."

He also announced that he was now reserving his position about whether to attend President FW de Klerk's proposed summit on violence.

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"The ANC has a private army. The ANC has trained military cadres. The ANC has arms caches in South Africa.

"The ANC is even now continuing to take our young people outside the country to train them in military camps.

"The violence that we suffer is a consequence of the ANC's call to make South Africa ungovernable," he said.

He said he found it totally intolerable that the ANC was allegedly now backed by the police.

He ANC's lawyers and Umkhonto we Sizwe commissars accompanied the SAP in raids on hostels on the Reef on Friday night.

"Here we see the ANC riding on the back of the SAP

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Inkatha attacks the ANC

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to bring the IFP into disrepute," Buthelezi said.

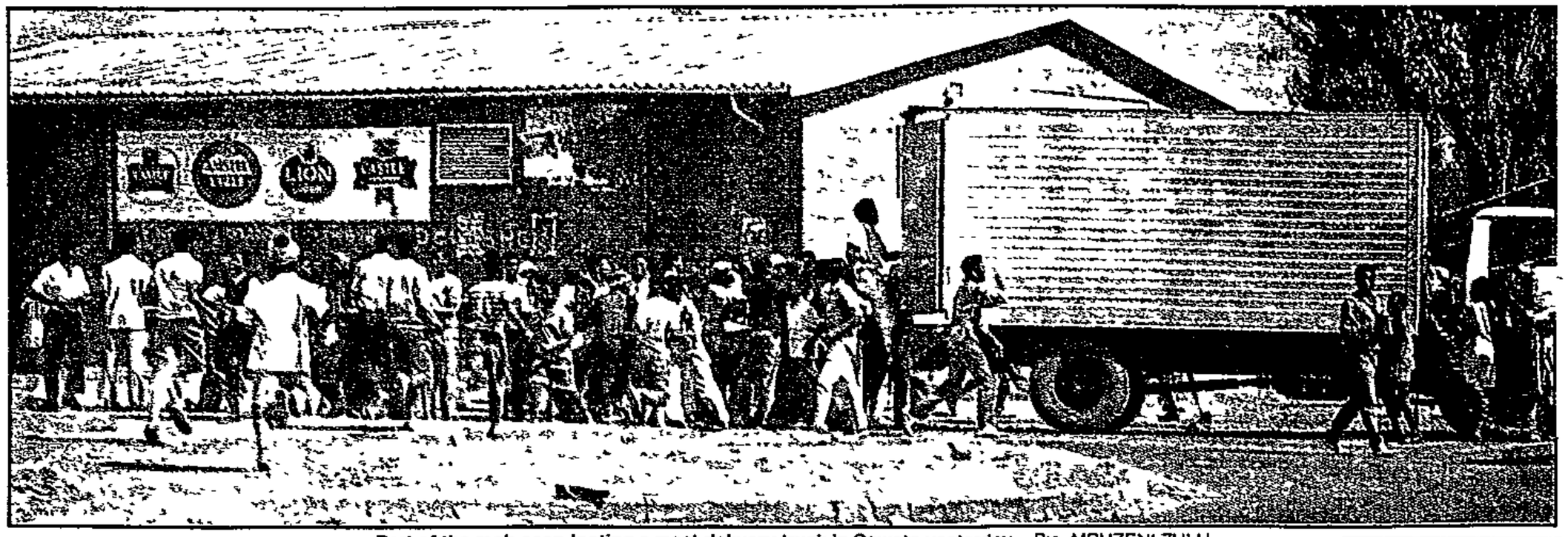
In another tough talk, an Inkatha official said the organisation would deploy 100 000 fighters in Soweto unless ANC supporters ended political violence there.

Sapa reports that four people were killed after the Inkatha rally.

Eight people were arrested for arson and looting, while a further two were arrested for the illegal possession of firearms.

Eight houses were burned during the fighting.

*Meanwhile Soweto police found nine bodies in the township yesterday.



Part of the mob seen looting a meat delivery truck in Soweto yesterday Pic. MBUZENI ZULU

Soweto kids on the rampage

Pupils run amok

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By IKE MOTSAPI and KAMAL SINGH

ABOUT 1 000 Soweto pupils yesterday went on the rampage, stoning and looting delivery trucks in Senaoane and Mapetla to avenge the death of a fellow pupil.

The incident follows the death of Maria Mokoena, a 16-year-old Sekano Ntoane High School pupil who was shot last Friday

And in the West Rand township of Mohlakeng, hundreds of panic-stricken pupils fled their classes in fear of an alleged Inkatha attack.

But the rumoured attack never took place.

In Senaoane, Sekano Ntoane High School pupils, armed with pangas, garden forks and spades, marched to the house of the alleged killer

The mob was joined by residents and pupils from two neighbouring primary schools as they sang and danced along the main taxi route.

They entered the house of the alleged killer in Mapetla. After a 30-minute search, they got out with his relative and ordered him to

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Even in times as bad as these, should people take the law into their own hands? Telephone Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise between 4.30 and 5pm today and tell the nation what you think. The hotline number is 714-8063. Listen to the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback programme on mediumwave 576 KhZ.

Pupils leave trail of chaos

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take them to a place where he (the alleged killer) was hiding. Sowetan 7/5/91

The mob then moved to the streets and started stoning and looting delivery trucks.

They even stoned a coal delivery truck, injuring workers. Other victims of the rampaging mob were street vendors whose wares were forcibly taken.

The driver of a meat delivery truck ran for safety when the mob stoned the vehicle and started looting it.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the incident had not been reported.

In Mohlakeng, near Randfontein, pupils from 10 primary and two high schools fled their classes after rumours of an Inkatha attack.

Lindiwe Morolong (14), a Standard 7 pupil at Phahama Senior Secondary, said panic-stricken pupils from the nearby Mohlakeng and Sedimosang primary schools started screaming.

"Men armed with knobkieries barged into classrooms and demanded that pupils vacate the classrooms," Lindiwe said.

She said the minibus then proceeded to Phahama Senior Secondary. The passengers spoke to teachers who then asked pupils to go home.

MONTH-END

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Police – men in the middle

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"It is clear the Government's security forces act partially, rendering our people soft targets of marauding impis," the ANC charged at the weekend. HELEN GRANGE investigates this claim against reported allegations of people directly involved in the violence, to see to what extent they dovetail.



Lending an ear . . . police listen to grievances of armed residents in Soweto at the beginning of township bloodshed last August. Since then, the police have consistently been blamed for being a party to the violence. Picture: Reuter

POLICE partiality in the violence which has swept through the Witwatersrand is an allegation made time without number — something journalists covering the carnage have come to expect.

The ANC has repeatedly accused the police and "State organs" of either creating violence or standing back and allowing it to happen. The police have consistently denied these allegations.

In a survey of reports on the fighting over the past nine months, The Star has looked at specific allegations of police side-taking in an attempt to identify certain patterns in the claims.

The introduction of the alleged "third force" as an element in the bloodshed first emerged soon after townships on the East Rand and West Rand erupted into chaos in the second half of last year

Although residents in these townships reported a number of incidents involving what they said were white men operating among Inkatha attackers — or sightings of whites among armed minibus-assailants — leads were apparently too weak to substantiate these claims

In the violence that followed, the "third force" continued (and continues) fuelling clashes, according to the ANC.

However, the scenario painted by township residents or victims insofar as a "third force" is concerned is more specific.

In recent reports involving allegations of police partiality, behaviour by the police in violent confrontation appears, from accounts by witnesses, to assume certain patterns — one pattern being that of alleged inactivity where activity is deemed necessary

Two of many examples of this include:

● Sunday Star reporter Jon Qwelane's observation last week of police at Kroonstad police station watching "passively" as gangsters went on the rampage, chasing people at knifepoint.

● Soweto residents' claims, also last week, that police stood by as Inkatha supporters went on the rampage, leaving 10 dead after a funeral service at Meadowlands Stadium.

Another trend, which stretches over a longer period, is of police allegedly helping Inkatha hostel-dwellers in their attacks on township residents.

Accusations have been made by residents on numerous occasions that the police leave Inkatha with their traditional weapons (or return them) while confiscating those of ANC members; that police transport Inkatha warriors to their chosen battleground, and that when ANC-supporting residents try to counter-attack, police teargas or shoot at them.

Such incidents include:

● Claims by residents of Chiawelo in Soweto two days ago that police shot and injured about 40 ANC supporters who tried to halt a busload of Inkatha supporters who they believed were on their way to hold a funeral at Avalon cemetery

● The handing-back of confiscated traditional weapons to Inkatha in Alexandra on April 24 — explained by the police as a necessary step after establishing that the weapons were not linked to specific crimes and had to be returned as they were private possessions. The same principle applied to the ANC, police said.

● ANC supporters' claims during the Soweto violence on May 1 that they were disarmed by police while Inkatha members were allowed to keep their weapons.

● An undertaking by police not to allow Inkatha supporters to take weapons to a rally in Alexandra on March 17 Weapons however arrived and eight people were killed in battles

● Soweto residents' claims that police shot at them after they gathered to defend themselves against Inkatha warriors on April 14.

● Allegations by squatters at Soweto's Power Park camp that police dropped off warriors near the camp, minutes before an Inkatha attack on April 13.

● Alexandra residents' claims that police protected attacking Inkatha hostel-dwellers from counter-attacks on March 11, firing teargas at the gathering residents

Yet another trend lies in the apparent failure by the police to respond adequately to warnings of Inkatha attacks.

● On March 27, 15 people were gunned down during a vigil in Alexandra. Police agreed they were alerted to the possibility of an attack on mourners, but said they left the area after seeing no sign of anything unusual.

● On January 12 last year, 39 people were killed in Sebokeng at another vigil The ANC claimed it had asked for police protection, which did not materialise. Police said they offered protection but were asked to leave by the ANC mourners.

● On July 22 last year, 24 people were killed after an Inkatha rally in Sebokeng The ANC and law firm Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom said police were warned weeks before of rumours of an attack. Police had replied that it was a Zulu custom to attend meetings with traditional weapons.

● On July 25 last year, police were apparently warned of an attack that day on train passengers in Soweto Lawyers who faxed the Ministry of Law and Order said they received a reply two days after the attack.

An overall trend in reports spanning months is that of township residents' consistent complaint of the police siding with Inkatha. Seldom have there been reports from Inkatha supporters alleging that police are partial to the ANC

In situations where Inkatha has apparently not been a factor, but where police have been faced by groups of township residents, police reaction has, on at least three notable occasions, been reprehensible.

Commissions of inquiry have followed 18 killings in Daveyton on March 24, 42 deaths in Sebokeng on September 4 last year; and the well-known killings in Sebokeng on March 26 last year which led to the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry.

Although the investigation into the Daveyton shootings is still being conducted, judges found in the other two incidents that police were unjustifiable in firing at township residents.

But, despite the portrayal of police partiality by those on the ground as well as in the ANC leadership, the SAP has denied siding with Inkatha.

"The police, to the best of its ability, acts absolutely impartially at all times and under all circumstances," said Captain Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order.

"There can be no question of allowing anyone to attack others at will. It would, in any case, be completely counter-productive for the police either to support or allow violence in any form as, by its very nature, violence gains a momentum of its own and is then exceedingly difficult to stop

"It is also farcical to accuse the police of aiding and abetting violence when the force is only too aware of the damage done to economic prospects, and it feels only too keenly the negative effects, including immense adverse publicity.

"Many policemen have lost their lives trying to keep fighting groups apart. Also, where possible, both sides involved in the fighting have been disarmed," Captain Kotze said □

Week of violence claims 102 lives

AT LEAST 102 people have been killed and many hundreds injured in township violence since May 1, latest police figures show. The death toll for Soweto has been put at 66. B 1 0 9 7 1 5 7 9 1

Five bodies were found in Soweto yesterday, as relative calm returned to most areas. Police said they maintained a heavy presence to prevent an upsurge in fighting.

Soweto police spokesman Col Jac de Vries said Soweto could "erupt at any time" but added that police patrols had the situation under control.

Five people were killed in Natal yesterday, two of them in a bus ambush. Our Durban correspondent reports that Kwa-

JONATHON REES

Zulu Transport suspended its bus service to the troubled Table Mountain area following yesterday's ambush of a bus packed with commuters. 278

Two women died and 27 other people were injured when the bus was shot at and petrol bombed.

Yesterday's unrest report said three dead men were found in Zondi, Soweto; a body was found in Dobsonville and another at Dube hostel.

On the East Rand, police found two bo-

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dies in Tembisa. A girl was seriously injured after an unidentified attacker opened fire on a house in Mandela squatter camp near Alberton.

Our political staff reports from Cape Town that Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday disclosed figures which showed that more people died violently in the first quarter of this year than during the same period in 1990, although the number of unrest incidents dropped dramatically.

Vlok told Parliament 771 people had died in violence until April 30 this year in 2 601 unrest incidents. Figures he provided showed that 754 died in 5 583 incidents during the same period last year.

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Vlok also addressed what he called the "curse of the AK-47", describing it as a "detestable communist weapon" and warning that police would do everything in their power to stop the smuggling of the rifles into the country.

He said more than 1 000 people had died of bullet wounds in political and ethnic violence since August last year. A large number of these were caused by AK-47s.

The Minister announced that since the beginning of January about 600 of the weapons had been obtained by police, many as a result of information supplied to them. More than 1 400 other weapons, including guns, hand grenades, and landmines, had also been confiscated.

†The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND TOURISM (for the Minister of Transport)·

(1) (a) (i) R914 044,01;

(ii) 2 May 1991;

(b) (i) During the middle of 1992;

(ii) R1 650 000, and

(2) No.

Schools: monetary allocations

*6 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training

(1) Whether his Department makes funds directly available to schools in the form of monetary allocations, over and above teacher remuneration; if not, what policy is followed in this regard; if so, (a) what basis is used for determining the amounts allocated to each school and (b) what sum is provided, *per capita,* for (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools;

(2) whether any changes are being considered to the above-mentioned basis; if so, what changes;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(1) No

The rendering of services to schools and the delivery of stocks are done upon formal application for such goods and services by principals to either the area office or the regional office concerned. In all cases the regional offices pay the accounts

(2) No

(3) No.

School principals: attendance

*7. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training:

(1) Whether any principals of schools falling under his Department (a) have been refused admittance to their schools by pupils, or (b) have declined to attend their schools, at any time since the commencement of the 1991 school year, if so, (i) for what average period of time in each case and (ii) which schools are involved;

(2) whether his Department has taken any steps against the pupils referred to in paragraph (1) (a) above or the principals referred to in paragraph (1) (b) above; if not, why not; if so, what steps,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING·

(1) (a) Yes

(i)	(ii)
Permanent	— Bopaganang Secondary (Vryburg Circuit)
69 days	— Rethabile Secondary (Mamelodi)
	— Isikhulu Secondary (Mamelodi)
	— Mamelodi Secondary (Mamelodi)
60 days	— J Kekana Secondary (Mamelodi)
53 days	— Schools in Mamelodi (45 schools)
	— Hlompanang Secondary (Soshanguve)
52 days	— Saulridge Secondary (Atteridgeville)
50 days	— Kgathalang Secondary (Bekkersdal)
14 days	— Ntlakohlaza Secondary (De Aar Circuit)
7 days	— Schools in Kathlehong (41 schools)

Yes

(b) (i) 11 days (ii) Senaoana Secondary (Soweto)

(2) (a) No—Pupils could not be identified

(b) No—The principal has resigned in the mean time.

(3) No.

Note

Information as on 3 May 1991

Inhlazane station incident: investigation

*8. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order.

(1) What are the circumstances surrounding the incident during which, it is alleged, one woman was killed and three persons were injured on a train near the Inhlazane station in Soweto on or about 23 April 1991,

(2) whether any (a) arrests have been made in connection with, and (b) investigation has been made into, this incident, if not, why not in each case; if so, what progress has been made in this investigation,

(3) whether the South African Police have been approached with a view to increasing security on commuter trains; if so, (a) by whom and (b) with what result?

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†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER·

(1) At 18.30 on 23 April 1991 fights broke out between ANC and Inkatha supporters on a train en route to Naledi. At the Inhlazane railway station the train came to a standstill and the fighting continued on the railway premises Both groups used traditional weapons and fire-arms. The South African Police intervened and found that one person had been killed and three injured

(2) (a) No

(b) Yes, a murder docket is being investigated As yet no arrests have been made No charges were laid with the Police by the injured persons

(3) Yes

(a) The management of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation Ltd

(b) Comprehensive policing and admission control has already been implemented at identified railway stations in Soweto and the Witwatersrand. In co-operation with the Commuter Corporation the service will be extended to other commuter stations Policing of the areas appear to be effective and the South African Police will continue to render the service so that law and order can be maintained on railway stations

SAP members: crimes committed

*9 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order·

(1) How many policemen and policewomen were convicted of crimes committed in the course of duty in 1989 and 1990, respectively;

(2) (a) how many complaints of assault were laid against the South African Police in each of these years and (b) how many (i) prosecutions and (ii) convictions have resulted from complaints of assault by members of the Police in each such year;

(3) (a) how many civil claims arising out of complaints laid against the Police in 1989 and 1990, respectively, have been filed to date and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

		1989	*1990*
(1)		961	871
(2)	(a)	4 293	4 524
	(b) (i)	790	633
	(ii)	474	372
(3)	(a)	1 296	1 979
	(b) 31 December 1990		

Note·

The number of civil claims given in (3) (a) includes civil claims arising from motor vehicle accidents.

As a result of the nature of the work of members of the South African Police it is a fact that numerous unfounded allegations, especially assaults, are made against them. Paragraph (2) above confirms this statement

The figures in paragraph (2) (b) (ii) are included in those of paragraph (1) which shows

even hear the speaker! The hon the Minister may proceed.

*The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, there are 589 posts in the Transvaal—I am telling the hon member for Standerton this—for provincial inspectors, of which only 1,07% are vacant; of those 589 posts only six are vacant. [Interjections] So what is the case that he wants to make out? [Interjections.]

The salary position of provincial inspectors received high priority in the past, so much so that the service dispensation of the provincial inspectors is already more favourable than that of various occupational classes which are more or less comparable. I could mention specific examples of occupational groups' starting salaries for similar qualification requirements as are fixed for provincial inspectors which are really considerably lower than those of provincial inspectors, but I am not going to bandy about those salary structures as irresponsibly as the hon member for Heilbron did across the floor of the House this afternoon [Interjections] I shall deal with this responsibly The hon member may come to me and I shall give him the information [Interjections]

The salaries of provincial inspectors according to the information at my disposal also compare quite favourably with salaries payable in the public sector Allegations are made that higher salaries are offered by some local authorities [Time expired]

Debate concluded

Mr Moses Kumalo: death

2 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

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(1) Whether the mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr Moses Kumalo, was killed on or about 19 April 1991, if so, what are the circumstances surrounding his death;

(2) whether the South African Police had provided him with special protection, if not, why not?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Speaker, the reply is as follows: Yes, and I sincerely regret that this tragic incident took place.

On 19 April 1991 councillor Moses Kumalo, the Mayor of Diepmeadow and the chairman of the Meadowlands branch of the Inkatha Freedom Party, left his house at approximately 20.00 to visit a friend. At approximately 22·00 he was found in his vehicle in front of House No 910, Zone 8, Meadowlands with numerous bullet wounds in his head and body He was already dead

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From the available evidence it would appear that more than one assassin was involved and that firearms of Russian origin, including AK-47 rifles, as well as a hand grenade, were used as murder weapons. The incident is being investigated by the SA Police No arrests have been made thus far.

What has come to the fore is that councillor Kumalo was also the president and founder member of the Meadowlands and Diepkloof People's Party, which is Inkatha-orientated. This party has the majority of representatives in the management council of the Diepmeadow Town Council The minority of members are ANC-orientated It appears that since 1989 there has been continuous conflict between these two groups in the council The possibility that the motive for his assassination could be the result of this continuous conflict is being investigated by the police. The SA Police are using all the means at their disposal to trace and bring to justice the person responsible for the murder of councillor Kumalo as soon as possible I wish to make an urgent appeal to all the various groups in Soweto not to revert to senseless revenge actions. The killings which occurred after councillor Kumalo's funeral on 28 April illustrate this point and emphasise the fact that it serves no purpose and only leads to further friction, violence and the unnecessary death and maiming of innocent people. People must rather restrain themselves and put their trust in the police by providing any information which they have at their disposal and which can lead to the tracing of the accused by the SA Police.

Secondly, even though he was approached on numerous occasions by the police, councillor Kumalo declined the offers to provide him with a permanent bodyguard He did not regard it as necessary When the attack was made on his life, he was therefore not being protected. At Police insistence councillor Kumalo was given training by Police instructors in self-defence and the handling of firearms. He was issued with a

firearm for self-protection and the protection of his family A permanent guard was posted at his residence.

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Mr P G SOAL: Mr Speaker, I have been advised by a number of people to whom I have spoken in the course of the past ten days or so that Moses Kumalo was a good man He was described as a straight man He was not regarded as a rogue He was well-liked, and it was said that he worked within the constraints of the system However, therein lies the rub, because this Government brought him into the system by creating separate local authorities based on apartheid The councils became a flashpoint of violence

The Government ran newspaper advertisements in 1988 encouraging participation in the system of separate local government Once they had attracted individuals of the calibre of Moses Kumalo, I believe it was incumbent on the Government to protect those who had stuck their necks out, particularly if they had become the target of those who wanted to eliminate or certainly intimidate them In Mr Kumalo's case I am advised that he had survived several assassination attempts before his brutal murder. On one occasion he was attacked by unknown assailants firing AK-47's, but he escaped unharmed. His home had also been petrol-bombed

I had heard of the conflict in the council that the hon the Minister refers to, and I want to concede that life is very difficult in places like Soweto If one reads a report like the one that appeared in the *Sunday Times* this past weekend by Sipho Ngcobo, one realises the immensity of the problem in Soweto Mr Ngcobo spent six hours in Soweto last Thursday evening and "came to the conclusion that he had been with a group of dedicated professionals who risk their lives trying to protect innocent victims in the strife-torn townships " So this is true of the overwhelming majority of the policemen and policewomen that we have in the SA Police

Mr SPEAKER Order! I regret the hon member's time has expired. I put the question.

Mr J J C BOTHA: Mr Speaker . .

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Pardon me I unfortunately allocated only two minutes instead of three to the hon member for Johannesburg North. The hon member may proceed with his speech.

Mr P G SOAL: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Last week we had an interpellation about crime in the suburbs and the fact that this cannot be coped with That is happening in the townships as well The point is that there are not enough policemen to deal with what is going on, but in addition there are rogue elements in the Force that this Government has not been able to cope with, and that is evidenced by the remarks of that one policeman last weekend who said that people should wait until night if they wanted to kill Mandela. That is the tip of the iceberg

I understand the hon the State President apparently addressed senior policemen soon after he took office to tell them that things have changed That has not seeped through to all in the Force. The hon the Minister has to ensure that all in the SA Police are on his side and want to work against crime and intimidation.

Sipho Ngcobo in the *Sunday Times* and the Rev Frank Chikane in *The Citizen* last Friday described scenes similar to what one would expect in Beirut If we do not want the whole of South Africa to go up in smoke, the hon the Minister must get into gear [Interjections]

*Mr SPEAKER Order! The hon member for

*Mr J J C BOTHA: Wonderboom .

*Mr SPEAKER. Order! I can see it is the hon member for Wonderboom I have before me the name of the hon member for Ermelo, who would have been the next speaker. [Interjections.]

I should appreciate it if the Whips would examine the speakers' lists before the start of the proceedings and ensure that they are in order I call upon the hon member for Wonderboom to speak.

*Mr J J C BOTHA: Mr Speaker, when one looks at this interpellation, the question is not whether Moses is dead. The question which arises is whether or not the police did their work I want to say that the CP has had enough of the DP's unnecessary attacks on the SA Police [Interjections.]

The question we have to answer is whether the police did their work. Then we have to look at the facts. Firstly, Moses was trained by the SA Police to handle weapons. Secondly, Moses was provided with a weapon. [Interjections.] He was

provided with a weapon with which to protect himself and his family.

*AN HON MEMBER: Who is Moses?

*Mr J J C BOTHA Moses Kumalo

Thirdly, his house was guarded by the SA Police day and night Fourthly, the police asked Moses Kumalo whether he wanted a personal bodyguard, to which he replied that he did not want a bodyguard.

In spite of that the DP still came forward with this interpellation today. They could have ascertained all these facts beforehand The problem with the DP and their friends in the ANC is that they hate the SA Police. [Interjections] The central problem with this interpellation is that in my opinion it is a slur on our community life that a man who offered his services to the community has to make use of police protection South Africa is on the wrong path if that is the case.

Secondly, it is no use appointing policemen to guard public figures. The power struggle in South Africa must come to an end The Zulus must be told that they are not going to govern the Afrikaners or the Xhosas. The Xhosas must be told that they are not going to govern the Zulus or whoever [Interjections] In this country every people will govern itself . . [Time expired]

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER· Mr Speaker, hon members are allowing these tragic events to deteriorate into a rough-and-tumble party-political debate, and I do not think it is necessary [Interjections] We should rather remain calm and composed about it, and see whether we cannot solve the matter.

Mr J CHIOLÉ· [Inaudible.]

*The MINISTER· I am not quarrelling with the hon member for Pretoria West He should rather keep quiet and listen [Interjections]

The hon member for Wonderboom is correct when he asks the crucial question, namely whether or not the police did their work. I want to agree with the hon member that the police did everything possible to protect this mayor's life, but surely we cannot send people after a person and station them near him if he says that he does not want any protection. Therefore I want to agree with the hon member in that regard.

The hon member for Johannesburg North said there were rogue elements in the Force

†This may be so. I have said on numerous occasions that we are not angels. There are no angels in the Force For five years I have been looking around this country in search of angels whom I can recruit for the Force, but I cannot find anyone [Interjections.]

*There are no angels; not in this House either [Interjections]

†We are all human beings. [Interjections] I want to say that the members of the SA Police are dedicated people

Mr P G SOAL. Most of them.

The MINISTER Yes, the large majority. Ninety-nine percent of them are dedicated people. They are dedicated to the protection of all the peoples in this country [Interjections]

I therefore want to say what bores me about this hon member is the fact that he is now again trying to bring the possibility of rogue policemen into this situation I think it is unfair! [Interjections] As far as I am concerned—and I pointed it out in my reply—there was friction in the council, and we do not know who is responsible for the murder of this person, but to bring in the possibility of rogue policemen is unfair to the SA Police It will not solve the problem [Time expired.]

Mr A J LEON. Mr Speaker, we have known for a long time that the hon member for Wonderboom suffers from political hardening of the arteries However, this afternoon he also proved that he was hard of hearing. The DP has gone on record, time without number, in an effort to demonstrate its appreciation for the work of the police [Interjections] That is not at issue this afternoon What is at issue are the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Kumalo I want to add to what the hon member for Johannesburg North has said I am advised of the fact that Mr Kumalo was a key central player in the Metropolitan Chamber, which has recently been established in Johannesburg, which incorporates parliamentary and extra-parliamentary elements. In that light his death perhaps has a very sinister connotation which requires urgent investigation and exposure by the police and the forces of law and order.

Not only was Mr Kumalo a key player, but we know that in that chamber there has been a very definite division of opinion between members aligned with the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal and the Soweto People's Delegation. In this light I think it is extremely unhelpful that Cast has made provocative statements such as the following.

> We at Cast believe we have to get rid of the structures of Black local authorities ourselves If we do not, the process will take too long

It is anyone's right to petition against any local authority or establishment system However, the real question is whether that rhetoric leads to unforeseen consequences. What we have to do is ask that the rhetoric and the words—which all have consequences—actually be tempered in these very volatile and tragic circumstances in which we find ourselves According to the South African Institute of Race Relations there were 409 terror attacks against township councillors and policemen during the first six months of last year. The issue which arises is that those of us—and that includes the DP—who profoundly disagree with Black local authorities should still recognise their right to exist

Mr P G SOAL: Mr Speaker, I understand that the hon the Minister said yesterday during the debate on his Budget Vote that he declared war on the AK-47s In the light of the way in which Mr Kumalo died, I am pleased that he has done so, but will he also declare war on assegais? I have here a copy of last Sunday's *Rapport*, which shows how a man was murdered with an assegai What is needed is that all dangerous weapons have to be eliminated. They have to be taken away from everybody who is involved in violence.

The problem is that the ANC blames Inkatha and Inkatha blames the ANC, so it is not a simple problem to solve What is needed is more policemen in the areas.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The hon member must come back to the specific interpellation that is being discussed

Mr P G SOAL: Mr Speaker, I am talking about the violence and I said that what was needed was more policemen to ensure that assassinations of this kind do not happen again and that the violence is brought under control

I have mentioned rogue policemen and the hon the Minister acknowledges that there are rogue policemen I do not say that such a rogue was particularly responsible for Mayor Kumalo's murder, but there are elements in the police—he is aware of this—that have to be brought under control to protect his good name The police have to be singing off the same song sheet as the hon the Minister, and I say we need more policemen and we need impartiality on the part of the police

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Speaker, I would like to come back to the hon member for Johannesburg North's statement that we need more policemen. This is correct We do not differ with him on this specific point We need more policemen and we are doing everything possible to get more policemen on the streets so that they can protect our people The situation in the Black townships is worse than in the White communities, but we are doing everything possible to get more policemen there The bobby on the beat is one of highest priorities that we have

The hon member said it was not a simple problem, and I agree with him. It is a very involved problem and it is very difficult to solve such a complex problem That is why we fully support the hon the State President's call for a summit on violence We need the support of political leaders at that summit. The police can do their utmost, but we do not have enough policemen to guard every person in this country We need assistance, guidelines and support from political leaders, who must try to control their people.

Therefore I agree with the hon member for Houghton when he says that we must temper our words We must stop the war talk in this country We must get rid of it We must calm down the emotions We must not inflame them I am afraid this is what is still happening from too many platforms. We are still busy with war talk We are still inciting people and getting their emotions inflamed, because this seems a nice thing to do

*There are other friends who are listening to me now. They are welcome to do so. We really should stop all this emotional talk which incites people. They must calm down so that we could once again have peace in this country Then people like Moses Kumalo, who was a valuable

member of the community, would be able to stay alive to do their share in building a new South Africa [Time expired.]

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For written reply.

General Affairs.

IDT: total amount voted

*1 Mr J CHIOLÉ asked the Minister of Finance.†

(a) What total amount was voted to the Independent Development Trust in the 1990-91 financial year and (b) (i) how and (ii) when was this money (aa) allocated and (bb) spent?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (Dr T G Alant)

The hon member is referred to the written reply to Question 2 in the House of Representatives, which was handed in on 15 April 1991 (Hansard, col 1031)

†Mr J CHIOLÉ: Mr Speaker, arising from the reply in Hansard in which was reported that the focus area is housing, education and health, and that more than R1 300 million has been spent on this, I should like to know whether any funds were voted in respect of White housing

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, these funds were voted for the poorest among the poor [Interjections.]

†Mr J CHIOLÉ. Mr Speaker, further arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I should like to know whether he is aware that R14 million is needed most urgently for the upgrading and restoration of White sub-economical housing in the constituencies of Pretoria West and Hercules, and if there is any possibility that initiatives may be launched to channel that amount for White sub-economical housing from those funds

†The DEPUTY MINISTER· Mr Speaker, I am not ready to answer the hon member's question, and I suggest that he places the question on the Question Paper so that the responsible Minister may answer it [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER. Order! I put Question 2 [Interjections.] Order! The hon member for Hercules should constrain himself. When the Chair is engaged in announcing something or addressing the House, the hon member must take this into account

Political exiles: number/cost

*2. Mr J CHIOLÉ asked the Minister of Home Affairs.†

(1) (a) What is the estimated number of political exiles that will return to South Africa and (b) what is the estimated cost involved,

(2) whether assistance of any nature from the United Nations, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees or any official of the United Nations is being considered in this connection, if so, what is the nature of this assistance?

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†The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

The hon member is referred to my media release of 5 March 1991, a copy of which I laid upon the Table on 12 March 1991, in reply to Question No 4 for oral reply (Hansard, cols 442 to 444)

†Mr J CHIOLÉ: Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to know if the Government envisages any financial aid in respect of the settlement of exiles If not, have explicit and clear instructions been given to the administrators of the Independent Development Trust that nothing from that fund is to be made available for the transportation, settlement or aid in respect of political exiles?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the Department has voted no moneys for the purpose of the return of the exiles The expenditure which the Department incurs, is the normal expenditure to be incurred in respect of the return of any other person to South Africa The majority by far of these people are South African citizens This affects matters such as social aid and medical care Just like that hon member has access to hospitals, they have access to hospitals This is the basic expenditure involved, and this is what it is about

†Mr J CHIOLÉ: Mr Speaker, further arising from the reply by the hon the Minister, I want to point out that I asked him whether explicit and clear instructions had been given to the administrators of the Independent Development Trust that none of the R2 000 million is to be employed for that

†The MINISTER· Mr Speaker, there were no negotiations whatsoever with the trustees of that specific trust and to my knowledge they do not contribute at all in this regard This is my information

†Adv S C JACOBS: Mr Speaker, further arising from the answer by the hon the Minister, we should like to know if any monetary aid or any other aid from the United Nations is being employed or contemplated to be employed in this regard for the returning exiles.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the United Nations' chief commissioner for refugees has rendered no direct aid to South Africa If he has rendered aid to political organisations which are assisting in this process, it is taking place altogether without our knowledge and support.

Craigieburn incident: SAP investigation

*3 Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order.†

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply by the Minister of Defence to Question No 87 on 28 February 1991, the police investigation into the incident during which two policemen were killed at Craigieburn near Umkomaas in Natal on or about 25 January 1991 has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it expected that it will be completed, if so, what are the findings;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) Yes, the Attorney-General of Natal has decided that the accused stand trial on charges of murder

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(2) No, except to say that a provisional date for a trial in the Supreme Court, Scottsburgh, has been set down for 17 until 28 June 1991

VAT: estimate

*4. Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Finance.

(1) Whether his Department has made an estimate of the non-recurrent additional cash collection in the form of value-added tax (VAT) which will arise on the eventual sale of those inventories which will be in the hands of producers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers on the date of implementation of VAT and in respect of which sales there will be no deductible input credits; if so, what is the estimated amount, if not, why not;

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†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (Dr T G Alant)

(1) No Inventories held by producers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers on the commencement of the day on which VAT is implemented will have been acquired free of sales tax by vendors VAT, as would have been the case if sales tax was in operation, will be collected only when such stock is sold and there will, therefore, not be any non-recurrent cash collection arising on the sale of such inventories.

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Pmb N3 by-pass: cost of investigation

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(1) (a) (i) What has been the cost of the investigation into and the planning of the proposed N3 by-pass route to the east of Pietermaritzburg and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) (i) when will this investigation be completed and (ii) what is it estimated will the investigation have cost by completion,

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Inkatha threat was a cry for help, says Buthelezi

Staff Reporter

The threat made by a member of the Inkatha central committee to deploy 100 000 fighters in Soweto was "a cry for help", IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi said yesterday.

IFP publicity secretary Musa Myeni said at the weekend that 100 000 fighters would be deployed in Soweto if the ANC did not halt violence in the township.

The ANC has described the IFP plan as dangerous and impractical, and blamed the violence on an Inkatha plot to attack the ANC from April 30 to May 9.

Addressing the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly in Ulundi, Chief Buthelezi said of Mr Myeni's statement: "No decision has been made as yet to take such action.

"Mr Myeni's anguished call for the ending of violence must be understood for what it was: a cry for help and a cry that enough is enough."

Chief Buthelezi said he understood the Transvaal leadership's "anxiety and anger" at attacks against the IFP.

Chief Buthelezi also denied having said at a weekend rally in Bekkersdal that he would not attend the summit on violence called by President de Klerk.

"I said I may not be able to attend the conference ... if the Government is giving credibility to the ANC's condemnation of the IFP as the cause of political violence in the Transvaal."

The IFP's central committee would consider the matter on May 18.

Chief Buthelezi said "collaboration between police and the ANC in raids on hostels is humiliating and degrading".

Neither the "revolutionary" ANC nor the Government could eradicate the township violence. This would come about only when the Government, the IFP and ANC came together to deal with it.

Yesterday, several political groups announced plans to focus attention on the township violence.

The ANC Women's League and Youth League announced plans for countrywide demonstrations tomorrow and for a day of prayer on Thursday, the deadline set by the ANC for the Government to take action to stop the violence.

The Azanian People's Organisation said it would hold self-defence workshops and rallies.

It planned to meet the PAC on Thursday and the ANC on May 16.

The ANC said its Soweto committee would host a meeting tomorrow with the PAC, Azapo and the Soweto Civic Association to discuss the Reef violence.

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No decision on impis - Buthelezi

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CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi says the Inkatha Freedom Party has made no decision regarding the deployment of 100 000 fighters to end township violence.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

The IFP president yesterday renounced a claim by Inkatha central committee member and Transvaal leader Mr Musa Myeni that the organisation would import about 100 000 fighters from Natal to the Transvaal if factional violence did not end within seven days.

Myeni said this at the weekend when he spoke to journalists at Bekkersdal shortly before Buthelezi addressed an IFP rally in the township.

Buthelezi said Myeni was not making the statement on behalf of the central committee.

"No such decision has been formally made and the IFP central committee has not received any indication that such a decision could be in the making.

"The question of sending people to the Transvaal to quell violence has never crossed my mind and it has not yet been discussed by the central committee.

"Neither did the IFP's Transvaal leadership make such a decision.

"I am not aware that there has been a decision at the Transvaal level about this," said Buthelezi, emphasising that the central committee of the IFP was the only authentic executive arm which made and ratified decisions.

Merciless attacks

However, he said: "I understand the Transvaal leadership's anxiety and anger at the merciless attacks which have been directed at IFP structures and its members.

"I can understand the anger of IFP leaders, who, like me, are saying enough is enough, and who are at the receiving end of the violence.

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New terms for detention without trial

Political Staff

PROVISIONS for detaining people without trial in terms of the Internal Security Act are to be curtailed.

The "initial period" of detention is to be shortened to 14 days. After that police holding a suspect will have to go to the Supreme Court for a decision on how much longer detention is justified.

Legislation detailing the changes to the Act will be tabled in Parliament today.

The Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, last week announced that the banning of people, preventive detention and the consolidated list of names would be scrapped.

Provisions for bans on publications and restrictions on newspaper registrations would also go, Mr Coetsee said.

Announcing details of the new laws last night, Mr Coetsee said this was just the start of a process of review and he hoped the security situation inside the country would allow the Act to be wholly scrapped soon.

He said it was necessary for interrogative detention to remain because "terrorism and subversion" were still threats.

Mr Coetsee said organisations that promoted their aims through violent means would face banning. But whereas in the past the courts had limited jurisdiction over the decision, the Supreme Court now would be able to decide on legal grounds whether a banning was justifiable.

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Wrongful arrest claim settled out of court

JOHANNESBURG. — A civil claim by a mother and son against the Minister of Law and Order was removed from Johannesburg Magistrate's Court roll yesterday following an out-of-court settlement.

Mrs Therese Boltar and her son Stephan Boltar claimed R10 890 for injuries caused by the police and for wrongful arrest at Boksburg Lake in 1989. They settled for R6 000 offered by the minister.

The police admitted no liability in the settlement.

The Boltars claimed that the police failed to stop assaults by Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) members at a picnic at the lake.

Reiger Park (a "coloured" suburb) residents had gone to the lake to protest against its reservation for whites. The Boltars said they had gone to support the residents' protest and to show that not all whites were racists.

The clash occurred when the AWB members arrived and allegedly threatened people, telling them to leave the area.

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Fight violence call to business

THE Foundation for African Business and Consumer Services has called on business organisations to seek an end to the violence sweeping the Reef.

All sectors of the community should be involved in the fight against violence, said Fabcos president Mr T Ngcoya, otherwise the country was headed for disaster.

Speaking at the Fabcos annual general meeting yesterday, Ngcoya called for an urgent, unconditional meeting between the African National Congress, Inkatha, Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian Peoples Organisation.

He urged the Government to disarm all members of the community and to suspend all existing firearm licences.

No new licences should be issued and Government should make possession of all lethal weapons illegal.

Police should not be allowed to use live ammunition and police stations should be manned by senior professional personnel at all times, he said.

He said political groups should stop using public transport to further their political aims and called on all taxi organisations to provide adequate protection for commuters.

Ngcoya called on Fabcos to explore alternative measures to ensure the continued supply of goods, services and amenities.

Death toll in Soweto fighting soars to 71

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

FIVE more bodies were found in Soweto yesterday, bringing the number of people killed in the area since May 1 to 71.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said by 2pm on Monday the death toll had stood at 66.

Police yesterday found four bodies at Chicken Farm squatter camp near Kliptown. All the victims had been shot. Another hacked body was found at Jabulani Hostel.

Residents at the squatter camp said yesterday there had been shooting in the area on Monday night. They claimed the attackers, believed to be blacks and whites travelling in three minibuses, had shot indiscriminately into the camp.

Allegations

They said the attackers were accompanied by men believed to be in police uniforms.

Ngobeni said police could only act once allegations had been reported to them.

Police found the bodies of four men in Soweto on Monday. They said no fighting had been reported in these areas on Monday.

The unconfirmed death toll countrywide since May 1 stood at more than 110 by yesterday afternoon. However, this figure does not take into account the number of injured victims who died later.

Pupils ditch trash in Pretoria school

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PUPILS at Dr WF Nkomo Secondary School in Atteridgeville emptied garbage from dustbins and spread it on the floors of the administration block and demanded that the school be repaired by today.

Mr Geoff Makwakwa, liaison officer for the Department of Education and Training, said a group of pupils "invaded" the administration block and ordered the acting principal, a Mr Moloto, to see to it that the school be repaired by today.

Makwakwa said the department had received reports that the pupils collected rubbish bins and emptied them in Moloto's office and the staffroom.

By MONK NKOMO

The pupils also ransacked Moloto's office and overturned furniture.

"They then connected a hosepipe and soaked all the documents in the office," said Makwakwa.

Some of the classrooms do not have windows and doors have been broken down.

Makwakwa said he did not know if a requisition to repair the school had been submitted. He said the matter would be investigated.

Pupils in Mamelodi, who stayed away from school on Monday in support of a call by the local civic association, reported for classes yesterday, Makwakwa said.

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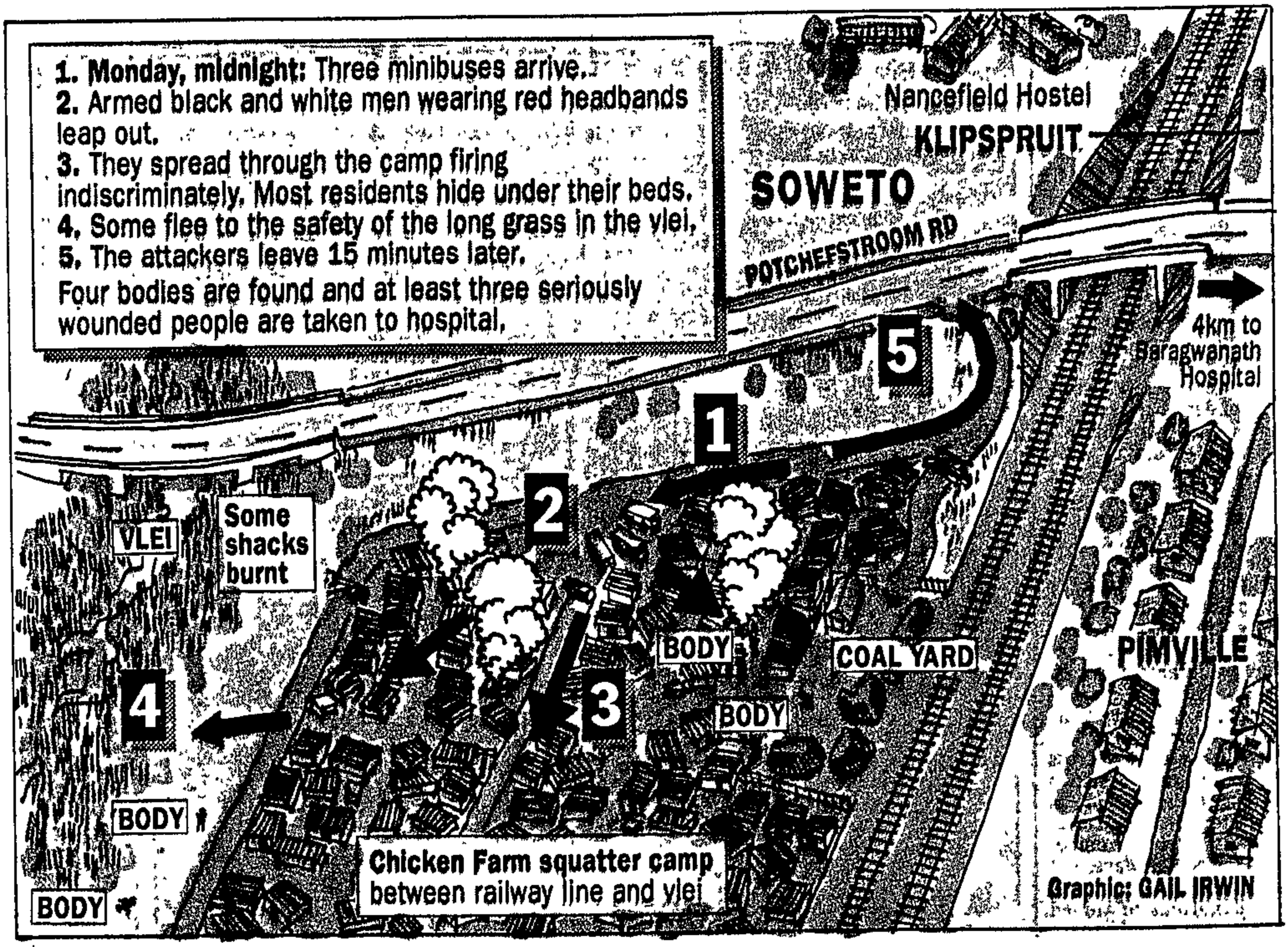

Squatters pray as gunmen let rip

By Monica Oosterbroek

Terrified squatters at Chicken Farm in Pimville, Soweto, lay in their beds praying for safety as unknown gunmen opened fire on their camp after midnight yesterday.

Mothers, children and elderly men hid in their fragile homes listening to gunfire, frantic footsteps and hysterical screaming.

In the morning, the bodies of four men with gunshot wounds were found, bringing to 70 the number of people killed in Soweto since May 1.

Residents told The Star that minibuses with white and black people arrived at the camp after midnight and opened fire with AK-47 rifles and pistols.

Masonke Mgilo (37), a labourer who came to Johannesburg to find work, was one of the victims of the shooting. He was hit in the back while trying to escape.

His cousin and roommate, Zwelibanzi Ngwenya, cried as he told how the men had shown no mercy.

Panicked

"I ran away but heard 'Sonke pleading for his life. They didn't even pause before they shot him."

He insisted that white men had also been involved.

"At first I thought they must be plainclothes police — until I saw they were shooting at us. People panicked and ran into the veld. But the men just waited for them to leave their shacks ... then bang-bang."

Another resident, John Pietersen, said he also saw white men.

"I just hid under my bed and prayed that those Zulus wouldn't come near my shack."

When daylight came, residents were subdued while they waited for the police to arrive and take the bodies away.

One woman, carrying a baby on each hip, said: "This place is too dangerous and our children see too much blood and fighting.

"It's the same everywhere."

● Countrywide, the death toll since May Day now stands at at least 129.

In a single incident, five people died in an attack on a bakkie in Kagiso near Krugersdorp on Monday night when a group of armed men appeared in the middle of Linden Reef Road in the township and opened fire on the vehicle.

Bullets

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said four were killed in a hail of bullets when they tried to run to safety One man was seriously injured.

One of the men who had stayed in the bakkie was burnt to death when the vehicle caught alight.

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May's township toll rises to 126

JONATHON REES

FIFTEEN people were reported killed in Reef townships and Natal yesterday, bringing the death toll in township violence this month to 126, of whom 71 died in Soweto, police said yesterday.

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● DE VRIES

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100 headmasters forced out

LESLEY LAMBERT

CAPE TOWN — More than 100 headmasters have been forced to leave their schools this year because of conflict which has threatened their personal safety.

Replying to a question in Parliament yesterday by DP MP Roger Burrows, Education and Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said headmasters at 95 black schools in the Transvaal and other parts of the country had been refused entry to their schools by pupils.

Last week, Van der Merwe reported in response to a similar question that the principals of six Western Cape schools — five white and one black — had been forced to leave under similar circumstances.

All had left the schools because of tension or conflict between themselves and parent, teacher or student bodies. They had been employed elsewhere in the department, Van der Merwe said.

Since February 2 last year, the principals of three colleges of eduction in Kimberley, Bloemfontein and Kroonstad had been withdrawn permanently.

CAM-Trials
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Wounded witness 'hidden away'

JOHANNESBURG. — Police said yesterday that a witness in the trial of the former bodyguard of Mrs Winnie Mandela, who was shot and wounded in Soweto on Monday, was alive but still being treated for his injuries at an undisclosed hospital.

Mr Andrew Lerothodi Ikaneng, 24, was taken to Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital on Monday after being gunned down at his home by unidentified assailants.

Hospital officials said Mr Ikaneng, who testified in the murder trial of Jerry Richardson, was moved to another hospital shortly after receiving emergency treatment at Baragwanath.

They could not name the hospital.

A spokesman said police were looking for three people in connection with the incident.

In Richardson's trial, the court found that he had attempted to murder Mr Ikaneng. — Sapa

Living side by side with fear

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For years, local residents and hostel-dwellers lived as neighbours in Meadowlands without much difficulty. Now the residents wonder why the men in the hostels suddenly started crossing the road to attack without reason. WINNIE GRAHAM reports.

THE PEOPLE of Meadowlands, Soweto, do not sleep during the dark hours. They wait in fear, listening.

Just a week ago this neighbourhood erupted in a kind of violence most ordinary folk there could not understand.

They have been attacked in their homes, had their houses petrol-bombed, their windows smashed, their lives threatened — yet few know how the trouble started or why it continues.

The perplexity of the local residents is apparent to anyone who visits zones 4 and 5 in Meadowlands.

The overcrowded Soweto suburb has always had its share of problems even now, sewers overflowing into the streets are an everyday occurrence over which no one seems to have much control.

In spite of the problems, however, the community was well-ordered children went to school, street vendors sold fruit and vegetables at the station, women did their household chores

The violence, however, has changed that. The local school is deserted, there is no one at the railway station and women are even reluctant to hang out their washing

The narrow streets are barricaded with rocks, tree stumps, bits of concrete or metal spikes Residents afraid of being attacked from fast-moving vehicles have placed obstacles in the way to prevent cars or trucks from moving freely.

They say the trouble started when Inkatha supporters from Dube hostel attacked nearby houses without provocation. Others claim the thuggery of some Soweto youths — who have embarked on revenge attacks — is contributing to the violence.

Nearly everyone claims they are not receiving adequate police protection — particularly after dark.

A visit to Meadowlands this week showed that several houses overlooking Dube hostel have been badly damaged. Most are deserted

In one street, just a block from the hostel, there is a noticeable absence of children. Parents have sent their offspring to stay with families and friends in safer places.

A few nodded approval when the police arrived to erect razor wire between Dube hostel and Meadowlands houses.

A woman, who would give her name only as Neo, spoke of the fear which has ruled the lives of the people since the violence started earlier this month.

"We no longer sleep at night," she said. "We go to bed, but we are listening all the time for the sound of running feet or shots being fired. There is noise in the streets throughout the night"

The suburb is usually quiet by day but once darkness falls, families live in expectation of attack.

Rumours are rife. People fearful of reprisals do not want to be identified.

Father Dermot Mills, a Catholic priest who works in Meadowlands, has watched the escalation of violence with a sense of growing helplessness.

He has seen men from the hostels throw stones at houses, and youths aged between 15 and 25 burn down shacks. Some groups carry pangas.

"It's more than an Inkatha/ANC power-struggle," Father Mills said. "The destruction has become indiscriminate."

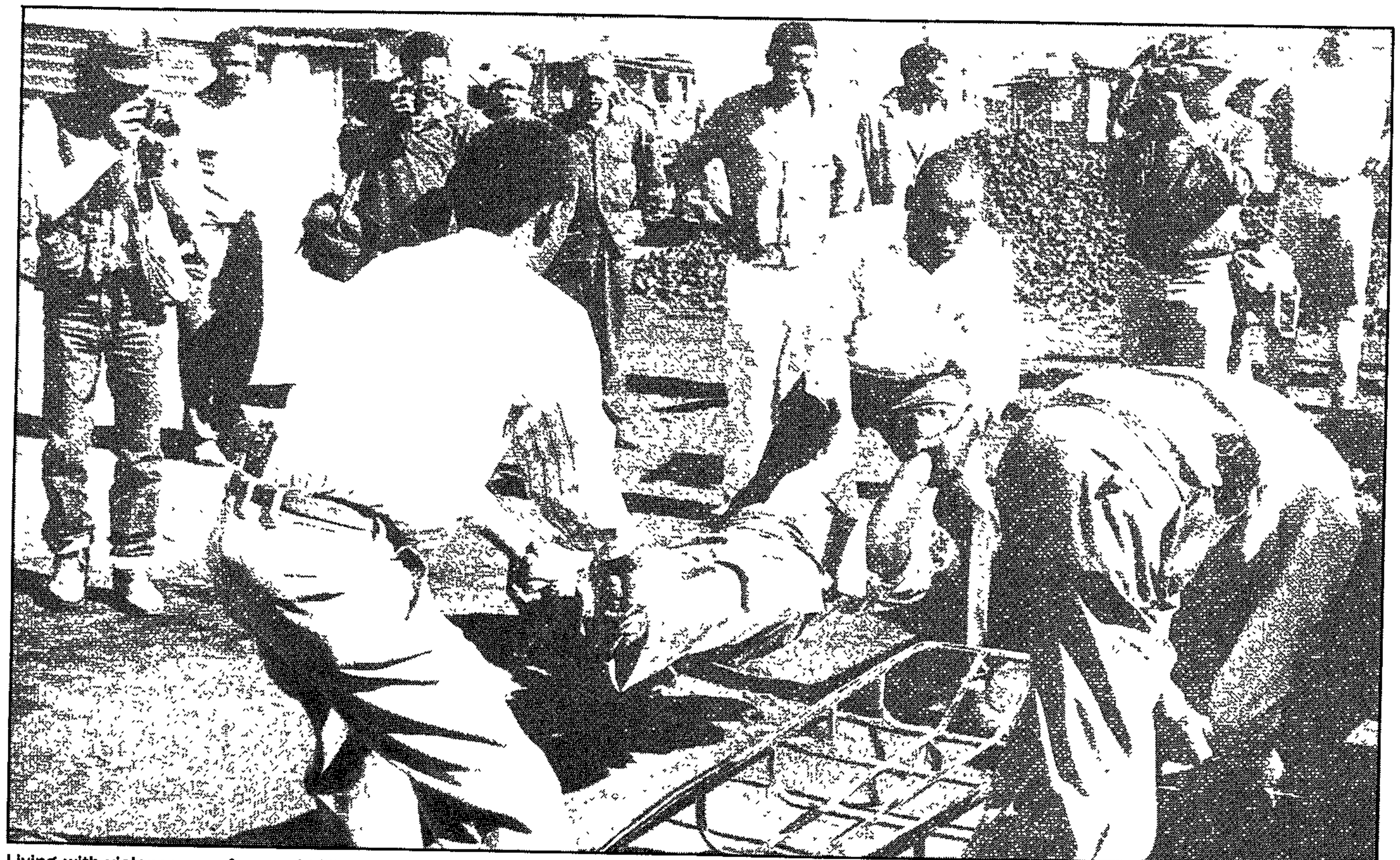
He believes the suffering of ordinary Meadowlands people has had a profound influence on many they are uniting as never before.

"They come together to pray and reassure each other," he said. "I have spent hours visiting families to show solidarity. They need contact and comfort."

A baker's truck was burning on a street corner on Monday morning. Nearby a family reluctantly responded to a knock at the door

"When trouble gets too bad, we dare not even peep out the windows," the woman said. "We hang blankets over the curtains to block out the light and noise."

So the reign of terror continues — and for most, a lock on a fragile gate remains the most visible form of protection. □



Living with violence . . . fear and killing have become everyday occurrences in the townships. In Chicken Farm squatter camp in Soweto yesterday, unknown gunmen opened fire, leaving this man and three others dead.

Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

Winnie 'smeared'

JOHANNESBURG. — Unknown people bent on destroying Mrs Winnie Mandela fed false information to the press to accuse her publicly of involvement in kidnap and assault, her lawyer told the Supreme Court yesterday.

Delivering his final argument on behalf of Mrs Mandela, Mr George Bizos said the state had failed to prove her guilt on charges of kidnap and assault, and offered probable reasons why she had been falsely accused.

He said the accusation that Mrs Mandela was involved in the vicious sjambok assault on 14-year-old Stompie Seipei and three other youths at her house in Soweto on the night of December 29, 1988, were published in the press on the strength of false information supplied by "unknown persons".

Some serious, yet completely unfounded allegations — including innuendo that she was responsible for Stompie's death and for the murder of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, were included in the press reports.

He said the reports were written in a "polemical style".

"The only inference that may be drawn is that one or more persons were giving this information for the purpose of discrediting her," Mr Bizos said.

The testimony of two of the four victims, Mr Kenneth Kgase and Mr Thabiso Mono, that Mrs Mandela initiated and participated in the sjambok assault, was contradictory and improbable, Mr Bizos argued.

Their evidence had been refuted "by clear and satisfactory evidence that Mrs Mandela was not there when the four complainants were brought to her home on the night of 29 December 1988".

The defence advocate answered the state's criticism that Mrs Mandela had failed at the time to disclose her alibi, despite being accused publicly in the press.

He said the precise date and time of the kidnap and assaults were not published, making it impossible for her to suggest she had an alibi.

Earlier yesterday, counsel for Ms Xoliswa Falati and a third co-accused, Mr John Morgan, asked the court for a finding that the state had failed to prove their clients' guilt beyond reasonable doubt.

Mr Henti Joubert, for Ms Falati, asked that if the court's finding was that Mrs Mandela had been present, an accompanying finding would be that the assaults had taken place under her leadership. "The decision to assault could only have been taken by Mrs Mandela," Mr Joubert said — Sapa

ARGUS 8/5/91

8 more dead bring May violence toll to 133

JOHANNESBURG. — Eight people have died in unrest in South Africa over the past 24 hours, bringing the country-wide violence toll to 133 since May 1.

There were no immediate reports of overnight violence from trouble-torn Soweto, where five more bodies were found yesterday, pushing the death toll for Soweto alone to 71 over the past week.

SHOTS FIRED

At Murchison, near Port Shepstone, two men were killed and four others were injured when an armed group fired several shots and threw petrol-bombs at a house.

In the same area unidentified gunmen attacked a police observation post. One was injured by one of his "comrades" in the ensuing skirmish.

Police found the body of a man with panga wounds at Vosloorus, near Kempton Park.

At Daveyton, near Benoni, a man was injured and extensive damage caused in a petrol-bomb attack on a delivery vehicle.

POLICE STONED

A soldier was injured in an attack on a Defence Force observation post at Table Mountain, near Maritzburg.

Several shots were fired by unknown gunmen.

A policeman was slightly injured at Paulpietersburg, near Vryheid in Natal, when a group stoned a police vehicle. — Sapa.

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id Training.

Pictures: BENNY GOOL

Soweto pupils go on rampage

JOHANNESBURG. — About 1 000 pupils ran amok in Soweto yesterday, stoning and looting delivery vehicles in Senaoane and Mapetla.

It is believed the rampage was sparked by the shooting of 16-year-old Maria Mokoena of Ntoane High School on Friday.

Pupils, armed with pangas, garden forks and spades, marched to the alleged killer's house.

Police said they had no record of the incident. — Sapa

Fired for protest

MMABATHO. — Bophelong Hospital superintendant Dr Thabo Rangaka has been fired by Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope, after taking part in a protest march. — Sapa

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'No action'

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The principals of three colleges of education in Kimberley, Bloemfontein and Kroonstad had been withdrawn permanently.

Yesterday's statistics showed that headmasters at 45 schools in Mamelodi had been refused entry to their schools for 53 days, while headmasters at 41 schools in Katlehong were barred for seven days.

Mr Van der Merwe said no action had been taken against the pupils involved because they had not been identified.

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15 more killed in townships

Own Correspondent

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Stringent new unrest measures announced

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Staff Reporter

Stringent new unrest measures, including a ban on all open-air meetings for 14 days and intensified security force operations, will go into effect in nine violence-wracked Witwatersrand townships from today.

Announcing the security package — known as "Operation Stabilise" — last night, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said it would be the first of "various planned measures" to combat township violence.

The townships affected by the announcement — Soweto, Alexandra, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dobsonville, Tembisa, Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus — have all already been proclaimed "unrest areas" in terms of the Public Safety Act.

However, anticipated stricter controls on Zulu "traditional" weapons were not among the measures announced by Minister Vlok.

The package includes the deployment of more SAP and SADF reinforcements, road blocks, "cordon and search" operations, stricter enforcement of the 9 pm to 4 am curfew and a 14-day ban on open air meetings.

This last measure excludes "bona fida church and sports gatherings as well as funerals".

Permission to hold other open air gatherings can be granted by the Regional Commissioners of Police.

Mr Vlok also appealed to all leaders to urge their followers to refrain from violence "and to take firm steps to ensure this message reaches all their supporters".

Reacting to the announcement, ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the ANC had taken note of the new measures and would react "in due course".

Welcoming the measures, Inkatha Freedom Party central committee member Senzo Mfayela said: "We believe the price South Africans ... are paying is so high that every responsible leader and every responsible political organisation needs to do everything in their power to end the bloodshed."

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505 arrested as wave of protests hits South Africa

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence erupted in Vanderbijlpark's Boipatong township and at least 505 people were arrested nationwide as activists mounted protests around the country.

Police had to intervene in what appeared to be a mini-clash between African National Congress and Inkatha supporters during an ANC march to the local police station to present a petition yesterday. Police fired rubber bullets to quell the disturbance.

SAP spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said a group of men lashed demonstrators with sjamboks when some of the 500 protesters allegedly blocked traffic near the Lekoa Town Council offices.

ANC DEADLINE

The protests, organised by the ANC Womens' and Youth Leagues, was in anticipation of today's ANC deadline, pressuring the government to take measures to end township violence as well as calling for the resignation of Ministers of Law and Order and Defence, Adriaan Vlok and General Magnus Malan.

The demonstrators' demands included the scrapping of the hostel system and the banning of traditional weapons.

● In Cape Town yesterday, the organised march on parliament by about 800 ANCWL members went off peacefully, despite initial confrontations with police over magisterial permission.

The march, led by Women's League president Mrs Gertrude Shope, proceeded from District Six to police headquarters in Caledon Square, where a petition concerning hunger-striking prisoners addressed to the Minister of Justice Kobie Coetsee was handed in.

● Planned pickets by Women's League members outside police stations in Port Elizabeth were stopped altogether because magisterial permission had not been granted.

● In Johannesburg, about 150 ANCWL members picketed outside the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court, while ANC Women's League vice-president Albertina Sisulu joined about 50 women in a sit-in inside the building.

● In Bloemfontein yesterday, 117 members of the ANC Womens League (ANCWL) and 10 male sympathisers were arrested when they picketed in front of the South African Police Security Branch headquarters in Bloemfontein.

Some were injured in the scuffle when riot police arrested them after warning them to disperse.

● In Durban 298 people were arrested in separate incidents, according to the latest police unrest report. Of those, 88 women were arrested outside the Department of Home Affairs in Smith Street after they had handed a memorandum to a Home Affairs official.

● In Pretoria 72 people were arrested in separate incidents, the police unrest report said.

● The ANC Youth League reported that about 5 000 youths marched peacefully to hand in a memorandum at a police station in Springs, near Benoni

Battalion 'helped curb Tokoza unrest'

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By Al-Ameen Kafaar

The deployment of the controversial 32 Battalion in Tokoza on the East Rand last year brought a decrease in unrest incidents, according to Colonel Koos Laubscher, officer in Command of the Witwatersrand Group 41.

On residents' request, the battalion had been deployed in the Temporary Military Support Base in the centre of the township, he said at a press conference yesterday.

Colonel Laubscher, who is in command of an area from Tembisa to Alberton, said the base came into use on April 5.

The soldiers would protect residents, essential services and businesses against violence, he said.

A small contingent of police would support them.

The base's central location would ensure easy access and liaison between the SADF and residents as well as quick reaction by the security forces to any troubled part of Tokoza.

Colonel Laubscher added that since August last year, continuing unrest had led to approximately 320 deaths

"The SADF has no intention of permanent deployment in Tokoza and no permanent structures are planned. The base is temporary and will be evacuated as soon as an acceptable and irreversible level of normality is reached," he said.

Too afraid to shut their eyes

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As numbers of dead roll in from violence-torn townships, the actual people behind the statistics are often forgotten. MUSA MAPISA and BRIAN SOKUTO spoke to some of those whose lives have been shattered by the confict.

THEY ARE simple statistics in most news reports on township violence: the bodies with a bullet in the back ... or a panga in the heart.

Yet the death of scores of unnamed victims who are dying in townships and squatter camps is being mourned daily by thousands of families who have lost loved ones in the wave of violence since May 1.

Loss of life and destruction of property has become a way of life for most squatter camp residents. They live in terror. Women and children have abandoned their shacks, afraid to return in case of attack.

In camps such as Chicken Farm, family life has been totally disrupted. The main preoccupation of the people is to find ways to protect themselves. "Guards" screen everyone, including journalists, entering the areas.

"From 9.30 pm no vehicles allowed in this area" declares a board at the entrance to the Kliptown squatter camp.

Deep trenches and barricades in many streets are there to deter "hostile elements", say residents.

At Chicken Farm, where four people were killed on Tuesday night, we saw two donkeys foraging on a heap of rubbish while a few residents huddled together outside their shack. There was no sign of children in the streets.

"There is no life here," says Bonisiwe Shezi.

She has been spending nights with relatives in Naledi, leaving her husband to defend the area with other men.

Just a few metres from Mrs Shezi's home, Simon Sithole was discussing with relatives how to raise funds to bury his brother, Elliot (23), whose body he had found lying near their home on Tuesday morning.

According to Mr Sithole, Elliot opened the door of his shack at about midnight on Monday night because he wanted to escape the gunfire outside.

"Just before my brother was shot I heard him plead for his life," he recalled. "He was saying 'please don't shoot me, I'm not fighting you. I'm just a Shangaan man from Maputo.'

"Then two shots went off, followed by a cry, and silence.

"I could not come to my brother's rescue for fear of being killed."

The man, a breadwinner, came from Mozambique to work in Johannesburg. He leaves his three-year-old daughter, Jonni, in Maputo.

Although Mr Sithole describes life as tough in Mozambique, he says: "I cannot stand the violence any longer, and if I survive I'll go home after his funeral."

Abelio Masingwanyi, who shared the shack with Elliot, is happy to be alive. He broke his leg as he jumped over the wall of a hardware yard adjoining the squatter camp.

A grandmother too scared to give her name told us: "Our lives have been destabilised. We have been separated from our families. We are scared. Where are we going to hide?"

Agrippa Sonjica's shack has a hole through which he saw a group of armed men on the evening Mr Sithole was killed.

"I was scared for my life, and as I peeped through the hole, my body shaking, I saw about four figures shooting at anything that moved."

A father of three, Mr Sonjica sleeps in Kliptown with his family and comes home only during the day.

Mzikayise Sibisi's three-roomed house near the squatter camp has become home for about 33 refugees who flee the shantytown every evening.

"We share what we have with the refugees, including food and blankets," said Mr Sibisi.

Though he is worried about the violence, what bothers him most is the aftermath. "What will become of all these children being orphaned daily?"

Fear is not confined only to squatter camps and hostels, as many people believe.

In Dube, Soweto, mother of six Sindisiwe Motha was recently killed by a stray bullet fired by an unknown gunman through her lounge window.

He husband Timothy said: "We were a very close family and it will be tough for the children. The older ones seem to understand, but the younger ones still ask me questions about their mother, which I have avoided answering."

He has been unable to go to work since his wife's death.

In hospital many victims of the violence — afraid for their lives — prefer to remain anonymous.

And the violence continues.

As thousands of South Africans sleep peacefully, many fear to close their eyes at night. □

Dangerous weapons seized in raid

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Hundreds of heavily armed policemen yesterday launched a dawn raid on the Mandela Park squatter settlement in Daveyton, Benoni, in search of illegal weapons.

The operation came only hours after Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok announced in Cape Town that more policemen and troops would be deployed in violence-scarred townships on the Reef in "Operation Stabilise".

Mr Vlok said on Wednesday night that this was the first of many measures aimed at restoring law and order in the affected areas. (278)

Releasing details of the raid, Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday said the police entered Daveyton at about 6.30 am and sealed off the camp.

He revealed that police had seized a number of dangerous weapons and dagga and had recovered two stolen cars.

"We would also like to make it clear that the police expect the ANC to complain about the search, just as Inkatha complains whenever we search their places," Captain Opperman said. — Sapa.

'Senseless' clash at Tembisa hostel leaves six dead

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Staff Reporters

Police manned roadblocks at the entrances to Tembisa on the East Rand early today following yesterday's violent clashes which left at least six people dead and several others injured.

The Vusumuzi hostel, the scene of the clashes involving ANC members, Inkatha supporters and the police, was this morning heavily guarded by SA Defence Force members.

Police in Casspirs stopped cars entering the township and searched them. Cars leaving the township were not searched.

Tembisa Residents' Association president Albert Tleane said yesterday's attack on the Vusumuzi hostel was senseless and unprovoked.

"How are we going to make a case against Inkatha for carrying dangerous weapons, when other people are using similar weapons?" Mr Tleane asked.

According to police liaison officer Colonel Johann Mostert, about 3 000 ANC supporters moved yesterday from the Sethokga hostel in the direction of the Vusimuzi hostel — an Inkatha stronghold — at around 2 pm.

When the police tried to prevent a clash, using teargas and shotguns, they were attacked with AK-47s and petrol bombs.

Army reinforcements and a police helicopter were called in an attempt to maintain order.

When the ANC crowd was about 200 m from the hostel, the security forces formed a line to keep the two parties apart.

The combatants broke into groups. A gun battle ensued.

Six bodies and five people were found critically injured. Many more had minor injuries.

According to police spokesmen, when security forces tried to help the injured, they were fired on again.

Tembisa Hospital staff said people had been admitted to the hospital all afternoon.

Police later entered the hostel and confiscated an AK-47 and other weapons while preventing Inkatha supporters from launching revenge attacks.

A Tembisa resident who declined to be named said Tembisa residents believed the gun battle was the result of mistaken identity by the Inkatha hostel inmates.

The resident said they saw white men, who they believed to be policemen, entering the hostel. People protecting the township were on their way to the hostel, but the Inkatha inmates and the white men started shooting at another group which the residents described as "new army people patrolling the townships".

The people who were shot at returned fire and a battle ensued.

Police said these people were 32 Battalion troops summoned to help.

According to Colonel Mostert, police entered the hostel only after the gun battle.



SADF members in Soweto take a breather during Operation Stabilise, which stepped up police patrols and unrest prevention activities on the Reef yesterday. Picture CATHERINE ROSS

Police step up township patrols

JONATHON REES

POLICE, backed by SADF troops, stepped up patrols and unrest prevention activities on the Reef yesterday to implement new measures announced on Wednesday by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Operation Stabilise saw security forces out in force in Soweto, staffing township roadblocks while East Rand hostels and a squatter camp were searched for weapons. SAP spokesman Capt Ruben Bloomberg said more policemen had been sent into townships and were being backed by SADF troops.

Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said police had mounted a three-hour search for weapons in the mostly ANC-supporting Mandela Park squatter camp near Daveyton, Springs. No firearms were found, but police confiscated pangas and sharpened iron rods, recovered a stolen car, seized a bag of dagga and arrested four men.

Homemade weapons had also been seized in raids on Inkatha-supporting hostels in Thokoza, Katlehong and other East Rand townships, Opperman said. He said the raids were aimed at scaling down violence and confiscating firearms.

Vlok banned all open air gatherings, except bona fide sports meetings, funerals and church services and said intensified security measures would include road blocks, cordon and search operations and stricter enforcement of 9pm to 4am curfews in the Reef's nine unrest areas. They are Soweto, Alexandra, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dobsonville, Tembisa, Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus.

In Soweto, Casspirs and police vans patrolled the streets while heavily armed troops equipped with gas masks stood guard outside hostels.

Meanwhile LINDEN BIRNS reports that the SADF has established a new base, manned by members of the controverial 32 Battalion, in Thokoza township near Alberton.

Group 41 CO Col Koos Laubscher said on Wednesday the decision to erect the support base had been taken after residents asked for a greater security force presence in the area.

Laubscher said residents had, through Legal Resources Centre lawyer Geoff Budlender, specified that they wanted 32 Battalion troops to be re-deployed in the area.

Budlender confirmed residents had asked for a greater SADF presence in Thokoza, but said they had not specifically asked for 32 Battalion.

The ANC has demanded the former Namibian-based 32 Battalion be withdrawn from township duties.

Laubscher said the troops had received training in "minimum force" tactics and could back the police.

Grenades, shooting push death toll to 147

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SIX ANC-supporting residents were killed by AK-47 bullets fired from an Inkatha hostel in Tembisa yesterday, after 2 000 people marched on the hostel, police said.

In another incident yesterday, two people were killed by grenade explosions in the western Transvaal, bringing the death toll this month to 147 — an average of more than 16 a day.

Police also reported the deaths, or discovery of the bodies, of a further 11 people in the Transvaal. Two people died in continuing unrest near Port Shepstone.

SAP spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman

JONATHON REES

said 2 000 "Xhosas" from Sethokga hostel in Tembisa, wearing ANC colours, marched to the predominantly Inkatha-supporting Vusi Mussie hostel yesterday. When they reached the entrance, they were fired on with an AK-47. Six died

Patrolling police who heard the shots and rushed to investigate fired teargas to disperse the crowd. Last night they were searching the hostel for the murder weapon.

Two people were killed and 31 injured in two grenade explosions when two groups clashed early yesterday morning in Hartbeesfontein's Tigane township, in the western Transvaal. Nine of the injured were in a serious condition yesterday

ANC Youth League western Transvaal chairman Moeti Moiloa said ANC members had been preparing for a prayer service for peace when a group of about 30 "vigilantes" approached and stabbed one youth. The two grenades were thrown when the injured youth's friends went to his rescue.

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Police patrolling the area were not sure who had thrown the grenades and had taken no action, said a police spokesman.

Opperman said a municipal policeman shot and killed the son of a Tembisa town councillor at 3am yesterday.

The man entered a property guarded by the policeman, refused to identify himself and approached the front door.

He was ordered to stop, and was shot dead after allegedly reaching inside his jacket, Opperman said.

In the third fatal vehicle ambush this week, two women were killed and five men seriously injured when attackers opened fire on a minibus at Azaadville, near Krugersdorp, on Wednesday afternoon, he said.

Yesterday's SAP unrest report said a group had shot and killed a man and a woman with an AK-47 in Kagiso township on the West Rand. Two homes in the township were damaged in arson attacks.

SAP Soweto spokesman Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said yesterday a body with stab wounds was found in Diepkloof hostel and a grenade and petrol bomb were thrown at a home in Mapetla.

A man was shot dead and three bodies with hack and bullet wounds were found in Soweto's Chicken Farm squatter camp.

Police found the body of a man with hack wounds in Vosloorus.

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Another victim of violence

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Learning is the loser as the township violence takes its toll in the classrooms.

PORTIA MAURICE reports

INKATHA is about to attack Alexandra High School. Rumour spreads like wildfire through the township, and fearful pupils pile out of the classrooms, crushing each other in the panic. One breaks a leg.

This alarm, last Monday, was a false one. But in Soweto the scene was the same, as it was in the West Rand township of Mohlakeng a few days ago.

Education is yet another victim of the continuing violence in Transvaal townships. Teachers and pupils fight physical and psychological battles to keep classroom business a-ticking — but in most cases, it seems, they lose.

"Pupils find it very difficult to be in class and cope with lessons," said Alexandra Education Co-ordinating Committee spokesman Mike Maile this week.

"Threatened attacks destabilise them. Pupils cringe when they have to pass the hostel on their way to school in the mornings, and when they are in the school grounds there is only one exit.

"Demoralisation and frustration has set in. Some teachers fall asleep with their heads on the desk and pupils move in and out of the classrooms at will."

The education system, says Maile, has drawn a deep divide between pupils and teachers — they regard themselves as separate entities, each fighting in its own interests. Discipline needs to go hand in hand with education, although the abuse of corporal punishment is not the answer. "Rather than thrashing the student with a fanbelt because he fails to recite his homework properly, the teacher needs to bring home to him how he (the student) will be destroyed if he does not co-operate."

At Alexandra schools, self-defence units organised along military lines are at an advanced stage — a hierarchy of commanders with an established communication channel in case of attack. Pupils feel they cannot rely on the police for protection. It was traffic cops who alerted them to the recent rumoured attack, they claim. The large army contingent patrolling the township was not around. Student scepticism was also aggravated by the recent murder of local Congress of South African Students leaders after a vigil to mourn unrest victims.

The issue of arms is a thorny one though.

"We don't want a Natal situation where pupils go to school with guns and teachers with pangas," says Maile. "They cannot take the law into their own hands, but they need to defend themselves."

Meanwhile, in Senaoane, Soweto this week, about 1 000 pupils stoned and looted delivery trucks, in a bid to avenge the fatal shooting of a colleague, 16-year-old Maria Mokoena. Armed with pangas, garden forks and spades, Sekano Ntoane High School pupils marched to search the house of the alleged killer.

At the Dr WF Nkomo High School in Atteridgeville near Pretoria, pupils collected dustbins and emptied the garbage in the staffroom and principal's office, demanding that the school be repaired.

Department of Education and Training (DET) liaison officer Geoff Makwakwa said pupils had also ransacked the principal's office, connected a hosepipe and soaked all the documents on the shelves.

In Tsakane, on the East Rand, pupils forced 16 principals out of their offices on Monday, ordering them to submit their demands to the DET's Springs branch. At four high schools in the area — Mamellong, Tholulwazi, J Malepe and Tsakane — pupils have been boycotting classes since April 18.

Hans Booysen, Highveld regional director of the DET, said this week the 41 Katlehong principals whom community organisations requested to leave their schools three weeks ago were still at the department's Alberton area office. He said their return to school was being negotiated, but that the region could not guarantee effective teaching in their absence.

On the trail of

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As the violence in Reef townships continues unabated, there are growing signs of police and military involvement in stirring up the conflict.

By WALLY MBHELE and EDDIE KOCH

A SERIES of incidents reported to *The Weekly Mail* this week indicate that members of the military are involved in training professional hit-teams whose job it is to stoke up sectarian conflict in Reef townships.

Professional killers who travel in unmarked vehicles at night have killed at least 17 people on the Reef over the past two weeks. The mafia-style attacks confirm reports that a mysterious "third force" is at work in many of the trouble spots.

The South African Defence Force has vehemently denied the allegations. But *The Weekly Mail* this week gathered the following information which points to military involvement in the training of paramilitary units to fight against the African National Congress and its supporters.

● Klerksdorp municipal workers allege that SADF officers recruit labourers from the local council, give them a six-week crash course in the use of handguns on a nearby farm, issue them with weapons, send them back to work and instruct them to be on standby in case of trouble from the ANC.

● A source who worked for military intelligence told *The Weekly Mail* he knows of a military base near Barberton where members of Inkatha are trained by soldiers from the Cape Corps in counter-insurgency work.

● Self-confessed assassin Sipho Madlala, who claims to have gunned down Chief Nhlabunzima Maphumulo in Natal last month, says he was recruited and paid by officers of military intelligence and the former security police to do the hit.

● This week, Inkatha central committee member Muntu Myeni told reporters his movement was prepared to send 100 000 paramilitary fighters into Soweto. He also claimed that there were already a large number of trained fighters in the strife-torn township.

Inkatha chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi subsequently downplayed the outburst and said he was not aware of such a plan.

SADF public relations headquarters was closed yesterday due to the public holiday. Their response to the allegations will be published next week.

The SAP is conducting an investigation into Madlala's claims about security force involvement in the murder of Maphumulo, an ANC supporter and staunch opponent of Inkatha.

The SADF has acknowledged that Madlala worked for them as informer but denied that he was an agent or that it was involved in Maphumulo's death.

Municipal workers from the power station at Klerksdorp allege there is a systematic campaign to recruit workers from various departments in the municipality and to train them in the use of weapons.

A power station worker told *The Weekly Mail* that a white foreman had urged the workers to join up for training so that they could do anti-crime work during their spare time in the townships.

But another resident alleged that her brother, who had spent six weeks on a

the 'third force'

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nearby farm being trained by SADF members in uniform, was told during training he should use the weapons to defend the township in case of an ANC attack.

Details from the various informants were cross-checked and corroborate each other. There is no indication, however, that any of those alleged to have received training were involved in fighting on the Reef or Klerksdorp's black township.

Representatives of the Klerksdorp Town Council, which is dominated by the National Party, were not available for comment on the public holiday yesterday.

A former officer who served in military intelligence a year ago told *The Weekly Mail* that he had first-hand knowledge of a military base near Barberton where Inkatha members received training from SADF officers.

"There were a number of troops from the Cape Coloured Corps at the base and they reported to me that members of Renamo were also being trained with the Inkatha members," the source said.

Barberton is about 100km from the electrified fence which separates South Africa from Mozambique's war-ravaged Maputo province.

Maphumulo's assassin says he worked for the SADF for 10 years and was known as military intelligence agent number 810. He claims that the assassination was planned two weeks in advance by his superiors in the military and prominent Pietermaritzburg policeman

Madlala says he booked into a hotel in Pietermaritzburg as a guard working for a Durban security firm called Coastwatch to prepare for the hit on Maphumulo.

He added that the hit-team he worked with was issued with weapons confiscated by unlicensed owners so that they could not be traced. They were allegedly paid R5 000 each after completing the mission.

An SADF public relations officer last week said Madlala had acted as an informer for the force but would not confirm that he had worked as an agent for 10 years.

"Mr Madlala had informed the SADF on several occasions concerning stolen weapons — but he was not paid for this information and therefore was not employed by the SADF."

Late last year *The Weekly Mail* conducted an investigation based on former members of the military which revealed that the SADF ran a sophisticated counter-insurgency course for an elite team of fighters from Inkatha at a base in the Caprivi Strip before Namibia became independent

Two men who were recruited and sent for training at the camp told *The Weekly Mail* that the highly trained fighters received refresher courses at SADF farms in the northern Transvaal and were then posted to other bases around the country

The latest attack that indicates involvement by "third-force" killers on the Reef took place near Azaadville on the West Rand on Wednesday afternoon. A group of unknown gunmen ambushed a minibus, killing two women and injuring five men.

This was the third known fatal ambush this week

Six people were killed in a bus ambush on Monday afternoon in Tembisa, near Kempton Park. Earlier this week, three people were killed in an ambush in Pietermaritzburg.

Another six people were killed when a taxi was ambushed in Katlehong on the night of May Day last week.



TICKET TO TERROR ... An everyday ride on a bus or train has become a dice with death after widespread 'hit-squad' attacks on commuters

Six die in gun battle on Reef

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Six people were shot dead yesterday during a gun battle in the East Rand township of Tembisa.

Police said 2 000 armed ANC supporters from the Sethokga hostel marched towards the Vus'umzi hostel, occupied by Inkatha supporters.

Teargas fired to stop the marchers was blown away and police and soldiers were called in when ANC supporters began attacking police with stones, petrol bombs and AK-47 rifles.

Police said the six people were killed and five injured in fighting between ANC and Inkatha supporters, despite the attempts by the security forces to prevent the fighting.

Police said they were fired at when they attended to the injured. A police helicopter helped to obstruct groups of ANC supporters. The police confiscated several weapons when they cordonned off and searched the Vus'umzi hostel.

● The Tembisa City Council has become the first black local authority to ask private developers to convert hostel complexes into family units.

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A day of tears and emotions

Soweto 10/5/91

ASCENSION Day in Soweto was marked with several church services to pray for an end to the carnage sweeping the townships.

And on a bleak, windswept koppie overlooking smog-filled Tshiawelo, a group from the Anglican Church Women's Fellowship held an emotional gathering to pray for peace and unity.

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Passionate

Dressed in their traditional white blouses and navy skirts, the women filled the crisp autumn air with emotional songs and passionate, tearful pleas

By PETER DAVIES

for stability.

Their spokesman, Mrs Orienda Nqolobe, said the women had gathered to ask God for "peace", "uxolo", "khotso".

Unity

"There's a lack of unity in our country at this time, that is why we have so much violence. We point fingers at each other even though we have the same skin.

"Our children are dying, our fathers are dying, our brothers are dying. There is no togetherness in our land," she said.

Police raid squatter camp for weapons

Sowetan 10/5/91.

HUNDREDS of armed policemen yesterday launched a lightning raid on the Mandela Park squatter settlement in Daveyton, Benoni, in search of illegal weapons.

The dawn operation came barely hours after Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok announced in Cape Town that more policemen and troops would be deployed in violence-scarred Reef townships.

Named "Operation Stabilise", Vlok said on Wednesday night it was the first of many measures aimed at restoring law and order.

Releasing details of the raid, Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the police entered Daveyton about 6.30am and sealed off the camp.

Arrests

"Hundreds of police are taking part in the operation and it will continue for some time today. Unfortunately, we will only have details of arrests and the confiscation of weapons when the police return later in the day. But we emphasise that it is a full-blown operation.

"We would also like to make it clear that the police expect the ANC to complain about the search just as Inkatha complains whenever we search their places," said Opperman. - *Sapa.*

Tragedy of brother killing brother

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POLITICAL-cum-criminal violence is now rampant and endemic in Natal and the Reef. People, including innocent babies and old women, are being killed or maimed ostensibly because they belong to a certain political organisation or stay in a certain area or are related to a certain person.

Sometimes the killings are carried out in the most gruesome and inhuman manner imaginable.

People's houses and shacks are destroyed or damaged, leading to untold suffering for the victims.

These things happen mostly in the African component of the black community.

Gangs of ruthless thugs have mushroomed all over the place. We read every day of their murderous exploits, robberies and car hijackings. Acts of mayhem in our communities involve such large numbers of victims and come with such frequency that violence has lost the power to shock.

Suicidal

Many of us are dismayed by this ugly turn of events.

What has happened to our people? Have we developed a tragic suicidal streak? Are we about to descend into a Lebanon-style cauldron of fratricidal violence? What has happened to our solidarity as oppressed black people? Why has all this become our lot?

As I see it, a number of factors combine to produce this ugly situation. Some of them are the following:

* There are some in our midst who are fighting for power for its own sake. It is true that you cannot have liberation without power, but you can have power without liberation.

Those who are desperate for power are prone to employ any method, including the killing and brutalisation of their own people in an attempt to ensure that power falls into their hands.

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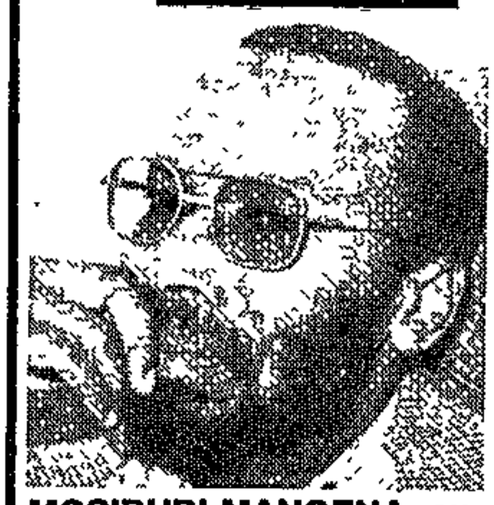

MOSIBUDI MANGENA, exiled chairman of the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania, analyses the disastrous plague of violence in our streets.

* Some of our organisations believe that they ought to be the sole and authentic vehicle for our liberation. In certain cases, some in the international community have come out in support of such a notion and reinforce it through propaganda, financial support and other means.

Such organisations tend to be intolerant of the existence and views of other organisations. If other organisations cannot be incorporated, the authentic aspirants would attempt to subdue them by force.

* Parents and teachers have collectively lost control of the youth. It is true that the youth bore, and continues to bear, the brunt of the struggle. But it is also true that the majority of these youths are politically naive, ignorant or even misguided.

They are not politically well cultivated. Hence their most dominant method of political operation is coercion of their communities. The majority of them rarely engage in political discussions among themselves or attempt to discuss issues with their own people with the intention of converting everybody to their point of view.

At school they are rebellious and ill-disciplined. They have no respect for their parents and teachers. The use of habit-forming drugs is on the increase. Such youths have become more of a menace than an asset to the oppressed black community.

* There is no doubt in the minds of many of us that forces of the regime have taken advantage of the situation to do their own killings. The escalation of violence in the black community serves to demoralise blacks, sow seeds of confusion and insecurity and diminish the credibility of the liberation movement.

Violent

When not doing it themselves, they aid and abet the so-called conservative organisations in the black community in their struggle to violently subdue the activists.

* Many among us still suffer from a severe infliction of colonial mentality or inferiority complex.

In my opinion, this is the most important factor of them all. This explains why the violent blacks only attack other blacks.

Psychologically unliberated people, dehumanised and degraded as they are by centuries of colonisation and racism, hate themselves and their own kind.

They consider their lives and these of their people worthless. That is why we are so cruel towards one another and seem to enjoy killing one another in the most callous fashion possible. We have the "human torch", the "necklace" and other such ghastly things which we perpetrate against ourselves.

Most of these are done in the name of the struggle, but no one has ever done them against the oppressor. The truth is that those who do these things, subconsciously love the oppressor and consider white lives sacred.

No psychologically liberated black man will senselessly murder others or allow himself to be used by the enemies of his people to destroy the black community.

Serious

Clearly, the black community is in crisis and has lots of work to do to save itself from ruin. Among other things, it ought to do the following:

* A strong broad-based, community-anchored campaign, preferably non-partisan, should be launched to eradicate violence in our midst;

* We should instil in ourselves those values that have stood the black people in good stead through many centuries of oppression and adversity; positive image, dignity, love for ourselves and psychological liberation;

* Parents and teachers should work together to re-establish discipline and respect for elders among students. They should also honestly seek to restore serious learning in schools; and

* Political organisations should educate their members and supporters (especially the youth) on proper political conduct, need to respect the masses and to tolerate the views of those we disagree with.

Protest over rising violence

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By MONK NKOMO

HUNDREDS of Atteridgeville residents marched to the local police station and council offices yesterday to demand an end to violence and the right to live in a suburb reserved for Indians.

The march, organised by the Atteridgeville and Saulsville Residents Organisation and the local ANC branch, started from the Roman Catholic Church near the township entrance amid a heavy police presence.

ANC branch chairman Dr Abraham Nkomo and Asro executive members presented a memorandum to Colonel Andries Beetge at the police station.

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Nkomo said residents were concerned about the escalating violence in the township and they would form street committees to defend themselves.

A memorandum was also delivered to acting town clerk Mr Daan Mouton at the council offices.

In the memorandum, Asro demanded the right to live in Lotus Gardens; a declared Indian residential area; an end to electricity cuts; repeal of the Black Local Authorities Act and the dismantling of all apartheid structures.

Roadblocks set up after six die in hostel battles

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police manned roadblocks at the entrances of Tembisa early today, following yesterday's clashes between residents of Sethokga and Vusumuzi hostels, which left at least six people dead and several injured.

The Vusumuzi hostel, scene of fierce fighting yesterday, was today heavily guarded by members of the Defence Force.

Police in Casspirs stopped cars entering the township and searched them. Cars leaving were not searched.

The president of the Tembisa Residents Association, Mr Albert Tleane, said yesterday's attack on the Vusumuzi hostel was senseless and unprovoked. He said the attackers had carried various dangerous weapons.

"How are we going to make a case against Inkatha for carrying dangerous weapons, when other people are using similar weapons?" Mr Tleane said.

He added that the attack on Vusumuzi hostel would cause confrontation which would lead to more bloodshed.

Police liaison officer Colonel Johan Mostert said 3 000 ANC supporters moved from the Sethokga hostel through the Ethafeni sections in Tembisa in the direction of the Vusumuzi hostel, an Inkatha stronghold, about 2pm. When the police tried to prevent a clash by using teargas and shotguns they were attacked by people using AK-47s and petrol bombs.

Army reinforcements and a police helicopter were then called in to try to maintain order.

When the ANC crowd was about 200m from the hostel the security forces formed a line in an effort to keep the two parties away from each other, he said.

At that stage, the combatants broke into smaller groups to try to attack each other and after a strong wind dispersed the teargas fired by police, a gunbattle ensued.

When the police had the situation under control they found six bodies and five people who had been critically injured, with many more minor injuries.

According to police spokesmen, however, when security forces tried to help the injured they were fired upon again.

A Tembisa hospital staff last night said that people had been admitted to the hospital in a steady stream all afternoon and that by early evening they "could not cope".

6 die in Tembisa fighting

AT LEAST six people were killed and four seriously injured yesterday during a gun battle involving ANC and Inkatha supporters and the police in Tembisa on the East Rand.

A police spokesman said about 3 000 ANC supporters had moved from the Sethokga hostel through Ethafeni Section in the direction of the Vusimuzi hostel, an Inkatha stronghold.

Police fired teargas and shotguns to try to prevent a clash. Army reinforcements and police helicopters were also called in.

Battle

When the ANC group was about 600 metres from the hostel the security forces formed a line in an effort to keep the two parties away from each other, he said.

However, the combatants found alternative routes of reaching their opponents. The groups clashed and a gun battle ensued.

When the police got the situation under control, they found six bodies and four people who had been seriously injured. - *Sapa*.

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Buthelezi . . *angry with the police*

off loot.

No one has yet been arrested in connection with the slaughter of 22 Soweto residents — one an off-duty policemen — massacred in their homes and yards, allegedly by Inkatha impis returning from the funeral of a member.

The Soweto massacre on April 28 happened in full view of police.

SAP Colonel Jac de Vries says police "had found no evidence to connect any person to the attack" — despite it being filmed by video crews, including those of the police and SABC, before a large police contingent. He would not comment on why police had not been back to take statements from witnesses.

The police have also yet to raid Dube hostel, the place to which they escorted Inkatha impis after the attack, and — according to Inkatha sources interviewed by the *FM* — a major Inkatha paramilitary command, along with Denver hostel De Vries denies that police are "siding with Inkatha."

Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi lambasted police at the weekend for searching hostels for weapons. After Buthelezi addressed a rally at Bekkersdal, four people died after Inkatha members allegedly marched through the West Rand township brandishing weapons and firing shots into the air.

Two killed were ANC-supporting squatters, apparently shot by police when stone-throwing broke out between Inkatha supporters and squatters. The other two were allegedly stabbed and shot by Inkatha impis. The police say not only stones were thrown, but petrol bombs

Musa Myeni, Inkatha Central Committee member and the powerful head of Inkatha on the Reef, threatened at Sunday's rally that, if violence had not stopped in the townships by this Sunday, Inkatha would deploy 250 000 men in Reef townships and 100 000 in Soweto "to take over Soweto armed with sophisticated weapons, not traditional weapons. This is war. We will have men at every street corner, they will not wear uniforms. But if there is any tsotsi, anyone who hijacks kombis, or threatens the residents, he will be down (killed) and it will the police's duty to collect him."

Buthelezi says he knows of no such plan. "The IFP has never made, and is not now making, decisions to meet violence with violence . . . no Central Committee decision has been made to send 100 000 fighters to protect people in the Transvaal"

The ANC membership is angry that government has taken no visible steps to meet any of the demands outlined in the ANC ultimatum to stop violence. Despite widespread and detailed publicity on arms smuggling, for example (the ANC is demanding that the police stamp out this trade), including one newspaper buying an AK-47, no major arrests of smugglers or traders have been announced. The ANC has threatened to suspend negotiations if government fails to respond to its demands.

While it is not the only culprit, government's perceived failure to release all political prisoners by April 30 (or facilitate the return of exiles by the end of December) has caused widespread anger among ANC rank-and-file — both with the ANC leadership and with government.

Further suspicions have been aroused by the claims of Sipho Mdlala, a military intelligence official now in hiding, that the assassination last month of Chief Maphumolo (a leading Zulu chief and ANC member) was by military intelligence members acting with police assistance.

The violence can surely be stopped, or dramatically curbed, if police stick to conventional law enforcement measures: arresting people displaying weapons; searching known centres of gunrunning and attacks; charging those who make politically or racially inflammatory remarks; investigating murders, assaults and thefts; and quickly bringing those they arrest to trial.

Charlene Smith

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BACK ON THE EDGE

More than 90 people died in Soweto last week and just over 143 across the Reef. But Soweto police statistics show that there were no arrests for public violence, and only eight arrests for murder, during the period April 26 to May 3. FM 10/5/91

Despite new laws enabling police to confiscate "traditional weapons" in potentially violent situations, police have seldom been seen at any rallies removing weapons. At Dobsonville hostel, scene of violence last week, police did not intervene when Inkatha impis evicted hostel residents; nor did they move from their vehicles while those impis carted

Vlok to visit scenes of terror

JOHANNESBURG. — Police manned roadblocks at the entrances of Tembisa on the East Rand early yesterday, following Thursday's bloody clashes between hostel residents which left six people dead.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok will tour Tembisa and other troubled areas today, according to police.

The Vusi-Muzi hostel, scene of Thursday's fierce gunbattle between members of the ANC and Inkatha, was heavily guarded by the SADF.

The clash saw about 3 000 ANC supporters move from Sethogka hostel to Musi-Vuzi hostel, an Inkatha stronghold. Security forces formed a line between the two groups, but failed to prevent the ensuing gunbattle.

A liaison officer for the East Rand said reinforcements had been sent into the township.

The president of the Tembisa Residents' Association, Mr Albert Tleane, said Thursday's attack was unprovoked: "How are we going to make a case against Inkatha for carrying dangerous weapons, when other people are using similar weapons?"

The body of a man with stab wounds was found at th[illegible] George Goch Hostel in Johannesb[illegible]n separate incidents in Ka[illegible]and Murchison (Natal) two [illegible]ot. — Sapa

Vaalies now want to stay

C/T 11/5/91

By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

THE Vaalies are coming south — to stay.

The high level of crime and violence, particularly on the Reef, appears to have driven many Transvaalers to Cape Town in search of jobs and quality of life.

The branch manager of a personnel agency, Mr Ken Noble, said that people were "queuing up" to come to the Cape.

Some applicants from the Transvaal had cited the high levels of violence there and the desired quality of life in the Cape as their reasons for wanting to move, he said.

A new trend among personnel agencies is that people were beginning to move down to the Cape without having first secured a job, said Mr Noble.

Local salaries were still not as high as those in Johannesburg and there was "no reason on earth" why they should not at least match the Johannesburg salaries, he said.

Mr Noble said he knew of one senior financial executive who had recently taken a R40 000 annual drop in salary to move from Johannesburg to the Cape.

National furniture removal companies have reported an increase in traffic from Johannesburg to Cape Town — and a falling-off in traffic from Cape Town to Johannesburg.

Mr Alan Jones, administration manager of a large removal company, said the trend had emerged over the past 12 months.

"There is more traffic coming from Johannesburg than is going up. Before that it was the other way round," he said.

Cape Town Chamber of Commerce director Mr Alan Lighton said the shift in the economic environment towards export growth had favoured the Western Cape.

The Chamber of Commerce has heard of several small to medium-size companies, both from Natal and the Transvaal, that have recently relocated to the Cape.

Mr Howard Goodman, member of the development executive of the Association for the Economic Development of the Western Cape, said there was some general talk in the business community of Johannesburg that business people were "showing concern" — and looking elsewhere.

Kangaroo suspects arrested

By ELIAS MALULEKE

POLICE this week swooped on a kangaroo court in Soshanguve and arrested 15 suspects who allegedly assaulted three youths "found guilty" of stealing a television set last month.

One of the victims, Harold Sello Khubayi, 15, died on April 24, three days after the assault.

Those arrested include the "judge" who allegedly passed the "death sentence" and other "comrades" who meted out "justice".

Police spokesman Maj A Vlotman confirmed the arrests which followed disclosures of the April 21 "trial" by *City Press* last Sunday.

Meanwhile, survivors Sonnyboy Mbatsane, 15, and Samuel Chauke, 14, were taken from their homes this week by two men claiming to be from the Federal Inter-Denominational Alliance (Fida).

Fida officials could not be reached for comment.

No day passes without death

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By ELIAS MALULEKE.

FOR families living next to the trouble-torn men's only hostels, there is never peace after the violence.

Each time a clash subsides they continue to live in fear of their lives.

There is no laughter. They can only talk of death and brutal assaults on their friends and relatives.

The violence which has plagued townships in the PWV areas since August last year has claimed more than 2 000 lives in the so-called faction fighting between the ANC and Inkatha.

Hardly a day goes by without a family living next to a hostel coming out to mourn over a sprawled body covered in a blanket or newspapers.

"I have cried enough, but the pain does not stop. It is only tears which have dried up because I have none left for my nephew," said Anna Mathemba.

Mathemba's nephew was hacked to death in Alexandra's 4th Avenue last week – the fourth family member she has lost to the violence in three months.

Mathemba could have been speaking for other families in other townships like Thembisa, Katlehong, Jabulani, Mapetla, Meadowlands and Vosloorus.

The scourge is the marauding men in red headbands, believed to be members of Inkatha, who have looted homes with every attack.

Some families next to the hostels have deserted their plundered homes.

For others, daytime brings relief, but when night comes they also flee to safer ground.



PEACEKEEPER ... a soldier watches over central Thokoza on the East Rand from the SADF's "temporary support base" in the township.

The presence of the army base, manned by members of the controversial former Namibian 32 Battalion and a few policemen, has helped to quell internecine violence in Thokoza, the army says, and the concept may be extended to other strife-torn Reef townships.

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While nearby Tembisa and Soweto were reeling under the latest spate of violence this week, Thokoza was relatively calm. More than 320 have been killed in the township since August but since the base was erected on April 5, there has been a "drastic decrease" in the level of unrest, the army says.

Colonel Koos Laubscher says 32 Battalion was explicitly requested by Thokoza residents and "regardless of the sporadic efforts by radicals to discredit this battalion ... there is a very sound relationship between residents and these soldiers" (278)

The ANC mouthpiece, Mayibuye, recently accused the SADF of "occupying a soccer field" and "flattening it in a way that shows they intend to stay". But the SADF says the soldiers will be withdrawn once peace is restored.

Picture: GARTH LUMLEY



Mrs Linah Khumalo, with blood oozing from her face after she was hacked with a panga, stands forlorn next to a neighbour's shack that went up in flames at Swaniesville squatter camp yesterday morning. The incident was one of the worst on the Reef in the ongoing political violence A pre-dawn attack by an alleged Inkatha impi claimed at least 27 lives and left more than 80 families homeless when their shacks were burnt down.

Pic: ROBERT MAGWAZA

Kagiso horror

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ABOUT 27 people were killed, 30 injured and 82 shacks burnt down in a predawn massacre at Swaniesville squatter camp near the West Rand township of Kagiso yesterday.

By PETER DAVIES and NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Residents said the attack was carried out by an impi wearing red headbands from Kagiso One hostel about 8km away

Police said the hostel houses mainly Zulu speakers while most of the squatters are Xhosas

And Swaniesville - also known as Mshenguville -

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In the light of the Kagiso massacre, do you believe the violence is random or are sinister groups acting according to a plan? Telephone Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise between 4.30 and 5pm today and tell the nation what you think. The hotline number is 714-8063. Listen to the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback programme on mediumwave 576 KhZ.

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Pre-dawn massacre in Kagiso

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squatters have accused the South African Police of allowing the massacre to take place unchecked - an allegation the police have vigorously denied.

Residents said that about 5.30am yesterday an 1 000-strong impi, carrying banned axes, spears and pangas, charged into the camp.

Police said a single police vehicle manned by five men was alerted to shooting in the squatter camp early yesterday morning. It arrived on the scene, police said, as the impi was leaving the area.

Members of the impi told the police crew that they were on their way to attack Kagiso township.

The police vehicle, according to a police spokesman, then escorted the impi back to Kagiso One to "avoid further bloodshed".

A police spokesman said that by yesterday afternoon Kagiso One had been cordoned off and police were trying to establish which of the residents were involved in the massacre. "There will be arrests," the spokesman said.

The impi plundered the settlement, randomly stabbing, shooting and hacking victims to death. Shacks were then looted before being set alight.

Armoured vehicles

After the carnage, the impi moved away into the expanse of veld that divides Swaniesville from Kagiso and were escorted away by armoured vehicles.

Swaniesville was tense when a *Sowetan* team arrived at about 10.15am yesterday.

Blanket-covered corpses littered the streets and angry residents milled around. A shocked woman was breast-feeding her baby next to an uncovered body that had its hands hacked off.

Squatter's shacks were smouldering. One was still ablaze, orange flames shooting into the blue sky. The owner was frantically battling the heat to try and salvage meagre possessions.

Although police confirmed 27 dead, it is feared that more residents may have burnt to death in their shacks and the final death toll could be higher.

Mr Solomon Mkunjana said he woke up about 5.30am to the sound of gunfire and screaming. He lives with his wife and six children in a tiny one-roomed shack.

He shepherded his children to the stretch of veld surrounding the camp and told them to run for their lives.

Mr Elijah Maoba, a store keeper in Swaniesville, said he was awoken by gunfire around 5.30am.

"I looked through my door and saw about 500 people with red headbands coming down the street. Behind them were two armoured cars. They were firing shots, smashing windows and burning huts as they passed by."

Maoba and his family ducked into the back of his store, where they hid behind shelves. One woman dived into a deep freeze to avoid being seen.

"They came into my yard and smashed all the windows of the shop. They were screaming: 'Where's the dog who sleeps here? He's run away'".

Mr Michael Vara, a motor mechanic, said he fled into the veld when he first heard shots being fired. His wife and three-month-old daughter were trapped inside their shack.

"The attackers burst into the hut and demanded to know where I was. They demanded R20 from my wife for my little girl to be spared."

Vara's hut was then torched, along with the 12 cars which he was busy repairing. It was virtually impossible to tell what make of car the burnt-out shells used to be.

Said Vara: "I've lost everything. My home, my workshop, my tools and all these vehicles. Two cars were mine and the rest were being fixed for customers. I don't know what I can tell them. I just hope they can understand."

Police warned of 'reprisals' by right wing

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JONATHON REES

SATURDAY's attack on a western Transvaal squatter camp by conservative farmers received unanimous support from right-wing groups yesterday, with one warning police who opened fire on "boere" to expect reprisals.

Squatters on Goedgevonden farm, near Ventersdorp, were attacked before dawn by right-wingers on horseback and in bakkies trying to force them off the land.

Shacks were burnt down and people assaulted. After police opened fire to disperse the farmers, an apparent revenge attack was launched on Ventersdorp's Tshing township. Residents said doors were kicked down, their belongings smashed and people assaulted. Three people were admitted to hospital.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok rushed to the area by helicopter. He said later he would meet the farmers again on June 1 to discuss the outcome of a Supreme Court decision on Goedgevonden squatters.

The several hundred squatters occupied the land on April 9, saying they were forcibly removed from the area 13 years ago.

Vlok said yesterday he supported the police action

Boereparty (BP) leader Robert van Tonder said police should not believe they were immune from reprisals.

Police could not always hide behind the excuse they were doing their duty. The BP sought the identities of officers commanding police who opened fire, and planned "warning action" against them.

"If they persist in firing on Boere who defend their country, the police will eventually be fired on."

He said seven people had been wounded by birdshot fired by police, two seriously. One man had a stomach wound

Van Tonder said "the civil war" would start once police began shooting white people.

We cannot stop the killing — SAP

At least 27 squatters die in dawn raid

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AT LEAST 27 people were killed and scores injured in Swaniesville squatter camp near Krugersdorp yesterday when hostel-dwellers from Kagiso allegedly launched a pre-dawn raid. The local civic association said the death toll was 70.

The attack occurred only hours after Kagiso and Swaniesville were declared unrest areas by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Police said at least 27 people sustained hack and stab wounds and 82 shacks were set on fire and destroyed.

Sapa reports that survivors said they were still asleep when the attack began at about 4.55am. A group of men wearing red headbands and armed with spears and sharpened instruments forced their way into shacks and began to attack dwellers, they said.

As they attacked, the assailants ordered all women out of the shelters, saying they wanted to kill all ANC men only, residents said.

Twelve people were killed in other weekend unrest incidents, bringing to 186 the known unrest death toll this month — an average of more than 15 a day.

Asked how the Swaniesville massacre could occur in a declared unrest area, Law and Order spokesman Brig Leon Mellet said yesterday: "We cannot stop the violence. We cannot stop the killing. We can only control it."

JONATHON REES

Mellet said Swaniesville and neighbouring Kagiso had been declared unrest areas after information was received that people were preparing for a "big fight".

SAP spokesman Maj Ray Harrald said police patrolling Kagiso were called to investigate reports of a shooting in Swaniesville at 6.30am yesterday, and found 800 to 1 000 men armed with spears and knobkieries returning to their hostel.

To avert further bloodshed, police escorted the men back to their hostel. Harrald denied allegations that police had escorted the hostel dwellers in the attack.

Police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to quell sporadic clashes and attacks on the police in Kagiso yesterday.

Police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said two bodies had been found in Alexandra township over the weekend.

☐ Sapa reports that the ANC and Inkatha held a joint rally in Umgababa area on Natal's South Coast yesterday. ANC southern Natal chairman Jacob Zuma and Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose expressed optimism after the rally that the joint peace initiative would help end violence in the area.

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27 die as Zulu impis storm Swanieville

Shantytown massacre

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Jo-Anne Collinge

An invading force of hundreds of Zulu hostel dwellers laid waste the West Rand settlement of Swanieville in just two pre-dawn hours on Sunday, leaving the streets strewn with bodies.

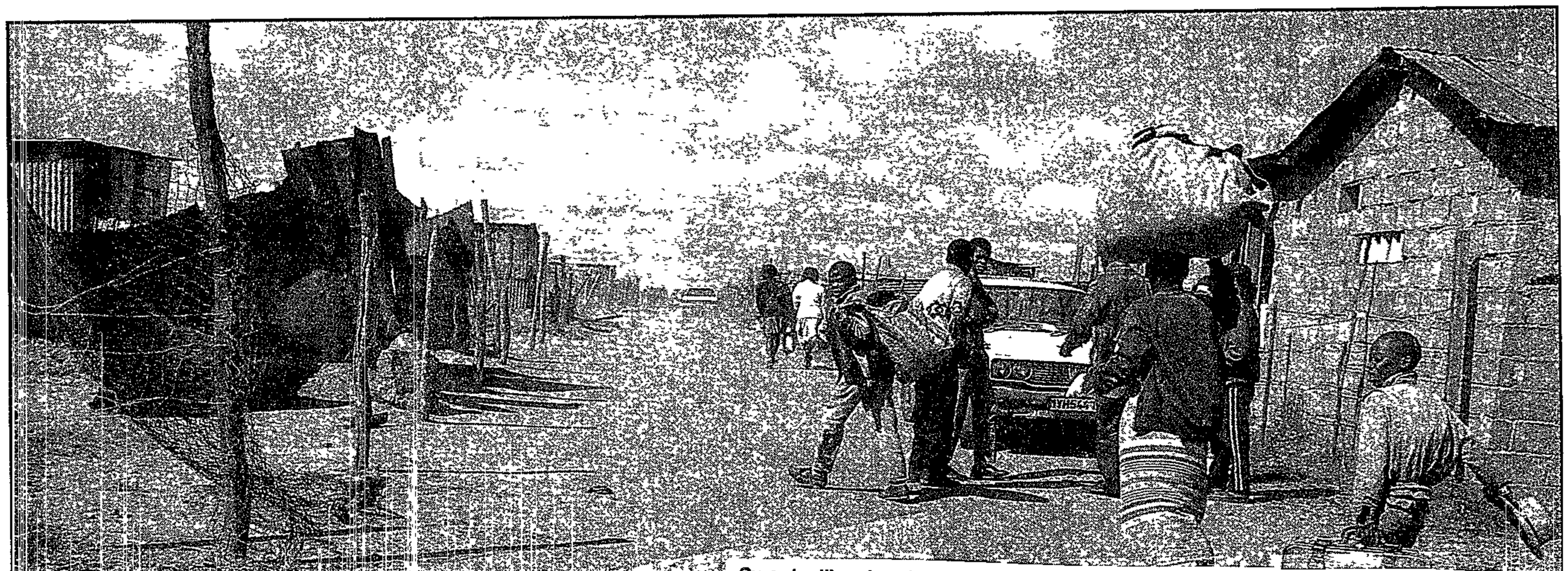
At least 27 people were killed and 30 injured as the men — widely described as Inkatha — beat, shot and chopped their way through the shantytown across Main Reef Road from Kagiso.

Police in Pretoria have confirmed the death toll.

The attack began at about 5 am and lasted for about two hours, residents said.

Many accused the police of assisting their assailants by escorting them to the settlement and teargassing Kagiso residents who had heard gunfire and attempted to come to the assistance of Swanieville.

But police liaison officer Major Ray Harrold rejected as propaganda the allegation that police had assisted the attackers. He said police had arrived at the camp at about 7 am and had to escort the attackers back to the hostel for fear that they would attack Kagiso residents.



Swanieville slaughter . . . fleeing residents carry their belongings past their burnt-out shacks in the West Rand squatter camp in which at least 27 people died and many were injured. More than 100 shacks were destroyed. The charred body of a victim of yesterday's bloody pre-dawn attack on the camp by hundreds of hostel dwellers lies in the foreground.

Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

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Battered

Moss Letlhage was one of many residents who insisted that white men wearing masks or balaclavas and red head bands, had taken part in the attack.

About a quarter of the camp, comprising between 400 and 500 shacks, was destroyed in the onslaught.

With blood trickling from under her doek, Elsie Mvokwe said she would not go to hospital until the body of her husband, Hlomela, had been removed. She told how his assailants had battered the old man before finishing him off with a pistol shot.

Late yesterday afternoon bodies were still being found in the veld, according to H Varachia of the Azaadville Civic Association. He said about 500 refugees had arrived in the Indian township, which overlooks the camp.

Residents said the attack came a week after the expulsion of Pondo and Xhosa men from blocks 4 and 8 of the Kagiso hostel by the Zulu inmates. The expelled men had sought refuge at Swanieville.

"This is the new South Africa we are seeing," said Patrick Morake. "They use our own brothers to kill us."

Burning

Solomon Loentse, standing over the body of his son Aubrey (16), spoke angrily about the curfew imposed in the area. "So people were staying inside their houses, while (there was) burning and death."

Kagiso resident Maxwell Mulovhedzi said incensed local residents wanted to demolish the hostel after the attack on Swanieville, but had been prevented from doing so by the police.

Police could not confirm this, but said the hostel was being surrounded with barbed wire.

Major Harrald said that after the Swanieville attack, sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and petrol-bomb attacks on the police were reported in Kagiso.

Police reinforcements had been moved in to stabilise the area.

Police later arrested six people during a search of the Kagiso hostel. They seized an AK-47 rifle, a .22 pistol, a .38 pistol, two Tokarov pistols and ammunition.

"Attempts were made to hold discussions with Inkatha and ANC leaders. No Inkatha leaders are available and the ANC refuses to talk to the police," Major Harrald said.

"There is no proof at this stage that the attack was pre-planned, and rumours that it was sparked off by the abduction of an Inkatha supporter are being investigated," he said.

'FW must decide if we can stay here'

Star 13/5/91.

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Residents of the western Transvaal farm Goedgevonden, whose shacks were smashed in an attempted eviction by right-wing farmers at the weekend, are demanding that President de Klerk himself decide whether they have a right to remain there.

"We are writing to the President to tell him he must make a decision. If he feels we must move from Goedgevonden, he should rather come and kill us there. But he must make this decision himself," said Levy Segopolo, chairman of the Goedgevonden Committee.

Pressure on the Government is also mounting from the Right. Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder, commenting on the police shooting of two of the farmers' eviction squad, yesterday branded the Government an enemy of the Boere.

According to Sapa, Mr van Tonder warned that further resistance could be expected and that if the police fired on members of the Boer nation, their fire would be returned.

Mr van Tonder said the Government had to realise that the Transvaal and Free State were Boer territory and they could not expect Boere to stand by while their land was taken over by illegal squatters.

About 80 families, who were removed from Goedgevonden in 1978, reoccupied the farm on April 11. At the weekend hundreds of right-wing farmers — carrying out a threat voiced by Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche at a public meeting on April 18 — attacked the small settlement.

Opened fire

They were driven back by police, who opened fire on the eviction mob. At least two farmers were injured and required medical treatment.

Many more black people were hurt at Goedgevonden and in another attack on the squatter camp adjacent to the Ventersdorp township of Tshing. They were treated by an army medical unit and at Ventersdorp and Klerksdorp hospitals.

Since their removal in 1978, most of the community have been living at Vrischgewaagd in Bophuthatswana. "They have made us become very poor through this removal. We are also human beings. We can't go further," said Mr Segopolo.

According to Mr Segopolo, there were two attacks on Goedgevonden — one carried out by a mounted posse at about 1 am on Saturday and the second at about 7 am.

Between these two events, the farmers savagely attacked the shack settlement at Tshing, smashing shacks and slashing at residents.

Mr Segopolo had nothing but praise for the actions of the policemen.

"They did their best. They were terrible to the AWB," he said, adding that the police had headed off an attempt by the farmers to demolish his own house by driving vehicles at it.

In addition, he said, a police officer had given residents warning of the raid and advised them to be vigilant.

● A township rally of about 300 people decided yesterday to boycott shops in Ventersdorp for a week in protest.

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27 die in dawn attack

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 27 people were killed and scores injured in Swaniesville squatter camp near Krugersdorp yesterday when hostel-dwellers from Kagiso allegedly launched a pre-dawn raid.

The attack occurred only hours after Kagiso and Swaniesville had been declared unrest areas by Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok, which meant an immediate ban on the carrying of a host of conventional and other weapons, but not spears or assegais.

Police said at least 27 people had been hacked and stabbed to death and 82 shacks were set on fire and destroyed.

Reports said that the Zulu attackers carried firearms, spears and sharpened objects.

ANC Kagiso branch vice-chairman Mr Serge Mokonyane said bodies had been discovered in burnt-out shacks throughout the day. He alleged that armed white men had been seen on the scene of the attack and had "softened up" squatter targets with gunfire as marauding impis rampaged through the camp.

Sapa reports that survivors said they were still asleep when the attack began about 4.55am. A group of men wearing red headbands and armed with spears and sharpened instruments forced their way into shacks and began to attack dwellers, they said.

As they attacked, the assailants ordered all women out of the shelters, saying they wanted to kill all ANC men only, residents said.

"They killed everything they could see, even dogs. It was a pure slaughter," said one tearful woman, standing outside the smouldering remains of her tin hut.

Blanket-covered bodies, many of them charred and badly hacked, lay strewn around the camp hours after the attack.

Stunned residents, many of them

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FALLEN COMRADE . . . A group of Xhosa warriors walk towards the body of a comrade killed when about 1 000 Zulus attacked the Swaniesville squatter camp near Krugersdorp just before dawn yesterday. At least 27 people were hacked to death in the attack.

Picture: AP

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grieving the loss of husbands and sons, gathered what was left of their belongings and trudged over the fields to safety. "I don't know where I'm going, but I can't stay here. It is finished," one said.

Asked how the Swaniesville massacre could occur in an unrest area, law and order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said yesterday: "We cannot stop the violence. We cannot stop the killing. We can only control it."

He said Swaniesville and neighbouring Kagiso had been declared unrest areas after information was received that people were preparing for a "big fight".

When police patrolling Kagiso were called to investigate reports of a shooting in Swaniesville at 6.30am yesterday, they found 800 to 1 000 men armed with spears and knobkieries returning to their hostel.

Police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to quell sporadic clashes and attacks on the police in Kagiso yesterday. Reinforcements had been moved into the area after stone-throwing and petrol-bomb attacks on police patrols.

"Attempts were made to hold discussions with Inkatha and ANC leaders. No Inkatha leaders are available and the ANC refuses to talk to the police," a spokesman said.

"There is no proof at this stage that the attack was pre-planned and rumours that it was sparked by the abduction of an Inkatha supporter are being investigated."

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MOURNING . . . A woman sits beside the body of her husband, who was killed in a dawn attack yesterday. At least 25 people died when about 1 000 Zulus attacked the mostly ANC squatter camp at Kagiso.

Picture: AP

Amid the havoc, terror and death

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THE early-morning sky above Swaniesville near Kagiso glowed bright orange as flames from burning squatters' shacks roared and crackled.

A woman carrying a baby on her back appeared as if from nowhere. She was staggering, dazed and bewildered, crying out for her husband. Blood flowed freely from a slash across her forehead.

This was part of the death and destruction we witnessed in Kagiso township yesterday - a sight to shock even a seasoned newspaper photographer. It is one I will not forget for a long time, said Magwaza.

By ROBERT MAGWAZA
Chief Photographer of *Sowetan* and SELLO MOTLHABAKWE

Hacked

Sowetan colleague Mbuzeni Zulu and I arrived at Mshengu squatter camp soon after 1 000 Zulus had attacked and killed at least 25 people in a matter of 25 minutes.

We saw the first corpse at the entrance to the squatter camp. It had been hacked to death. The second body lay 10 metres away. The corpse was in the dusty street. The head was almost severed from the shoulders.

Then we met the woman carrying the baby. She was hysterical and dazed.

Next to her home close by, the charred body of a man lay - possibly her husband.

Some of the injured were still dizzy from wounds inflicted by an assortment of weapons (traditional and otherwise) used by the crazed and aggressive mobs which attacked men, women and children indiscriminately.

The sequence of events as witnessed by *Sowetan* was as follows:

7.38am: An eerie silence envelops the squatter camp as its residents flee. No one is in the streets, but as we drive around people start emerging, seemingly from nowhere, crying out for help.

7.40am: At least 70 shacks seem to be burning in many areas of the squatter camp.

7.45am: A dazed and hysterical woman runs out of a burning shack with a gash on her head and cries out for help. Reporters try to calm her but she breaks away and runs off.

7.50am: Reporters stumble across the body of an 11-year-old boy lying in the dusty road.

8am: Tension is written on the faces of the squatters as they relate stories of narrow escapes.

8.05am: A man whose arms have been severely slashed by pangas tells of his escape. He says he was attacked in his shack and tried to ward off the panga blows with his bare arms - hence his terrible injuries. People were shouting "kill the Xhosas, kill the Xhosas". But, he says, he managed to break free and hide in the veld.

8.20am: Eighteen-year-old Zanele Mtungwana discovers the body of her cousin, Mandlenkosi Mtungwana covered in blood. He is lying in the dust next to his home.

8.30am: The body of a 12-year-old boy is found inside a burning shack.

8.50am: The wailing mother of dead Mandlenkosi Mtungwana throws herself on his body. She weeps that the boy was her only child.

9.15am: No ambulance, police or paramedics in sight to help the injured. Police admit later that some corpses were still lying around at 3pm. They explain that certain procedures have to be followed in a case of murder and that they are too understaffed to get to all the bodies at once.

9.30am: Kagiso township residents arm themselves to attack Kagiso One hostel. Sounds of AK-47 rifle shots come from the hostel scattering township residents. Police warn residents to stand clear and go home as the "men inside the hostel are very dangerous".

9.50am : Police fire teargas into a crowd of residents. *Sowetan* photographers are trapped in a house as the gas is fired. A two-year-old boy starts to vomit as the gas filters into the building. The parents start to burn old copies of *Sowetan* in an effort to counter the chemicals.

12.15pm: Kagiso One hostel. Several men are visible on the ground and upper levels of the hostel. A heavily armed man standing guard at the gate waves his traditional weaponry about.

Several streets bordering the hostel are heavily barricaded with boulders.

12.30pm: Youths at an intersection on the main road into the township have mounted a burning barricade and stand around. A lone police car appears and is pelted with stones. The patrol car retreats quickly.

Other streets a distance from the hostel are barricaded. Small groups of men wrapped in blankets with knobkerries walk about. There are also groups of youths or men walking singly armed with some form of weapon.

The township is visibly tense as people standing in their yards scatter immediately at the slightest rumour of an attack.

12.45pm: At a street adjacent to the hostel a resident tells us: "It is the youth who taunted these people. They were here just now wanting to attack the hostel but the police drove them away," he says.

Another resident living closer to the hostel says "these people (hostel dwellers) are protected by the police; they kill people but are not arrested".

12.55pm: Police in Casspirs have dispersed the youths at the intersection and are removing the burning tyres and empty tar drums which blocked the street.

Police action is a litmus test

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By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN and MATHATHA TSEDU

THE shooting by police of white farmers who set about demolishing a Western Transvaal squatter camp at the weekend was a litmus test.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has said on many occasions that the police would act against lawlessness from whichever quarters it came and Saturday was his opportunity to prove it.

Police opened fire on about 2 000 rightwing farmers from all over the Transvaal and Natal who went on a rampage against squatter camp residents near Venterdorp. Four farmers were injured.

"This is war. My own brother was shooting at me," one rightwinger told journalists on Saturday.

A police spokesman said yesterday they had been inundated with complaints from the rightwing.

Wasteland

But the time had come for people to realise that the police cannot choose sides, he said.

"The world is going to pass us by if we do not save the country from becoming a wasteland," he said.

Meanwhile, the Azanian Peoples Organisation warned yesterday that there was a limit to black people's patience.

Speaking from Pietersburg, Azapo secretary general Mr Don Nkadimeng said the attack by white commandos, made against blacks who say they are reclaiming land stolen from them, would not go unavenged.

He said a delegation of senior leaders of the organisation would visit the affected areas today to express solidarity with the communities and assess assistance needed.

The delegation would include doctors from the Community Health Awareness Programme.

Anger

Warning the rightwingers of black anger, Nkadimeng said the communities of Tshing and Goedgevonden had had their land expropriated by the "white racist settler regime to give to the same racist farmers who are now attempting to kill the people".

"Azapo is not going to stand idly by and watch as racist white farmers turn our people into shooting targets for weekend fun.

"Any other attack on people reclaiming their land will be seen as an attack on Azapo itself. And, as custodians of the body and limb of black people, Azapo will mobilise the entire community in defence of these people."

Azapo earlier this year pledged support to all communities reclaiming their expropriated land and has linked up with the Black Lawyers Association to provide legal assistance to affected communities.

Sunday Bloody Sunday ...

ARGUS 13/5/91

By PETER DAVIES
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Nothing could have prepared me for what I saw in Swaniesville squatter camp near Krugersdorp after the bloody Sunday morning raid by hostel dwellers from Kagiso township.

The first corpse was a man stiff on his back, hands cut off and flapping loosely by his side. There was no blanket covering the body.

Curiously there was no crowd milling round, no gaping onlookers. Instead, passersby showed only mild interest in the horrific sight.

For them, it was all too familiar.

We drove down the street. Everywhere huts were just smouldering ashes. One was still burning though, ablaze with orange flames licking the blue sky.

The burning hut's owner was frantically trying to salvage his meagre possessions — a sofa, a couple of chairs, plastic bags full of who knows what.

But there was no sense of panic. I couldn't understand it. In spite of the scorched shacks and mutilated bodies there was an eerie calm on the streets.

Perhaps the residents were shellshocked, but I think for them the scenario was tragically commonplace.

But it was the first time I had seen a dead body.

I went to speak to the chemist and his wife. They had been woken by gunshots and screaming about 5.30am.

The chemist had looked through his door and seen a 500-strong impi coming down the street. He said two police armoured cars were following.

He grabbed his family and they hid in the back room of his store.

When the impi smashed all the windows in the shop, the chemist's wife dived into the deep freeze to escape detection.

The impi stormed into the shop and demanded to see the "dog who sleeps here".

The chemist said he nearly passed out with terror because he and his daughter were just metres away, cowering under shelves.

But the chemist and his family were lucky. The impi moved on, the storm seeking new ground.

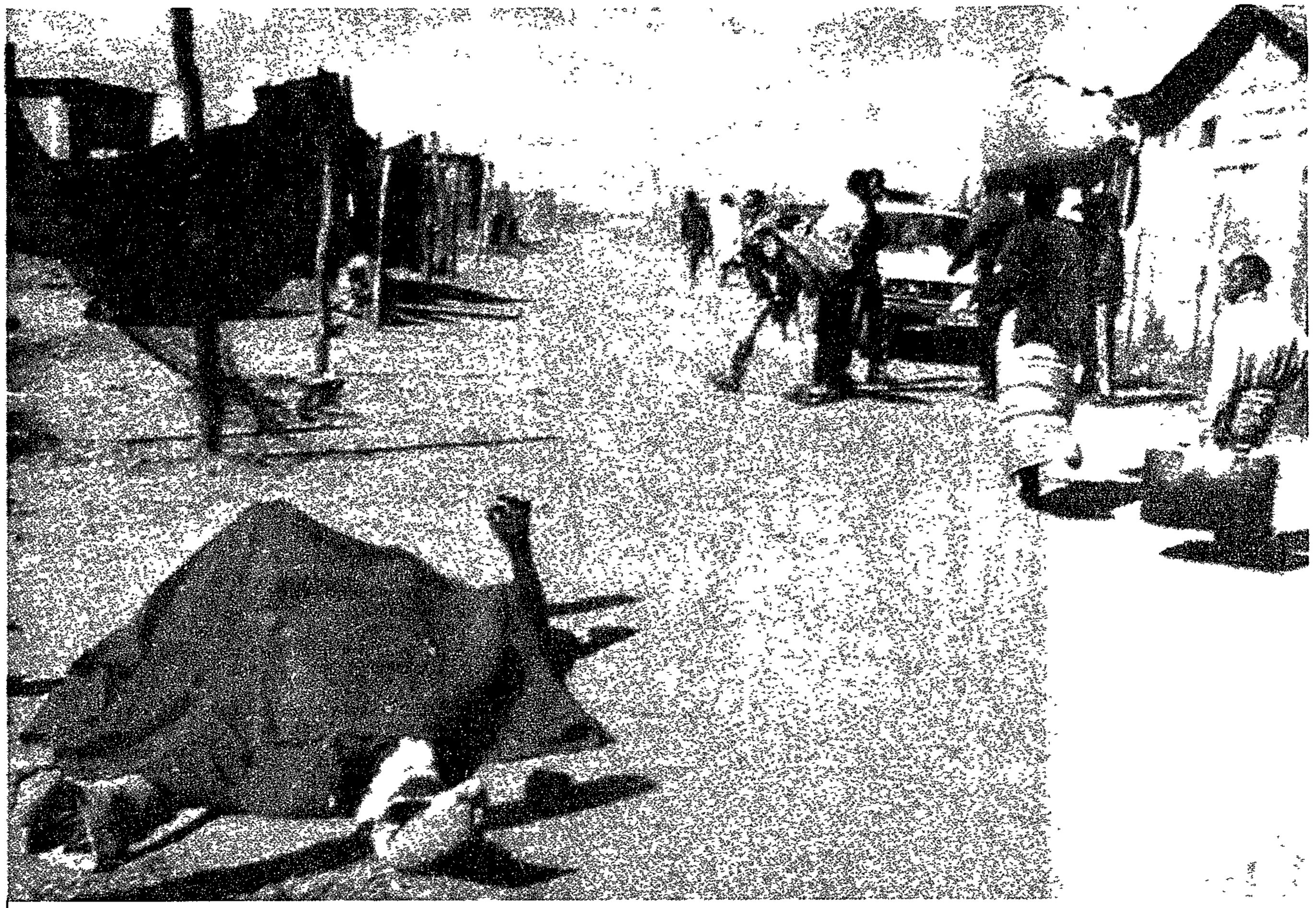
Driving through Swaniesville main street we counted 12 more bodies, mercifully shrouded with blankets.

One corpse's arms were stiffly raised, its trousers barely covering the torso. It had been burnt. Charred, blistered skin rendered the corpse unrecognisable.

A hundred metres away another victim lay, the throat an open gash.

Further down the road of death a mother wailed hysterically beside the body of her son.

My baptism of death in the killing fields of Swaniesville will haunt me forever.



NIGHT ATTACK: Fleeing residents carry their belongings past burnt-out shacks in the West Rand squatter camp in which at least 27 people died. More than 100 shacks were destroyed. The charred body of one of the victims of the pre-dawn attack lies in the foreground.

Clear police collusion — ANC

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THE ANC issued a statement today about the Swaniesville massacre. It reads:

"The African National Congress condemns the brutal massacre of scores of innocent people at Swaniesville squatter camp. The eyewitness accounts of the killings are chilling and indicate that there was clear police collusion in the massacre.

"Swaniesville and Kagiso were declared unrest areas on Saturday May 11 because the police believed there was going to be trouble. Yet it would appear that in spite of such knowledge about 800 men, wearing red headbands and armed with spears, pangas and guns, were able to walk the 5 km from the Kagiso hostel to Swaniesville undetected.

"Eyewitnesses report that the invading army was escorted into the camp by two armoured vehicles. The attack raged on for two hours, during which time at least 28 people died, more than 30 were injured and a quarter of the camp was destroyed.

"It is beyond belief that all this can take place in an "unrest" area without the knowledge of the police. The fact that the police then escorted the armed men back to the hostel, and used teargas on residents gathering in the aftermath of the massacre, reinforces the perception that police aid the perpetrators of such massacres and act against defenceless residents.

"This incident should bring home to the entire nation the need for urgent action to prevent arms of any kind being carried in public."

Warnings against rightwing action

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er boycott of white businesses in the town was likely.

Right-wingers countered with warnings of "spontaneous action".

Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder branded the government an enemy of the Boere.

Mr Van Tonder warned that further resistance could be expected and that if the police fired on members of the "Boer nation", their fire would be returned.

Mr Van Tonder said the government had to realise that the Transvaal and Free State were Boer territory and they could not expect Boere to stand by while their land was taken over by illegal squatters.

Mr Jaap Marais, leader of the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP), said he could not predict right-winger's "spontaneous action".

He said no political parties were involved and that the attempted eviction of the squatters was as a result of right-wing anger at the government's apathy.

"There is so much lawlessness, people just take things into their own hands," said Mr Marais.

Police spokesman Captain Craig Kotze appealed to farmers not to take action which would place them on a collision course with the security forces.

"Under no circumstances will anyone, anywhere in this country be allowed to take the law in his own hands," he said.

Nobody was above the law. This included the farmers. "They should know we will enforce the law against whoever breaks it ... This kind of action will never be allowed."

Captain Kotze said it was unfortunate that the farmers had chosen this time to place an extra burden on the security forces, when their hands were full combating violence in the townships.

The squatters whose shacks were smashed by right-wing farmers at the weekend are demanding that President De Klerk himself decide whether they have a right to remain there.

"We are writing to the president to tell him he must make a decision. If he feels we must move from Goedgevonden, he should rather come and kill us there. But he must make this decision himself," said Mr Levy Segopolo, chairman of the Goedgevonden Committee.

About 80 families, who were removed from Goedgevonden in 1978, reoccupied the farm on April 11.

At the weekend hundreds of right-wing farmers — carrying out a threat voiced by Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche at a public meeting on April 18 — attacked the small settlement.

They were driven back by police, who opened fire on the eviction mob. At least two farmers were injured and needed medical treatment.

Many more black people were hurt at Goedgevonden and in another attack on the squatter camp adjacent to the Ventersdorp township of Tshing. They were treated by an army medical unit and at Ventersdorp and Klerksdorp hospitals.

According to Mr Segopolo, there were two attacks on Goedgevonden — one carried out by a mounted posse about 1 am on Saturday and the second about 7 am.

Between these two events, the farmers savagely attacked the settlement at Tshing, smashing shacks and slashing at residents.

Police swoop as Swanieville counts the cost

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Squatters at the Swanieville camp were today counting the cost of the invasion by a hundreds of Zulu hostel-dwellers who laid waste the settlement in just two pre-dawn hours, leaving the streets strewn with bodies.

The area was described as quiet today, with no further attacks or deaths being reported as police continued to patrol the area.

At least 27 people were killed and 30 were injured as the men — widely described as Inkatha followers — beat, shot and chopped their way through the shanty town near Kagiso yesterday.

Six people were arrested in a police raid on a hostel in Kagiso after the attack. Police seized an AK-47 rifle, four pistols — including two of Russian manufacture — and ammunition.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said if negotiations failed to end violence the government would consider reimposing a state of emergency and banning political organisations.

"The government will have to consider this very carefully because it would cause the country a lot of damage."

Speaking on television, Mr Vlok said he would meet the head of the Inkatha Freedom Party to discuss the Swanieville attack.

Many accused the police of helping the attackers by escorting them to the isolated settlement and tear-gassing Kagiso residents who heard gunfire and tried to come to Swanieville's aid.

But police liason officer Major Ray Harrold rejected the allegation as "propoganda".

He said police had arrived at the camp about 7 am and had had to escort the attackers back to the hostel for fear that they would attack Kagiso residents.

Mr Moss Letlhage was one of many residents who insisted that white men wearing masks or balaclavas and red head bands had taken part in the attack. He said a white man had fired at him but he was not hit.

About a quarter of the camp of 400 to 500 shacks was destroyed. At noon shacks and cars were still smouldering and residents were waiting for the mortuary van to collect bodies lying under blankets.

With blood trickling from her head, Mrs Elsie Mvokwe said she could not go to hospital until the body of her husband, Hlomela, had been removed.

She said his attackers had battered him before killing him with a pistol.

Residents were packing their belongings and tearing down their shacks, in many cases reduced to mangled wreckage.

They were abandoning the camp in fear of another attack and said they would not return.

Residents said the attack came a week after the expulsion of Pondo and Xhosa men from two blocks at a Kagiso hostel by the Zulu inmates. The expelled men had sought refuge at Swanieville.

"This is the new South Africa we are seeing," said Mr Patrick Morake. "They use our own brothers to kill us."

He said Saturday night was the first night there had been no residents' patrols as a curfew had been declared.

Kagiso resident Mr Maxwell Mulovhedzi said incensed local residents wanted to demolish the hostel after the attack but were stopped by the police.

Police could not confirm this but said the hostel was being surrounded with barbed wire.

Major Harrald said that since the Swanieville attack sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and petrol-bomb attacks on police had been reported in Kagiso.

Police reinforcements were moved in to stabilise the area and steps were taken to control access to the hostels during police investigations.

He said: "Attempts were made to hold discussions with Inkatha and ANC leaders. No Inkatha leaders are available and the ANC refuses to talk to the police.

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Carnage will haunt me forever

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By PETER DAVIES

THE phone rang about 9am yesterday. I was alone in the offices of *Sowetan* and the voice on the line was calm.

Makamane Thabane said there was trouble at Swaniesville squatter camp in Kagiso.

I'm a trainee journalist doing a month's practical training at *Sowetan*. I am white and live in Johannesburg's northern suburbs.

I've read about township violence and, unlike most white people, have visited townships before. But my knowledge of the carnage in this country's townships has been limited to what I've read in newspapers.

What I've read in newspapers and seen on TV about the violence is so repetitive that I think I've been lulled into a sense of complacency - that the horror is so far removed from my life as to seem not real.

So I went to Swaniesville thinking "hey, just another bit of township trouble".

Nothing could have prepared me for what I saw.

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We drove down the street. Everywhere, shacks were now just smouldering ashes.

But there was no sense of panic. I couldn't understand it. In fact, despite the scorched shacks and mutilated bodies, there was an eerie calm on the streets.

For me though, it was the first time I'd seen a dead body.

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Cornelius Morel stands next to a "no entry" sign that bars him from visiting his family at Goedgevonden. He is among the people who moved to the farm about a month ago to reclaim their land.

3 shot dead in Soweto attack

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By SELLO MOTLHABAKWE and Sapa

THREE squatters have been shot dead in an attack on the Power Park camp in Soweto

The men were identified as Mr Memfundo Nondo (55), Mr Mkobile Mpame (51) and Mr Zenzele Ndlala (36).

A resident, Mr Ernest Nyaoza, said the three were shot dead as they approached a group of men - among them whites - who were hiding on the railway line north of the squatter camp on Sunday night

Nyaoza said: "More shots were fired at us from the railway line to the west of us by a group of men spotted earlier walking along the line"

Several squatters claim that the attackers wore white bands or doeks either on the head or arm. They arrived in a silver-grey minibus and a "hippo"

They claim the vehicles stopped some distance away south of the camp, dropped the men whom they spotted walking on the line and who later fired at them

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Marimuthoo said police rejected allegations of complicity in the incident

Vehicle

He said Johannesburg municipal police were travelling in the area about 8.30pm on Sunday night in a white rhino truck, which looked like a police vehicle, when they were shot at by four men on the railway line leading to Nancefield Hostel.

The municipal police drove away without retaliating and later three bodies were picked up at the same spot, Mariemuthoo said

He said police were investigating the deaths of the three men

Slaughter: Security is increased

By THEMBA MOLEFE and VUSI KAMA

POLICE have increased security in Kagiso and Swanieville squatter camp on the West Rand following the massacre of 28 people in a pre-dawn attack on the shantytown on Sunday.

Thirty-two people were injured when about 1 000 men armed with Zulu "traditional weapons" attacked the camp, leaving 82 shacks burnt to the ground.

But hundreds of refugees from the camp who fled to neighbouring Azaadville Civic Centre for shelter yesterday refused to return to Swanieville despite police assurances that they would get a 24-hour protection.

Rejected offer

They rejected the offer after two senior police officers tried to address them at the civic centre.

The meeting was interrupted by a fist fight between the chairman of Kagiso's branch of the ANC, Mr Uhuru Moiloa, and a Krugersdorp Town Council police officer. The fight started after Moiloa was kicked in the buttocks by the municipal policeman.

Scores of residents were seen carrying their belongings on wheelbarrows or trucks as they moved out of Swanieville. Others were still pulling down their shacks late yesterday.

The ANC's PWV region has called the atrocity a national disaster and said the incident was further testimony that police were not impartial as it repeated the ANC's call for the dismissal of Min-

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Security stepped up

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ters Adriaan Vlok and Magnus Malan.

At a Press conference in Kagiso yesterday police spokesman Major Ray Harrald said intensive and very sensitive investigations were continuing.

A detailed report would be issued later. He said to date three AK-47 rifles, several pistols and many "traditional weapons" had been seized in the hostel.

Residents told a Press conference that they saw white policemen, who were leading the impi wearing red headbands, shoot at the squatters.

A tearful Mrs Victoria Maseko said: "White men wearing camouflage uniform were firing at my shack. I saw them and as they did so the red headbanded men were setting our homes on fire.

"The boers were shouting, 'Woza Mandela, Woza Mandela' (Come on, Mandela, Come on, Mandela), as they fired their guns."

She said she fled with her baby, leaving her sick husband behind. She had not seen him again.

Another resident, Mrs Martha Boikanyo, said she saw police Casspirs move into the township with men wearing red headbands inside.

"One Hippo first went down our street and when it returned minutes later, the white policemen began shooting while the impis set the shacks on fire," Boikanyo said.

Mr Vezi Mzimkhulu said he saw balaclava-clad white policemen shoot at residents. Behind them were the men with red headbands.

Harrald denied this, saying the residents should approach the police with their reports as this could help in their investigation.

He also denied allegations that police were aware of plans by the Zulu impi to attack residents on Sunday.

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Slovo says police may be in revolt

JONATHON REES

SUNDAY'S massacre of 27 squatters in Swanieville by hostel dwellers posed the question whether there was a "large-scale mutinous" disregard within the SAP of President F W de Klerk's commitment to peace, SA Communist Party general secretary Joe Slovo said yesterday

Slovo said in a statement the killings had proved police connivance and partiality "beyond a reasonable doubt"

Swanieville residents yesterday told a news conference convened by the ANC they had seen police aid the attackers.

Police denied all allegations of complicity and announced they had arrested six men in connection with the attack.

Police had patrolled the area, but had been changing shifts when the attack occurred, said spokesman Maj Ray Harrald.

Asked how up to 1 000 armed hostel dwellers could travel 9km through Swanieville without being stopped, he said police speculated they must have moved in "dribs and drabs".

Sapa reports Inkatha spokesman Suzanne Vos said yesterday the attack was a response to the earlier abduction of two hostel dwellers by squatters

Police yesterday reported 10 deaths around SA and put the toll from Sunday's violence at 37

Impi struck during police shift change

By Guy Jepson

The 800-strong Inkatha impi which unleashed a wave of destruction in the Swanieville squatter camp outside Kagiso on the West Rand struck while local riot squad members were busy changing shifts.

This was said by police at a press conference concerning Sunday's disaster, in which at least 27 people were killed.

Spokesman Major Ray Harrald said the attack "took us completely by surprise".

He denied that police had allowed the attack to proceed. He said the Inkatha groups must have crossed about 5 km of rough terrain between their hostel and the camp "in dribs and drabs" under the cover of darkness.

Riot squad members were on a routine shift-change because there was no evidence of any violence in the area at the time.

Major Harrald and Lieutenant M Cromhout, a riot squad officer, said the first warning of violence reached the police at about 6.30 am.

A Casspir was sent to the squatter camp On arrival, the small police contingent noticed two groups of Kagiso hostel dwellers near the camp. They radioed for reinforcements.

The hostel dwellers hid as the police vehicle approached.

Police noticed a man with an AK-47 rifle in the crowd. They tried to apprehend him and fired shots, but he melted into the crowd.

The group then started moving across the veld towards Kagiso.

Britain urges restraint over violence

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Own Correspondent

LONDON. — The British Foreign Office yesterday urged all parties involved in the violence in South Africa to show restraint, as the latest carnage at Kagiso received widespread media coverage here.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the deaths of 27 people in an attack by Zulu Inkatha supporters was a "tragic loss of human potential".

"We urge all parties to show restraint and to use their influence to bring about an end to the violence."

The Independent said Sunday's slaughter in Kagiso might "help to persuade Mr De Klerk that it is time to stand up to the Inkatha leader, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who told him in a meeting last Tuesday night that a ban on spears would be unacceptable".

The report said the puzzle of how the Inkatha impi made the several kilometres to Swanieville squatter area without police impediment "was resolved in some residents' minds by the claim that police had helped to ferry the warriors over from the hostel".

For the Guardian and The Times yesterday, however, Saturday's encounter between the security forces and white right-wing extremists was more politically significant.

The Guardian correspondent said the Goedgevonden showdown "overshadowed" Sunday's massacre. While casualties were limited to a couple of right-wingers "peppered with bird-shot", he wrote, "the shock to the Afrikaner psyche was summed up by the headline yesterday in Rapport, the largest Afrikaans-language newspaper: 'The blood flows'".

"The incident gives at least some credibility to President F W de Klerk's claims that he is even-handed in dealing with political violence. And, although right-wingers will be incensed, it is not likely to enhance the standing of militant exremists of the likes of Mr Terre'Blanche. Journalists at the scene claim he was seen 'staggering around' and that an open bottle of brandy was spotted in his van."

Tension as AWB warns on squatters

VENTERSDORP. — Nervous residents of Ventersdorp's Tshing township have armed themselves with sticks and knives following rumours of an impending rightist attack, says local ANC Youth League chairman Mr John Lerefolo.

Fourteen squatters and four farmers were injured during an attack at Goedgevonden farm at the weekend.

And in a statement yesterday, the AWB warned the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, that if the government did not act after May 28 to move the squatters, they would do so themselves.

● Farmers are to meet Agriculture Minister Mr Kraai van Niekerk on June 1 in an attempt to resolve the issue, said Mr Wilco Beukes, regional chairman of the Transvaal Agricultural Union.

● The government should set its proposed Advisory Commission on Land Abolition in motion immediately to avoid such confrontations, the SA Council of Churches and the Black Sash said at a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday.

● In Parliament, Mr Dries Bruwer (CP Lydenburg) said that farmers had taken action against the squatters because they had made it impossible to farm. No one wanted to insure harvests in the area. — Sapa

37 killed on Sunday

ANC, SACP allege 'clear police collusion'

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least 37 people died and more than 30 were wounded in political violence on Sunday, police said yesterday.

Three men were shot dead, and a number of people wounded, in an attack on the Power Park squatter camp in Soweto. At least 27 people were killed and 24 wounded at the Swanieville squatter camp near Krugersdorp, when Zulu hostel dwellers went on the rampage on Sunday morning. At least 112 shacks were set alight.

In a raid at the nearby Kagiso hostel, police arrested six men and confiscated firearms and ammunition.

Two policemen, were wounded in Kagiso township when crowds threw petrol bombs and stones at their vehicles. A third man was shot and wounded, police said.

A man was hacked to death in Alexandra, and three died in Cape Town.

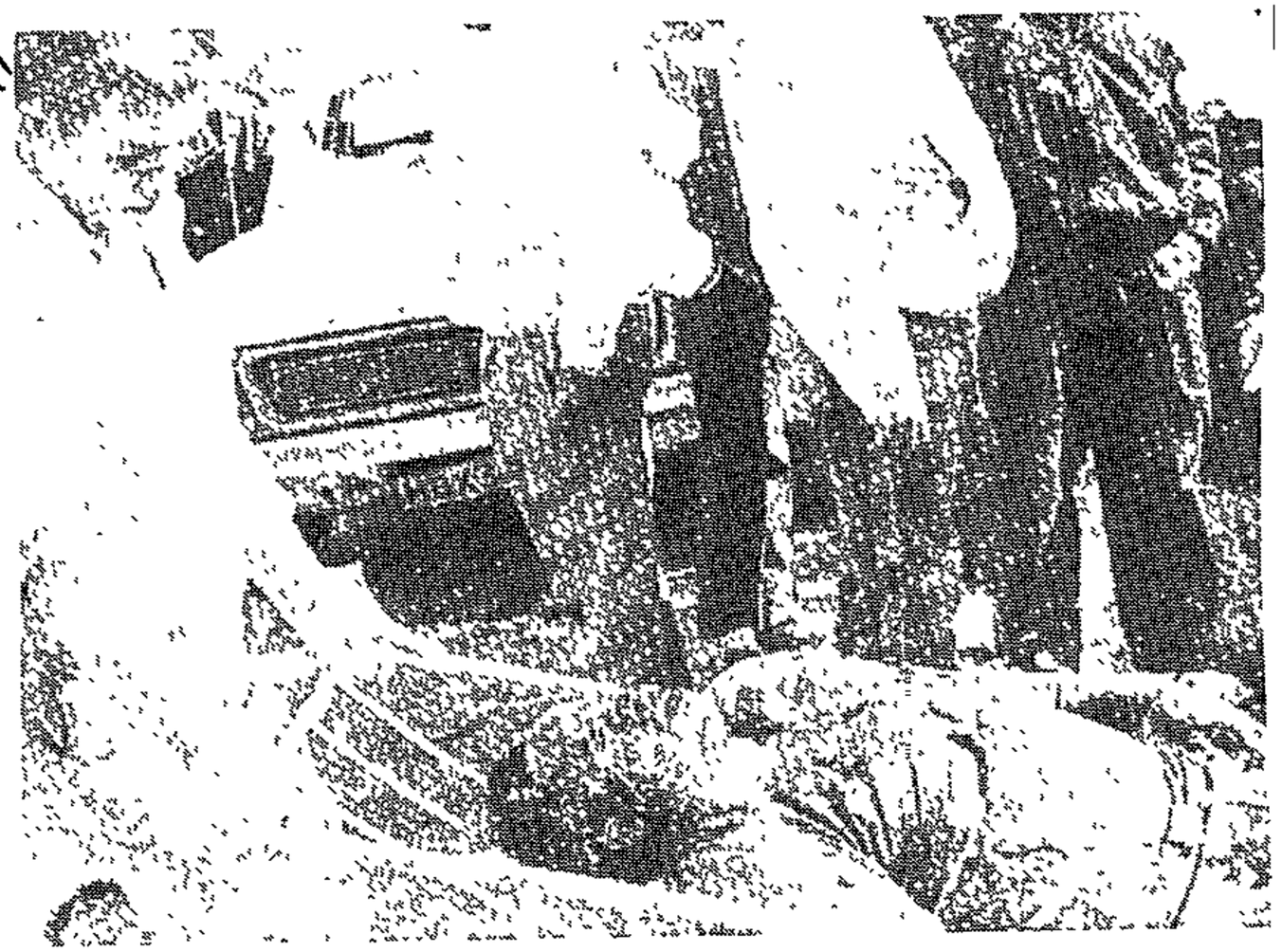
In Natal, three men were killed and one was wounded near Port Shepstone.

● Inkatha yesteday claimed that Sunday's attack on Swanieville squatter camp by an estimated 800 Zulu hostel dwellers was in response to the earlier "abduction" of two hostel residents.

● In its response to the Swanieville massacre, the ANC said yesterday that there was "clear police collusion in the massacre".

The ANC hoped the tragedy would "bring home to the entire nation the need for urgent action to prevent arms of any kind being carried in public".

● SA Communist Party general secretary Mr Joe Slovo yesterday warned that all future peace talks would be at risk "by the actions and inactions of those in charge of maintaining law and order".



"The slaughter of innocents asleep in their beds in the squatter camp removes any remaining doubt that the regime's police are, at best, unable to protect life or are, at worst, conniving at the slaughter for political purposes. We believe it is the latter," Mr Slovo said.

He noted that police arrived only after two hours of carnage, and then, "instead of rounding up the murderers, they were escorted back to their hostel".

● The "total upgrading" of hostels was an urgent government priority, the Minister of Health, Dr Rina Venter, said yesterday.

However, a government spokesman said no decision had yet been taken as to when the upgrading process would begin, or how much money would be allocated to the massive project. — Political Correspondent and Sapa

BLOODBATH ... Police remove the burnt body of one of the 27 people killed in Sunday's massacre at Swanieville squatter camp near Kagiso township. The carnage occurred after 800 Zulu hostel dwellers wearing red headbands rampaged through the camp for almost two hours.

Picture: AP

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Why squatters were attacked

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SAPOLOGA UNOLIAS

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

A 21-YEAR-OLD Inkatha man, lying paralysed at Leratong Hospital, yesterday gave a graphic account of how Sunday's massacre at Swanieville was triggered.

Mr Phillip Mbatha, of Madala Hostel in Kagiso, was first admitted to Paardekraal Hospital in Krugersdorp on Sunday with a bullet wound in his left shoulder.

He was later transferred to Leratong with the bullet still lodged in his spine.

He claims he was wounded on Sunday morning when Kagiso township residents attempted to attack hostel dwellers who had not participated in the Swanieville carnage.

Residents

Mbatha said although he was not part of the attackers, an Inkatha impi of between 400 and 500 had pounced on the squatter camp after hostel residents had allegedly been harassed by squatters.

He cited two incidents as "proof" of his allegations.



PHILLIP MBATHA

According to him, the hostel was fired on about 3am last Monday. Several windows were smashed in the attack.

However, no one was injured.

"Then on Tuesday or Wednesday, the hostel men apprehended a man who confessed that he was from Swanieville and had come to attack the hostel.

"Since then hostel dwellers had been standing guard at night in anticipation of further attacks," Mbatha said.

He said added to that, a man from the squatter camp came to tell Inkatha members at the hostel that Zulu-speaking squatters were being harassed at the camp and that some of their shacks had been burnt.

"To my knowledge, this is the only reason why the camp was attacked," he said.

Impi

Mbatha said the impi had left the hostel after midnight on Sunday for Swanieville.

He said police did not know of the attack, hence they were not stopped.

The impi had used the route along the spruit, outside the township, to reach the camp.

"I am positive that there were no white people or police who accompanied the impi.

"The only time that police were with Inkatha people was when they were being escorted back to the hostel after the attack," Mbatha maintained.

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AWB 'kommando' patrols Ventersdorp

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

About 100 armed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members arrived in tense Ventersdorp yesterday to patrol the town after residents from neighbouring Tshing township had threatened to burn down the houses of rightwingers, AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche said yesterday.

He said the men, who were armed with "all sorts of firearms", would patrol "as long as is necessary".

Mr TerreBlanche said thousands of blacks had gathered at the border between Ventersdorp and Tshing yesterday morning "and attempted to enter town".

A small police group "assisted" by about 20 AWB members, including himself, had negotiated with the township residents, he said.

"But the blacks are still gathering. The situation is very very tense," said Mr TerreBlanche.

The events follow an attack by farmers in the early hours of Saturday morning on shack dwellers in the township and on the farm Goedgevonden.

He also confirmed a rise in [illegible] families.

Stayaway over Swanieville massacre

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By Brian Sokutu

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Slaughter sparks stayaway

Workers hit back

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RESIDENTS of Krugersdorp townships will stage a one-day stayaway today to protest against last weekend's massacre of 28 people at the Swanieville squatter camp near Kagiso.

The Kagiso Residents Organisation said the stayaway had received the support of several political organisations and trade unions, including the Pan Africanist Congress, Azapo and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

A commemoration service for massacre victims will be held at 11am today at the Kagiso community hall.

It will be addressed by ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela, South Africa Communist Party leader Mr Joe Slovo and trade unionist Mr Moses Mayekiso.

Death toll

Last Sunday, hostel dwellers attacked the squatters, who were living on land owned by Krugersdorp businessman Mr Sarel Swanepoel.

KRO publicity spokeswoman Miss Nomvula Mokonyane said the Government was responsible for providing accommodation for people whose houses were destroyed in the attack.

She said the death toll had risen to 50 on Tuesday, but police yesterday insisted no more than 27 had been killed.

Another body was found in the squatter camp on Tuesday, but police did not link it to the massacre, a police spokesman said.

About 600 squatters who fled the area have been housed at the Indian community's Azaadville Civic Centre, while others have been given shelter at

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A sad mother silenced

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advice centre.

Thinane said: "The law in this township is that you should first come to us before interviewing anyone."

Rastaman said we had no right to talk to Miss Seipei.

Later Miss Seipei told *Sowetan*: "I want to tell you how I feel but these people run the township and I am afraid."

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Murderer

She said she had met the wife of Jerry Richardson, the convicted murderer of her son.

"She came to console me about the death of my son but I instead felt pity for her. We are good friends," she said.

'Township law' muffles mum

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By THEMBA MOLEFE

"TOWNSHIP law" yesterday stopped the mother of Stompie Seipei from expressing her feelings about Winnie Mandela's trial.

Miss Mananki Seipei, of Tumahole near Parys, told *Sowetan* that she was not aware that Mandela had been sentenced to jail on Tuesday for the kidnapping of four youths, including her son, and for being an accomplice to assault.

She said: "Is she in jail or not? I do not understand. And I am not aware that the trial ended on Tuesday."

Stompie Seipei (14) was taken on January 1 1989 from Mandela's Diepkloof Extension house in Soweto and never seen alive again.

Trying to talk to Miss



MANANKI SEIPEI

Seipei turned out to be difficult.

She said activists, namely the local civic association and the advice centre, had to be present during the interview.

"I was expecting you (the Press) to come here today and yesterday the people from the advice centre came to me and told me not to grant any interviews without their approval or presence."

However, she said she did not understand how a person could be sentenced to jail but allowed out on bail.

Law

"Well, I don't know anything about the law and anyway let's go down to the advice centre," she said.

At the advice centre, *Sowetan* met Mr Take Thinane, Mr Vuyo Dabi and a man who called himself Rastaman and said he was the general secretary of the Tumahole branch of the ANC and publicity secretary of the

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Massacre aftermath

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the Kagiso Methodist Church.

On Monday, the Conservative Party-controlled Krugersdorp Town Council ordered the squatters to leave the Azaadville centre.

The municipality said it was concerned about the "indefinite" housing of the refugees at the centre, which fell under its jurisdiction.

The KRO has threatened to embark on mass action against the council if the refugees are evicted.

The homeless families were given a reprieve early this week after the ANC approached the Ministry of Law and Order to intervene. Police persuaded the council to allow the families to stay at the centre until tomorrow.

The council would not say what action was planned if the squatters refused to leave the centre after tomorrow.

Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, the ANC spokesman in the PWV region, said early this week that survivors were prepared to return to their homes on condition that police assured them of a 24-hour security.

Fifteen people a day die in Vaal violence

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INJURED VICTIM: A woman stands bleeding outside her shack in Swaniesville

VIOLENCE monitoring groups believe that the death rate in Vaal townships since March 1 averaged 15 people a day.

The ANC's PWV region has labelled the atrocities in the area a "national disaster" and repeated the organisation's call for the dismissals of Ministers Adriaan Vlok and Magnus Malan.

The violence has claimed more than 150 lives since May Day and calls are mounting for an impartial commission of inquiry into the violence.

Sunday's predawn attack in Swaniesville, where 28 people were killed, 30 injured and 82 shacks razed, has provoked an outcry against the police who residents claimed assisted Zulu impis in their attack.

The police have denied the allegation.

In response to the massacre, residents began a consumer boycott in Klerksdorp on Thursday.

Meanwhile, a crucial meeting of the ANC's National Executive Committee will be held on Friday to discuss the overall situation in the country and the expiry of its ultimatum on violence.

The movement is under intense pressure from allies like Cosatu and the SA Communist Party and internal formations like the ANC Youth League, to call off negotiations with the government.

Members of the NEC are believed to be divided on the issue of negotiations and the conference on violence initiated by president F W de Klerk for later this month.

234 bodies still unidentified

Star 16/5/91

By Montshiwa Moroke

More than 200 bodies, mostly victims of township violence, are lying unclaimed in the Government mortuary at Diepkloof, outside Soweto, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the number now stood at 234.

Of these, 163 were from unrest-related incidents in Soweto and 71 from other crimes in other townships.

Some of the bodies may be those of hostel or shack dwellers, many of whom are from rural areas or from outside Johannesburg.

If the bodies are not identified, they will receive pauper burials.

Lieutenant Mariemuthoo said that since the beginning of the year, 11 unclaimed bodies had been given pauper burials.

Last year, bodies of many victims of the Reef conflict ended up being buried as paupers.

Most had been transferred from the Boksburg and Germiston mortuaries because of overcrowded facilities.

Those who wish to visit the mortuary can do so between 8 am and 12.30 pm, or call (011) 933-1011 for more information.

Mandela FURY

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This time, police MUST (278) explain: Where were they?

WLMail 17/5 - 23/5/91

By WALLY MBHELE

DESPITE attempts to explain their inaction, police still face a number of questions on their role in Kagiso township near Krugersdorp on Sunday, when about 900 Inkatha supporters attacked Swanieville squatter camp, killing 28 people.

● Why was a curfew declared in a calm Kagiso on Saturday — the day before the massacre? Did the police suspect something the residents did not know about?

● How was it possible that more than 900 armed men were able to move between five and eight kilometres in an unrest area without being detected by police?

● If indeed the attack happened when police were changing shifts, how long did it take them to change shifts? Could it have taken more than three hours as, according to their own admission, the first sign of violence in the area reached them at about 6.30am? The attack, according to residents, started at about 3am.

● Could it have been possible for the police not to notice the activity at the hostel —

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Refugees from the massacre camp at the Azaadville civic centre

Photograph: SHARIFF, Afrapix

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which is metres from the police station?

●Why did the police escort the attackers back to safety after the massacre rather than escorting them to the police station for arrest?

Kagiso activists this week angrily marched to the house of the local African National Congress chairman, Uhuru Moiloa, calling on the ANC to stay out of talks with the government and provide them with arms to defend themselves.

"Police and Inkatha are killing us," they said.

Moiloa says he didn't know how to respond.

Inkatha has already accepted responsibility for the killings. On Tuesday, Inkatha Freedom Party representative Suzanne Vos said squatters were attacked in response to the earlier kidnapping of two Inkatha hostel dwellers on Saturday night.

She promised a full report would be issued later on Monday but at the time of going to press no Inkatha report had been received.

At a press conference in Kagiso on Tuesday, residents of Swanieville confirmed "there was no sign of any violence before the curfew was declared. It completely took us by surpise."

Kagiso: Where were the police?

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Even the police admitted at a press conference on Monday there was no sign of violence in the area at the time.

Terrified Swanieville residents told *The Weekly Mail* how police came around the squatter camp on Saturday at about 9pm telling them to remain indoors as the place had been declared an unrest area.

They were also warned they would be arrested if they walked the streets at night, as unrest regulations were in force.

However, they were awoken at about 3am on Sunday morning by the sound of rifle fire.

During the next hour, adults and young children alike were shot at, and hacked with pangas and spears. Shacks were blown up with handgrenades and property looted.

The impi left a trail of burning shacks and bodies strewn around the camp.

Swanieville resident Vuyani Radebe said he heard shots fired and, when he looked through the window, he saw a group of people wearing red headbands firing at the shacks.

"I jumped out of the window and hid in the toilet and saw them hurling handgrenades at the shacks," he said.

He said there "was a lot of confusion as people were screaming and running in different directions, hacked with spears and pangas as they tried to flee.

"Police came to tell us not to move around the streets after 9pm and we were not aware that they were inviting Inkatha to kill us."

A young boy who did not want to be named said he saw white men standing by while residents were attacked. He claims white police who were armed with shotguns and driving in a Ford Sierra and Opel Monza arrived when the attack was already underway.

"They did nothing to stop Inkatha from killing. I saw them with my own eyes, they only stood and watched as we were attacked," said the young boy.

"As they drove away, they laughed at the dead and injured people."

In a hard-hitting statement responding to the massacre, Lawyers for Human Rights this week called for a "totally independent" commission of inquiry consisting of eminent and credible jurists as investigators.

"What we fail to understand is how this large group of armed men were able to move totally undetected from the hostels to the camp, which is approximately 10km away.

"The fact that police Casspirs were on hand immediately after the attack to escort the attackers to the hostels, lends credence to the allegation that the police had been involved in the attack," said LHR.

The organisation said it was astounding that while the police escorted the attackers back to the hostel, not a single person was arrested immediately.

"The arrest of only six persons where several hundred persons had been involved in the attack makes a mockery of our criminal justice system."

The statement called on the government to take urgent action and drastic steps to address the violence.

●At the time of going to press the South African Police had still not responded to the article.

The flashpoint waiting for a spark

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GAVIN EVANS drove to Ventersdorp this week, and found two communities armed to the teeth — just waiting for hell to break loose

ALL the road signs directing one from Johannesburg to Ventersdorp are plastered with posters saying *"Eie Volk, Eie Land"*

They're put there by the far right of course, but right now everyone in the area is preparing to fight for their own piece of land.

The unarmed "squatters" are living in fear of the right-wing farmers who have beaten them and smashed their houses in a bid to drive them off the land they believe is rightfully theirs The Tshing township was also raided by farmers last weekend, and its residents are mobilising in expectation of an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging attack And the far right are mobilising around the fact that for the first time since 1922 the police have fired on their own people

The 150km drive to Ventersdorp is bland, but not unpleasant A flashpast of rolling farmland punctuated by fields of dying sunflowers and massive power pylons There is nothing to prepare one for the war or rumours of war that are ripping the heart out of the tiny Western Transvaal hamlet.

Our first stop on arriving in the almost deserted CBD on Tuesday is the Yankee Fried Chicken, where they salt their chips with curry powder.

"Yes, business has been a bit slow today," a white auntie says when I ask her about the consumer boycott and stayaway. "There's no blacks except a few from the farms, but there's enough whites to go around."

From behind the counter she hands out an Afrikaans pamphlet called *VIGS die FEITE!!* (AIDS ... the FACTS!!" which warns that the opening of swimming pools and the like to blacks would lead to Aids spreading to "ower risk groups such as the whites".

At the Shell station round the corner our car is filled by a white attendant. Across the street the National Party office is vacated Even the furniture is gone

But a block away the AWB building is bustling. Trucks full of khakishirts armed with cultural weapons — R1s, R4s, .303s, double barrelled shotguns, 9mm and 44 pistols and hundreds of rounds of ammunition displayed in gun belts — are pouring in and out of the office

"I'm sorry We cannot speak to you now," the commandant on duty says politely. "We're almost mobilised now"

No-one at the police station is talking either, but there is little need for a verbal reply to the opening question. "Are things calm in the township today?"

Police cars pour out of a well-barracaded building, the policemen inside looking excited and carrying some heavy duty weaponry.

We follow them 2km to the gateway to Tshing, the dormitory township which provides the main workforce and consumer base for the town

At least 3 000 residents are surrounding the place, waving sticks, rocks, knives and pangas

"Press," we shout nervously

"Go away *umlungu*, we don't want press," shouts a man with a pointed stick

"Get back to your car. Can't you see it's dangerous," screams an SAP warrant officer.

Then a convoy of cars arrives. The Rev Paul Verryn gets out and the "comrades" guarding the gate welcome him They're all Methodist ministers who had spent a week living in the township last year. Now they're back to express support.

"I think it's important that the people here see that not all whites are like those in the town who attacked them".

We take our chances and follow. Eventually we're allowed in but no pictures — though within minutes scores of young "comrades" are posing with their makeshift weapons A few meters away the police are having a braai inside the well-fortified township police station grounds

"TerreBlanche is going to attack after 5pm," one ANC youth leaguer explains.

"But we're ready for them. This time we're prepared — and we're not scared," says another.

"If they come with their guns, we'll just have to do the best we can to defend ourselves We're worried but we'll do the best we can," says local ANC Youth League secretary Israel Sefako

Ventersdorp ANC leader BD Matthys explains that a commando arrived at 5am last Saturday, shortly after their attack on the squatters at the Goedgevonden farm

"Fourteen were badly injured — I think they're all still in hospital, but now we're prepared. They attacked houses which Saltie Visser (the local township administrator) marked with yellow crosses. He's AWB".

He said they were now giving refuge to some of the squatters who had fled, and this might be used as an excuse to attack.

About 50m away two bakkie-loads of well-armed AWB members are waiting. The police are making sure no-one is attacked, but the residents seem to have little faith that the police presence will be maintained during the night.

The youth leaguers say their boycott is 98 percent successful.

"A few people sneaked out and went to work, but when they come back they'll just have to accept their punishment," says Sefako

"We've got to set an example so we'll be very strict," says another youth

What does this mean, I ask?

"Oh, we've got many ideas."

"Like what?"

"Like more than 20 lashes each."

We return to the AWB office, at which point Eugene TerreBlanche and four henchmen drive up.

"Do you people always park on the wrong side of the road?" he asks, and the aides roar with laughter

"You want my picture. That's fine. You can get us talking, and make sure you get in our office and the AWB sign"

He vigorously denies that his members are preparing for an attack.

"That's a lie. But if they dare to come here I'll knock the hell out of them," he says.

He smiles, walks away and then turns: "Did you get that down? You must write that if they attack I'll knock the hell out of them"

We drive on 22km to the Goedgevonden state farm, where the farmers first attacked But Department of Agricultural Development official, assisted by police, are not allowing anyone in and are not saying why.

There were no attacks that night, and the next day the focus shifts to a large delegation of ANC officials, leading churchmen, human rights activists and diplomats (including one from Taiwan) who visit Goedgevonden, accompanied by a press contingent

But once again only the laywers are allowed in. So the "squatters" (who stress they are there to re-occupy their own land) stand on one side of the gate, and the visitors on the other. And they pray.



I'LL KNOCK HELL OUT OF THEM ... AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche and henchmen in Ventersdorp



ARMED AND READY ... Residents of Tshing are prepared to defend their land

Photos. GUY ADAMS

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version.

For written reply.

General Affairs·

N2, Cape Town: person found dead

134. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was found dead next to the N2 near the Langa turn-off, Cape Town, recently, if so, (a) when, (b) what was the apparent cause of his death, (c) at what time was his body found, (d) what evidence is currently available with regard to the circumstances of his death, (e) what progress has been made in the investigation into his death and (f) what is the name of the person concerned,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B386E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) 11 January 1991.

(b) Bullet wounds in his head and chest.

(c) At 19:55.

(d) At approximately 18.00 on 11 January 1991 he allegedly received a telephone call from an unknown person This person allegedly picked him up with a vehicle at his house at 19:20 The vehicle was allegedly stolen

(e) Three persons were arrested and will appear in court on 22 May 1991.

(f) Edward Gordon, alias "Peaches"

(2) No.

12 Alexandra Civic Organisation activists

155. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether 12 Alexandra Civic Organisation activists were released on or about 8 February 1991 after spending more than a week in detention; if so, what are the circumstances surrounding the matter,

(2) whether any charges were brought against these persons; if so, (a) what charges and (b) in terms of what statutory provisions; if not, why were they detained? B388E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, their detention under section 50 of the Internal Security Act, 1982 (Act 74 of 1982) was essential in order to stabilize the unrest situation in the Alexandra residential area (278)

(2) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

The activists were all allegedly actively involved in the organisation and execution of deeds of violence and intimidation in Alexandra, which contributed to public violence, unrest and disorder They allegedly, inter alia, carried out petrol bomb attacks on the houses of Council members of the Alexandra City Council, broke down doors and emptied refuse bins in houses

They were also allegedly planning further acts against these Council members, which was aimed at forcing them to resign. As a result of their detention the unrest situation in the Alexandra residential area stabilised

Potgietersrus: crash of SAP helicopter

156. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order.

(1) Whether a South African Police helicopter crashed near Potgietersrus recently, if so, (a) where, (b) when, (c) what was the cause of the crash, (d) how many persons were (i) killed and (ii) injured in the crash and (e) what was the purpose of this flight;

(2) whether any non-members of the Police were killed in this crash; if so, (a) what are their names and (b) why were they in the helicopter at the time,

(3) what is the policy of the South African Police in regard to the presence of non-members on such flights? B396E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) Appingendam Training Site.

(b) 9 February 1991

(c) The incident is still being investigated by Civil Aviation who will make a finding on the matter

(d) (i) 2

(ii) 4.

(e) To take photos of the terrain, for use during planning of envisaged extension and improvement of the terrain, as well as the mapping of the area.

(2) Yes

(a) Miss T Kotze

(b) As a judicial action(s) may arise from the incident, I am not prepared, at this stage, to supply further details about it.

(3) I refer the hon member to paragraph (2) (b) which I consider to be sufficient.

Transnet/SAA: free/discounted air tickets

344. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister for Economic Co-ordination and Public Enterprises

(1) Whether any (a) Transnet and (b) South African Airways (i) directors, (ii) employees and/or (iii) families of such directors and employees received (aa) free and (bb) discounted overseas air tickets from the Airways in 1990; if so,

(2) (a) how many in each case and (b) at what total cost to the Airways? B921E

The MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

The Managing Director of Transnet Limited has furnished the following information in answer to the hon member's question The Managing Director has also indicated that the free and discounted air tickets granted were a fringe benefit of directors and employees and their families.

		(i)		(ii)		(iii)	
			(2) (a)		(2) (a)		(2) (a)
(1) (a)	(aa)	Yes	3	No	—	Yes	7
	(bb)	No	—	No	—	No	—
(b)	(aa) and (bb)	No	—	Yes	8 052*	Yes	24 153*

(2) (b) Nil. Journeys have been undertaken on a stand-by basis Paying passengers received preference, as a result of which SA Airways did not suffer any financial loss.

* Total figures in respect of free and discounted air tickets. Separate figures are not available

Own Affairs.

Reply substituting reply to Question No 77 on 13 May 1991, put by Mr A P Oosthuizen (col 1418):

Universities: subsidies

77. Mr A P OOSTHUIZEN asked the Minister of Education and Culture:†

Whether he will furnish information with regard to subsidies paid by the Government to universities falling under his Department; if not, why not; if so, in respect of the latest specified academic year for which information is available, what amount was paid by the Government in subsidies to (a) the University of South Africa and (b) each other university falling under his Department? B913E

Police seal off Tshing after clashes

By Monica Oosterbroek

Police yesterday arrested 10 people and sealed off Ventersdorp's troubled Tshing township after an outbreak of unrest.

Police said large groups of youths were stopping and searching cars entering the township to ensure that residents were adhering to a consumer boycott of Ventersdorp.

Four men and two women were arrested for intimidation.

Police were forced to use teargas and rubber bullets to disperse an angry mob which attacked police vehicles with stones and petrol bombs.

Several people were arrested for public violence.

An AWB member said they were still patrolling Ventersdorp, but had not gone into Tshing yesterday.

Yesterday's unrest follows a right-wing attack on Tshing on Saturday in which at least 14 residents were injured. A group of rightwingers also tried to evict squatters from the State-owned Goedgevonden farm outside Ventersdorp.

Stayaway

Tshing residents responded by imposing a three-day stayaway. The residents originally voted to return to work yesterday but decided to continue the consumer boycott.

The Legal Resources Centre has demanded an undertaking from Eugene TerreBlanche that the AWB will not interfere with the Goedgevonden squatters.

A letter stating this was delivered to the AWB headquarters in Ventersdorp yesterday. The letter demanded a reply by 5 pm or else legal action would be taken.

Sapa quoted Mr Terre Blanche as saying he would not give such an undertaking.

"If those squatters are not off the land by May 28, and the State has not taken action, the AWB will remove the illegal structures themselves," he said.

Asked whether the AWB would use force to do so, he said: "When the State refuses to carry out the laws of the land, its citizens are entitled to take steps to protect their property and their lives.

"I am not against the use of force if such conditions present themselves."

Six die in wave of unrest

17/5/91

JOHANNESBURG. — At least six people died and 64 were arrested in political unrest in South Africa on Wednesday, police said yesterday.

At Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, three women were hacked and stabbed to death, and a delivery vehicle was badly damaged by a petrol-bomb.

At Thokoza, near Germiston, police found the body of a man who had been shot dead.

Two men were hacked and stabbed to death at Gamalake, near Port Shepstone on the Natal South Coast. One man was arrested.

At least 22 people were arrested at Schweizer-Reneke in the Western Transvaal, on charges of intimidation and trespassing at the offices of the Department of Education and Development.

At Katlehong, near Germiston, two men were arrested, after police searched a hostel and confiscated an AK-47 assault rifle and ammunition.

A dwelling in Diepkloof, Soweto, was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack, police said.

Private vehicles were badly damaged when set alight at Sebokeng, Vanderbijlpark, and Ndaleni, near Richmond (Natal) respectively.

Also at Ndaleni, 180 people attacked a house belonging to a Kwazulu official. The official fired on the group, who then fled.

At Lamontville yesterday, a hand-grenade was thrown at the home of a member of the National Interim Civic Committee. — Sapa

Alex meeting will seek ways to curb township violence

By DON SEOKANE

THE Alexandra Civic Organisation and its allies have called a mass meeting at East Bank Hall tomorrow to address violence and escalating crime in the township.

ACO's publicity secretary, Mr Obed Bapela, said the objective of the meeting was to explore ways that could effectively bring peace to the township.

Bapela said they would also discuss the holding of an anti-violence rally and a march on the police station and council offices to deliver a memorandum expressing the community's concern about police conduct.

Defence units

He said: "The meeting is an opportunity for our community to resolve the crisis caused by violence. Since violence erupted, activities such as sports, culture and night vigils have been affected.

"We will also look at mechanisms that will effectively defend our properties and families in times of attacks," he said.

He appealed to the community to attend the meeting since violence needed a united force to stop it. He urged residents to be ready to form defence units which will protect life and property.

Seven diners hurt in rubbish-bin bomb blast



VICTIM: One of seven people injured in the blast at a Hillbrow restaurant last night is given first aid in the street. Police said a bomb had been placed in a refuse bin.

The Argus Correspondent ARGUS 17/5/91

JOHANNESBURG. — A huge explosion has rocked Hillbrow, seriously injuring at least seven people and shattering hundreds of windows

The bomb, which exploded last night outside Garbo's restaurant on the corner of Claim and Pretoria streets, was placed in a rubbish bin and reverberated for kilometres around the high-rise residential and entertainment centre

The Flying Squad, riot police, traffic officers, firemen, and ambulancemen were on the scene within minutes and the injured people were taken to Johannesburg Hospital

Extensive damage was caused to parked cars and buildings had their windows shattered from the force of the blast.

The area was immediately cordoned off while police searched for a possible second explosive. Police said they could not speculate on the type of explosive used or how many people had been inside the restaurant when the blast took place.

A patron of Garbo's, Ms Karen Badenhorst, said she was being served her food when the explosion took place

Covered in dust and shaking with shock, she said "I felt myself being blasted forward, then there was a deafening explosion

"Next thing, the window fell on to our table and the roof caved in."

A Hillbrow reveller said he heard a "very, very loud bang, glass shattering and people screaming" and rushed across the road to find a huge cloud of dust.

"Everyone was running around panicking and people were just slumped over their tables. I thought lots of people had been killed," he said.

A freelance photographer, Mr Maurice Dingli, arrived at the scene within seconds

"I heard a large resounding explosion and rushed around the corner.

"There were huge clouds of dust and the steel girders around the building had been blasted away," he said

"Then the walking wounded were evacuated and led to ambulances."

Inside the restaurant, chairs lay overturned, although most of the damage appeared to be only structural.

Hundreds of onlookers gathered, including many anxious friends and relatives of the restaurant's customers

Limpet-mine blitz baffles Rand police

ARGUS 11/5/91

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Bombers launched a mystery blitz on Johannesburg last night.

Three mini-limpet mines — including one that caused devastation at a Hillbrow restaurant and injured seven people — were planted in the city.

Today a police operation was launched in the city centre to search for more bombs.

Following last night's blast at Garbo's Restaurant in Hillbrow, police today found a second bomb outside a city centre bank, and discovered a third attached to a car outside the city's police headquarters.

Police said they were mystified by the blast and the finds.

At 6.34 am today police used a "controlled detonation" to blast a second Soviet-made mini-limpet found on the pavement outisde the Volkskas bank on the corner of Commissioner and Sauer Streets.

"Police bomb disposal experts rendered the device harmless by exploding the detonator which was unstable," police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said.

Within an hour they had found and disarmed a mine found attached to a car outside John Vorster Square.

As police scoured the city streets for more bombs, Captain Opperman appealed to the public to be on the lookout for unattended parcels and suspicious looking packages.

At Garbo's, while bomb disposal experts sifted through the rubble this morning, the owner, Mr George Christodoulou, said he could not understand why his restaurant had been attacked.

"It's a decent place. They are not troublemakers. There has never been any fights between customers.

"All this violence is like the middle ages in Europe".

Mr Christodoulou said he would not be stepping up security but would "turn my waiters into sniffer dogs" - "make them more aware of any strange parcels and offer a R500 bonus if one of them finds a bomb".

Captain Opperman refused to speculate on possible motives but said police had not excluded the possibility of the incidents being linked.

"We really want to make an appeal to the public not to think that terrorist attacks of this nature can no longer happen in South Africa — like any other country in the world, they can still happen," he said.

Asked to comment on the incidents, ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said today the ANC had suspended the armed struggle.

● **Restaurant blast report and picture — page 2.**

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Tshing flares again

By VUSI KAMA and SAPA (278)

POLICE yesterday cordoned off Ventersdorp's Tshing township where unrest had broken out.

A local teacher and a nurse, who requested anonymity, told *Sowetan* that violence broke out in the township after uniformed police, aided by men in mufti, allegedly pounced on youths standing at the entrance to the township. Sowetan 17/5/91

The youths had apparently been monitoring residents who bought goods in town, since 9am yesterday, as residents had embarked on a consumer boycott.

But clashes took place in the afternoon.

Residents alleged that at least two people had been wounded and a number pulled from their houses and bundled into police vans.

"It's bad here, but we do not know if anybody has died," said the nurse.

She said they had decided to hide inside the local clinic as they feared for their lives.

A Sapa reporter heard gunshots over the telephone line while talking to a resident in the township, who reported seeing a youth with birdshot wounds, while another person had been removed by ambulance.

Police were approached for comment, but the spokesman for the region, Major B van Heerden, said he would comment when information became available to him.

Pity all children with eyes 80 years old

Star 18/5/91. (278)

Undercurrent Affairs

SHAUN JOHNSON



THE image that sticks with me most doggedly after this week of high political drama is not one you might expect.

It is not — riveting though that was — the picture of a convicted Winnie Mandela descending courtroom steps with the radiant smile and clenched fist of one just acquitted. It is not of Nelson Mandela, sitting stoic and dignified on a sofa in Stellenbosch, riding another blow in a lifetime filled with them.

It is not, either, the snapshot of Mrs Thatcher belatedly getting her heroine's welcome from white South Africa, when her world and ours had long turned topsy turvy.

It is not, in fact, any of the other pictures of our "newsmakers" caught in the alternating eddies of good and ill fortune.

The image I cannot shake off is of someone we've never heard of. It is of a young black child, unnamed, staring glazedly into space from behind a woman weeping over the defiled, dead body of her husband.

They are residents of a forsaken place called Swanieville, and the man has been gouged and hacked and torn to death in a way that doesn't bear thinking about. The man had no hands any more. The child has the eyes of an 80-year-old.

It is a picture that makes all the others seem somehow trivial and irritating. It makes nonsense of the importance we attach to them. I cannot stop trying to imagine how that boy can possibly grow up as anything resembling "normal", after what he has seen — and moreover, that he is but one of tens of thousands of children who have witnessed such barbarous horrors in the long, convulsive labour pain which has attended the pre-birth of the "New South Africa".

For every two, or six, or 27 dead South Africans we read about every morning, it is chilling to consider how many more saw what happened, were related to those bodies, or were nodding acquaintances at the local cafe. Leave aside for a moment those who did it or had it done to them — think of all the others who are inescapably affected, forever.

The Swanieville massacre is not comprehensible to me viscerally. I was not there and I don't care to think about the screams and the smells. But intellectually, it seems to raise a blindingly clear question.

Newspaper reports described how a group of some 800 headbanded men were seen making their way back to their hostel after the blood orgy. Why, in the name of everything decent we say we still believe in, was that hostel not immediately surrounded, and everyone in it arrested?

Why were each and every one of that band of marauders not put in cells and interrogated until the perpetrators and participants in this monstrous, unthinkable crime were identified and charged?

Why were the white suburbs silent on the subject?

South Africa's policemen face one of the least enviable tasks in the world. There are many many individuals on the ground who are trying heroically to fulfill it. But where is the *political* will?

The ghastliness of what happened in Swanieville demanded an instant, unequivocal response — ordered, if necessary, right from the top in the Ministerial offices in Cape Town.

The township victims needed to be shown that the Government shared their horror, and would act with the enthusiasm, skill and ruthlessness it used to deploy against "terrorists".

The township murderers needed to be shown that they dare not repeat their brazen brutality without paying a terrible price.

Instead, Swanieville becomes another statistic, and the next massacre is awaited.

Successful police operations against illegal casinos seem in this light a perverse priority.

What must be done is surely obvious. The Government acknowledges ultimate responsibility for the safety of all citizens.

The carrying of any dangerous weapon in public must be banned right now, and the ban must be enforced at all costs. There must be no more posturing. We must stop the killings, or we shall all die, physically or spiritually.

If we do not stop it we need not wait for the barbarians any longer. We will have found them in ourselves.

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Full weapons ban urged

LONDON. — President F W de Klerk should enforce a ban on all weapons and ensure punishment of all officials taking sides in conflicts, the conservative magazine the Economist said in an editorial yesterday.

It added that while there was scope for the ANC and Inkatha to "come to terms", this would not happen so long as Mr De Klerk allowed his police and soldiers to "play on, and play up, tribal tensions".

In another report yesterday, the Guardian said the South African government "is believed to have taken a decision in principle to ban the carrying of spears by Zulus in the country's townships". This would be a "serious blow" to Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

12 HURT AS LIMPET-MINE BLASTS ROCK JOBURG







BOMBING VICTIMS . . . From the left: A doctor carries an injured child, a woman who was hurt in one of the blasts is helped to safety and ambulancemen treat an injured man. Pictures. AP

BOMBING BLITZ

ANC blames 'settlement-wreckers' for blasts

JOHANNESBURG. — Two limpet mines have rocked the city during the past 36 hours, injuring 12 people, and two more unexploded bombs were found by police.

The first blast, which injured seven people, exploded late on Thursday night at a popular Hillbrow restaurant.

The second blast came yesterday afternoon, injuring four women and a young child.

No organisation has claimed responsibility for the attacks and the ANC has condemned the attacks

Last night ANC spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said the blasts were probably carried out by people "who did not want to see a settlement of the violence in South Africa"

Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van [illegible] Tonder said the bombings were definitely not the work of right-wing organisations He blamed the ANC for the blasts

Hidden in toilet

Last night Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police did not have any leads on who might be responsible

"We are not pointing fingers at this stage We have theories but no facts to support them at this stage"

Captain Kotze said the police were not ruling out any group in a search for the culprits

In the latest attack a limpet mine, concealed in the toilet of the Tony Factor shopping centre, exploded just after 2pm

An eyewitness, Mr Corrie du Plessis, said he was on an escalator close to the toilets when the bomb detonated

The force of the blast threw him to the floor and when he looked up he saw injured women running from the toilet.

"Her (one of the victims) leg was full of blood," he said

The injured were taken by ambulance to Hillbrow Hospital and later discharged after treatment.

Police searched the shopping centre for more devices and also conducted a block-by-block search of the city for more limpets

Thursday's blast — which injured seven — occurred shortly before 11 30pm in one of Hillbrow's main streets. Police said damage to the restaurant was extensive and parked cars were also damaged.

Yesterday police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said that whoever was responsible was "trying to scare the public"

Police search

Police were being "chased around" as several bomb threats had been received during the day

He said one of the SPM limpet mines which had been defused was found on the steps of a Volkskas bank. The second was discovered

Yesterday morning the Inkatha Freedom Party had to evacuate its offices here after receiving a bomb threat. No bomb was found when police searched the premises

● Yesterday Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok expressed concern that there are people willing to use urban terrorism to solve political differences

Speaking at the opening of the police academy at Graaff-Reinet, Mr Vlok said this sort of terrorism had not worked in the past and would not be allowed to succeed in the future

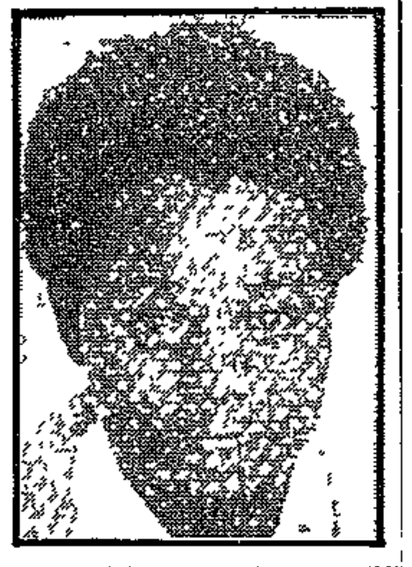
A statement from his office in Cape Town said police would use their anti-terrorism capabilities "to track down the perpetrators of these latest bomb outrages against innocent citizens" — Own Correspondent, Political Staff and Sapa

'They were moving behind the impis.'



'I swear by God I saw whites among them.'

As allegations abound that a "third force" is behind the present spiral of violence in black communities, fresh claims have been made by an eyewitness to the Swanieville massacre last week. Senior writer LEN KALANE reports.



CRIPPLED George Mogaekwa lay motionless beneath a sheet of corrugated iron as bullets whizzed past.

Earlier he had been jolted out of his sleep by fierce gunfire outside his tin shack.

It was 5am last Sunday and Swanieville was under attack.

Staggering out of his shack and unable to run because of his crippled leg, he grabbed a loose sheet of corrugated iron, lay flat on the ground and covered his body.

Under his steel sanctuary he could hear hysterical screams, frantic footsteps and more gunfire.

The urge to peep from under the sheet became stronger as footsteps became heavier around him.

He took the chance and there it was: white faces among the attacking impis!

"I swear by God I saw whites among our attackers," Mogaekwa said this week from the Azaadville Civic Centre where survivors of the Sunday massacre have been given refuge.

EYES OF THE WHITES

He said he began praying for himself and his wife Florah, who had bolted out of the shack and ran across the veld with scores of other squatters in their frantic flight to safety.

He couldn't make it due to his handicapped leg; and lay under the steel sheet, from where he saw it all.

"Some (the whites) had balaclavas on and others had blackened their faces. They were in a supportive role to the impis who were in the frontline, shooting, hacking and setting our shacks alight," Mogaekwa said, wiping away tears.

"This is war. I know it is war. These people are professional killers. I saw them mowing at least five people down. I was the lucky one."

Re-united with his wife at Azaadville, Mogaekwa, who hails from Lesotho and has been in Johannesburg since 1975, said the future was uncertain.

He was sobbing throughout the interview.

Elizabeth Kgatle says she also saw whites with blackened faces moving "behind Inkatha" when the attack took place.

"These whites were not shooting, they were just following Inkatha, guns at the ready. Only Inkatha was shooting," she said.

Emily Miya said her husband Harmans was one of those killed during the Sunday attack.

"They killed him in front of my eyes, having found him hiding underneath the bed," she said.

But Emily says she didn't see any whites.

"It was quite confusing. I didn't see anything. I was hit with a knobkierie and fell unconscious next to the shack."

She said when she recovered the body of her husband and her cousin Shadrack were lying next to her.

There had been four of them in the shack before the raid, with the fourth person, Ishmael, having managed to escape.

"Everything I had went up in flames," she said. "I have nothing to go back to."

Emily is from Rustenburg and came to Swanieville in 1989 to join her husband who worked at the nearby mines.

Several other people have claimed white involvement in the Swanieville massacre, which lasted about 30 minutes and left 27 dead.

Uhuru Moiloa, chairman of the Krugersdorp Residents Organisation, said sworn affidavits have been taken from more than 10 eyewitnesses who say they saw whites during the attack.

The affidavits have been handed to Lawyers for Human Rights and the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits University.

Earlier this week Swanieville squatters told a press conference they had seen police aid the attackers.

Moiloa said: "It is not yet quite clear whether these whites are just a rightwing element or form part of the police force."

Police have denied the allegations, saying they were only there patrolling the area and were changing shifts when the attack took place.

Questions are also being asked about how more than 1 000 armed hostel dwellers could travel nine kilometres to Swanieville without being noticed and stopped.

Police said this could have happened as a result of the hostel dwellers coming into the area in "dribs and drabs".

Yet these accounts of white involvement in squatter raids are not new.

Are there really whites assisting in these squatter attacks?

The answer is "yes" for Bethuel Mrimba, who insists he saw them with his own eyes during the attack at the Chicken Farm squatter camp in Kliptown, Soweto, two weeks ago

"The pattern is the same as the one you describe about Swanieville The whites move swiftly behind Inkatha. They move in as a sort of a back-up. It is only once there is fierce resistance from the squatters that they start shooting. I saw this with my own eyes," he said.

At Chicken Farm squatters told how minibuses with white and black people arrived at the camp after midnight and opened fire with AK-47s.

They said when they saw the whites, they thought they were plainclothes police, until these whites started shooting at them as well

In all troubled squatter areas – Bekkersdal, Thokoza, Phola Park and others – people talk about white involvement surfacing whenever there is a raid.

ANC legal adviser Matthew Phosa has attacked the government for using surrogate killers to prolong white rule.

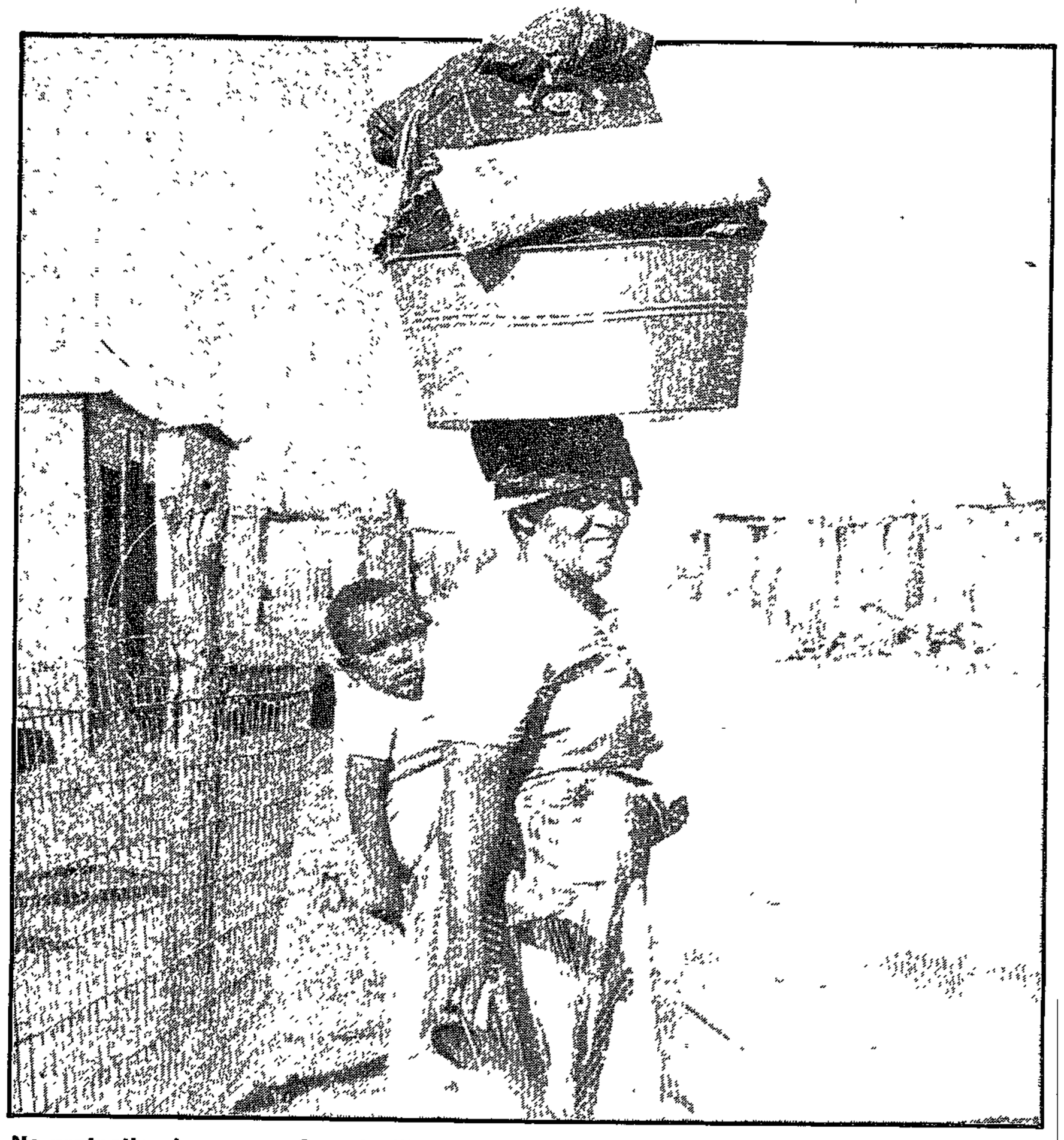
According to Phosa a recent article in the *New York Times* showed that the white regime depicted the violence as an uncontrollable, spontaneous conflict between "tribes", or between the ANC and Inkatha.

He added the ANC had evidence that "paints a more sinister picture of the so-called black-on-black violence"





Tears of fear . . . George Mogaekwa was overcome by emotion as he related to *City Press* how he saw the impis "mow at least five people down" while armed whites clad in balaclavas hovered in the background.



No protection here . . . a Swanieville woman leaves home with her child and some of her belongings to search for a place safe from Inkatha impis. Pics: ANDRIES MCINEKA

Ventersdorp boiling

By DAN DHLAMINI

RACIAL tension reached fever pitch in Ventersdorp this week as the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) took over the town's services and threatened to run any black out of town.

All black municipal workers were fired earlier this week for joining a three-day consumer boycott and worker stayaway.

At nearby Goedgevonden – the scene of violent confrontation between rightwingers and squatters a week ago – nearly 400 squatters were under siege, unable to leave or enter the farm.

Their water supply had been cut off and attempts to gain entry into Goedgevonden by church leaders, the ANC, diplomats and even Operation Hunger have drawn a blank since April 8.

Only Legal Resources lawyers and police have been allowed onto the farm.

Operation Hunger was only permitted to hand food parcels and blankets to squatters at the gate where Department of Agriculture officials have put up a tent and a permanent roadblock.

Armed AWB men in para-military uniforms patrolled Ventersdorp on Friday, while some of them, including women, swept the streets.

When a *City Press* reporter took photographs of two khaki-clad young women sweeping the streets, armed AWB men stopped him and questioned him at length.

A spokeman for Tshing residents, Cornelius Lerefolo, told *City Press* that the week-long consumer boycott, which came about as a result of the farmers' attack on innocent Goedgevonden farm squatters and Tshing shack dwellers last weekend, would continue until the residents' demands had been met.

Lerefolo said only the tenants of shacks marked with yellow paint by Visser were attacked.

A spokesman for the municipal workers, Jobbie Mutumi, told *City Press* that the fired employees demanded unconditional reinstatement. He said they had already sought legal advice.

Terror stalks the night

By ELIAS MALULEKE 278

RESIDENTS of Oukasie township near Brits are living in terror after unknown men raided several homes in the dead of night recently.

Victims of the raids said this week the men claimed they were policemen looking for suspects.

But residents fear they could be hitmen looking for illegal ANC returnees.

Police have admitted that in two cases police officers had been hunting for a wanted man who had been seen in the vicinity. C/Pnews 19/5/91

Oukasie Civic Association chairman Phinias Ngale said the raids seemed to follow a pattern – a group of black people would drive around the township in a minibus, evidently pointing out houses. That night, a convoy of cars would arrive and a group of blacks and whites would raid homes.

Last Friday a minibus was spotted during the day and residents were raided after midnight.



Violated ... Esther Maimane holds the shattered lock of her front door which was kicked down by police.

Francina Maimane, 70, was at home with her year-old granddaughter, when she was awoken by loud knocking at her door. Voices shouted that they were police.

"I struggled to get dressed, but before I could open the door they had kicked it down and a group of men, blacks and whites, stormed into the house," she said.

"They were wearing civilian clothes and blue overalls, with caps covering their faces. They were armed."

When she demanded to know what they were looking for, they dragged forward a man in handcuffs, saying he had pointed out the house.

"I told them I was staying with my daughter and a grandchild, but they told me to shut up while they ransacked the house.

"I thought they were going to kill me and ran outside, screaming."

The men then left in a minibus, a police van and three cars, she said.

The old lady has laid charges.

Just a street away, a group of armed men broke down the door of Esther Kekana, an unemployed mother of four.

"There was loud banging at the door and 'Open! It's the police!', but before I could get dressed, they had broken the door and rushed in with their guns ready."

Two of her children, aged 15 and five, were woken up and made to stand in the kitchen.

Northern Transvaal SAP liaison officer Maj Willie Vlotman said police were investigating a charge of malicious damage to property after complaints were made of doors being broken.

However, Vlotman refuted allegations that the raids were sinister. He said the police were hunting for a man who was wanted for several firearm theft charges.

"If police transgressed the law in their duties, allegations would be investigated and action will be taken," Vlotman said.



Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza addressing the organisation's followers at the George Goch Hostel. He attacked the ANC and the Press for labelling Inkatha members "impis".

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Still only 6 held in Kagiso attack

By THEMBA MOLEFE and KAMAL SINGH

A WEEK after the Swanieville massacre, police had made no further arrests.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Steve van Rooyen yesterday said that only six men who were arrested just after the May 12 attack, in which 28 people died, were being held in custody.

He said police had not yet charged the men nor set a court date.

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Meanwhile, police have begun an internal inquiry after several survivors alleged that white policemen led about 1 000 red-headbanded men who carried out a pre-dawn attack on the squatter camp.

The survivors also accused white policemen of firing at squatters.

Police have acknowledged that one of their armoured vehicles came across the war party after the massacre and escorted it back to its hostel. This was done, police said, to avoid further violence.

In a related development, chairman of the Azaadville Management Committee Mr Hassim Varachia said he would not evict Swanieville refugees from the local civic centre.

The Conservative Party-controlled Krugersdorp Town Council, which last week demanded the evacuation of the squatters, has told their representative, the Legal Resources Centre, that it would not forcibly remove them.

At the same time, hundreds of pamphlets calling on Swanieville squatters to occupy homes in Azaadville were distributed in the Indian township last week.

The pamphlets claimed to be from the ANC, but media officer Mr Ronnie Mamoepa distanced the organisation from the document.

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Youth dies in hostel attack

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One youth was killed and another seriously injured when a group of youths tried to attack the Dobsonville hostel in Soweto on Saturday.

The hostel dwellers resisted the attack, and the death and injury occurred in the skirmish.

This brings to five the number of bodies found during unrest-related incidents on Saturday.

In another incident, a body with hack wounds was found at Meadowlands hostel. At Alexandra, police discovered the body of a man with hack wounds, and another body was found at Bekkersdal near Westonaria.

At Zikaniwi, near Port Shepstone, a woman's body was found. — Staff Reporter.

Summit on SA violence still on

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE government is to press ahead with its summit on violence despite the ANC's decision to boycott the talks — but a second, church-initiated, conference involving all parties could still take place

And the government is hoping that two high-level meetings this week — one involving President F W de Klerk and the other former British prime minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher — will secure Inkatha and Zulu support for a ban on carrying spears, except at strictly cultural events.

The religious leaders are continuing their efforts to get all parties involved in a conference on violence and are to hold talks today on the issue with the Inkatha Freedom Party leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

This will be followed by an emergency meeting of church leaders in Johannesburg tomorrow

ANC inclusion in a peace initiative involving the government would be aided if the government banned the carrying of spears, except on genuine cultural occasions.

Government officials indicated yesterday that a clampdown on cultural weapons was expected to be announced within days, but that Mr De Klerk

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wanted to try to secure Inkatha and Zulu agreement first.

Mr De Klerk is expected to meet Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini today or tomorrow.

Mrs Thatcher, who will also meet Chief Buthelezi today, is expected to tell him that a ban on spears would be in the best interests of his party.

The ANC decision to suspend negotiation talks "temporarily", including the multi-party constitutional conference, and to step up the heat with mass action, including week-long protests in Cape Town this week over the position of hunger-striking political prisoners, has brought relations between the government and the ANC to a low ebb.

Government sources yesterday regretted these developments, but pointed out that the National Executive Committee, which was criticised at the ANC's consultative conference in December last year, is under internal pressure and can be expected to continue taking a tough stance to ensure it is re-elected at the ANC's conference in Durban early in July.

The problem facing the government is that the summit on violence will now emphasise division, even on such a central issue as the creation of a culture of peace, including agreement on a political code of conduct.

The Democratic Party and Inkatha will be represented at the Pretoria summit on violence, but unless the efforts by church leaders to thrash out some compromise succeeds it is highly unlikely that any of the so-called "struggle" organisations will be represented.

However, the chances of a second conference, convened by religious leaders and attended by both the government and the ANC, are improving.

The Minister of Constitutional Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, has not ruled out the possibility of the government attending such a conference.

The president of the SA Council of Churches (SACC), Dr Khoza Mgojo, the SACC's general-secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, and Bishop Stanley Mogoba of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, will travel to Ulundi for today's talks with Chief Buthelezi.

The NEC announced on Saturday that its planned "mass actions" included nationwide consumer boycotts, a national general stayaway and mass demonstrations on June 15

It also called on South Africans and the international community to observe May 22 as a "day of fasting" in solidarity with its political prisoners.

The organisation returned to the seven demands made in its open letter to Mr De Klerk in April.

"Until such time as progress is made in regard to these demands, the ANC will not involve itself in constitutional discussions with the government, or in any all-party congress to discuss the mechanisms for drawing up a new democratic constitution," it said.

ANC officials said they would not be attending the summit on violence called by Mr De Klerk, but repeated their commitment to a conference convened by church leaders.

The NEC added that it "strongly condemns and dissociates itself from the series of bombings in Johannesburg" on Thursday and Friday last week.

Dr Viljoen said at the weekend that the ANC's decisions were "unjustifiable and irresponsible" and that the summit on violence would be continuing.

Police have 'theories' on bombings

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police had various theories on who was responsible for the two bomb blasts that rocked Johannesburg late last week and injured 16 people, a Law and Order Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Captain Craig Kotze said, however, police had not ruled out any organisations as "various groups have shown themselves capable of committing such acts".

"We can't point fingers at anyone at this stage until we have gathered evidence to support our theories," he said.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the explosions at a Hillbrow restaurant and at Tony Factor's Intown Centre.

Five people killed in latest unrest

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PRETORIA. — Five unidentified people died in unrest-related incidents in the 24 hours up to midnight on Saturday, according to the latest police unrest report.

Two bodies were discovered in Soweto, one riddled with bullets in Dobsonville, and the other with hack wounds at the Meadowlands Hostel.

Also in Dobsonville, police found a seriously wounded man, who was taken to hospital.

In further incidents, police discovered the bodies of two men. One was found with hack wounds at Alexandra, near Sandton, and the other had been stabbed at Bekkersdal, near Westonaria.

In Natal, at Zikaniwi near Port Shepstone, the body of a woman was discovered in the vicinity of a kraal after a group of six men had earlier attacked the kraal and abducted a woman.

At Emzinoni, Bethal, mobs barricaded a road with tyres and stones and set the barricade alight. One man was arrested for intimidation.

At Kabokweni, Witrivier, a group of youths barricaded the entrance to a hospital with bricks to prevent the staff from leaving the premises. Two youths were arrested.

At Schweizer Reneke in the Western Transvaal, two youths and a man were arrested for malicious damage to property. Another youth was arrested for disturbing the peace at the offices of Department of Education and Development.

In Johannesburg, a limpet mine was defused on Friday on the corner of Commissioner and Sauer streets.

On the same day police discovered another limpet mine attached to a parked vehicle in front of John Vorster Square. It was defused at the scene.

And four women and a child were injured when an explosive device detonated on the corner of Joubert and Kerk streets. Police are investigating.

Witnesses (278) tell of more deaths at Dobsonville

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police and witnesses have given different versions of Saturday afternoon's clash between residents and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters in Dobsonville, Soweto.

One man, identified by his parents as 29-year-old Mr Frans Molefi, was killed in the clash.

Earlier on Saturday afternoon, a resident, who asked not to be named, said four people, including an 11-year-old boy, were killed in the clash. This report could not be confirmed.

Police on the scene said the clash occurred after a group of residents went to the Dobsonville hostel, apparently intent on attacking Inkatha supporters.

Inkatha supporters then chased the group, caught up with one person and killed him. Police spokesman Captain J Facer said the man died of stab wounds.

However, a Dobsonville resident, who said he feared for his life if his name was used, said the Inkatha supporters in the hostel had been reinforced by others brought in from elsewhere.

Starting about 1pm, hostel-dwellers had "dashed" out and killed whoever they could find, before returning to the hostel, the Dobsonville resident said.

One person killed had been a boy.

The man said the hostel dwellers had "chopped him (the boy) with cruel pangas and assagais".

Captain Facer also said police arrested an Inkatha supporter at the hostel.

Early Saturday night, when tension began building up, police fired teargas in the vicinity of the hostel. — Sapa

Inkatha the aggressor in most attacks - study

By KAMAL SINGH

SO-CALLED traditional weapons were used in 16 percent of the incidents of violence reported on the Reef in the past 10 months, according to research figures released yesterday.

The research was carried out by the Community Agency for Social Inquiry's senior researcher Dr David Everatt, who collected the information from about 1 500 English and Afrikaans newspaper reports.

The figures given in newspapers were checked against figures published by organisations like the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, Human Rights Commission and Lawyers for Human Rights.

The figures showed that 1 805 people died as a result of political violence, an average of seven deaths a day.

An analysis revealed that the Inkatha Freedom Party was blamed in newspaper reports 10 times more than the ANC.

"In 338 reported instances of violence, responsibility was attributed by the media and monitoring organisations in 146 cases," Everatt said.

"Inkatha was held responsible for 66 percent of the attributed acts of aggression compared with six percent to the ANC."

The Reef violence included 22 attacks on train travellers in which 58 were killed and at least 387 injured.

The media reports attributed blame in 15 attacks - 14 to Inkatha and one to criminals.

"Traditional weapons" (spears, assegais, knives, knobkerries and sticks) were identified 35 times out of 215 instances (16 percent).

Firearms and explosives were used in almost 47 percent of cases, pangas (6,5 percent), axes (3,6 percent), petrol bombs (1,9 percent) and bars and poles (0,1 percent).

Inkatha was reported responsible for 55 percent of cases of using guns and explosives, the ANC two percent; Inkatha was blamed in 23 percent of the cases of using "traditional weapons" and the ANC three percent.

Inkatha was also seen as using pangas, axes, petrol bombs necklacing twice more than the ANC.

Everatt said the reported use of AK-47 rifles (5,6 percent of all weapons) was restricted to Inkatha.

The ANC was not identified as using AK-47 rifles.

A special friendship.
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Demonstrators, protesting against former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to SA, lined the streets outside the Rand Afrikaans University yesterday while the university was presenting Thatcher with an honorary doctorate. The anti-Thatcher protesters outnumbered by about four to one her supporters, who were mainly from Inkatha. There were scuffles after Thatcher supporters ripped placards belonging to members of the other faction. Picture CATHERINE ROSS

Police raid East Rand townships

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JONATHON REES

THE headless body of a man was found behind a Thokoza hostel during anti-crime operations in East Rand townships at the weekend. Police said 70 people were arrested, nine illegal weapons seized and scores of stolen vehicles recovered.

A second man was shot dead by police at a roadblock.

In another incident, the ANC alleged Bophuthatswana and SA police fired on a group of people at Maboloka near Brits yesterday, injuring 11 people.

East Rand police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweel said one man was killed and another injured when police fired on a minibus with six passengers. The minibus had failed to stop at a police roadblock outside Tembisa Three people were arrested and a .32 pistol seized

Police also recovered three Makarov pistols, a 7.65mm and 9mm pistol and several other firearms, magazines and ammunition in raids on Thokoza, Tembisa and Katlehong townships, and the Mandela Park and Phola Park squatter camps

Two N26 hand grenades, two AK-47 magazines, 82 rounds of AK-47 ammunition and an Israeli-manufac tured She pistol were recovered in Mandela Park, Katlehong

Eighteen people were arrested for breaking the 9pm to 4am curfew in Tembisa. Police also arrested six people for gambling in public and 18 illegal immigrants

Stolen property recovered included computer, fax, photographic, video and hi-fi equipment

Twenty-eight stolen vehicles were recovered and eight people arrested for possession or dealing in dagga.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the Maboloka community yesterday stayed away from work and school to highlight opposition to increased bus fares by Bophuthatswana Transport Holdings.

He said the community had gathered at a shopping centre when SA and Bophuthatswana police arrived and told them they were on the borders of both territories before allegedly opening fire without warning Reports said 11 people had been hospitalised, Mamoepa said. Police could not be reached for comment

Sapa reports an 11-month-old baby was "badly affected" when teargas was fired into his home. The SA Police had been asked to intervene and remove roadblocks set up by Bophuthatswana police inside SA, a priest, the Rev William Molefe, said.

People were given five minutes to disperse, but Bophuthatswana police fired before they could leave.

A meeting was scheduled for last night between the Brits ANC branch and both police forces.

Demos as Maggie gets doctorate

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By Esmaré van der Merwe and Thabo Leshilo

Former British premier Margaret Thatcher yesterday received an honorary doctorate from the Rand Afrikaans University at a ceremony in Johannesburg — while scores of students protested outside against her South African visit.

Amid the anti-Maggie protesters, who came mainly from the University of the Witwatersrand, was a small group of Inkatha supporters who demonstrated their support for Mrs Thatcher's visit.

Scores of plainclothes and uniformed policemen and traffic officers monitored the demonstration, and the picket was filmed by an officer in camouflage gear.

Scuffles broke out between the anti-Thatcher protesters and the Inkatha supporters.

"You will see democracy in action," a spokesman for the Inkatha members, Wesley Dlamini, told reporters



Placard protest . . . a picketer outside RAU.

before they joined the protesters.

"Down with Inkatha," shouted one of the picketers as the Inkatha supporters arrived.

"It's our democratic right to stand here," the Inkatha members shouted back and a scuffle ensued.

After the incident, the Inkatha supporters went to picket further away from the students.

The students shouted "Go home Maggie" and "Smelt the Iron Lady", to which Inkatha responded: "Welcome Maggie" and "Inkatha loves Maggie".

The anti-tour picketers, who displayed placards calling Mrs Thatcher a "snatcher of peace" and a "cultural weapon in disguise" and implored her to "remember Bobby Sands and Steve Biko", were occasionally pelted with wet toilet paper by right-wing RAU students.

Mrs Thatcher received the degree of Doctor Legum (Honoris Causa) from university chancellor Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

Taking the stage, the Iron Lady greeted the large audience in Afrikaans.

"Dit is vir my 'n groot voorreg om vandag hier te wees" (It is a great honour for me to be here today), she

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said to appreciative applause.

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Mrs Thatcher emphasised the importance of the rule of law in a democratic society.

"Freedom of law is freedom only for the strong at the expense of the weak. Freedom without law is therefore no freedom, but rather anarchy or tyranny. Law is the bond of all civil society," she said.

Undoubtedly, South African apartheid laws had been very unjust, but at last, with the abolition of racial discrimination, the law would apply equally to all.

She said a democracy still had to be established, but the rule of law could precede full democracy.

If Parliamentarians regarded the law as "a mass of remedies which have been slowly evolved to meet the wrongs" of society, she said quoting former US president Theodore Roosevelt, making laws was not merely a matter of majorities in Parliament but a process which respected fundamental principles and human rights.

Mrs Thatcher received a leather handbag from the Students' Representative Council and her husband a statue of a lion.

Sir Denis, who sat among the audience, stepped on to the podium to receive the gifts. In a short address, he said he hoped the British Lions would soon play in South Africa again.

Earlier yesterday, Mrs Thatcher visited Soweto where she toured Baragwanath Hospital. She also met Sowetan editor Aggrey Klaaste, had lunch with Helen Suzman and visited the British Council offices in Braamfontein where she met community leaders including Operation Hunger's Ina Perlman and former Star Woman of the Year Jane Evans.

IFP the chief instigator of Reef clashes, says survey

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By Brendan Templeton

The Inkatha Freedom Party has been identified by press reports as the instigator of Reef violence 11 times more often than the ANC, a social research organisation said yesterday.

But the accuracy of the findings were immediately questioned by Inkatha liaison officer Suzanne Vos.

"I very much doubt the manner in which this so-called survey was conducted and it is clearly yet another attempt to skew the information against Inkatha," she said.

The Community Agency for Social Enquiry (CASE), which conducted the survey, said reports showed that guns played a more important role in attacks than "traditional weapons".

The survey covered more than 1 500 articles from 14 local newspapers, dating back to July 1990, covering 338 violent incidents.

An aggressor was "confidently identified" in 146 of these cases, with the IFP topping the list as instigator in 66 percent of them. Following Inkatha were the police and defence force (18 percent), the ANC (6 percent), militant youths (4 percent), vigilantes (3 percent), and other organisations and criminal elements (3 percent).

CASE senior researcher Dr David Everatt said a comprehensive report would be published shortly should anyone wish to examine his findings.

Graphs of his figures corresponded closely with those drawn up by monitoring groups such as the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, the Human Rights Commission and Lawyers for Human Rights, he said.

Inkatha supporters in court

JOHANNESBURG — Nine Inkatha Freedom Party supporters made a brief appearance in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the deaths of 15 people at an Alexandra vigil in March.

Mr Gibson Mbatha, Mr Isaac Makhoba, Mr Derek Majosi, Mr Vuzimuzi Nkosi Jali, Mr Christopher Mbatha, Mr Themba Ntuli, Mr Petrus Buthulezi, Mr John Zakhloe and Mr Bheki Ndima, all from Alexandra, will appear at an identity parade today.

The case was postponed to June 5. Bail was refused and the men were remanded in custody. — Sapa

Soshanguve residents reject people's courts

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By ALINAH DUBE

THE Soshanguve Residents Association has distanced itself from the "kangaroo courts" in the township.

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No unrest deaths in past two days

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JOHANNESBURG. — It is two days since the last unrest-related death was reported in South Africa, police confirmed yesterday, although there have been a number of injuries, arrests and arson attacks since Sunday.

May's death toll stands at 217, according to police.

"We haven't received any reports of unrest. The situation countrywide is quiet," a spokesman said yesterday.

The last deaths occurred on Sunday when police said they shot dead a "wanted terrorist" with a hand-grenade, and a woman accomplice, who "charged" them in Soweto.

Yesterday's police unrest report included the following:

● At Kimberley, 73 striking workers were arrested after a complaint of trespass was lodged against them.

● At Manzamhlope, Port Shepstone, a private dwelling was damaged by fire.

● At Alexandra, a man and woman were injured in a grenade attack on their house.

● It is reported from Johannesburg, meanwhile, that a conference will be held next month to focus on the plight of marginalised black youth in South Africa — a social category central to the present violence.

The conference will be hosted by the Joint Enrichment Programme (JEP), and attended by representatives from political, religious, youth, women's, labour, education and civic organisations.

"We will try and come up with programmes, taking into account the trauma our youth have been through, the kind of education they have had," JEP president Ms Sheila Sisulu said yesterday. — Sapa

Winnie Mandela among 205 held as ANC protesters clash with police

WINNIE Mandela was arrested twice — and released twice — in a day of demonstrations and scuffles between police and ANC supporters in central Johannesburg and elsewhere yesterday.

Sapa reports that police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman confirmed last night Mandela and other ANC demonstrators had all been released.

The 205 arrested protesters are due to appear in court on June 21 on charges relating to the blocking of a public street and creating a public disturbance.

Mandela will also face charges of resisting arrest

Yesterday's demonstrations by the ANC Women's League were to demand the release of prisoners on hunger strike.

The tussles between police and demonstrators started early in the morning when the Women's League blocked a central street using heavy chains and a bus.

Mandela and 13 others were arrested, after which a larger group, led by Women's League deputy president Albertina Sisulu, protested at John Vorster Square, where they were also arrested. Police said 185 women were taken into custody in this incident.

These arrests led to the intervention of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, who went to John Vorster Square.

Mandela claimed his wife had been beaten and had scars from her arrest. This allegation was disputed by Opperman, who said Winnie Mandela had "resisted arrest and force had to be used to arrest her and keep her body under control".

It is believed Mandela telephoned Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to ask him to intervene in his wife's arrest.

Mandela and 13 others later appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court where they were not asked to plead. Mandela was released on her own recognisance.

After her release she and fellow demonstrators regrouped on another city street corner. She was again arrested, along with two other women.

Police used teargas and stun grenades to disperse other demonstrators.

JONATHON REES reports Opperman said rumours of bombs in central Johannesburg were probably prompted by the use of the grenades which denotate with an "extremely" loud bang.

After Mandela's second arrest, about 100 women gathered outside John Vorster Square, where they staged a sit-in.

They were dispersed by police using dogs. The atmosphere during this confrontation was charged.

Mandela and two other Women's League leaders, Lindy Maseko and Baleka Kgotsisele, appeared in court. After this second appearance, Mandela was released and told to reappear on June 21.

WILSON ZWANE reports that former Umkhonto we Sizwe operative Mafi Mgobhozi was transferred from Cape Town's Pollsmoor Prison to Somerset Hospital yesterday, according to Hunger Strike Committee lawyer Willie Hofmeyr.

Hofmeyr said another prisoner, Chris Mofokeng, lost consciousness on Tuesday and was revived at Somerset Hospital.

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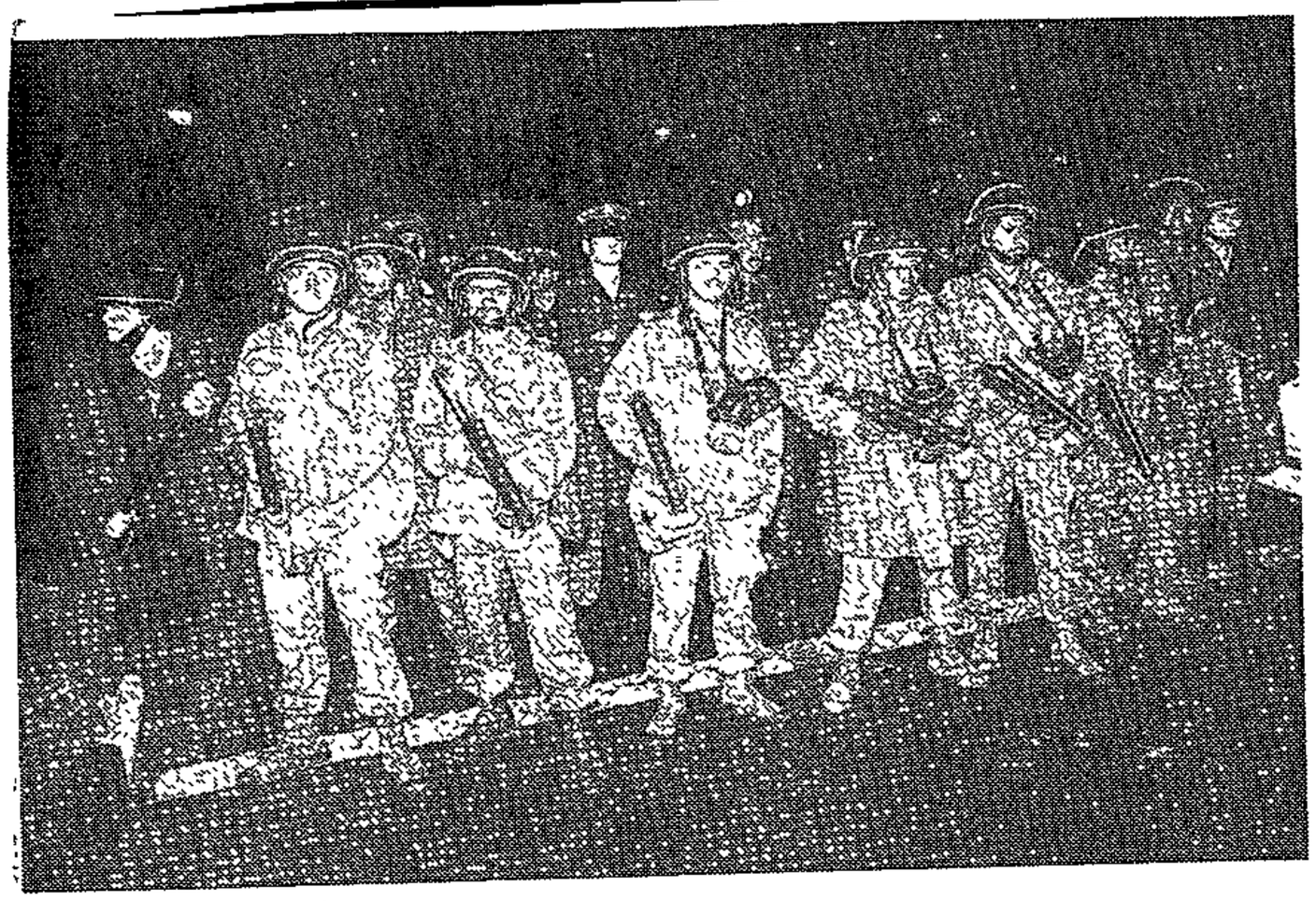

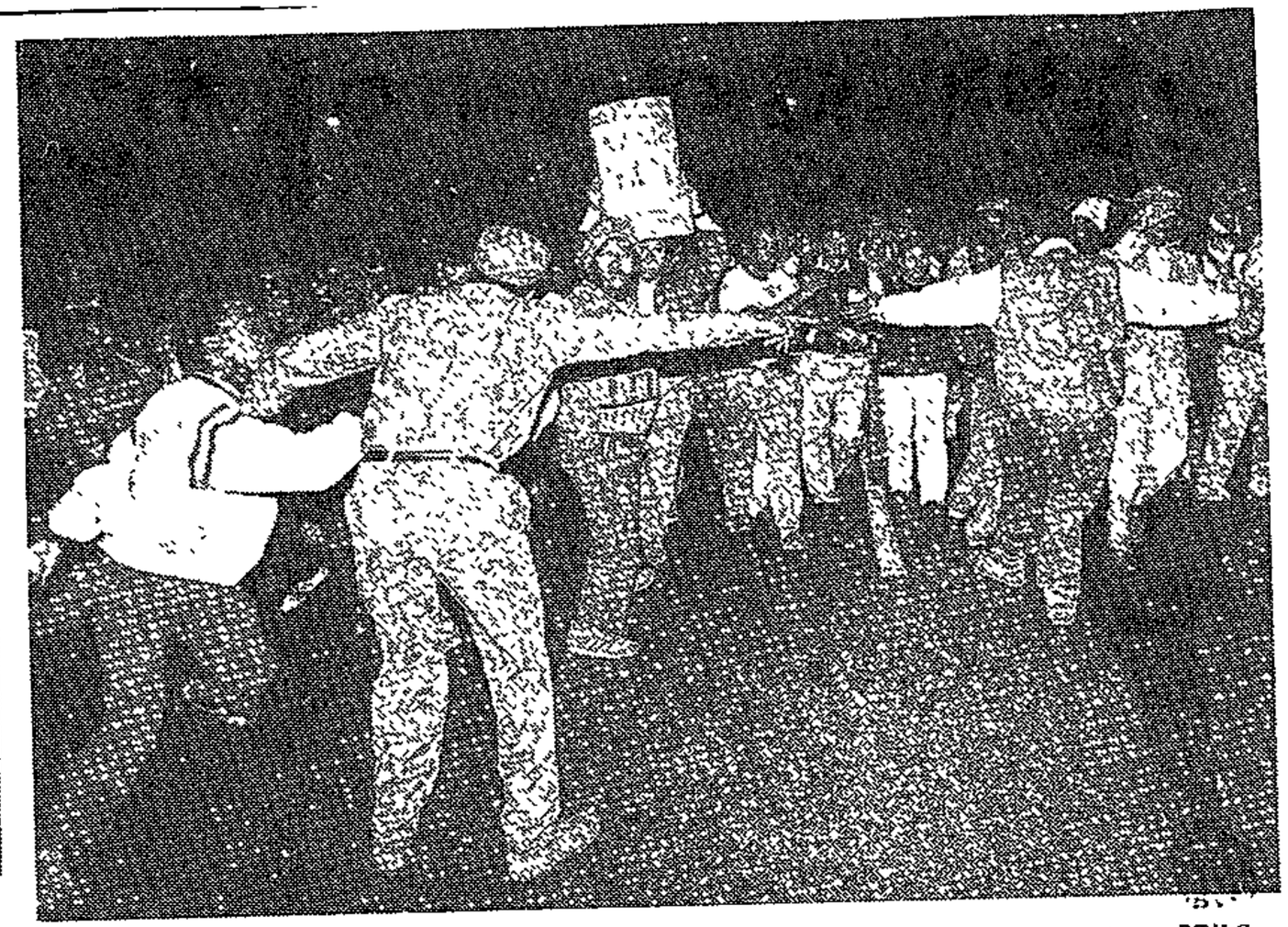

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CONFRONTATION: ANC supporters trying to march from UCT to President De Klerk's residence at Groote Schuur after a meeting, are confronted near the campus by a wall of police, many armed with teargas grenade launchers. The marchers returned to UCT.

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Teargas halts march on president's home

By HANS-PETER BAKKER
Staff Reporter

POLICE fired teargas and arrested 18 people on charges of disrupting traffic late last night when thousands of protesters tried to march to the president's home to demand the release of political prisoners.

The demonstration followed a call to people to march "in their thousands" by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief-of-staff Mr Chris Hani during an address at the University of Cape Town.

A singing crowd of several thousand people headed towards Groote Schuur Estate but were turned back by policemen under the bridge in Princess Anne Drive.

The crowd, tightly controlled by marshals, veered on to the northbound lane while police tried to regroup at the entrance to Groote Schuur.

On the southbound lane, where the police were gathering, there were several near collisions when fast-moving cars from the city skidded on rain-wet roads to avoid hitting other cars or the police.

Most of the protesting group returned to the steps of UCT's Jameson Hall where they were addressed by Mr Trevor Manuel of the ANC.

A few hundred people then approached the Main Road entrance to Groote Schuur Estate where they were confronted by police.

They sat in the road and police fired teargas to disperse them. Eighteen were arrested on charges of disrupting traffic and taken to Rondebosch police station where they were given the option of paying R50 admission-of-guilt fines.

Mr Bulelani Ngcuka of the ANC said the marchers had withdrawn because "De Klerk had prepared an ambush for us ... People were likely to lose their lives".

"The struggle is not going to end today under that bridge. We must still be fighting tomorrow to liberate our comrades from hospital."

In his address in Jameson Hall Mr Hani said the march to Groote Schuur "must not be a one-day issue — we must march every day until the hunger strikers are out of prison".

The South African government, as an illegitimate regime, had no right to keep a single political prisoner in jail.

Mr Rafiq Rohan, released after a 20-day fast on Monday, said prison warders guarding hunger-strikers in Somerset Hospital would tantalise them by laying "a picnic" in front of them.

"They would take out roast chickens and other delicacies and eat in front of us and wave the food at us."

Angry women threaten more massive protests

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The Argus Correspondents

POLICE fired teargas and threw stun grenades into a crowd of ANC women protesters in central Johannesburg and arrested and charged Winnie Mandela for the second time in a day — prompting threats of further protests today.

The drama, at the corner of Rissik and Market streets, was played out as ANC leaders embarked on a 24-hour fast and launched an international campaign for the release of political prisoners.

After Mrs Mandela appeared in court the national organiser of the Women's League, Mrs Nosiviwe Mapisa, warned that today would see massive action by the PWV branch of the ANC Women's League.

Mrs Mandela was first arrested with the entire national executive of the ANC Women's League, including the deputy president, Mrs Albertina Sisulu, after women blocked the intersection of Rissik and Market streets with a heavy chain shortly after dawn.

The protesters were demanding the release of hunger strikers who entered the 23rd day of their fast today.

Traffic officers and security department officials made most of the arrests. Police cut the chain with bolt cutters.

About 185 ANC women followed Mrs Mandela to John Vorster Square, where they too were arrested for demonstrating.

After Mrs Mandela had been charged with obstructing traffic and resisting arrest and released, she returned to the intersection. About 2pm, when a crowd of mostly women ANC supporters did not disperse, police fired teargas and threw stun grenades and arrested Mrs Mandela again.

"What are you doing? Don't pull me ... don't pull me," Mrs Mandela shouted at police who dragged her across the intersection in front of the Town Hall fountains as her supporters scattered amid the gas and barking police dogs.



WINNIE ARREST: Winnie Mandela struggles with policemen as she is arrested for the second time.

She was allowed to enter a police car on her own, but before getting in to be driven back to police headquarters in John Vorster Square, she told reporters:

"You see for yourselves these vicious men who have manhandled me for the second time ... They manhandle me right in front of the public in this manner.

"This is not going to deter me. The struggle goes on."

Before she was driven away Mrs Mandela protested: "We have done no more than the farmers did in Pretoria. These people who accuse us of being terrorists are attacking women now."

Mr Nelson Mandela arrived at court yesterday afternoon for his wife's second appearance.

During the afternoon appearance magistrate Mr Johan Moolman told Mrs Mandela's lawyer, Mr Ismael Ayob: "I think you should speak to your client about her behaviour. I hope there are no further attempts of this nature."

Mr Mandela later said: "Her second appearance is regrettable." He said he was considering laying a charge of assault against the policemen.

Mrs Mandela was not asked to plead and both hearings have been postponed until June 21.

Two other street protests in central Johannesburg last night ended peacefully.

Spears banned

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
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THE public carrying of spears, sharpened metal rods and sticks shod with iron in unrest areas on the East Rand has been banned. Sowetan 23/5/91

The ban is effective in the magisterial districts of Alberton, Boksburg and Germiston and includes Tokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong.

The ban on spears and other dangerous weapons was

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Carrying of spears is banned

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announced in a special Government Gazette issued in Cape Town yesterday.

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Provision is made for the carrying of spears at bona fide traditional or cultural occasions, but only if prior permission had been given, President FW de Klerk said in a statement accompanying the gazette yesterday.

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"If there are political groupings that have decided against attending the conference on political grounds or because of the question of traditional weapons, they will have to bear the responsibility for their non-participation in a peace meeting intended to deal with violence in a solution-oriented manner," De Klerk said.

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LHR demands answers over Swanieville

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By JOHN PERLMAN

STATE President FW de Klerk and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok were yesterday given a sharp reminder that many questions remain unanswered regarding police conduct during the May 12 massacre at Swanieville squatter camp near Kagiso, in which 27 people were killed.

Both men were sent a document prepared by Lawyers for Human Rights, the Independent Board of Inquiry and the Centre of Applied Legal Studies at Wits which details allegations made by Swanieville residents. Some claim police were present and failed to act while others allege direct police involvement on the side of Inkatha attackers.

Much of the information, and the questions raised in the document, accords with details provided in last week's *Weekly Mail*. LHR director of litigation, Ahmed Motala, said all the statements were taken on the Monday and Tuesday following the attack. "We acted immediately for two reasons. First, there was a political urgency because violence in the country is reaching the point of anarchy. And second, we were concerned about veracity. We did not want the residents to have time to come up with a common story."

The document charges that nearly half the witnesses say they saw police hippos in the area, either just before the shooting began or just afterwards. This conflicts with the police claim that a Casspir was sent to the camp at 6.30am when they got first warning of the attack. Several allege that "white men were escorting the attacking group prior to the retreat of the impi".

A number of witnesses claim that they saw policemen wearing camouflage uniforms among the attacking crowd. Others allege that other white men, out of uniform, were also present.

The document says many survivors claim that when they "tried to run away from their attackers they were forced to return to the camp by members of the security forces". They also charge that policemen who were in the area were unwilling to help. One said he saw a police vehicle and asked for assistance: "He answered by saying that they are not the riot squad and knew nothing of what was happening."

Of the six men who were arrested in connection with the massacre, three have been released and three charged with public violence.

Killings will not end if the perpetrators are selectively absolved, writes **Jo-Anne Collinge**

A blind eye to the bloodshed

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ZULU-SPEAKING mobs, usually clearly Inkatha-aligned, have a lot to answer for when it comes to initiating violence on the Reef.

The long list of outright attacks by Zulu "rooidoeke" poses the question: How can Inkatha and its supporters escape heavy public criticism from the Government? How can Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok — increasingly harsh in his views on the ANC's role in violence — remain quite mute when it comes to Inkatha?

There are those who would explain this oversight in terms of political interests.

Recently President de Klerk told a British daily newspaper. "I have no doubt that when the real electoral process is in the offing, alliances will be formed and that there will be a moderate alliance in which the National Party will play an important part.

"It's quite possible that the Inkatha Freedom Party and the National Party can move into an alliance but I don't think that they will be alone if they decide to do so."

The Government is, of course, not the only major party which displays critical blindness to key aspects of the bloodshed.

The African National Congress and its aligned organisations, and the Inkatha Freedom Party, also have their particular political blinkers.

This raises the question: Are national peace talks not a futile exercise if the main participants continue to acknowledge only those forms of violence that are politically expedient to them?

In local peace initiatives, parties have stressed that they meet not to apportion blame, but to seek solutions. The time has come to ask whether this mutual absolution is useful, since the bodies continue to pile up

Should not all parties be made to bear political responsibility in direct proportion to the aggression and deadliness their supporters show? If so, an attempt must be made to untangle the complex elements of violence.

The factor of large-scale, unprovoked attacks by Zulus associated with Inkatha has already been pinpointed.

According to a survey of press reports by the Community Agency for Social Enquiry (CASE), IFP supporters instigated 66 percent of attacks in 146 instances where the aggressor was "confidently identified".

Hostel-based Zulu "rooidoeke" are also noted for extreme revenge action, such as killing 18 Naledi residents after youths murdered a man headed for an Inkatha march; and the Alexandra bloodbath of March/April, triggered by the killing of a Zulu man.

Militant township youths who owe political allegiance to the ANC are central actors.

In some cases — as in Naledi in October — their unprovoked action against an isolated Inkatha member has resulted in hell being unleashed in their community.

In many cases, the youth are the first line of defence after an Inkatha attack — as in the area surrounding Inhlazane station in August, when the barricades went up and the necklace returned after a pre-dawn attack by Jabulani hostel rooidoeke on workers heading to the trains.

Despite the ANC ceasefire, councillors continue to be shot and their houses bombed. These attacks are widely perceived as part of the ANC/civic movement campaign to destroy black local authorities. As more and more councillors are recruited into Inkatha, there is an inevitability about the sweeping backlash such targeted attacks by liberation forces will provoke.

A relatively recent thread to the violence is a form of Xhosa nationalism, apparently generated partly by early generalisations that the conflict was a "Zulu/Xhosa" affair.

Within the recent Alexandra conflict, for instance, observers noted a tendency for Xhosa shack dwellers to mobilise as a distinct group.

Xhosa nationalism goes some way to explaining the puzzling conflict within some ANC constituencies — as between the all-Xhosa Holomisa squatter camp and Mandela Village on the East Rand, where at least 35 people died.

The ANC has to answer for failing to eliminate violence by its supporters, not as a means of defence, but as political thuggery. This has surfaced in areas like Bekkersdal, where the conflict was mainly with Azapo.

Finally, there are the forms of violence perpetrated by the State's armed forces. Both Inkatha and the ANC have accused the armed forces of bias. The accusation of the ANC stands up to better scrutiny.

It has been established in an inquest court that soldiers opened fire without provocation on a crowd of pro-ANC residents at the Sebokeng hostel in September, causing four deaths.

In Daveyton, where police killed 12 Xhosa residents and an officer was battered to death by residents, there is a bitter dispute about who provoked whom to deadly action.

What is beyond dispute is the phenomenon of police escorting throngs of Inkatha members brandishing deadly weapons through residential areas, while the Government makes much of the ANC's refusal to disclose arms caches

Journalists have regularly witnessed police teargassing residents defending or retaliating after Zulu impi attacks.

Allegations of more direct police assistance for attacking Zulus are made regularly from widely scattered target communities. The surprise nature of these attacks means there are never independent witnesses to test these claims.

Likewise, allegations of masked white gunmen among marauding hostel gangs have not been proved, but are emphatically repeated in different areas

The ANC has argued that there is a "third force", a secret motor-force to the violence which depends on covert — rather than open — collusion between elements of the State and Inkatha

The claims of elusive white gunmen, the sophisticated weaponry of a section of the Zulu impis, the military precision of attacks like that at Swanieville and the probability that hostel dwellers are led by a mobile and well-trained core of fighters are the building blocks of the "third force" concept.

The notion is bolstered by the allegations that Inkatha cadres were trained by the SADF in Caprivi and by the apparent confession of Sipho Madlala that while acting as an agent of Military Intelligence he helped assassinate pro-ANC chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo.

The Harms Commission offered only a glimpse of the operations of a range of secret units established in the armed forces under apartheid to destroy liberation organisations

The securocrats who conceived and ran these have not disappeared; most have not retired and the business they know best remains destabilisation

As long as violence retains its present levels and direction, it will be impossible to eradicate the suspicion that there is deliberate destabilisation of the ANC, as the Government's former enemy number one and most probable successor.

The discernible forms of violence outlined above combine in a seemingly watertight pattern of terror.

If peace talks are to be successful, they must be structured so as to compel even the most powerful participants to confront every ugly visage of this many-headed monster.

There will be no end to the killings if the perpetrators are selectively absolved. In this historic pre-negotiation phase, politic murder must carry political penalties for all parties. □

Gunmen massacre beerhall patrons

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Sapa Star 24/5/91

Five people died and 18 were seriously injured after two men armed with AK-47 rifles fireed on about 100 people in a beerhall in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, last night.

Four people were killed instantly and another died later in Sebokeng Hospital.

The men stormed into the Koüperasie Beerhall at about 7 pm, sprayed the crowded room with bullets and fled in a car.

The owner of the establishment, Bernard Motsapi, said that at about 7.10 pm a guard tried to prevent several men from entering when he saw they were wearing balaclavas.

"Within minutes, we heard shooting. I ran out of my office and saw the gunmen spraying the patrons with their automatic weapons. Everyone in the building scattered . . ." he said.

A local ANC official said some patrons had noted the registration number of the vehicle used by the culprits.

Police said some of the injured were transferred to Vereeniging Hospital.

A Sebokeng Hospital spokesman said all the injured were in a serious or very serious condition.

Police are not to blame for deaths

THE police are not to blame for the death of five of the 22 people who were killed in four separate incidents of unrest in Soweto about five years ago.

Mr CJ de Lange, who presided over an inquest in the Johannesburg Inquest Court into the deaths of the 22, found that any deaths which the police may have caused during the incidents "were caused in the line of duty".

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He said the court was unable to make a finding on the other 17 people, saying they were probably shot by municipal police.

The 17 were killed in White City Jabavu and Rockville on August 26 1986.

Although witnesses said they had seen police vehicles when the shooting took place, De Lange found the police only arrived later.

The five were part of a group attacking a car. When the police stopped, the group attacked them.

Dress 'properly', says Zulu king

LESS than 24 hours after the Government banned the carrying of weapons this week, King Goodwill Zwelethini urged Zulus attending a mass rally at the FNB Stadium tomorrow to wear "proper traditional attire".

Sporting "traditional attire", according to an Inkatha Legislative Assembly member, implies the carrying of spears, sticks and shields.

Asked whether organisers of the meeting had applied for permission for the carrying of cultural weapons, Suzanne Vos of the Inkatha Freedom Party said this was unnecessary, as the stadium was not in an unrest area. She pointed out that the IFP were not the organisers of the rally.

This means that many of the 100 000 people expected at the stadium tomorrow will be carrying traditional weapons. And many Zulus from local regions are expected to arrive on foot after travelling through tension-racked township areas.

Amakhosi

The rally is to be addressed by King Goodwill and his Chief Minister, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi. It will also be attended by other dignitaries and the "amakhosi (chiefs) of the Zulu nation" were urged to "solidly support" the king at this occasion.

Previous plans for a meeting to be held at the George Goch stadium and a subsequent march on the Jeppe Station were cancelled.

The Zulu rally will once more focus on the heated debate surrounding Wednesday's gazetted ban on the carrying of weapons, including spears and assegais and other items like pointed or metal objects, axes, petrol-bombs and pitchforks.

But the ban does provide for exemptions, including the right to carry cultural weapons to events if prior notice has been given. This exemption was criticised by violence-monitoring groups, including Lawyers for Human Rights, the Independent Board of Inquiry and the Centre for Applied Legal studies.

The three organisations called on the Government to impose a complete ban on cultural weapons and to outlaw all public display of weapons, particularly at political and outdoor gatherings.



KING GOODWILL ZWELETHINI.

Traditional attire urged for rally

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PAT DEVEREAUX

An ongoing outcry against tra ditional weapons follows this week's report that Inkatha has been blamed for 66 percent of the political violence on the Reef, claiming at least 1 805 lives, in the past nine months.

According to the Community Agency for Social Enquiry's senior researcher, Dr David Everatt, who collated information from news reports and cross-checked it with monitoring groups, Inkatha was blamed for 10 times more acts of aggression than the ANC — said to be responsible for six percent.

In the research, traditional weapons (spears, assegais, knives, knobkerries and sticks) were identified 35 times out of 215 instances (16 percent).

Firearms and explosives were used in almost 47 percent of cases, pangas (6,5 percent) axes (3,6 percent) petrol bombs (1,9 percent) and bars and poles (0,1 percent), said the report.

Inkatha was reportedly responsible for 55 percent of cases of using guns and explosives, the ANC two percent; Inkatha was blamed in 23 percent of the cases of using "traditional weapons" and the ANC three percent.

Inkatha was also seen as using pangas, axes, petrol bombs and necklacing twice as often as the ANC. Dr Everatt said the reported use of AK-47 rifles (5,6 percent of all weapons) was restricted to Inkatha while the ANC was not identified as using AK-47 rifles.

However, the report was disputed by Dr Gavin Woods of the Inkatha Institute, who said their own research had indicated that very few people were killed by traditional weapons.

He said there were two problems with Dr Everatt's research: Case had "a politically partisan reputation" and the analysis was "superficial and distorted".

Opposing the ban on cultural weapons, Dr Woods claimed that in one month's reported incidents of violence this year, 75 percent of victims were killed by guns and 20 percent hacked to death.

He claimed the weapons used to hack people to death were not traditional. He said the remaining five percent of deaths occurred though other means, including necklacing.

Manager of the Inkatha Institute Peter Smith stressed that pangas and other sharpened instruments could not be regarded as traditional weapons.

Necklacings

Referring to Race Relations research, on which Inkatha's research has been based, Mr Smith said: "Since the violence began a few years ago, firearms, explosives and other incendiary objects account for 50 percent of weapons used in the violence, while knives, pangas other sharp objects account for 18 percent."

Mr Smith added that the Inkatha Institute's research was to be presented at the Government's current all-party peace conference.

Approached for figures regarding violence, deaths and the weapons used, police liaison officer Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen said they did not compile such statistics and the cause of death was left up to the inquest courts.

Summit starts but no ANC or PAC

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PRETORIA. — President F W de Klerk's peace summit opened here yesterday. It is being held in a bid to solve the violence crisis in the country.

The summit, however, is being boycotted by key players in the political set-up, including the ANC and PAC.

Yesterday the National Conference of Churches offered to save the talks by convening another summit that already had the support of the government, the ANC and Inkatha.

Speaking at President De Klerk's summit, former Ned Geref Church moderator Dr Johan Heyns said "it is completely futile without the other parties here".

Later, Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen said the government would welcome contributions. He reiterated that President De Klerk had said this summit was only the first step.

A senior source disclosed that Mr De Klerk had given Dr Heyns a "very positive response" in a private discussion.

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Squatters' fate pending

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By DAN DHLAMINI

SEVEN squatters occupying Goedgevonden farm near Ventersdorp – the scene of violent confrontation between rightwingers and squatters recently – appeared in the Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court this week charged with trespassing.

Roseline Mokoena, 64, ELizabeth Molefe, 65; Sarah Tekane, 45; John Mohosi, 55; Aaron Kgampepe, 58; Lettie Jakobi, 66 and Lizzy Segopolo, 56, appeared before magistrate PJC van Wyk.

They were not asked to plead and their case was postponed to June 17.

They face trespassing charges following complaints by neighbouring white farmers after a community of 400 moved onto Goedgevonden.

They were forcibly removed from the farm 13 years ago and dumped at Vrisgewacht in Bophuthatswana.

A second case brought against the squatters by farmers who leased Goedgevonden farm from the government for grazing, will be heard in the Pretoria Supreme court on Tuesday.

Both parties are eagerly awaiting the outcome of this case.

A group of 2 000 white farmers moved on to Geodgevonden farm two weeks and tried to evict the squatters. Police were called in and fired on the farmers, wounding two.

Several blacks were also injured.

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'blanche had earlier been threatening at public meetings that if the government did not move the squatters, the AWB would.

In another development this week, 11 Tshing township residents appeared before magistrate PJC van Wyk, charged with public violence and intimidation.

Godfrey Morake, 24; John Motlhajwa, 28; Piet Tseladimmetlwa, 20; Gift Mokoena, 19; and seven youths aged between 15 and 16 had their case postponed to June 3.

The four men were released on bail and the seven youths released into the custody of their parents.

There were emotional scenes outside the court where several shack dwellers attending the trial still bore the scars of their clash with the farmers.

One of the victims, Simon Nchabe, said he had come to court to see if Terre'blanche – who is alleged to have asaulted 70-year-old William Mashia – would appear. But no whites were charged.

A spokesman at the Attorney General's office, J Pienaar, said the *City Press* inquiry about Terre'blanche's case had been received and would be attended to this week.

Attacks 'for no reason'

Krugersdorp's night-time sport

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A BLOODY and violent white-by-night "sport" is being played in the conservative town of Krugersdorp.

While whites and blacks elsewhere in South Africa are reaching across the colour line to find a common future, white thugs in Krugersdorp have taken to beating up black pedestrians after dark.

Residents of nearby townships Munsieville and Kagiso have decided not to take the nightly assaults lying down.

A four-week consumer boycott is presently hitting the town hard and traders are starting to feel the pinch. This happened after the AWB prevented a march to protest against the government's slow release of political prisoners.

Those hardest hit by the attacks have been black men visiting girlfriends who work as domestics.

Two of the victims told *City Press* how white thugs attacked them when they met their girlfriends in town at night.

Joseph Kgokong from Mafikeng, a victim of two attacks, told how white thugs moved in groups "hunting" blacks at night, particularly over weekends. He did not lay charges because he was not sure he would recognise his assailants.

"When they see a police van coming their way they split up, or pretend to be discussing something," Kgokong added.

Another victim, Jacob Seale, said he was attacked on three occasions and has stopped seeing his girlfriend as a result.

Two Krugersdorp whites were last week jailed for the brutal slaying of Fistus Dikolobe. Another three white youths were also found guilty of the murder of Patrick Matlhale.

■ Marthinus Christoffel Lamprecht, 21, was sentenced to 12 years for causing the death of Dikolobe. His co-accused, Cornelius Pieter Polley Flemming, 18, also of Krugersdorp, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, five strokes with a light cane and a further 18 months suspended for five years.

Dikolobe died a cruel and lonely death after he was punched, kicked and left in heavy rain.

■ On Wednesday this week Judge B O'Donovan, sitting with two assessors, found three Krugersdorp youths guilty of murdering Matlhale.

Before convicting the three the judge said they were poor witnessses, "changing their evidence on several aspects".

He rejected their story that Matlhale had been involved in an argument with them.

The three testified that Matlhale had been "talking loudly" and a 15-year-old had told him to be quiet, which prompted Matlhale to swear at them.

Earlier Matlhale's girlfriend, Ida Sithole, denied the youths were insulted or that there was an argument. She said Matlhale was attacked for no reason.

Prosecutor N Van Niekerk asked that the youths be found guilty of murder, as they should have foreseen that their actions could lead to the death of Matlhale.

The judge and his assessors accepted that the schoolboys had earlier attended a party and used alcohol on the night of the assault.

The medical evidence showed Matlhale died of multiple injuries of which an injury to the brain was the most serious.

Their case was postponed to June 11 for a probation officer's report.

King Goodwill urges Zulus to work for peace

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TRADITIONAL WEAPONS: Zulus bear "traditional" weapons at a massive rally in Johannesburg yesterday.

The Argus Correspondents

ZULU King Goodwill Zwelithini has made an impassioned plea to his subjects to stop using violence for political ends and to work for peace.

Addressing a gathering of about 60 000 people at the First National Bank Stadium in Johannesburg yesterday, King Goodwill assured his people he would not dictate which political party they should support.

"I have come to my father's people in this part of South Africa in order to command them to work for peace I come to pronounce peace and I come to tell my father's people now to desist from the use of violence for political purposes. I say this to every Zulu in every political party."

King Goodwill said he endorsed anything that any party did which would make his vision of a new South Africa a reality.

"There shall be a new South Africa It shall be a democratic South Africa All shall be equal before the law and the constitution," declared the king.

However, he said he was being attacked by political parties while he had no personal political agenda.

"In my call for peace I (also) call for fair and just politics. I call for decency in politics. Let the atrocities end now Let there be no more necklacing. Let the chopping of people to pieces with pangas and axes end Let the wanton destruction of life — mostly with AK 47s, pistols and rifles and bombs — end."

King Goodwill called on the ANC to stop attacking him and Kwazulu. He lashed out at the organisation for "condemning" the existence of Kwazulu while its leaders visited other homelands.

He said he found it strange that the ANC had close relations with Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa and the homelands of the Ciskei, Lebowa, Kangwane and Gazankulu while attacking Kwazulu.

"Kwazulu is attacked and when Kwazulu is attacked, I am attacked," King Goodwill said.

Zulus were a proud people with warrior blood running in their veins, and they did not apologise

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to anybody.

"We come from warrior stock and the whole world must believe me that if the Zulu leadership of today issued commands to set the Zulu nation to war with any organisation, that organisation would not last long," the Zulu king said.

He said he would continue to carry his cultural weapons, and attention had to be paid instead to AK 47s and other kinds of dangerous weapons.

He said more needed to be done than just the calling off of "killing talk" and physical attacks, and those who denigrated Kwazulu as a product of apartheid needed to apologise to him publicly and admit they were wrong.

Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said King Goodwill had broken historic ground by addressing a gathering of the Zulu people outside Kwazulu.

Mr Buthelezi explained that the meeting was a gathering of the Zulu people convened by their king and not Inkatha.

At the end of the rally, King Goodwill handed a petition addressed to Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok to Brigadier Piet Du Toit of the SAP.

The petition protested against the "debasing of the manhood" of King Goodwill and all Zulus by the ANC's call for a ban on the carrying of cultural weapons.

Police and SADF personnel maintained a heavy presence outside the stadium and police helicopters hovered in the air during the rally.

Police escorted large crowds of Inkatha members from Soweto to the rally and back.

In two isolated incidents after the meeting, a Diepkloof resident Mr Norman Ncube, 56, was wounded in the forehead when he was allegedly stabbed with a spear and a large stone was hurled at a news team by Inkatha members returning to Diepkloof Hostel.

14 killed in Soweto violence

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At least 14 people, including three policemen, have died in violence in Soweto since Friday night, police have confirmed.

Nine of these, including two off-duty policemen, were shot and stabbed to death in Pimville late on Friday night in what the SAP described as unrelated incidents.

However, residents claimed that a group of Zulu-speaking red head-banded gunmen accompanied by policemen were responsible for attacks on Pimville residents on Friday night.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said Saturday's violence included:

- A 59-year-old man was shot dead in house 123, Klipspruit.
- A 27-year-old municipal policeman was shot dead on the old Potchefstroom Road.
- A man aged about 30 was found necklaced near the Nancefield cemetery.
- A 59-year-old man was stabbed to death with an assegai and put on a railway line.

On Friday:

- Three men were killed and 12 people wounded in Pimville when an unidentified group with an AK-47 assault rifle sprayed homes and a taxi with gunfire.
- At 11.15 pm shots were fired at a police patrol vehicle in Pimville. Police returned fire and one of the alleged attackers was fatally wounded.
- At 11.20 pm two men were arrested and an AK-47 rifle seized after a group of unidentified men fired shots at policemen and houses in Pimville.
- Also at 11.20 pm, two men were shot dead at their Pimville home.
- At 11.30 pm the bodies of two off-duty policemen, who had been stabbed to death, were found in a Pimville house.
- At 11.50 pm a man was shot dead in Klipspruit. — Sapa and Staff Reporter.

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4 held over beerhall massacre

Four people have been arrested in connection with an armed attack on a beerhall in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, on Thursday night in which 13 people died, police said at the weekend.

According to witnesses, two masked gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles entered the Kooperasie Beerhall in the township's Zone 14 just after 7 pm and opened fire.

"Police seized two AK-47 rifles, which have been sent for ballistic tests. At the scene of the shooting, several spent AK-47 cartridges were found," a police statement said.

The death toll has risen sharply since the attack, according to the SAP.

"It was originally reported that eight people had been killed. Five of the wounded since died, bringing the total number killed to 13."

The statement congratulated police involved in the arrests "for making the breakthrough within 24 hours of the shooting".

The owner of the beerhall, Bernard Motsapi, said he could not think of a reason for the attack. "My customers are Xhosa, Zulu, Venda, Sotho, Tsonga and so on, but we've never had problems, even at the height of unrest."

Survivor Jackson Somane said from his hospital bed: "Two people appeared at the entrance and started firing at the patrons with powerful guns." The men never uttered a word but continued to fire as patrons ran for cover, Mr Somane said.

Victim Benjamin Masina said he saw several men firing from the entrance of the building.

"There was confusion and people tried to run away, but many of them fell."

● Sebokeng and Evaton were declared unrest areas on Saturday. — Sapa.

Leave cancelled for Soweto police

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JONATHON REES

ALL Soweto police ranks have had their leave cancelled and are working 12 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice, to curb unrest in the township.

SAP Soweto spokesman Col Jac de Vries said rest days for all SAP personnel in Soweto, including administrative and logistical staff, had been cancelled from May 16 by Regional Police Commissioner Maj-Gen Johan Swart because more police were needed on the ground. Only sick leave was being granted.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said yesterday police countrywide had worked more than 5-million hours in overtime since August 1 last year. Police were expected to work overtime and were paid R50 for each extra eight-hour shift.

More than 600 AK-47s and 1 000 other firearms had been seized since January 1, Kotze said.

Police infiltration of arms smuggling networks had largely reduced the number of illegal weapons entering SA but the major difficulty lay in eliminating the demand for weapons in townships.

De Vries said women and office staff were being used for unrest patrol duties in Soweto.

Meanwhile, Bophuthatswana police yesterday reported a young off-duty policeman in Motswedi shot and killed six people, wounding another, before shooting himself dead.

Police spokesman Col Dave George said the constable had killed his wife and gone with his sister to report the crime. At the local Post Office he wrested a gun from the guard on duty, seriously wounding him, and killed his sister and four other people before committing suicide.

Seven deaths reported by police in their daily unrest report yesterday brought the unrest death toll for May to 263. Tembisa police found the bodies of two men and three seriously injured men.

The unrest report said three people were killed in Mqolombeni near Port Shepstone when two groups attacked each other with firearms. A woman was burnt to death in Khayelitsha, nar Cape Town, and a body was found with bullet wounds in Kathlehong on the East Rand.

Sapa reports two limpet mines, five detonators and 1360 rounds of AK-47 ammunition were found by police at the weekend in an arms cache on a far-Northern Transvaal farm. The arms were destroyed.

It said Durban police shot a man dead after he stoned a vehicle and then bit and stabbed two police dogs sent after him early on Sunday, SAP Natal spokesman Lt Bala Naidoo said.

concerned, the costs were borne by the relevant pension funds with no cost to the State.

Swaniesville attack: SAP partiality

*4. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether he or the South African Police have been informed of the allegations that the Police aided hostel dwellers in a recent attack on squatters in Swaniesville; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether an investigation is being conducted into these allegations; if not, why not, if so, what progress has been made;

(3) whether any persons have been (a) arrested and (b) charged in connection with this incident; if not, why not; if so, how many in each case;

(4) whether, on the day of the above attack, a large number of hostel dwellers moved through Swaniesville without being stopped; if so, why were they not stopped?

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†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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This matter is being investigated thoroughly and as a matter of urgency

The investigation is twofold in nature and is concentrated on the following aspects·

(1) the accusations of alleged aid by the South African Police to hostel dwellers during an attack on squatters in Swaniesville on 12 May 1991; and

(2) the attack by a group of persons on residents in the Swaniesville squatter camp during which numerous persons were killed and injured and property damaged.

Hon members will have understanding for the fact that the investigation is a process which takes time Almost 350 statements have already been taken. The investigation is nevertheless already in an advanced state and is expected to be finalised shortly

As the furnishing of any answer to the question will be in anticipation of the outcome of the investigation and judicial actions which will result therefrom, it would be inapt to react thereto at this stage, except to say that the accusations against the South African Police and events in Swaniesville on the date in question are viewed in a very serious light

I therefore kindly request the hon member to abide by this, so that the judicial process, which is already in progress, can take its course

Mr D J DALLING. Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, could he tell the House who is conducting the investigation?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER. Mr Chairman, Maj-Gen R N van der Westhuizen is in overall control of the investigation of this matter.

Mr D J DALLING. Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, would he not agree with me that as the allegations made involve the actions of the SA Police, it is in fact not correct to have the Police investigate the Police? [Interjections.] Surely, in the light of the fact that more than 26 people were killed in this incident, there should be an independent judicial commission of enquiry and not the Police investigating the Police?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER. Mr Chairman, it is the responsibility of the SA Police to investigate any offence committed in this country The SA Police cannot wait until commissions of enquiry are appointed before it can start with its task. I have total confidence in Maj-Gen Van der Westhuizen's handling of the matter I have also had a talk with him and the Commissioner of the SA Police on this matter. I am satisfied that it will be finalised incisively, thoroughly and promptly.

Hoedspruit exchange: conversion

*5. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister for Economic Co-ordination and Public Enterprises·

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply by the Minister of Communications to Question No 15 on 24 March 1988, the equipment which is required to convert the existing manual exchange at Hoedspruit to an automatic exchange and which was due to be received in October 1989, has been delivered; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it expected to be delivered; if so, when was it delivered;

(2) whether the automatic exchange is ready for service; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it expected to be ready for service; if so, when will or did it come into operation?

B1029E

The MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES.

(1) Yes, during October 1989.

(a) and (b) Fall away;

(2) Yes: The Hoedspruit town area was automated on 27 September 1990. The automation of the farm lines will commence during April 1992 and will be done progressively. The project is expected to be completed during the first half of 1993.

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Committee for Environmental Management: meetings

*6. Mr J CHIOLÉ asked the Minister of Environment Affairs:†

(1) (a) What was the object in establishing the Committee for Environmental Management and (b) how many meetings did this committee hold from 1 April 1990 to 30 April 1991;

(2) whether, in the light of the object for which the committee was established, the above-mentioned number of meetings is sufficient; if not, what steps are contemplated in this regard,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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†The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS.

(1) (a) The Committee for Environmental Management was established under Section 12 of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No 73 of 1989) to advise the Director-General on any matter affecting activities which may influence the protection and utilisation of the environment and to co-ordinate and promote the implementation of the provisions of the act.

(b) One meeting was held by the Committee during the period 1 April 1990 to 30 April 1991.

(2) Yes. In light of the fact that most of the deliberations and co-ordination took place at subcommittee level, as is provided for in section 14(4) of the Act, it was not considered necessary to hold more meetings of the main committee.

(3) No.

†Mr J CHIOLÉ: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply—from which I must deduce that this committee is the watchdog of the environment—I want to ask for when the next meeting of the committee has been arranged, when the last meeting was held and how many meetings the subcommittees have held [Interjections]

†The MINISTER. Mr Chairman, a date for the next meeting has not yet been fixed as far as I am aware, but I shall advise the hon member as soon as I know.

*7. Mr P G Soal—Law and Order [Question standing over.]

Education renewal strategy: report

*8. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 16 on 23 April 1991, the report of the integrating committee in regard to the education renewal strategy will be made available as a public document, if not, why not, if so, when will it be made available;

(2) whether this report will have the status of a White Paper; if not, what status will it have;

(3) whether he will issue comment on behalf of the Government at the time of the finalisation of the report; if not, why not?

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION:

(1) Yes. The report will be released on 4 June 1991.

Walking on boiling water

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DARIUS SANAI

IN THE labyrinthine hearts of SA's bloody townships are white faces which return day after day, through the poverty and filth, to try to help where others can only watch or ignore.

These are the faces of the Catholic priests who have seen much of this country's physical and mental squalor as they go about their clerical duties.

The Catholic church has at least one priest in most townships; larger ones, like Katlehong and Tembisa, have two, Soweto has 12

Combined with the priests or bishops from other denominations, this means each township has at least 30 clerical representatives. Thokoza has 35, Soweto more than 200.

Most are black, but not all

Father Peter Hortop, tall, red-faced and thin, with a sheath of white hair, can usually be seen walking the streets of Thokoza or Katlehong after a killing spree.

Similarly, Father Dermot Mills commutes almost daily from his home in Johannesburg's northern suburbs to Meadowlands.

Normally Hortop is seated in a tiny office that smells of gas, tucked behind the township's Catholic church

Lining the walls is an assortment of papers: a picture of the Pope, a telephone message ("Mrs Mgiso's husband is missing" and a telephone number), instructions for prayer services, a warning about AIDS.

His office serves as a parish consulting room: residents come and ask him to bless houses or give prayers.

Children need to be baptised, couples married, sick people prayed for, but others have particular problems.

"For example," Hortop says, "last December when 12 houses were burned down, one woman came to me. She said her son was at school in Transkei, but was visiting for Christmas.

"The family's house was burned down by hostel people, and her son couldn't go back to school because all his clothes had been burned. I had to find some for him."

Mills says he regularly spends hours on the telephone talking to the council, frequently about the blocked drains.

"At the moment there is a broken sewer in my parish, pouring raw sewage into the street.

Problems

"It's been going on for three weeks and there's a danger of cholera and typhoid. It's all made worse by the mounds of rotting rubbish in the streets."

The sewage problem is a recurring one, he says. It usually takes weeks for him to persuade the council to do something about it.

The most persistent problems in Thokoza, says Hortop, are poverty, hunger and homelessness. More than 70 000 people are living in shacks on the edge of the municipality.

Hortop says he used to be harassed by police — he was detained without trial for eight months in 1986 — but now "it's me who hassles them".

He responds to complaints by his parishioners by telling police to leave the squatters alone, and to provide adequate protection against attacks.



Father Peter Hortop on his rounds in Thokoza. Picture CATHERINE ROSS

He denies that the violence is caused by the poverty and desperation in the township "Ironically, it started just after the ANC renounced the armed struggle last year."

Government and its "puppets" in Inkatha are behind the killings in his township, Hortop claims.

He recounts the tale of a September day last year when a parishioner came to him with news of a gathering at the other end of town, where there are three hostels.

"I went up the main road and looked. There was a group of people, bristling with weapons. They were marching down the street towards the squatter camp, and two police Casspirs were accompanying them They were escorting them to the squatter camp. I would not believe it, but I saw it with my own eyes "

"That week, shacks were plundered and burnt and there was a war — a real war — between the Inkatha people from the hostel and the squatters. Then Inkatha just got into buses one evening and drove away "

Hortop is an ANC member, and his claims could be dismissed as ANC propaganda. But his earnestness and sheer strength of will are convincing. here is a man who joined the "liberation movement" after deciding how he feels. He is not someone who follows a party line.

Asked how he reconciles his faith with membership of a communist-affiliated organisation, he smiles. "I am a socialist," he says, "and Christ was a socialist too. I have no problems reconciling the two."

Fifteen kilometres away, Mills keeps a diary of the events he sees every week. On the week ending May 5 1991, in which dozens were killed and houses firebombed, he wrote this. "The community has been torn asunder by the horrific events .. people have no faith in the police. The perception is that the police do not want to protect them "

He says Inkatha members started the violence by occupying the hostel, pushing out anyone who did not want to become a member, and then attacking local residents Then "thugs calling themselves ANC" took advantage by retaliating: and the circle goes on and on.

Mills criticises the police, saying they refused to patrol the waste ground between the hostel and the nearby residential area.

One of his parishioners who lived in this area was chopped to pieces while going shopping.

"There are still no police patrolling that area. Most of the houses overlooking the hostel are empty, the occupants have gone away because there is no one to help them."

A social worker known to one of the priests, who did not want to be named, recounts the following story.

"I was inside a hostel, chatting to the residents, who were Inkatha members, over dinner. They were talking about their families and children, normal, friendly men.

"All of a sudden an Inkatha leader came in and shouted, in a crescendo of passion, 'They (the local residents) have been insulting the name of our leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. Will you stand for this? Will you?'

"Their faces changed immediately, and became riven with hate and violence. They stormed out of the room."

"In the butchery by Inkatha, in the passivity of the police, in the thuggery of the gangs of youths, we have seen the broken face of Jesus," wrote Mills in his diary.

The priests themselves are treading on boiling waters. But they plan to stay until things get better — or until they themselves fall victim to the slaughter.

Soweto police stretched to limits

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By Gien Elsas (278)
West Rand Bureau

Police deployed in Soweto have worked more than 500 000 hours of overtime since the beginning of May, according to spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

In an effort to curb township violence, Soweto police were working 12-hour shifts, seven days a week, he said.

Non-commissioned officers are paid R50 per overtime shift.

Leave, except compassionate leave, has been cancelled until further notice.

Four Soweto policemen have been brutally murdered in the last week, three of them while off-duty.

Warrant-Officer T B Dingilzwe and Constable J E Moerane, both of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad, were stabbed and killed while out visiting on Friday night.

A special policeman working for the riot squad, Lance-Sergeant S A Buteini, was shot and killed while on duty at the weekend.

An off-duty municipal constable, S Mnomija, was shot dead at a shebeen at the weekend.

Several policemen have been seriously injured while carrying out their duties.

Since the start of Operation Stabilise to curb the fighting at the beginning of the month, a tent town has sprung up at the Protea police station.

This had become home to a number of men from all over the country who were sent to the township to try to stabilise the area, Colonel Halgryn said.

The nature of their working hours was such that the men seldom had enough free time to go on outings outside Soweto.

He said the morale of the men was generally high. There was, however, a certain amount of uncertainty as none of them knew how long they would be on active duty in the township.

Several extra chaplains had been brought in to help the policemen.

Stress victims were given rest days at their base, Colonel Halgryn said. The policemen felt particularly traumatised when their colleagues had either been killed or injured.

"A number of these policemen are very young. They have had to deal suddenly with hacked and mutilated bodies, and this obviously brings on stress. Their main functions are to control the entrance to the stations and hostels and to try to act in a crime-preventive capacity," he said.

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Pressed Soweto cops feel stress

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Pressure

Several extra chaplains have also been brought into the area to help policemen who work under severe pressure where they have to be in a state of constant alert.

Those suffering from severe stress are given rest days at their base.

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Police probe into massacre over soon

29/5/91

Political Staff

THE police investigation into the murder of 28 people at the Swaniesville squatter camp was expected to be finalised shortly, Deputy Minister of Law and Order Mr Johan Scheepers said yesterday.

The matter was being investigated throughly and urgently and almost 350 statements had already been taken, he said in reply to a question tabled by Mr David Dalling, DP Sandton.

But Mr Dalling, the DP's justice spokesman, said his response was "inadequate, to say the least".

"Nothing short of a full and independent judicial inquiry held in public will satisfy the public's demand to see that justice is done," he said.

However, Mr Scheepers, who replied to the question on behalf of Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok, said the investigation was being conducted by Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen.

"I am satisfied it is being given urgent attention," Mr Scheepers said.

Scrap the hostels - and 'many thousands will die on that day'



WHERE MEN LIVE ... Outside Dube hostel, which is a home from home for 6 000 men

Photo: GUY ADAMS

JENNIFER POGRUND spoke to inmates of Dube hostel, and found that while they want their conditions improved, they would fiercely resist the abolition of the single-sex hostel system

CANWELL NGIDI is a young, pleasant-faced man who describes himself as the deputy military commander of the Dube hostel ready to lead his forces into the coming civil war against the African National Congress.

There is a surprising ease to his manner as he warns of the terrible consequences for the ANC if single-sex hostels are abolished: "Thousands and thousands of people will die on that day."

Sitting around him in an arena in the centre of the Soweto hostel are 200 fellow Inkatha supporting inmates of the hostel, all of them unemployed and several of them sporting recent battle-wounds.

Ngidi's arm is bandaged as the result of a gunshot wound, and the youth league leader, wearing an Inkatha T-shirt, walks with a bad limp. He was shot at with an R1 rifle. He hopes the damage to his leg will not be permanent, and believes that his recovery is due to his having avoided Baragwanath Hospital.

"We don't trust the nurses there," he says, "they are Xhosa-speakers."

"They don't take the bullets out of our people," says Ngidi, "all they do is give us injections and medication, and chase us away."

There is a mood of anger and defiance as the hostel dwellers — a section of the 6 000 inmates — discuss their grievances. Surprisingly, although they want their living conditions to be improved and the hostels upgraded, there is little complaint about the lack of hot water, an erratic cold water supply, and the toilets and showers that don't work.

The focus of their anger is almost monotonously levelled against the ANC: "They want to destroy the Zulu people, to drive us out of the Transvaal, with this attitude of saying the hostels should be demolished," complains the chairman of the Dube branch, Mtsheelwa Duma.

"When he (Mandela) comes to destroy the hostels we are going to destroy the whole township; thousands of people will lose their lives, we will kill them in order to take their houses to stay in them.

"Why is the ANC so worried about the hostels, or improving the lives of people who live there? Nobody asks any questions or does anything about improving the rest of the township, where conditions are just as bad," says Duma.

"The ANC has shown itself to be our enemy: now they want to make themselves look good by trying to do something for Inkatha people, and this while Mandela and his supporters are trying to kill us."

The men say that 10 residents of Dube hostel have been necklaced in the past three weeks.

They fear that if the hostels are dismantled, they will "have to live among the hooligans, tsotsis and criminals in the township."

"There's no crime here in the hostel; the people from the rural areas are disciplined, whereas those born in the township are very, very rude," one insists.

Asked whether they would not prefer to have their families living with them, they burst into raucous laughter.

"If our wives and children are here, who will plough the fields at home in the rural areas, and look after my cattle of more than 200 and

The men speak of the importance of maintaining cultural tradition, and their link to the past. "We need to keep our culture pure. If our families come here, our Zulu culture will be affected — which means our own country, Natal and Zululand.

"We can go to Natal to see our wives. This thing of being away from your wife doesn't kill any man."

Asked if it wasn't normal for husbands and wives to live together, another man says: "No. That is true on the side of white people. They do have such a feeling but on the part of black Zulu people the husband can be away for five years. They can come back and the wife is still at home looking after the children and there is no quarrel."

Another man speaks up: "This comes from our great-great-grandfathers. They used to come to the mines and left their families in Natal — we are not prepared to change what our forefathers were doing."

Ngidi, who has a lot to say about bravery and cowardice, claims that he has been a member of the IFP since he was born because he is a Zulu man.

"In our tribal areas we fight in faction fights. We are not fighting because we have military training. We know how to fight because we as Zulus have been fighting a long time in Natal.

"Mandela called on Xhosa people in the squatter camps to stay because he is busy creating war. All the other nations, the Shangaan and the Venda, they do not fight with the Zulus, only the Xhosa are fighting.

"He (Mandela) is working to bring them back to the squatter camps because this means more supporters to fight the Zulu people. If that can start happening it will be the first and the last civil war,

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very little

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Church sets up peace contact group

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Attempts continued yesterday to set up an eight-person group which would serve as a catalyst in creating the "facilitating committee" mooted at government's peace conference last weekend.

Rustenburg National Conference of Churches joint chairman, the Rev Louw Alberts, said yesterday he was talking to a range of people who would act as catalysts in establishing the committee.

None of them would be drawn from political groups.

He declined to say which individuals had so far agreed to take part in the group, but said an announcement would be made in the next few days.

The mechanism or forum to combat conflict in society would be decided by the "facilitating committee", he said.

Meanwhile, a government source said yesterday that although the Rustenburg group had not been mandated to bring together facilitators to establish the facilitating committee, there was no objection to members of the Rustenburg group being seconded to the committee.

The ANC has indicated it probably would be prepared to take part in the facilitating committee, if its functions coincided with ANC proposals.

Inkatha has so far resisted attempts by church bodies to establish a peace mechanism or forum because it considers church bodies to be too close to the ANC.



Josiah Matlala . . . new Diepmeadow mayor.

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'Five threatened before shooting'

By Montshiwa Moroke

Death threats were directed at five Diepmeadow councillors three days before mayor Moses Khumalo was shot dead, deputy mayor Zabelon Tlhabane claimed yesterday.

Mr Tlhabane, who was addressing councillors and guests at the inauguration of new mayor Josiah Matlala, said a council member had threatened to "eliminate" five councillors including himself; F Phiri, the chairman of the council's executive committee; his deputy, S M Gundluza; and J M Mabasa.

"It was not a secret. It was said in public and not even in whispers. After marching out of this meeting, a member said outside that five members were to be eliminated."

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Mr Matlala (62), of Meadowlands, served as deputy mayor in 1987 and 1989 and was the right-hand man to former mayor Johannes Mathala.

Town clerk Johan de Jager said that in the process of change and with the imminent move towards nonracial local authorities, Mr Matlala could be the last, if not the second last, Diepmeadow mayor.

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Five wounded as gunmen open fire

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FIVE people were wounded, one critically, when three gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles at a coalyard in Sebokeng on Tuesday night.

All the victims have been admitted to Sebokeng Hospital.

The attack came barely a week after 13 people were killed when masked gunmen opened fire on about 100 patrons at the Gobizitwana Koopersie Beerhall in Zone 14, Sebokeng. No one has been arrested in connection with the May 23 incident.

A police spokesman said yesterday that the latest shooting occurred when the gunmen apparently crept up on four people - two men and two women - sitting around a fire at the Houtheuwel coalyard in Sebokeng.

The next moment they opened fire, wounding Joseph Mokoena (41), Shadrack Mnxongo (36), Anna Nontanyana (39) and Elizabeth Phiri (33), whose conditions were said yesterday to be satisfactory.

The attackers fled and about 100 metres from the scene opened fire on another person. The unidentified man is in a critical condition at Sebokeng Hospital.

Meanwhile, at least six people died, nine were injured and 53 were arrested as political violence flared in townships across the country on Tuesday, police have said.

An attempt to abduct a schoolgirl from Naledi High school resulted in retaliation from other pupils, said Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries.

He said several youths armed with stones and petrol bombs went on the rampage, setting a vehicle and three houses alight.

On Monday the badly burnt body of a man was found in the smouldering rubble of a shack in Soweto's Chicken Farm squatter camp.

Two recently indemnified ANC members were arrested at a roadblock in Pimville, Soweto, on Tuesday for the possession of a stolen vehicle and four F1 handgrenades.

In Phola Park, outside Tokoza, the body of a man who was stoned to death was found. A man was shot and wounded at Tembisa, near Kempton Park. - *Sowetan Correspondent and Sapa.*

Police arrest protesters

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JOHANNESBURG — More than 400 people were arrested on Wednesday in a widespread clampdown on illegal demonstrations, while a woman was stabbed and hacked to death on the Natal South Coast, police said yesterday.

A man was wounded when a handgrenade was thrown at a shop in Thokoza township on the Witwatersrand, police added in their latest unrest report.

In the Transvaal, at least 284 people were arrested for illegal gatherings and trespassing — most of them members of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) protesting in support of their educational demands.

In the Cape, at least 68 people were arrested, mostly for sit-ins and illegal gatherings, police said.

In the Free State, police arrested 52 people who gathered illegally in Thabong township, near Welkom.

Three policemen and three others were wounded in unrest in Mbekweni township near Paarl in the Western Cape, after clashes at a squatter camp.

A Soweto youth was wounded when attacked and stabbed by a group of unidentified youngsters, and a private vehicle was damaged when stoned in Vosloorus, on the East Rand, police added. — Sapa

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Violence: ANC wants police actions probed

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PRETORIA — The ANC's PWV region has called for the immediate appointment of an independent commission of inquiry into the police and its handling of the recent violence.

ANC media officer Ronnie Mamoepa said the Government should stop the violence.

"The State has on numerous occasions demonstrated this capacity (to end the violence) and indeed it still retains the necessary infrastructure to bring an end to this carnage," he said.

The ANC could agree

OWN CORRESPONDENT

with sentiments that the police protected those who wished to maintain the status quo. The confidence of "ordinary" people in the police had waned and total lawlessness had begun to reign.

Citing five examples of alleged police unwillingness to end violence, he said: "The response from the Ministry of Law and Order in each of these and other instances, was a standard reply — that the police have acted impartially."

Government blamed for Swanieville killings

Star - 1/6/91

MONTSHIWA MOROKE

THE people of Kagiso, Krugersdorp, yesterday blamed the Government for the massacre at Swanieville squatter camp more than two weeks ago, as six of the victims were buried yesterday.

The six, who were part of the 28 people who were allegedly attacked by members of the Inkatha Freedom Party while they were asleep in their tin shacks on May 12, were buried at the Kagiso cemetery after a four-hour long service at the local stadium.

Hostel inmates watched from rooftops as the police and the soldiers stood by throughout.

Hundreds of residents lined the streets with hands raised in the clenched-fist salute as the procession wound its way to the cemetery.

ANC, PAC join hands at funeral

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By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

UNITY between the ANC and the PAC came a step closer this week when members and officials of the two movements joined hands to bury victims of the recent Swanieville massacre.

Members of both organisations – currently involved in talks towards the formation of a "Patriotic Front" – marched for about 10km from Kagiso Stadium to the Kagiso Cemetery.

Police watched from a distance. Kagiso Hostel dwellers watched from the hostel roof.

The funeral was for six of the 28 Swanieville massacre victims.

Those buried were: Sam Mohlamme, Johannes Chauke, Shadrack Miya, Alfred Khwinana, Lucas Kgowe and Samuel Mehlomakhulu.

The coffins were draped in ANC colours.

Clerics pleaded for an immediate halt to black-on-black violence, while political leaders called for peace among the township residents and war against "the enemy".

ANC official Vusi Mavuso, of the movement's Mohlakeng branch, told more than 4 000 mourners that if there was no peace, his organisation would be forced to re-enter the armed struggle.

Squatters dismantle violence hostels

CT 3/6/91

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Phola Park squatters have dismantled the neighbouring Thokoza No 4/5 hostel complex, displacing about 6 000 inmates.

The area was the flashpoint of the violence that swept the country after starting in the East Rand last July.

Thokoza administrator Mr Gert Muller said yesterday that the occupants had been rehoused at three other hostels in the township and in neighbouring Katlehong hostels.

"The squatters moved in and demolished the two hostels, taking building material to build shacks in Phola Park and Zonkizizwe in nearby Katlehong," said Mr Muller.

He said some people had done a roaring trade reselling building blocks.

The TPA and urban consultants Planact were holding talks with a view to establishing family housing in the area.

The hostel once housed Inkatha members who fought pitched battles with neighbouring squatters in violence which spilled out into the neighbouring Thokoza township.

Weekend unrest claims 11 lives

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PRETORIA. — Eleven people died in 41 unrest incidents in the country at the weekend.

There were three incidents in which firearms were used, one petrol-bombing and three stone-throwing incidents, the police public relations division here said yesterday.

At Ngwlezane near Empangeni in Natal, three men were shot dead and one was seriously injured.

The body of a man with hack and stab wounds was found at Katlehong near Alberton on the Reef. A 34-year-old man was arrested and a firearm was seized. A second body, with bullet wounds, was found in township.

In Alexandra, near Johannesburg, the body of a man was found with bullet wounds.

Also at Alexandra, a number of men attacked a police patrol. Several shots were fired but no one was injured or arrested.

Two groups attacked one another at KwaMashu near Durban. Firearms were used, but no dead or injured were found when police moved in.

At Nyanga in the Western Cape, about 100 people threw stones, causing slight damage to a police vehicle.

At Mbekweni near Paarl, there was a stone-throwing incident in which a policeman's house was slightly damaged.

At Mangaung near Bloemfontein, about 1 000 people staged an illegal demonstration but the group dispersed peacefully after a meeting and there were no arrests.

A man was shot dead during a confrontation with members of the SA Police and SA Defence Force in Katlehong, on the East Rand. The police and army members were on patrol in the township when they confronted the man, who was armed with an AK-47. The rifle and ammunition were seized.

In Natal, near Tongaat, a black man was shot dead and two were injured during a shooting incident. No arrests have been made.

Police found the body of a man at Nancefield Hostel in Soweto. He had been shot. No arrests have been made.

At Komga, in the Eastern Cape, a police constable was stabbed to death. Three people were arrested.

In Tembisa, on the East Rand, police arrested a man in possession of a Makarov pistol and ammunition.

In Natal, near Greytown, a man's house was burnt down in an arson attack. There were no injuries and no arrests. Damage was estimated at R80 000. — Sapa

The violence on the Reef has made it difficult for the NICC to span political divides, reports **Jo-Anne Collinge**

Civic movement tries hard to shrug off the past

Star 4/6/91.

WHEN civic associations across the country took to heart some lessons from Eastern Europe and opted for an independent "watchdog" role rather than being swallowed up by any political party, some observers saw this as hostility toward the African National Congress

The interpretation has left Sthembiso Radebe, general secretary of the National Interim Civics Committee (NICC), more than a little puzzled.

The first concern of the national civic movement, which will be formally constituted in August, is to organise communities and represent them on issues of broad concern, he stresses.

In taking their directions constantly from the grassroots, the civic associations could find themselves at odds with any political party, he concedes, especially a ruling party. "But it is totally incorrect to say that we are presently antagonistic to the ANC."

The civic movement certainly is trying hard to shrug off its Congress-aligned past, he says, but this is in order to perform better as a development and residents' organisation.

As an observer who has worked closely with civic associations puts it: "When you go to negotiate with the authorities for better services, or for housing, you can't do so just for residents of a particular political party"

Mr Radebe acknowledges the NICC will have to do more than simply proclaim the political neutrality of the civics The Reef violence in particular has made it very difficult to span political divides.

"But before the escalation of violence to the PWV, even though civics were affiliated to the United Democratic Front, we had Inkatha people in our structures, even in some executive portfolios," says Mr Radebe.

In the two months before the civic body is born, top-level talks must be held with all major political parties, says Mr Radebe, to persuade them of the seriousness of the civic movement in relation to political independence

"We aim to see the IFP's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi as well."

What kind of reception the NICC will receive from Inkatha and other groups remains to be seen. The civics reserve the right to endorse positions and campaigns of political parties if they are satisfied that these are in the overall interest of the communities they represent.

And the recent civics conference in Bloemfontein resolved to "give its full support to the establishment of defence committees" and call for "Chief Buthelezi to be brought to account in the interests of peace"

The civic conference also endorsed the ANC-centred campaign for an interim government and the more broadly supported call for a constituent assembly.

The long-term thrust of the civic movement away from protest politics and into development is another goal that was widely accepted in Bloemfontein. Its implementation, like that of political independence, will not be without problems.

But probably the most taxing questions at the conference were those relating to the immediate challenges of political transition.

Civic bodies have a real dilemma. To respond to the needs of their constituencies and end the rent boycott crisis they must attempt to create new relationships with white town councils, move away from the apartheid town/township model which has impoverished black communities and secure new sources of finance for the townships.

But they are loath to suggest by their interactions with white authorities that they are endorsing a new form of local government in advance of national constitutional negotiations or in any way accepting a long-term model which falls short of nonracialism

The fact the Government is considering legislation to promote and recognise new forms of "interim local government", instituted on a voluntary basis by white and black local authorities and by non-statutory bodies like the civics, confounds the picture. Nobody is sure what the Government intends by these strucures, which have been described only in the broadest terms

The controversy around the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber — approved by the influential Soweto Civic Association, but spurned by others — is a symptom of this lack of clarity on how the civics should handle the transition.

It also stems from the unique history of the civic associations which typically sprang into being in response to distinct crises in individual townships. There was little uniformity, as they took decisions in accordance with demands from residents influenced by the highly variable actions of local government.

The Soweto Civic Association may see it as fruitful to sit down with various white Reef councils in the Metropolitan Chamber, but the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation is at loggersheads with the Conservative Party council in its town and has encouraged a crippling boycott of shops in Krugersdorp to bring pressure to bear on the council.

Every effort is being made to bring greater coherence to the civic movement as it engages in immediate negotiations on housing, land, service provision and the financing of black residential areas

When it comes to national constitutional negotiations, the national civic organisation does not aspire to a place at the table. But it will attempt to influence the submissions of participating parties on matters such as the Bill of Rights, local government, metropolitan structures and land issues □

Alex acts to reduce township violence

Sowetan 4/6/91

THE recent violence in Alexandra has led to the formation of a peace corps, organised and run on similar lines to the Tembisa Peace Corps.

Tembisa Peace Corps spokesman Mr Jeremy Bassett said yesterday that both corps saw as their goals the lessening of conflict by being present at situations of violence.

They will also gather statements and information, mediate and take initiatives to bring about discussion and understanding of the causes of violence. (278)

Volunteers

The Alexandra corps were initiated by the Tembisa corps and Koinonia, a Christian inter-denominational organisation.

A committee was elected consisting of two clergymen, two youth representatives, a Democratic Party representative, a Koinonia and a community-based women's representative.

Bassett said the corps relied on volunteers but a full-time worker for both corps had been appointed. - *Sapa.*



Back to basics ... Mrs Neriah Leseane of Sebokeng uses her old paraffin stove to prepare dinner for the family.



It's on with the homework as usual for Kgosi Leseane (10) of Sebokeng, but this time the candle could be the only shining light for days to come Sebokeng and four other Vaal Triangle townships have been blacked out for not paying service charges Pics SELLO MOTSEPE

Tough nights of cold and darkness

'I'm even more afraid that the AK-47's are going to sound louder in the dark.'

Sowetan 5/6/91 (278)

By THEMBA MOLEFE

A GHOSTLY air enveloped Vaal Triangle townships on Monday night, where even the occasional stray dog in one of the many dusty streets disappeared into the stillness

After seven years of a protracted rent boycott the Lekoa Council had imposed a blanket power cut in the six townships

The council said it would switch power on again once 70 percent of the 38 000 households had paid their bills issued since April

At precisely 2 20pm on Monday the lights went off in spite of a sudden rush by many residents to pay

At 7 10pm Mr Manyaka Mokoena stood inside his Edmar Fish and Chips shop in Zone 14, Sebokeng, and said ' I've lost R400 in income just between 6pm and now because no one came to buy

Schoolchildren

"Tomorrow I'll lose approximately R300 - between noon and 1pm only - because when the schoolchildren come for their lunch there ll be nothing to offer."

Mokoena then blew out the two candles on his counter and ushered his staff into their waiting transport It was only 7 30pm Mokoena usually closes his shop at 9pm

Most civil servants, including policemen, Lekoa Council workers and industrial employees have been paying their service tariffs by stop order directly into the council's account

Mrs Dolly Mabetha, a young housewife whose husband Thomas is a security guard at Eskom in Vanderbijlpark, was very angry

Perhaps her feelings summed up those of many others who had been paying their dues

Mabetha and her husband live in "Eskom Village" in Zone 10 and lights in her house, like all the others, have been switched off

She said on Tuesday night "Up to R200 is automatically deducted from my husband's salary for electricity and other services, but today we are without lights

"To crown it, my husband is on guard duty at an electrical sub-station at this very moment while our four-year-old daughter and I are freezing '

In fact, Eskom supplied its employees with gas stoves and pressure cookers to use during the switch-off

Mabetha lamented the fact that her family was given only a paraffin pressure stove and not gas appliances because "my husband is not in a high position"

Residents Mr Johnny Leseane and Mr Conti Kubheka raised some pertinent points as they pondered more cold and dark nights ahead

Confusing

Said Kubheka' "The council gave us short notice and depended solely on the media in warning us of the cuts instead of talking directly to residents

"We want to pay, but until last week many residents were unaware that they were required to pay only from April this year

"This is confusing and I am afraid we will be plunged into a situation which led to the 1984 violence again "

Leseane said "The switch-off is a recipe for violence, crime and lawlessness Mark my words, this township is going to explode again, but only this time with an intensity never seen before

"Why did the council decide to cut power now, when it's cold and very dark and not in the summer when many of our people can cope better?

"I'm even more afraid that the AK-47s are going to sound louder in the dark," Leseane said, referring to recent attacks on civilians in Sebokeng and other townships

'The switch off is a recipe for violence, crime and lawlessness.'

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Inkatha in talks on violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Talks between the Rustenburg Steering Committee and Inkatha leaders on Monday have given momentum to the peace process, the two sides said.

But the church leaders said they had acknowledged during the talks that the Rustenburg Declaration had taken a narrow view of the factors contributing to the violence that has killed nearly 1 000 people this year alone.

"There are many more factors regarding violence which were not addressed in the Declaration, and any future peace initiatives will have to take due cognisance of these," a statement said. — Sapa

Fear could aid Inkatha cause

Sowetan 3/6/91.

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NERVOUS residents of the PWV area rarely wear African National Congress T-shirts anymore.

In a recent opinion poll by *Drum* magazine which asked people about their political intentions, 24 percent replied that they were too terrified to vote. The category came second after the ANC which topped the poll with 39 percent.

Political analysts say that in South Africa's atmosphere of fear, Mandela's main rival, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, could eventually prove tough competition for the loyalty of the black majority.

At least 1 800 people have died since August in the worst urban violence in decades in clashes around Johannesburg between pro-Inkatha Zulu migrant workers and ANC-supporting residents.

Building ties

Although Inkatha won only four percent in the *Drum* poll, in line with other surveys, it stood to pick up support from blacks fearful of the future, the analysts say.

Potential recruits were blacks who felt Inkatha had proved itself the strongest in the battles and should be backed out of prudence, and people of all races with something to lose from apartheid reforms and anxious about a future under the ANC.

"We are being very much intimidated by the civics," said Inkatha recruiter Mr Joshua Mojaki, referring to pro-ANC civic organisations.

He said his Tswana people were joining Inkatha, adopting Zulu ways but "in the Tswana culture" and building ties with local rightwing whites to combat

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what he called ANC violence.

Inkatha spokesman Mr Musa Myeni said he was recruiting hard among black town councillors, policemen, priests and miners in the industrial heartland around Johannesburg.

Twelve township mayors recruited to Inkatha "are now making things easy for us to penetrate their townships even in areas where we have never existed", he said.

Members

Inkatha, which Buthelezi once described as a group where "the dove of peace sits easily on the point of a spear", was for years a local power ruling the KwaZulu tribal territory.

But membership has grown to two million, a quarter of that around Johannesburg, from about 30 000 in the mid-1970s. The ANC is believed to have fewer than half a million members.

Stooges

Asked whether Inkatha was protecting township councillors, widely reviled as stooges of the apartheid system, Myeni replied: "No, we are not in the security business. But as soon as they (councillors) join Inkatha, members of Inkatha in their areas will not fold their arms when they are attacked."

Lawyer Nicholas Haysom said Inkatha was taking up the cause of many potential losers from apartheid's end, functionaries in local government, tribal homelands and municipal black police.

"Inkatha may also use its position as an armed protector to create a national base among a more ethnically and regionally disparate group of persons," he said.

All sides agree there is no point in creating a multiparty democracy if people vote not for who they believe in but for those they fear most. But analysts say that is the danger.

"If we could go to elections while we are trapped in a culture of violence, people would vote on geographic lines, depending on who is strongest in that area," said Mr Khaba Mkhize, a newspaper editor in Natal.

Another analyst in Natal who declined to be named said: "People will decide which is the more powerful, the ANC or Inkatha Then for security reasons Inkatha will pick up votes."

New recruits

"Inkatha has come to stay in Soweto. The presence of Inkatha in people's minds is incredibly strong," said the pro-ANC analyst, who toured Soweto recently.

"They have also penetrated the Free State in the most incredible manner.

"Inkatha now represents the politics of being conservative. It is not a matter of being Zulu. The violence creates the picture of (ANC) failure. It creates doubt."

Inkatha spokesmen also said they drew "tremendous" support from churchgoers after Buthelezi last year publicly declared belief in God and Mandela spoke ambivalently on the same topic.

New recruits include 100 000 whites who cite respect for Inkatha's pro-business, anti-sanctions stance, its proclaimed emphasis on free choice and the proud history of the Zulus.

Township residents report that Zulu migrant workers in some areas extort taxes from people living beside their hostels.

Those who refuse are generally attacked. Inkatha is also accused of coercive recruiting in KwaZulu.

Inkatha denies all this. But Myeni caused a stir when he said Inkatha would field 250 000 warriors to combat crime and ANC violence unless the ANC ended the township conflict.

The threat was repudiated by Inkatha's leaders but they said it remained a possible subject for internal debate.

Ethnic hostility

"Inkatha has enormous capacity to disrupt community life and threaten the peace process," Haysom commented.

He said violence created strong ethnic hostility towards Zulus, ensuring that Zulus apprehensive of attack turned to Inkatha for support.

"That would consolidate a more far flung support base previously not interested in Inkatha."

Business Day newspaper said that for President FW de Klerk and Mandela, Myeni's comments "must have been the political equivalent of a cold bath ... the realisation is dawning that the ANC and the Government are not the only parties capable of reverting to violent solutions".

On Tuesday, Mr Samuel Jamile, a deputy Minister of Interior in the KwaZulu homeland government was found guilty of murder and attempted murder.

Although Jamile is not the only Inkatha member to face such serious charges, he is the most senior to be convicted. - *Sapa-Reuter.*



CHILDREN'S PLEA: More than 300 children marched through Johannesburg at the weekend in a call for peace in the townships. The march was to mark International Children's Day. (278)



Khoza . . . "not bothered" that he is a leader of an organisation blamed for township violence.

Is he the key to peace in townships?

By THEMBA KHUMALO

THE key to peace in the townships may be held by the Transvaal leader of Inkatha Freedom Party's Youth Brigade, Themba Khoza.

His vitriolic language against his political opponents, especially the ANC, has earned him both friends and enemies.

But it does not bother him that he is a leader of an organisation blamed by township communities for playing a major role in the current township carnage.

He vehemently denies the presence of a third force in the violence, an allegation made repeatedly by ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela.

"There is no hidden hand in this violence, as far as I am concerned. It is my belief the police are openly helping ANC supporters eliminate IFP supporters.

"I am a man of peace. I abhor violence and the shedding of blood. It breaks my heart to be called to identify corpses after a clash between ANC and IFP supporters," Khoza said.

Private

He works from a sparsely furnished office on the fourth floor of a [redacted] building, and much of his day is spent answering telephone calls from all over South Africa.

"I'm sorry I'll be away in Nongoma for most of this week. As you may know I'm meeting the King at his palace. Why don't you call me next Monday, after my return. I promise to have enough time to attend to your problem then," is a typical conversation.

Meanwhile there are other supporters waiting in an adjacent office to be interviewed.

Khoza, who hails from Soweto but lived in Natal before taking up his present position, is "not in the habit of speaking about his private life".

"No I will not tell you whether I'm married or not."

Khoza may not like to hang out his private linen in public, but he did at least deny a rumour doing the township rounds that he is a Shangaan from Mozambique.

No boycott for PAC

ET 3/6/91

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC has failed to win the backing of the PAC in its consumer boycott campaign in the Border region scheduled to begin today.

PAC members in the region met last week to consider the ANC request and "resolved that we should not be party to this programme", Mr T T Nyobo, regional PAC chairman, said in a statement on Saturday.

"Any proposed programme of action by any organisation in the region should be jointly initiated and analysed for joint endorsement by all participating organisations," Mr Nyobo said.

He added consultation over the boycott had not been "broad enough".

The PAC notified the ANC of the decision in a letter on Thursday, he said. The SACP and Cosatu have joined hands with the ANC to mount the consumer boycott.

Ciskei military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, stepping in to avert a crippling boycott, on Friday ordered that activists forcing nationals to observe the call be handed over to the police. — Sapa

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Nancefield Hostel incident: number of policemen killed/injured

465. Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Law and Order·

(1) Whether, in the light of the alleged killing of a policeman and wounding of several others in an incident which occurred at Nancefield Hostel on or about 6 June 1991, he will disclose the number of members of the South African Police who were (a) killed and (b) seriously injured during the latest specified period of two years for which information is available; if not, why not,

(2) whether all policemen have been issued with adequate protective clothing and equipment; if so, what is the nature of this protective (a) clothing and (b) equipment; if not, (i) why not and (ii) which policemen qualify for such protective clothing and equipment;

(3) whether any pensions and/or gratuities are paid to the widows and children of policemen killed while on duty; if not, why not; if so, what is the nature of these payments?

B1207E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes.

(a)	1 June 1989 until 31 December 1989	18
	1 January 1990 until 31 December 1990	68
	1 January 1991 until 31 May 1991	16
	Total	102
(b)	1 June 1989 until 31 December 1989	238
	1 January 1990 until 31 December 1990	634
	1 January 1991 until 31 May 1991	103
	Total	975

Statistics of serious injuries are not accounted for separately. They are included in the broad spectrum of injuries sustained by members while on duty

(2) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away

(i) and (ii)

To equip all members of the Force with protective clothing and equipment is not cost effective, especially where members normally perform office duties. There is also no specified category of members who come into consideration for the issuing of protective clothing and equipment Adequate clothing and equipment is available to members who act in potentially dangerous situations.

The protective clothing comprises light- and heavy duty bulletproof jackets Investigations are being instituted so as to make lighter protective equipment available to members

Members in unrest situations mainly make use of Casspir, Nyala, Nongqai and Boerbok armoured vehicles which provide members with sufficient protection while they are in such vehicles Research is, however, constantly being undertaken to make vehicles which are used in unrest situations even safer Riot Units also make use of crash-helmets, small personal fire-extinguishers and riot shields.

(3) Yes, should a member die while on duty, and he has contributed to the Government Pension Fund for less than 10 years, his widow and/or dependants are entitled to a gratuity equivalent to his yearly salary notch at the time of his death, as well as a widow's pension.

If a member has contributed to the Government Pension Fund for more than 10 years his widow and/or dependants are entitled to a gratuity which is calculated according to a prescribed formula, a 5 year guaranteed annuity which is also calculated according to a formula and converted into a gratuity, as well as a widow's pension.

Such a deceased member's widow and/or dependants also receive an additional gratuity from the State which is calculated on a formula based on the period from the time of his death until the age of 65, as well as a 5 year guaranteed annuity which is calculated on a formula, based on the period set out above, and converted into a gratuity

Thirdly, such a deceased member's widow and/or dependants also receive a monthly pension from the Workmen's Compensation Commissioner in terms of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1941 (Act 30 of 1941)

The Government is deeply concerned regarding the senseless deaths and injuries to which members of the Force are exposed every day Therefore, all means are being utilised to make duties in dangerous situations safer. The Government has only the highest praise and appreciation for these members and the duties which they must often perform in extremely dangerous conditions Their sacrifices deserve only the highest appreciation of the entire South African society

Investigation into "Project Goldie"

466. Mr J J WALSH asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the South African Police have completed their investigation into "Project Goldie"; if not, (a) why not and (b) when does he anticipate that this investigation will be completed; if so,

(2) whether any further action is contemplated in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) by whom?

B1208E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No.

(a) At the request of the Attorneys-General of the Witwatersrand and Cape Town supplementary statements are being taken to enable them to reach a decision on whether or not to prosecute

(b) As the investigation is being done in conjunction with the search for the missing CCB files, no indication can be given at this stage as to when the investigation will be completed Everything possible is being done, however, to conclude the investigation as quickly as possible

(2) (a) and (b) Falls away.

CCB members: unauthorised amounts paid

467 MR J J WALSH asked the Minister of Defence:

Whether all unauthorised amounts paid to members of the Civil Co-operation Bureau in terms of "Project Samoesa" have been recovered; if not, (a) why not, (b) what (i) are the individual amounts and (ii) is the total amount outstanding and (c)(i) when and (ii) how does he intend recovering these amounts?

B1209E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

Yes. (a), (b) and (c) fall away

Cahora Bassa: interruptions of power supply

468. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:†

(a) On what dates was the power supply from Cahora Bassa to South Africa interrupted since the supply of power to South Africa commenced in about 1977, (b) what was the duration of each of these power failures, (c) what were the reasons for each failure and (d) how much power per hour was supplied after each of the above-mentioned failures?

B1220E

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

A power supply interruption is defined as an event where the supply drops to nil Supply interruptions since 1977 are listed below

(a) *Date of interruption*	(b) *Duration*	(c) *Reason*	(d) *Power supply after interruption (megawatt)*
6 Dec 1980	6/12/80—3/2/81	Technical problems	900
3 April 1981	3/4/81—23/10/81	Sabotage	900
22 Dec 1981	22/12/81—5/5/82	Sabotage	600
7 May 1982	7/5/82—10/5/82	Technical	600
14 May 1982	14/5/82—20/5/82	Technical	600
8 Aug 1982	8/8/82—30/10/82	Sabotage	600
25 April 1983	25/4/83—30/6/83	Sabotage	900
28 Oct 1983	28/10/83—31/1/85	Sabotage	600
12 Feb 1985	12/2/85 to date	Sabotage	—

Parkmore: offences committed

469 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Law and Order·

(a) How many instances of (i) theft of vehicles, (ii) theft from vehicles and (iii) housebreaking and theft occurred in the suburb of Parkmore, Sandton, during the 12-month period ended 31 March 1991 and (b) how many convictions resulted in each category?

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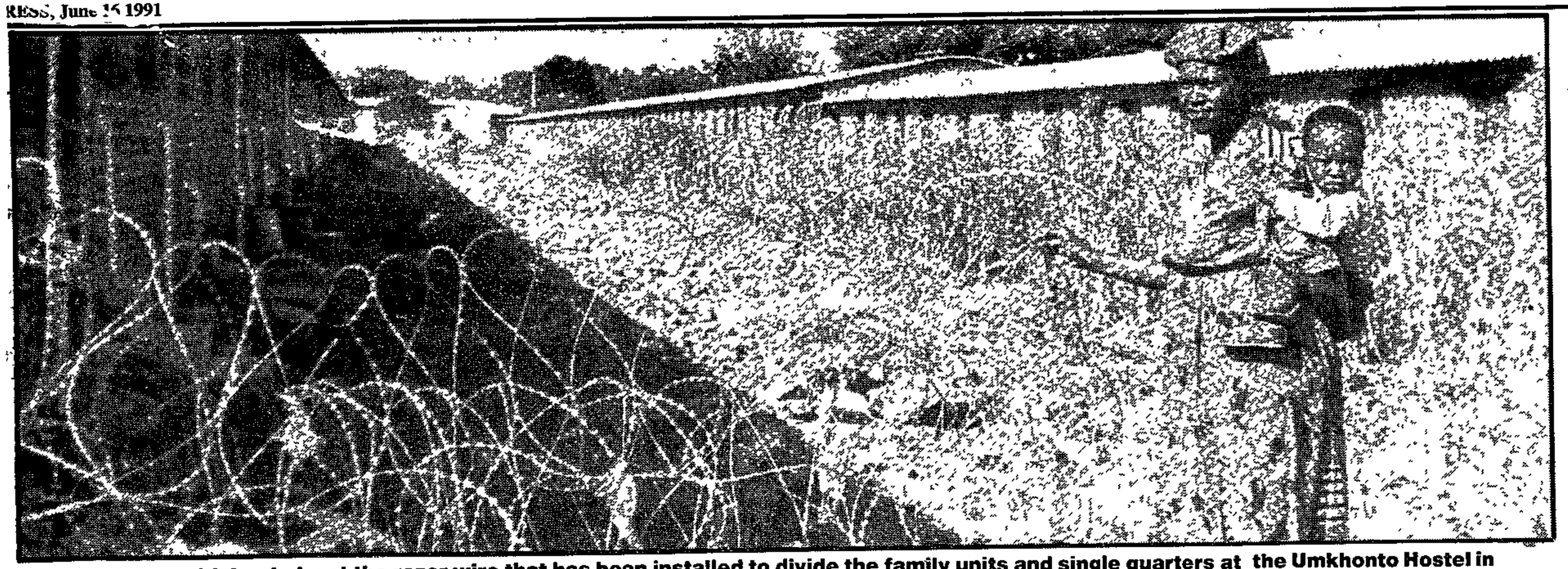
The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER·

(a) (i) 594



Idah Mahlangu with her baby at the razor wire that has been installed to divide the family units and single quarters at the Umkhonto Hostel in Witbank, where several women have been hacked with pangas because of their occupation of the accommodation. ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

Blood flows over hostel

C/Press 16/6/91

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By SOPHIE TEMA

WITBANK Civic Association is investigating allegations of corruption against two of its members after an incident which resulted in fighting between residents and hostel dwellers.

The two WCA members are alleged to have collected money from inmates of the Umkhonto Hostel, claiming it was for renovating hostel buildings.

Hostel inmates said they each paid R5 for five months to the two WCA men who told them to stop paying rent to the KwaGuqa Council because of the hostel's appalling conditions.

When the renovations were completed about 67 families – most of them women and single parents who had been squatting in the township – were accommodated in the hostel on Monday this week.

Now the controversy is threatening to end in a bloodbath.

After the women were accommodated, angry hostel dwellers chased them away. On Monday night several women and children were attacked by hostel dwellers and left for dead.

Some were sjambokked and others were attacked with pangas.

A spokesman for KwaGuqa Town Council said part of the hostel was renovated and converted into family units.

"The families paid R44 for service charges before they were given a key to their units at the hostel.

"I do not want to discuss what is happening, but the problems of the hostel dwellers are also being looked into."

Hostel inmate Simon Nkadimeng said he had lived in the Umkhonto Hostel for 21 years and would not get out for people who had been squatting in the township.

"We have been taken for a ride. We paid our hard-earned money hoping the hostel would be renovated for our comfort, but we have been moved out to make way for other people."

Nkadimeng and other hostel inmates vowed that if the women and their children were not removed, blood would flow.

WCA organiser Joe Zwane confirmed that the two men who collected money for renovations had been suspended from the organisation

"The allegations against the two men are serious because they have created animosity between the residents and hostel dwellers."

Thembi Phakathi and Olga Thabethe, both members of the Umkhonto Action Committee, complained bitterly about the two WCA men and blamed them for all the trouble.



Emily Mahlangu peeps from the broken window of her unit at the Unkhonto Hostel, where she has been allocated accommodation.

Fear as farmers warn of bloody battles

By MARK STANSFIELD

TENSION between farmers and squatters in Ventersdorp has reached an explosive level as both parties await a Pretoria Supreme Court decision, expected tomorrow.

Squatters this week vowed to die rather than be forced off the land they occupied about seven weeks ago on Goedgevonden farm.

Across the disputed boundary, farmers swore they would "personally" remove the squatters if Mr Justice Goldstein ruled the squatters were legally entitled to remain on the land.

Goedgevonden's squatter community leader, Levy Segopolo, said the community had held a meeting on Friday.

"We decided that they can kill us all if we lose the court case. If we are told to move, we will ask President FW de Klerk to mobilise the defence force," he said.

"He can order them to come here and shoot us all dead, because we will not move."

Armed

Johannes Steyn of the farm Bruidegomskraal — from which 1 000 armed farmers launched an attack against the squatters three weeks ago — said the farmers would not allow the squatters to remain, even if Mr Justice Goldstein decided they were legally entitled to stay.

"The Afrikaner will never give up his freedom. We made our point three weeks ago and we are prepared to do it again. This could lead to the bloodiest battles this country has ever seen," he warned.

Mr Segopolo said members of the AWB had warned the squatters to expect another attack, which would be launched soon after the court decision.

"What it means is that even if the judge decides we can remain here, the boers will not accept the decision.

"We cannot defend ourselves against them when they come and can only hope that the police and the army will stand by and protect us," Mr Segopolo said.

Education 'a key to peace'

Staff Reporter Star 17/6/91

While June 16 1976 represented a turning point in the liberation struggle, the day also heralded "the spirit of much of our black-on-black violence", an Inkatha Freedom Party youth leader said in Soweto yesterday.

Addressing more than than 5 000 IFP supporters at an open-air Soweto Day commemoration rally at the Diepkloof hostel, IFP Youth Brigade leader in the Transvaal Themba Khoza called for education to be a priority in the interests of a peaceful, nonracial future.

"I do not want to be part of the lost generation — aimless, hopeless, useless and dangerous," he told the large, heavily armed crowd.

"Where is our pride? We know nothing is perfect just as our fathers did, but this did not prevent previous generations of leaders from going to school, imperfect as it was."

He said events in 1976 and later years had proved wrong the belief that a people's army would defeat the SADF and that a mass insurrection would sweep the ANC into power.

When this tactic failed, the "failed revolutionaries decided to turn on their brothers instead of the Pretoria regime".

Police and troops monitored the rally, assisted by a spotter plane and a helicopter.

No violence was reported.

Nine arrested in hostel raid

PRETORIA. — Police arrested two men at Khayelitsha and confiscated a 6.35 Astra pistol and a 7.65 Browning pistol at the weekend.

According to the latest police unrest report, eight men and a woman were arrested and firearms seized, including AK47 assault rifles, in a raid on a hostel in Sebokeng, near Johannesburg.

This was on the eve of demonstrations to mark the police killing of hundreds of students in anti-apartheid protests 15 years ago.

They confiscated three AK47 rifles, three .38 revolvers, four 9mm pistols, one 7.62 pistol, two .22 revolvers, two Makarov pistols, one .22 rifle, one shotgun and a large quantity of ammunition.

Two detonators and a fuse were also seized. (278) CT 17/6/91

A marshal was seriously injured yesterday when he was struck by a stone, which was thrown by people taking part in a march at Galeshewe, Kimberley.

At Kutlwano in the Northern Cape, a policeman's house was gutted.

At Munsieville, Krugersdorp, a group of blacks set a private vehicle alight. — Sapa



LEADING LIGHTS . . . Prominent trade unionists and SACP members were in the front line of Saturday's ANC march through Cape Town demanding "Jobs, peace and freedom now". The marchers in the front row included Mr Jay Naidoo of Cosatu, Mr John Ernstzen, Western Cape leader of the SA Municipal Workers' Union, SACP leader Ms Cheryl Carolus and unionist Mr Alan Roberts.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

40 000 attend rally to mark Soweto Day

CIT 17/6/91

JOHANNESBURG. — Almost 40 000 ANC, Cosatu and SA Communist Party supporters converged on the FNB stadium near Soweto yesterday for the climax of two days of countrywide demonstrations marking the 15th anniversary of the 1976 Soweto uprising.

The ANC, the PAC, Inkatha and other organisations staged rallies and prayer services in Soweto and other centres yesterday.

Despite the demonstrations, police reported no unrest-related deaths by late yesterday.

Speaking at the Soweto rally, Mr Nelson Mandela hailed the youth of the country for their contribution to the struggle against apartheid and called the June 16 Soweto revolt a landmark in the campaign for black political rights.

"Today we commemorate one more turning point in the history of our struggle of liberation, a day when the youth took their future in their own hands.

"By their (the youths') heroism, their courage and determination ... they had provided dramatic evidence that apartheid was doomed," the ANC leader said.

Police, faced with a mounting uprising in 1976, responded with gunfire, killing more than 600 people and provoking world condemnation.

Mr Mandela said the failed instruction in schools in Afrikaans was designed to inculcate in the minds of the black people that they were inferior and ensure "white domination forever".

About 1 000 people yesterday attended a commemoration service at Soweto's Regina Mundi Church organised by Black Consciousness organisations, including Azapo and the Black Consciousness Movement.

Hundreds of Inkatha supporters toyi-toyied through Soweto streets on their way to services, while police maintained a high profile.



SOWETO RALLY ... Mr Nelson Mandela and his wife Winnie at the ANC rally at FNB Stadium in Soweto.

Provincial Administration of the Orange Free State

(i) no and

(ii) yes,

R700,00

Transvaal Provincial Administration

(i) no and

(ii) yes,

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Foster parents: monthly State grants

419. Mr R F HASWELL asked the Minister of National Health:

(a) What are the monthly grants paid by the State to foster parents of children of each race group and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

B1098E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(a) Whites R212 pm
Indians and Coloureds · R190 pm
Blacks : R160 pm and

(b) 1 April 1991.

Certain person: obstruction of CCB probe

420 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order·

(1) Whether he or the South African Police have been informed of a claim by a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, that he burnt documents and removed weapons to confuse the Harms Commission in its investigation into the activities of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB); if not, why not; if so, what is the name of this person;

(2) whether this claim is being investigated, if not, why not, if so, (a) what progress has been made in this investigation, (b) what have been the findings so far and (c) what efforts are being made to establish the nature of the burnt documents;

(3) whether he or the South African Police have been informed that the above person also claims to have been a member of the South African Police, if not, why not; if so,

(4) whether he will (a) confirm this claim and (b) make a statement on the probability of this person's involvement in CCB activities?

B1100E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No.

Mr Ronald Bezuidenhout made the allegation to the Vrye Weekblad with regard to the removal of weapons and the burning of documents

(2) Yes

(a) Mr Bezuidenhout was questioned about the allegation He confirmed the allegation but indicated that he does not know what the contents of the documents were, but is of the opinion that it was documents which dealt with the normal activities at Vlakplaas. He denies that he helped with or was aware of the transport of Russian weapons

(b) and (c)

No confirmed or final finding has been made to date It is so, however, that correspondence is destroyed from time to time in strict accordance with instructions embodied in the Archives Act, 1962 (Act 6 of 1962). Although it cannot be confirmed, the burning of documents to which Mr Bezuidenhout referred, could possibly have occurred in terms of these instructions.

No further information which proves the contrary, or that the documents were in any way involved in the activities of the Harms Commission, could be found to date

No substantial evidence could be found that weapons were removed.

(3) Yes.

(4) (a) No, because Ronald Bezuidenhout was never a member of the South African Police

(b) No.

***Per capita* expenditure**

421 Mr J H MOMBERG asked the Minister of Education and Training:

(1) What was his Department's *per capita* expenditure on education for the Republic during the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available;

(2) whether his Department has statistics on the *per capita* expenditure on education for the (a) Qwaqwa and (b) KwaZulu Department of Education and Culture, if not, why not; if so, (i) what are the relevant statistics and (ii) in respect of what period is this information furnished?

B1104E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

(1) R1 194 (for the Department of Education and Training only)

(2) (a) and (b) No. The Department of Education and Training does not have the relevant information officially at its disposal.

Sebokeng: shooting incident at beerhall

429 Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether he or the South African Police have been informed of an incident in which a number of persons were killed and injured when gunmen allegedly opened fire in a beerhall in Sebokeng; if so, (a) what were the circumstances surrounding the incident and (b) how many persons were (i) killed and (ii) injured;

(2) whether this incident is being investigated, if not, why not, if so, what progress has been made;

(3) whether any arrests have been made in connection with the incident; if so, (a) how many, (b) what are the names of those arrested and (c) what is the nature of the charges laid against them?

B1122E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) On 23 May 1991 at 19.10 2 male persons who were allegedly armed with AK47 rifles, entered the Co-operation beerhall in Zone 14, Sebokeng and without any reason started firing at those present

(b) (i) 8 People

(ii) 23 People.

(2) Yes, charges of murder and attempted murder are being investigated. All the information which has so far come to the attention of the Police has received attention, but without success The injured can also not supply any information on the matter, or identify the suspects. All possible steps are being taken to trace the accused and I make an urgent appeal to any person who disposes over any information regarding the incident, to contact the South African Police

A reward of R40 000,00 is being offered for any information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the accused.

(3) No.

(a) to (c) Fall away.

Vote No 24: Main Division 5

439 Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Public Works and Land Affairs·†

Whether with regard to Vote No 24—Public Works and Land Affairs, he will subdivide the amount of R1 416 239 000 under Main Division 5—"Provision of buildings, structures and equipment", according to aims; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

B1145E

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LAND AFFAIRS:

Yes. One of the primary aims of the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs is the

Officer killed, weapons seized

Troops ring hostel after police shot

Star 7/6/91

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By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

A Soweto hostel was surrounded by SADF troops early today after a police sergeant was shot dead and three other policemen were injured there by gunmen using automatic weapons.

In a search police seized several homemade weapons, automatic rifles, pistols, ammunition and handgrenades of Russian origin.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said a group of policemen had been deployed to a specific area of Nancefield Hostel in Soweto to cordon it off and launch a search for weapons late last night.

They were confronted by a large number of Zulus who refused to allow them to enter.

After explaining the reason for the operation, the police were allowed in.

While the operation was in progress, gunmen inside the hostel opened fire at policemen outside.

Sergeant S Malita, who was stationed at Kliptown and in his forties, was killed instantly.

Sergeant R Ramgayah, Lance-Sergeant J Pillay and Constable E Ramraj were injured.



Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn . . . police deployed to search for weapons.

Others members of the patrol escaped injury as they dived for cover.

The injured, all from Lenasia police station, were taken to the Milpark Hospital in Johannesburg with bullet wounds in the lower limbs and back.

Members of the police reaction unit were sent to the hostel after the ambush.

The gunmen again opened fire.

Police returned the fire and no one was injured. The gunmen disappeared.

Colonel Halgryn was not prepared to say exactly how many weapons had been confiscated, saying this information might hamper the police investigations.

About 25 kg of dagga was also confiscated. Four people were arrested for the illegal possession of weapons.

Major-General Johan Swart, Regional Commissioner of the Soweto police, expressed his, and the force's sympathy to the families of the dead and injured officers.

Colonel Halgryn said it was unacceptable for people to use force against the police, especially in an area such as Soweto which was an unrest area and where the police were trying to bring about stability and peace.

"The police will not be deterred by this cowardly act.

"The type of operation carried out last night is not done to harass the residents, it is done in their own interests so that law and order can be brought back to the area," he said.

He said he hoped the people who knew who the guilty parties were would soon come forward with information so that justice could be done.

Cops blamed after attack

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party has blamed the police for the death of a policeman during a raid on the Nancefield hostel in Soweto, outside Johannesburg, on Thursday night. Sowetan 10/6/91.

This claim, made by Inkatha's Transvaal office at the weekend, was emphatically refuted by a liaison officer for the Soweto police, Lieutenant G Mariemuthoo.

According to the IFP, hostel inmates killed the policeman and injured three others because they feared they were being attacked by the ANC.

The IFP said the deaths and injuries were sparked by police, who "crawled" towards the hostel about 11pm on Thursday, firing as they went.

Mariemuthoo said police were walking towards the hostel when inmates opened fire on them.

Police have released the names of the three policemen injured during the raid.

They are Sergeant R Rangayah, wounded in the left thigh, Sgt J Pillay, hit in the buttocks, and Constable E Ramraj, wounded in the right thigh.

Major-General B J J Mostert, commanding officer of police public relations, listed the weapons confiscated during the raid as two AK-47 rifles, three M75 hand-grenades, nine home-made firearms - five of which worked - a pistol and a revolver and two AK-47 magazines. - *Sapa.*

Peace force formed in Alex

Star 12/6/91

By Abel Mushi

Residents of Alexandra are in the process of forming a non-aligned peace force to monitor violence in the strife-torn township.

The Alexandra Peace Corps (APC) started functioning on a limited basis two weeks ago with a membership of 35, comprising members of local youth organisations and community and church leaders.

APC facilitator and co-ordinator Timothy Mabena said the APC had approached other organisations, such as the local branch of the ANC and the Alexandra Civic Organisation, to take part in the project.

"They have not shown any ill-feelings about the project, and we are only waiting for them to respond," he said.

"We are not yet fully operational and we will only launch the organistion when we are satisfied we have a body which is representative of all the people of Alexandra," he said.

Arms

"We hope to have at least three members in every street, or a total of 120 members in Alexandra," said Mr Mabena, who lives in Tembisa and is a vice-chairman of the Tembisa Peace Corps.

The APC would be run in the same way as the more established and "very succesful" Tembisa Peace Corps.

Members will not be allowed to carry weapons, Mr Mabena said, and will be responsible for alerting the police when violent situations arise. The volunteers will not be paid for services rendered to the community.

The creation of peace organisations in Tembisa and Alexandra, The Star was told, originated from a Sandton-based church organisation which is involved in establishing friendship clubs among white residents of Sandton and residents of Alexandra and Tembisa.

Magistrate: send in Inkatha

Own Correspondent

Star 12/6/91

MESSINA — A Messina magistrate has caused a rumpus in a local township by saying he will call on Inkatha to restore order there.

C J Bester made the remark when he dismissed an application by 11 unrepresented youths for bail.

Although his remarks were later described as "a joke", the local branch of the ANC is taking them seriously.

Mr Bester said the youths, most of whom are minors, were responsible for fomenting trouble in Nancefield township, which is holding a consumer boycott of white-owned shops.

The magistrate said he would get 50 Inkatha members armed with knobkerries to "knock sense into the youths' heads" because they were wasting time toyi-toying in the township.

State prosecutor M Skinner said the remark was made as a joke during "a moment of preaching".

She said Mr Bester was "just telling them that they should stop the trouble in Nancefield and go to school".

Messina ANC chairman Jack Mokobi said the remark came amid widespread rumours that "strangers have been seen in town provoking people".

Mr Mokobi said strangers carrying beer had been noticed yesterday in Nancefield.

They could not speak any of the three local languages and had asked where they could buy certain things.

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Tight guard for MPs' homes

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ing. The Matemans' daughter-in-law, Beatrice Mateman, told The Star that the family was held hostage from 12.45 am to 4.45 am, before they managed to get free and summon help.

The police said yesterday that the knifemen who told Mrs Mateman to resign from the South-Western Management Committee, in which she is chairman — set fire to the house after ransacking it and terrorising Mrs Mateman, her daughter and a domestic worker.

The gang is alleged to have stolen jewellery and money worth R3 000 from the house and R250 from the unnamed domestic worker.

Mr Mateman, who recently joined colleagues in walking out of the Labour Party and joining the National Party, said yesterday he believed the motive for the attack was political and he was grateful no onewas killed in the attack.

Mr Mateman added he was not completely surprised by the attack because his house was being watched and his family had received death threats in the past two weeks.

"It's very difficult to tell who could have done it. I believe the motive was political even though things were taken. I hope it's not the ANC because I know they don't believe in violence," he said.

The Deputy Minister of Justice, Danie Schutte, expressed his abhorrence at the attack.

Members of the Extended Public Committee debating the Local Authority Affairs Amendment Bill also expressed shock and horror at the "cowardly" attack.

Rashida Ebrahim of the National People's Party condemned what she called the cowardly attack on the Matemans. The House of Delegates supported a motion calling for the attack to be viewed as disgusting



Burnt-out . . . firemen outside the Eldorado Park house of former Labour Party MP Don Mateman, who recently joined the National Party.

Pictures: Herbert Mabuza

Don Mateman . . . believes motive was political.

Tight guard on MPs' homes after fire, attack

By Zingisa Mkhuma and Sapa

Security has been stepped up at the homes of all members of Parliament after yesterday's knife attack on the wife and daughter of Labour Party defector Don Mateman and the subsequent burning down of his Eldorado Park home

Announcing the measure in a statement last night, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said the possibility of political intimidation in the attack could not be ruled out.

Mr Mateman said yesterday he believed the motive for the attack was political, but police have not ruled out robbery as a motive.

Mr Mateman's wife Margaret (52) and their daughter Natasha (23) were treated and discharged at J G Strijdom Hospital after being attacked by six men at their Arlberg Avenue home

The attackers then set the house ablaze.

Earlier police reports had indicated that the fire started at 2 am, but police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said police were still working to establish the exact time the blaze began

Apparently the house was not on fire when Mrs Mateman and her daughter left for the hospital in the morn-

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By ALINAH DUBE

THREE high school pupils from Garankuwa were killed when violence broke out during an outing to Seshego, Pietersburg.

The three, pupils at Setlalentoa High School, were knocked down as they tried to stop the bus in which they had travelled to attend a sports meeting in Seshego on Saturday.

They were Reuben Ndiweni (18), Jeffrey Modiselle (21) and Tebogo Mothupi (18).

Lieutenant Mohlabi Tlomatsana, Press liaison officer for the Lebowa police, yesterday confirmed the deaths.

He said four other pupils, Priscilla Lebelwane, Simon Molema, Alfred Maluleke and Sefatha Tsaine were among those who were injured in the incident. Sowetan 12/6/91

Lebelwane and Molema were treated in hospital

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Tragedy at sports day

Sowetan 12/6/91

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and discharged. Maluleke and Tsaine are still in hospital. 278

"Trouble started after children from Khaiso High School in Seshego allegedly started pelting those from Garankuwa with stones. There was panic. 12/6/91

As the driver of one of the buses tried to flee some pupils were knocked down," said Tlomatsana.

He confirmed that outsiders joined pupils attacking those from Bophuthatswana.

Sowetan has established that Garankuwa teachers had earlier been advised that they should leave the area early "for their own safety". As everyone was preparing to leave about 5pm a fight broke out.

"Stoning started. There was chaos as people armed with an assortment of weapons, including bottles and knives, attacked the Garankuwa group.

"As a bus was leaving the scene, pupils who were still outside gave chase and in the confusion they were run over," sources said.

Attack on squatters was 'not deliberate'

INKATHA Freedom Party spokeswoman Suzanne Vos has denied saying Inkatha supporters had "deliberately" attacked the Swanieville squatter camp on May 12.

Following the slaying of 27 people at the camp, Vos was reported to have said the attack by hostel dwellers was in response to the kidnapping of two hostel residents.

Intimidation

Vos said in reply to the May 12 report:

"On behalf of the IFP I did not attempt to (as it is now being claimed) "justify wanton death ..."

"I said to the various reporters that Inkatha did not condone unlawful, violent, acts. There was so much fear and intimidation and perceived threat in these areas that responses occurred spontaneously."

- *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Township people set up peace force

(278)

The Argus Correspondent

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Soweto Day focus on peace

Star 13/6/91

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter 278

The quest for peace would be the central theme of this year's Soweto Day commemorations, the ANC announced yesterday.

At a press conference in Johannesburg, the ANC, its Youth League and Women's League, the SA Communist Party and Cosatu announced that they would hold countrywide marches on Saturday and rallies on Sunday to commemorate South African Youth Day — known as Soweto Day.

The organisations said thousands would pay tribute at the weekend to students who died in the 1976 Soweto uprising.

Discussions were being held with other liberation organisations to "unite against the violence" which had claimed many lives.

Saturday's 48 countrywide marches would be held to demand peace, freedom and jobs.

Marches

ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo said a memorandum would be handed over to President de Klerk and the employer organisation, Saccola.

It would highlight, among other things, the demand for the participation of all parties in the initiative for a multiparty peace conference, a democratically drawn-up constitution and an interim government.

Transvaal marches would take place in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Vereeniging, Klerksdorp, Carletonville, Secunda, Witbank, Burgersdorp, Standerton, Lydenburg, Barberton, Nelspruit, Carolina, Bushbuckridge, Warmbaths, Phalaborwa, Potgietersrus and Pietersburg.

The only Transvaal rally, to be held at the First National Bank Stadium outside Soweto from noon, would be addressed by ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, Lebowa leader Nelson Ramodike and a leader of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa.



Quest for peace . . . Joe Slovo (left) of the SA Communist Party, the ANC's Alfred Nzo Cosatu's Jay Naidoo at a press conference announcing peace rallies for Soweto Da

Killing brings schools to halt

Sowetan 13/6/91

By MONK NKOMO

EDUCATION has come to a halt at three Soshanguve secondary schools following the death of a pupil during clashes between "comrades" and local gangsters.

The pupil, known only by his surname Nduma, was murdered about two weeks ago.

Since then, pupils report at their respective schools each day but do not attend classes for fear of further attacks.

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed the death of the pupil, saying the killing was linked to the "current war" between the "comrades" and the "MaSaddam" gang in the township.

Afraid

These gangs comprise students and people who do not attend school.

Northern Transvaal liaison officer of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Geoff Makwakwa, said pupils at Lethabong, Hlanganani and Soshanguve secondary schools were afraid to go to classes for fear they might be attacked.

Makwakwa said they had received reports that there had been no effective education at the three schools during the past two or three weeks.

The police spokesman said they had not yet received reports that pupils would be attacked.

Makwakwa said they could not get proper reports from the affected schools because of the defiance campaign being waged by principals and teachers against the DET.

Row over Aussie aid for ANC

Sowetan 13/6/91.

THE Pan Africanist Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party have slammed the Australian government for only funding the African National Congress.

Sowetan Correspondent and Sapa

On Tuesday, Australian Foreign Minister Mr Gareth Evans announced a R4,2-million package for the development of economic planning in South Africa, including a R180 000 grant to the ANC's economic planning department.

IFP spokesman Ms Suzanne Vos yesterday said the Australian government favouring the ANC was not doing democracy a favour.

"If countries want a multiparty democracy in South Africa, they cannot weigh the scales before the people have voted by favouring one party to the expense of others.

"If the Australian government genuinely desire a multiparty democracy, I urge them to realise there should be more than one party," she said.

PAC vice-president Mr Dikgang Moseneke snubbed Evans because the Australian government did not give any funding to the PAC.

Moseneke said over the past year the movement had directly and

Support

through its representative in Australia made several requests for financial assistance from the Australian government.

"The Australian government has been consistently sectarian in regard to their assistance and support to liberation movements in our country. It is an open secret that the financial and material support to one liberation movement in the country runs into several million dollars," he said.

Moseneke also pointed out that the Australian government had refused several requests to invite PAC officials to Australian, while it had invited officials of "one liberation movement in our country".

"At the end of the day it will not be the Australian government but the African masses in our country who will decide on the liberation movement which will form a future government in our country," he said.

Meanwhile it is reported that Government has begun high-level talks with the Australian Ambassador to South Africa, Mr Colin McDonald, on aspects surrounding Evan's visit.

Evans's behaviour and his attitude towards police protection had given cause for concern.

Mr Pik Botha, has confirmed that his department discussed the question of police protection for Evans.



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Mystery of the hi-tech spears

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By MARK GEVISSER

THE Weekly Mail has been shown a "fold-up" spear, clearly factory-made, that was sold to a hostel dweller by whites at Merafe in Soweto for R12.

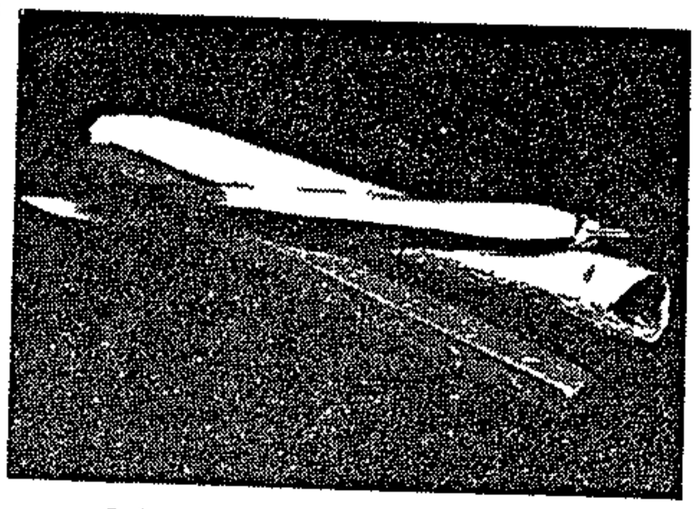
It has been specially designed to evade detection in unrest areas, where such weapons are now banned.

After *The Weekly Mail* informed Soweto police of the spear, Colonel Tienie Halgryn assured us that Merafe hostel had been thoroughly searched, and that nothing of its kind had been found.

But the hostel dweller bought another identical spear last week — this time for R25.

South African Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman commented that "we have no specific details of factories making weapons, but we know that the people who are fighting work in places where it is possible to use the equipment to manufacture the sort of weapons that we are confiscating".

There are unsubstantiated rumours circulating that workers are using factories in Devon and Wadeville to manufacture weapons, and *The Weekly Mail* has confirmed that workers at Maristeel in Devland, outside Soweto, were making weapons on site before being "disciplined" by both Maristeel's management and the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa), which organises the factory.



A factory-made fold-up spear

And at the end of last month, a police roadblock in Charlestown, on the Natal/Transvaal border, found 60 identical mass-produced assegaais in a bus headed from Tugela Ferry to the Reef. The 1,2m spears, with 15cm steel tips, were concealed in two potato sacks.

While police say there is no evidence these were made in a factory, Newcastle police spokesman Sergeant Paul Korb told the *Natal Witness* that "there is no doubt that the spears are professionally made and turned on a lathe".

Newcastle police have not found the source of these weapons, but they have set up daily roadblocks in an attempt to stop further traffic of this nature.

Colonel Halgryn said the sophisticated "fold-up" spear found by *The Weekly Mail* "is the first evidence of factory-made weaponry we have seen in Soweto."

Wooden rods with attachable metal tips have, however, been used in battles.

The "fold-up" spear represents a new leap in "cultural weapon" technology: Roughly 50cm long, it has a detachable blade that screws into a rectangular metal base, and the two parts fit snugly into an easily-concealable sheath made of industrial tape.

The hostel dweller who bought it is an Inkatha member who said the spears were sold by a group of white men.

He also maintained that the sellers were policemen from Protea police station, but Colonel Halgryn said there was no evidence of this.

Inkatha representative Suzanne Vos said: "We have never heard of these fold-up spears, and they certainly do not conform to the specifications of traditional weapons".

At Maristeel, managers have confiscated five spears — including a sharpened solid round bar 12mm in diameter and more typical assegaais — but sources told *The Weekly Mail* that many more may have been made and distributed before the discovery.

Maristeel's owner, George Spagnoli, said "no weapons have been made in our workshop, but we believe these spears were made by workers while they were out on site, where there is sometimes no supervision."

The weapons were uncovered when trucks returning from site were searched, and disciplinary action was taken against two members.

Both of the workers disciplined were Zulu members of Numsa. Eric Khumalo, who organises the factory for the union, supported the testimony of the disciplined workers: "We believe that no spears were made on the premises. They were bought on the roadside."

But Tony Ruiters, regional secretary for Numsa Witwatersrand, said that, in the action that Numsa took after the discovery of the weapons, "a general shop meeting was called by our shop stewards, and it was agreed to destroy all weapons being made, and to stop making any more".

Numsa organisers claim that this meeting happened about three months ago, but Maristeel managers counter that the workers were disciplined just over a month ago.

Uneasy peace in war-torn Khutsong

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By PHILIPPA GARSON (278)

AN uneasy peace has settled in Khutsong township, near Carletonville, following a belated peace pact betweenwarring gangs.

However, residents accuse the police — who shot dead two youths in separate incidents last month — of trying to disrupt the calm. And several witnesses have made startling allegations as to the circumstances of the deaths.

The community is no longer terrorised by the gun battles and lawless activities of the dissident group of comrades, the Gaddaffis and the misnamed "Zim-Zim's" — a largely African National Congress-supporting vigilante group, with no allegiance to Black Consciousness politics as the name suggests, which sprung up to avenge the brutal activites of the Gaddaffis.

The two groups, under the guidance of the local church, signed a peace accord on April 28 and have since been reincorporated into the community and local civic structures.

But the residents say that one thing has not changed — the notorious police brutality of those officers linked to the Welverdiend police station near Carletonville.

Two ex-gangsters, William Makage and Shadrack "Gaddaffi" Motaungwere shot dead by security forces last month in "mysterious circumstances", leaving many questions unanswered.

The local ANC branch has accused the police of attempted to upset the amity. Branch secretary Dan Zeko says: "Peace has been restored but the police are totally unhappy about this.

They are no longer in a postition to exploit the divisions amongst the youth. In a nutshell they are trying to wreck the whole process."

● Police will respond next week.

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CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE

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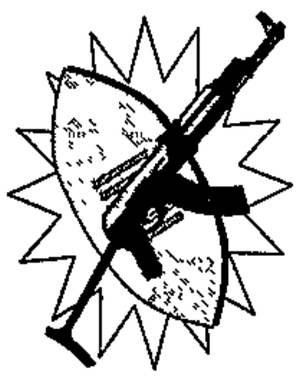
LOCAL PEACE FORUMS ARE IMPORTANT IN RESTORING ECONOMIC LIFE



Violence in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging area has sharply affected perceptions of the nation's economic well-being. It followed what has happened — and is happening — in Natal.

The violence in Natal has led to investors shying away from the area, and the entire regional economy is suffering. Spin-off effects include consumer boycotts, strikes and stayaways — and industrial violence has become more commonplace too, with high death tolls in some strikes.

The *Innes Labour Brief* reports that in the first half of this year violence in the Transvaal cost the economy some R3bn. This includes the deaths of 1 800 people, the destruction of about 2 000 shops and factories, expenditure on security forces and the cost in lost production of national and regional stayaways.

Businessmen often find themselves in the middle of the conflict, and how they react and the strategies they choose will influence the climate in which they will have to operate in future. How have they been coping so far?

In Natal, businessmen have been involved in mediating between warring factions — and trying to address the socio-economic problems that underlie the violence — for at least two years. Their involvement has increased worker loyalty and productivity at companies that have shown concern.

John Hall, an executive director of Barlow Rand and president of the SA Chamber of Business, notes that unless violence is dealt with, attempts to confront socio-economic problems are doomed.

"Housing in poor black areas often doesn't get under way because of theft and violence," says Hall. "If the whole community (including whites) gets involved in achieving peace, leading to stability and the restoration of building projects, the whole mini-economy benefits. In many areas, one finds business getting involved with church leaders, trade union and community leaders."

Hall, who is also chairman of Middelburg Steel & Alloys, has direct experience of such a process. Last year, he says, "we virtually had Beirut in Middelburg. There were a hundred Casspirs in the township. Rioting mobs were moving out of the townships toward white areas. Large and small traders were suffering. Employees had problems getting to work. The tension had an impact on workplace productivity."

Middelburg Steel realised it had to get all community leaders together, including Conservative Party town councillors, church leaders, police and comrades.

"It wasn't simple," Hall recalls. "The catalyst was when the town council threatened to switch off lights and water to the township. Tensions were running high."

Middelburg Steel's immediate response was to pay off the township's R350 000 services arrears bill. "Initially it was shuttle diplomacy," Hall says, "before a forum was formed under urgent circumstances." It took just under a week to establish this forum, but the entire community, black and white, conservative and leftwing, realised they needed each other to survive.

The Middelburg peace forum led to innovative job-creation schemes, including a kibbutz-style operation whereby the youth could be trained and given tasks such as growing vegetables commercially for the community. "We are committed to education, health care, job creation, and dealing with issues of homelessness," Hall says.

Not all employers realise, initially, the damaging effects unrest is having on their factory floor. Outside advice and assistance can become essential, but certain actions can help immediately (see box).

These steps are not always readily taken. In one case, a group of companies in Natal was approached by Cosatu to act as mediator in bringing the warring factions together, but did not initially wish to become involved. "We perceived it as political," one of the group's leading MDs, who does not wish to be named, now admits. "There was no visible violence in our area and we did not understand the ramifications of violence in the greater Maritzburg area from where we

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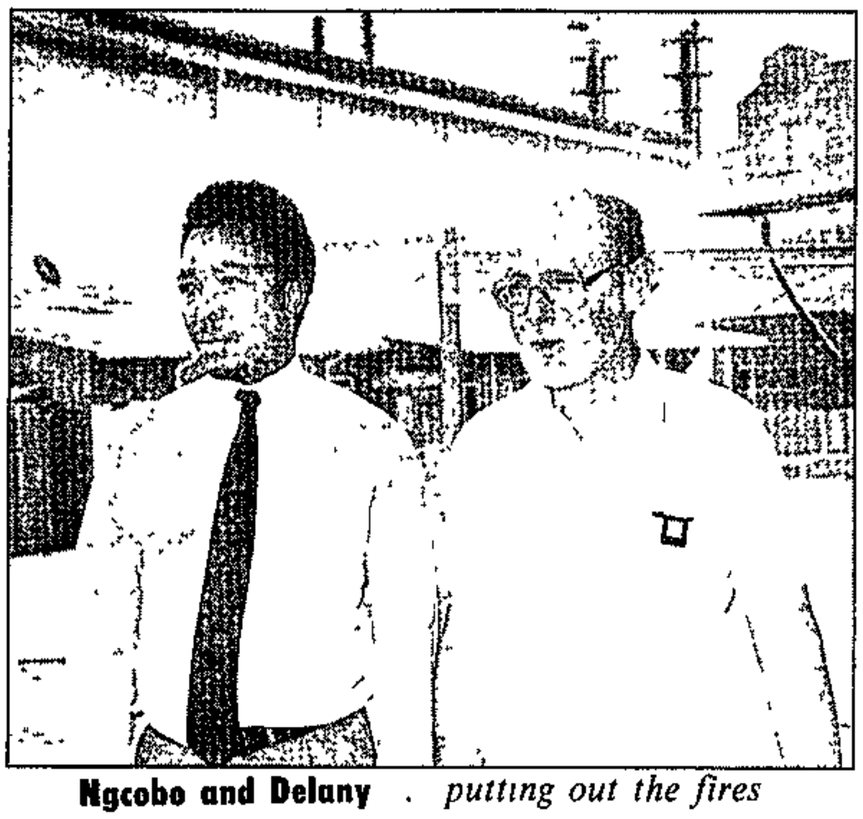

Ngcobo and Delany . *putting out the fires*

draw our labour."

Once they saw matters differently and did become involved, it took seven months to set up the first meeting, which drew together chiefs from surrounding areas. Urged on by Cosatu, the businessmen persisted, aided by close links with police drawn into the forum Violence has since died down in the areas from which they draw their labour, and their forum, now involved in discussing transport and community-related issues, has developed into a regional economic planning body.

Employers who have become involved in peace efforts advise that to appear to be sympathetic to a particular group is self-defeating If an employer is perceived as biased, the opposing group will be suspicious and may refuse to meet with him.

Gerry Delany, human resources manager of SA Tioxide, at Umbogintwini, says the present cycle of violence in the area began in 1989. Thabo Ngcobo, industrial relations manager at the same company, says unrest consumed the Maritzburg and Durban townships, and it now scourges the coastal areas and the Richmond area.

Ngcobo says: "What began as a struggle for political dominance has become so complicated I don't believe that if leaders of political parties said today they want peace, that it would filter quickly down to the grassroots. The meeting between Buthelezi and Mandela in January is an example: they called for peace, but there was no response from the grassroots "

Delany says such calls are "like trying to stamp out a fire by stamping out one clump of grass." In Natal, he adds, the violence initially seemed to involve attacks on the homes of individuals because they "belonged to the wrong political persuasion Then it seemed to degenerate into hit-and-run attacks on individuals. People were killed in the night or disappeared ... Political activists on both sides were targeted "

The Transvaal has followed a similar pattern and now seems to be in the second phase described by Delany

In late 1989 and early 1990, SA Tioxide realised employees were sleeping in the bush at night, too terrified to go home The company discussed the matter with shop stewards but realised that if it was alone in taking a stand, its workers could be victims of violence.

So Delany approached the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA for advice. Out of that came meetings with Cosatu and other employers already working on the issue. A business contact group or peace forum was established in the area "with an emphasis on restoring respect for the rule of law "

A Pinetown businessman who is now involved in peace forums comments. "The biggest problem workers and employers have is the lack of (violence-related) arrests People on my work force have been murdered and nothing happens The police tell us it is almost impossible for them to do their job, because witnesses refuse to come forward because of intimidation."

Ngcobo says it is essential "to replace confidence in the rule of law. People see no arrests are made, so revenge becomes a major element in continuing violence."

It may be, too, that the belief that no one will be arrested for murder, arson or public violence is in itself a strong element in the continuing violence. How else to explain the limits on violence in factories in contrast to the widespread township violence?

SA Tioxide, Delany says, would come down heavily on any employee who behaved aggressively at work — a common view throughout industry However, this refers to the potential for community-related conflict between political groups on the shop floor. Strike-related violence, which has increased recently, is more problematic and often harder to monitor. The tendency is nonetheless for employers to take a hard line when violence becomes a factor in strikes, an attitude supported by industrial courts

The contact group that Delany and Ngcobo are involved in has a three-phase crisis intervention plan. The first is to contact the police when they hear of potential conflict, or that it has broken out. The police have compiled a list of emergency contacts.

The second step is to encourage follow-up investigations and arrests. And the third is practical support to employees — such as transport to remove them from violence-torn areas, or financial assistance to relocate or rebuild a burnt-down house. Employees are never asked about their political affiliations; and Ngcobo says companies should look at the physical or socio-economic causes of violence rather than the political ones.

Any businessman caught in the middle, in other words, has to stay there — ideologically speaking. Except where crime is involved, he needs to render quick, charitable assistance to employees regardless of their affiliations, and he must be seen to be committed, in a non-partisan manner, to the quest for a wider peace Contact with the police is balanced by contact with the community

All parties can then meet in forums centred on politically neutral businessmen. Out of this comes the demonstration effect, on a small scale, of what has yet to be achieved at a national level ■

100 women march for unity and peace in SA

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By Montshiwa Moroke

About 100 women from different religious denominations and other organisations yesterday brought traffic to a standstill as they sang their way through the streets of Johannesburg in a march for peace and unity.

The march, which was organised by the Interdomınational Prayer Womens' League (IPWL) and the SA Council of Churches Womens' Ministry, was led by IPWL president Masechaba Mabaso.

The women represented most of the major political organisations as well as hunger-strikıng prisoners Among them were leading activist Sister Mary Bernard Ncube and French-born Father Senatla Lafonte of Soweto.

The march started at the corner of Simmonds and Pritchard streets and wound its way to the Central Methodist Church, where a service was held.

Police kept a close watch on the marchers and filmed the entire procession.

The march received approval from many by-standers and shoppers.

Traffic officers in several vehicles and on motorbikes controlled traffic during the hour-long march.

A spokesman for the women said the march had been called to "bury apartheid, press for the release political prisoners and the return of exiles, as well as to pray for unity and peace".

The women held placards, some of which read. "Release all political prisoners now", "Peace, unity among all races, God bind us all together" and "Apartheid must go, our people are dying from violence, apartheid destroys people".



Taking up the burden . . . women marched through Johannesburg yesterday to call for peace. Picture: Karen Fletcher

JUNE 16: 15 years h... out the bi...

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By SOPHIE TEMA

TIME has yet to heal the the bitter memories of the events that took place 15 years ago today, when the children of Soweto took to the streets to rebel against a school system they said did little more than prepare them to become slaves of the white minority

I clearly remember that cold but sunny day in June, 1976, when photographer Dan Tleketle, the late driver Stanley Mtshali and I drove to Sizwe Stores in Mofolo where we joined a huge crowd of demonstrating students

At Sizwe Stores the students were addressed by a young man Only later did I learn that he was Tsietsi Mashinini

He appealed to the students to march quietly and peacefully to the Orlando Stadium

Tlketle and I joined in the march and we moved east towards Orlando West while Stanley slowly followed the crowd

The placard-carrying students were singing freedom songs Some of the placards read "We do not want to be fed the crumbs of education with the poisonous spoon of apartheid" and "If we must do Afrikaans then Vorster must do Zulu"

When the marchers reached the Orlando West Secondary school, a student leader told them to keep calm because the police were moving in

Soon the police arrived from the east, blocking the marchers from proceeding further

I spotted Mtshali and joined him in the car to observe the reaction of the police towards the marchers

The students stood facing the police Some were taunting them

At this stage Stanley and I had parked the car a distance from the scene and had perched ourselves on the wall of a nearby house

I saw the police moving up towards the children, hoping they would warn them to move away

I did not hear, the police order the pupils to disperse, and was shocked when they suddenly took position, aimed their guns at the defenceless students and started firing

I screamed from a distance "Don't shoot our children," But more shots went off as children and adults started running in all directions

As I was screaming a young man came running towards Stanley and I He was limping and we noticed he had been shot in one of his legs

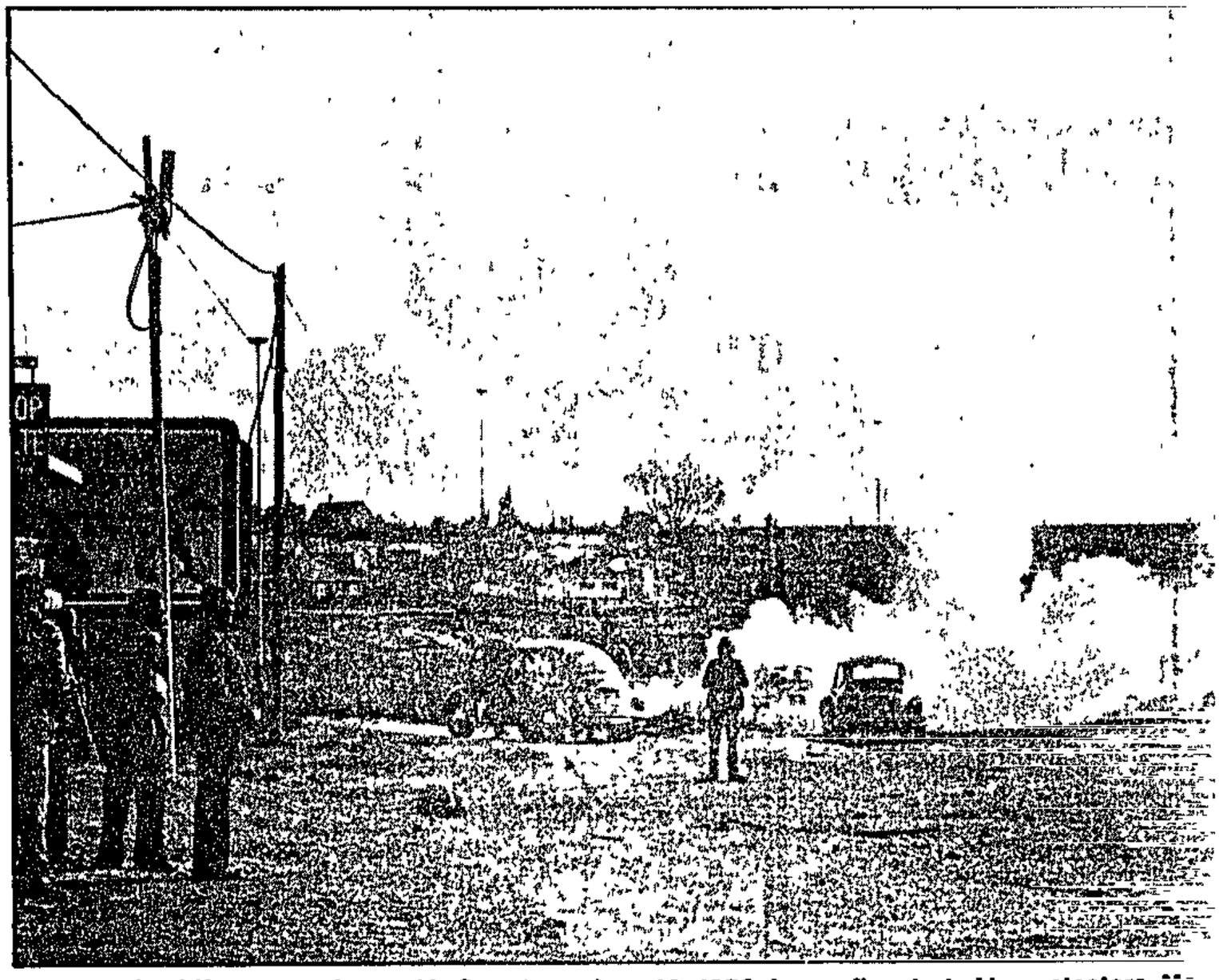
We put him into our car and rushed him to the Phefeni clinic

We drove back to the scene where photographer Sam Nzima spotted us and came running towards our car

We had hardly stopped to pick up Nzima when a young man came running up the street carrying the limp body of a little boy Next to him was a schoolgirl in uniform, screaming hysterically

The little boy in the man's arms had lost his one shoe and was wearing his school uniform – a white shirt, black trousers and a green and red jersey

As they came running towards our car I jumped out, ordered them to get in and together with Nzima drive to the clinic while I ran there on foot



Thick smoke drifts across the road in Soweto on June 16, 1976, from a fire started by protesters.





Victor Pieterson kneels beside the grave of his son, Zolile Hector, who was killed in the June 16 violence. The photograph was taken in 1985. Hector had joined the protestors out of curiosity when police opened fire. He was the first to be shot.

The girl was crying as the little boy was laid on a stretcher and wheeled into the clinic

A clerk walked towards us and asked for his name Between sobs the young girl said. "Hector Pieterson, and I am his sister"

A doctor quickly came to the stretcher, looked at the little boy, touched his forehead and put his stethoscope to his heart. Then he looked at us

As my eyes filled with tears I turned away so the crying schoolgirl – whom I later came to know as Antionette – did not notice that the look in the doctor's eyes meant that it was too late The little boy was dead

The doctor turned to me and said. "Mama, are you his mother" I replied with difficulty that I wasn't, and that I was just helping him

After leaving the clinic I returned to the scene and saw that mobs had started to charge the police A police dog was let loose. It was stabbed As it lay writhing on the ground it was hit with stones and bricks until it lay motionless

I also saw a white man who had been dragged from a West Rand Administration Board vehicle, beaten with stones, clubbed with sticks and left for dead

His body was later picked up by a group of students and thrown into a rubbish bin – some of them remarking "This is where he belongs"

Smouldering debris were all that ... violence started with a protest against

15 years haven't wiped out the bitter memories

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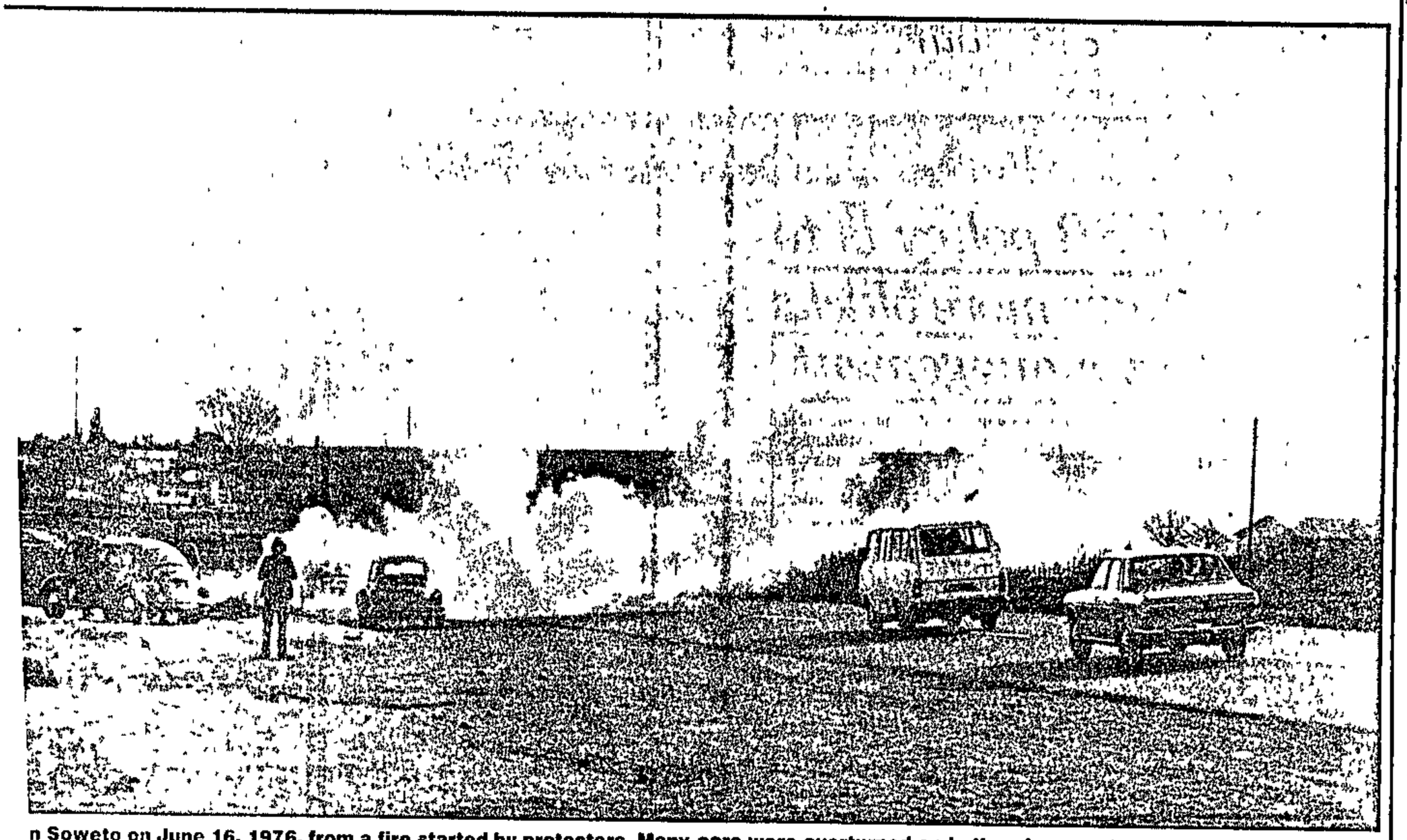
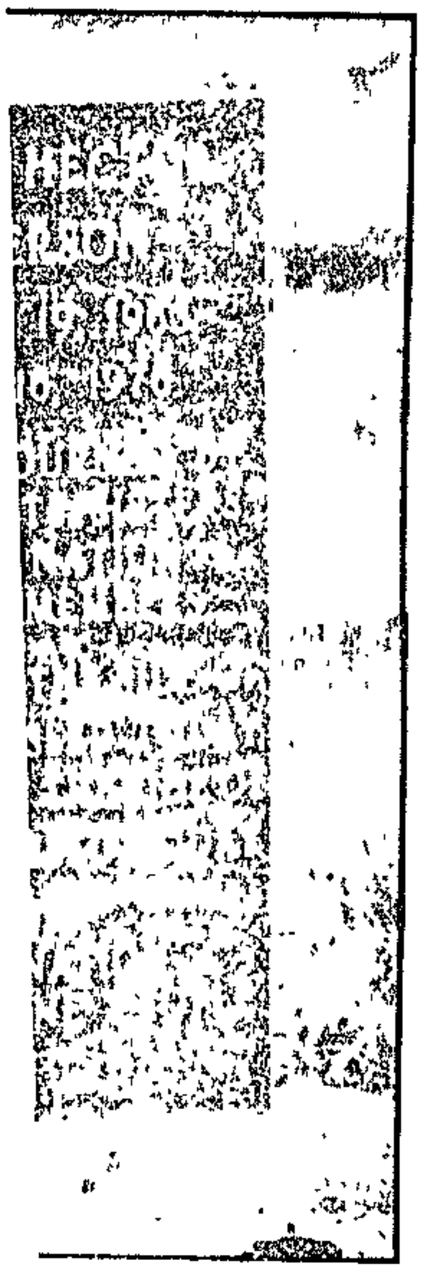


n Soweto on June 16, 1976, from a fire started by protesters. Many cars were overturned and other damage done during the protest.



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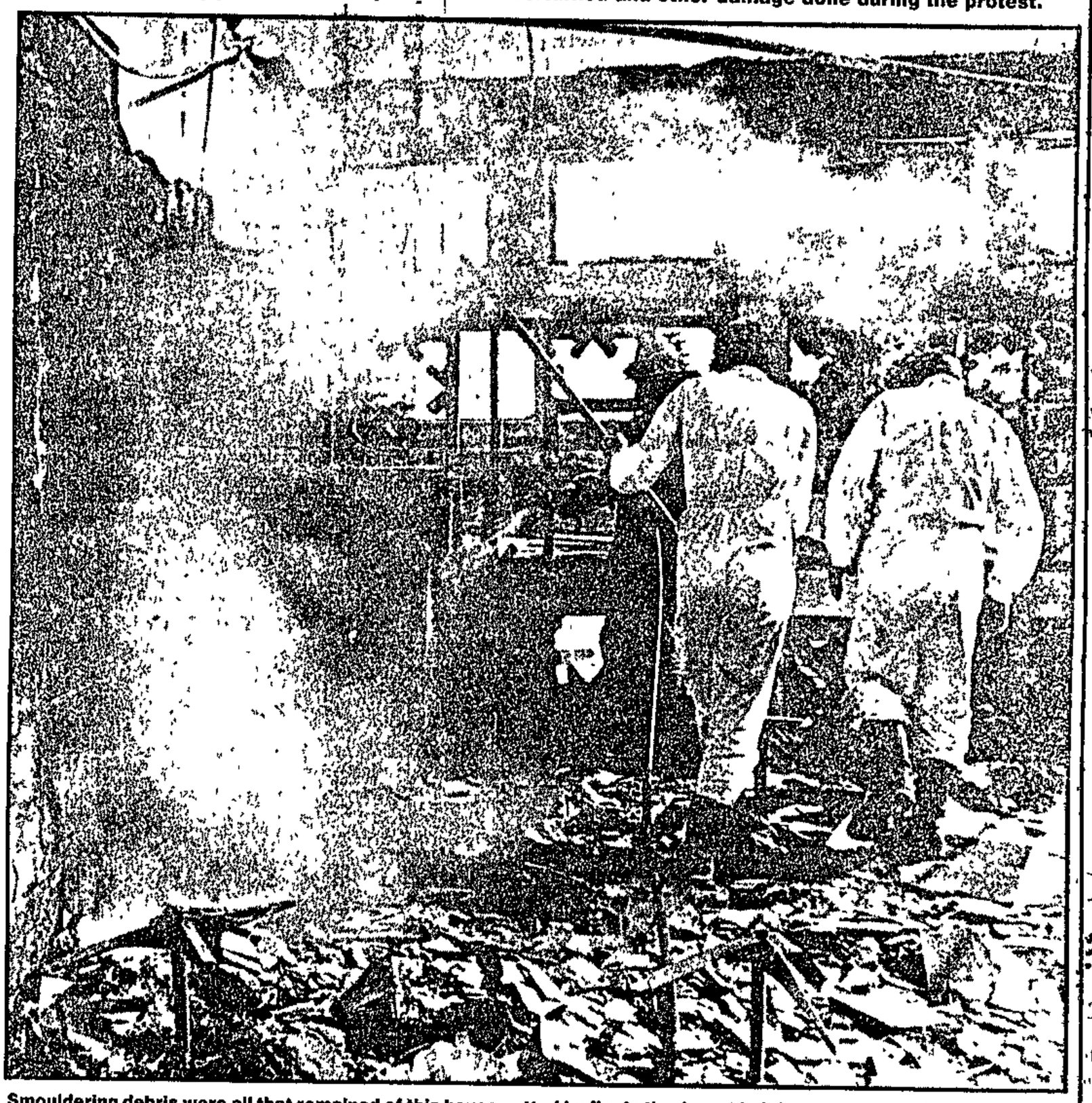

Smouldering debris were all that remained of this house gutted by fire in the June 16 violence in Soweto in 1976. The violence started with a protest against the education system. Several government buildings were set on fire.

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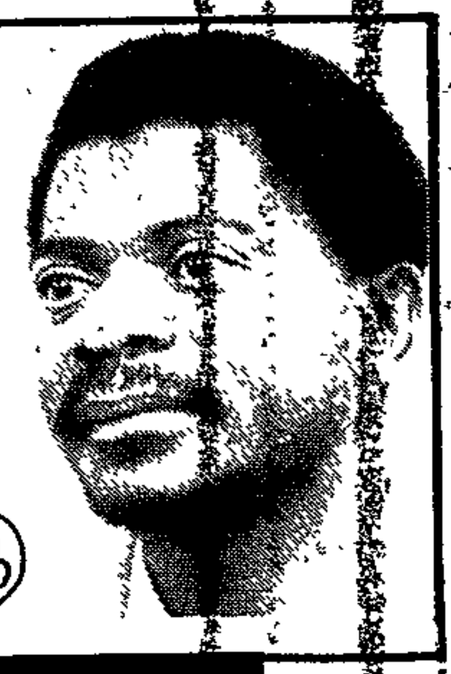
With Khulu Sibiya

Lest we forget those who died



IT was June 16, 1978. Crowds had gathered outside Soweto's Regina Mundi Church to attend a service commemorating the student protests of June 16, 1976.

A youth near me hurled a rock at a police van outside the church.

"You can't have June 16 without the smell of teargas!" he screamed in provocation.

The youth was one of those who was there when Jimmy Kruger, then the Minister of Justice, had unleashed his wrath on the children who had dared defy apartheid education.

The youth knew that Archbishop Desmond Tutu had warned the crowd to disperse peacefully.

But like many other young people there, he was bitter with the police and the system.

They had witnessed the brutal force used to suppress the student uprising. They had lost loved ones and wanted revenge.

Hostility was so thick in the atmosphere it would have chilled even Kruger himself.

I wanted to warn the angry youth that his actions would lead to his death. But the words never came out of my mouth.

And I am glad they did not.

Recently, 15 years later, I shared a drink with the same "youth" in a Soweto shebeen. He is now a 31-year-old father of three who has just returned from exile.

We talked about that day and he admitted he would have branded me a coward if I had have stopped him from challenging the police.

Like so many youngsters who fled the country after 1976, at the time he was no affiliated to the Black Consciousness Movement, the ANC or the PAC. Neither was he a member of any youth or student movement. He was apolitical.

What drove him from his home was bitterness and anger at the system. He vowed to return and fight the "boers".

So many things that happened in those months after June 16 bring back sad memories.

I will never forget the jubilant faces of the kids who danced over the charred and battered corpse of the first white victim of June 16.

Sadly, he was a philanthropist who had helped blacks with many projects.

It was a terrible time. Years later those wounds have still not healed.

I will never forget the piles of young corpses in Orlando and Moroka Police stations. Many were given a pauper's funeral while police told their parents they knew nothing about their whereabouts.

How could I forget the look of fear on Jon Qwelane's face when the police assaulted me and put a gun to my head, threatening to blow my brains out. Our crime? We were newspaper reporters.

I will never forget how the riot police lured people to loot a bottle store and then mowed them down.

I will never forget how police told the Mzimhlophe hostel inmates to go into the township and kill residents.

I will never forget that notorious green '41 Chevrolet whose sinister occupants used our children for shooting practice. The list is endless.

My friend had to agree that challenging the police years ago was suicidal.

We have come a long way since then.

As we commemorate the 15th anniversary of June 16 with many of that generation back from exile, we should remember those who died during that turning point in our history.

It is a shame that Tsietsi Mashinini – who led the students – could not be with us on this historic day.

May his soul rest in peace.

Action group aims for end of violence in Jo'burg area

By Montshiwa Moroke 25/6/91 278

Peace Action, an independent non-aligned group which will monitor violence in the Greater Johannesburg area, was launched last week.

The group's main long-term aim is an end to the violence. For the present, it will keep tabs on areas of conflict and provide physical and psychological relief to victims of violence, the Rev Nigel Uden, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, Transvaal West, said at a press conference in Johannesburg.

Peace Action's task, he said, would be to respond appropriately to outbreaks of violence as they occurred.

The monitoring service would make "reliable" information available to the press through a 24-hour telephone monitoring service which would be staffed by volunteers.

Peace Action would encourage discussions at all levels and ultimately aim for the establishment of a culture in which peace and justice were a right.

The group comprises about 30 religious, legal, social work, health and human rights organisations, and includes the Black Sash, Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA, Lawyers for Human Rights, the Catholic Diocese of Johannesburg and the SA Council of Churches.

Others in the group are the Conscientious Objectors Support Group, the Human Rights Commission, the SA Black Social Workers Association and Jews for Social Justice.

Peace Action, Mr Uden said, was born of a concern for the violence that was distorting South Africa.

"Just as some people are responsible for propagating violence, others have to take responsibility for propagating peace," he said.

Rob Thomson, who represented the Methodist Order of Peacemakers, said the groups would establish a code of conduct to ensure credibility through impartiality.

The IFP, ANC and the police had responded positively to the proposal, and were prepared to co-operate.

Gunmen murder 6 in attack on train

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Staff Reporters

Six people died and 22 were injured in a small-arms attack on a crowded commuter train in Soweto early yesterday.

Injured passengers — many of whom had dived off the moving train in panic — related how a small group of men carrying handguns opened fire on men, women and children in at least two compartments of the Johannesburg-bound train at about 5.45 am, shortly after it left Kliptown Station.

By mid-morning, 22 people had been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital. Nine were treated for gunshot wounds and the rest for other injuries, received mainly while jumping off the train. Most were discharged later.

Chicken Farm resident Alfred Senene said he heard shooting in an adjacent coach shortly after he had boarded at Kliptown.

"I looked to see what was happening and saw three guys with revolvers shooting at men, women and children. They weren't speaking, they were just shooting," he said.

Mr Senene — who was being treated for severe cuts and abrasions, said he and another man jumped off the train when one of the gunmen came into the coach where they were sitting and repeatedly fired at a woman

"Everyone was jumping out and I said to this guy we had better jump too — or else they will kill us."

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Tienie Halgryn vehemently discounted suggestions that the attack may have been carried out by members of a "third force" determined to derail the peace talks.

"There is no third force," he said.

Police said five different kinds of handgun shells were found on the train, adding that they had no suspects, nor any theory about the motive for the attack.

Reward

The Star's sister newspaper, the Sowetan, is offering a R50 000 cash reward to anyone who supplies information leading to the arrest and murder conviction of the killers.

Toll-free telephone numbers have been made available for use by anyone who can assist the police. The number in Johannesburg is 080-01-10141

Facilities at several metropolitan stations have been improved to be used as 24-hour manned police stations. There is a plan for similar developments countrywide.

● **Esmaré van der Merwe** reports that the ANC and PAC have reiterated suspicions that a "third force" is orchestrating township violence in Natal and was behind the train massacre — this time to wreck the weekend's successful church-initiated peace moves.

The ANC also said it was concerned the latest flare-up in Natal could have been planned to coincide with the organisation's national conference in Durban next week.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the ANC had warned last week that an increase in violence could be expected following Saturday's peace talks, which had been attended by most major political players.

PAC publicity secretary Barney Desai said: "The PAC have no doubts a third force is engaged in these diabolical killings. They appear to operate without hindrance despite assurances by the regime that armed personnel have been posted on stations to prevent such attacks."

The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, which monitors violence, said it did not believe a "third force" was involved but did not rule out the involvement of "certain elements within the Government" in efforts to destabilise the ANC.

The board also released a report indicating that hundreds of township dwellers on the Reef had fled their homes as a result of escalating Inkatha Freedom Party intimidation since March.

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5 working groups to strive for peace

The new "preparatory committee" formed after Sunday's peace summit — which involved the Government, the ANC and Inkatha — has agreed to establish five working groups to help end violence in the townships.

The groups will deal with issues that were identified at the peace conference as necessary to end violence.

These include bringing other political organisations into the peace process and drawing up a code of conduct for political parties. — Staff Reporters.

Train deaths: Govt is to blame — ANC

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC yesterday demanded that the government explain its failure to prevent the type of massacre that left six people dead and 18 injured in a pre-dawn attack on a Soweto train.

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She accused the police of not taking sufficient action, saying their excuse of not getting assistance from the public showed the lack of faith the community had in the SAP.

Meanwhile, three of those shot on Monday are in a serious but stable condition, according to a spokesman for the Baragwanath Hospital. — Sapa

Chaos on journey of death

Sowetan 26/6/91 (278)

By IKE MOTSAPI

SIX people were killed and about 18 seriously injured in an attack in Soweto on a Johannesburg-bound train from Vereeniging yesterday morning.

The incident occurred when train number 753 pulled out of Kliptown Station about 5.45am.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday five people, three women and two men, were shot dead between Kliptown and Nancefield stations.

The sixth person died after he apparently jumped out of the train. Police found five different calibre bullets afterwards.

Gunmen boarded the train at Kliptown Station and started shooting indiscriminately at the unsuspecting passengers.

There was chaos as panic-stricken passengers flung themselves through windows of the moving train.

Ambulances, police, traffic officers, the army and paramedics rushed to the scene to ferry the dead and injured to Baragwanath Hospital.

Spoornet managing director Mr Kobus Nel said attacks on passengers, irrespective of the mode of transport, was a "reprehensible and inhumane act against the society because it was horrifying".

"Spoornet is going to do all in their power to safeguard the travelling public on commuter services," he said.

The alleged sequence of events leading to the shooting as given by eye-witnesses is as follows:

3am - Residents of Chicken Farm squatter camp near Kliptown are awakened by sound of gunfire. They fear that they are about to be attacked.

They see a number of strange people being offloaded from kombis in an open veld not far from Kliptown Station.

5am - The men move to Kliptown Station.

5.30am - Chicken Farm dwellers watch as the men move towards the station.

5.40am - Johannesburg-bound train number 753 from Vereeniging enters Kliptown Station. Some people, including the strange men, board the train.

5.45am - Just as the train moves out of Kliptown Station tov ards Nancefield the men open fire at the unsuspecting passengers.

Screams are heard and many people jump to safety through the windows. One man who jumped out of the window of the train is later found dead with head injuries.

5.50am - As the train approaches Nancefield Station people waiting to board are met by a hail of gunfire.

Ticket examiner Mr Jeffrey Ngama, his colleagues and people who are on the platform run for cover.

There are wild scenes as people run in different directions. Two bodies are later found under a railway bridge next to the station.

5.58am - The train approaches Orlando Station and more shots are fired.

6am - The train stops at Orlando Station and the driver allows passengers to take out bodies of the dead. By now the train is empty.

6.05am - More than 12 ambulances, accompanied by the army, police, traffic officials and paramedics rush to Kliptown, Nancefield and Orlando stations to attend to the injured.

8.50am - Police remove the bodies of the dead at Orlando Station.

9am - Police proceed to Nancefield and Kliptown stations to pick up more bodies.

9,45am - Police and the army comb areas along the railway line for more bodies.

10am - At Baragwanath Hospital the *Sowetan* team is allowed to talk and take pictures of the injured. Three of the injured were unable to speak.

Train killings: ANC asks govt to explain

JONATHON REES (278)

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Last week the ANC predicted an upsurge in unrest, which it said would be aimed at discrediting the organisation before its national conference in Durban next week.

The short-lived lull in unrest, the ANC said, showed government had the ability to control violence but "turned it on and off like a tap".

However, Mellet said it was not possible to patrol all areas at once, so communities had to assist the police.

'Mandela's dogs' taunts on train – victim

By Abel Mushi Star 27/6/91 (278)

Tuesday's stabbing and shooting spree on a Vereeniging-bound train between Kliptown and Nancefield in Soweto, which left six people dead and 18 others injured, was allegedly carried out by Inkatha supporters in retaliation for the stabbing of one of their members the previous day, a victim claimed.

The claim was immediately and strongly denied by an Inkatha spokesman.

Angeline Ndlovu (30), of Dlamini in Soweto, said yesterday that, following Tuesday's carnage, fewer commuters boarded the Wednesday train and were unusually quiet as if they expected more trouble.

She told The Star that on Tuesday about 50 men, armed with sticks and pistols, boarded the train at the Nancefield station and started shooting indiscriminately at commuters while hurling abuse at them.

"They called us 'Mandela's dogs', and ordered us not to sing religious songs and hold prayer services in the train because trains were not meant for such things."

"They said they did not come all the way from Zululand to play games, adding that despite what was being planned, the hostels were there to stay."

Tuesday's attack, according to Mrs Ndlovu, started when the men ordered a group which was singing religious songs on the first coach, to keep quiet.

She said commuters sang religious songs and held prayer services on the train every morning.

Mrs Ndlovu told The Star she was pushed out of the moving train after being hit with sticks and stabbed on the face and in the hand. She regained consciousness at the Baragwanath Hospital.

Inkatha Freedom Party spokeman Suzanne Vos said last night Inkatha would never involve itself in "such brutality". The killings were barbaric and the IFP hoped the culprits would be arrested soon.

Joe Latakgomo rides on a fear-soaked train and looks for answers

Inkatha? No, the third force

Star 27/6/91

I was hit squarely by news of the massacre this week on train 753 from Vereeniging. It was, therefore, with great trepidation that I decided to take a train ride — back along the route that claimed the lives of six innocent people.

It was the senselessness which struck me, the randomness of the attack.

In the train, conversations were subdued. No more the chatter that accompanies the clatter of the wheels as the train snakes its way to the vast black townships to the west of the big city. Nothing about the National Soccer League, its problems, and Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates.

Instead, people gave furtive glances to every passenger who boarded. One could detect fear.

And perhaps it was this fear that kept people off this particular train. For, even though it was not peak time, it was emptier than normal.

This latest attack came just as people were regaining confidence in the trains after another, similar attack last year.

The railways have lost some passengers for ever, but those are the people who are able to muster the daily taxi fare between Soweto and Johannesburg.

Now fear has returned to the faces of the commuters. The uncertainty is there for all to see: the reaction as the inter-coach door opens.

At Orlando station, where the bodies of those who perished at the hands of the mad gunmen lay, only the dark stains remained as evidence of the grim deed.

Police were still searching for clues along the railway line, and traffic from Phefeni and Mofolo was being diverted onto the freeway that runs parallel to the railway line. The question that kept being asked was: Who could have done this? And that is the question I want to try to answer.

Inkatha attacks? No, it does not make sense, no matter how many people try to plant this idea in our minds. Why would they shoot randomly, possibly killing their own supporters too? Why would people try to get us think of the attackers making their way to Nancefield Hostel?

First of all, if the attacks continued beyond Nancefield station, then the attackers would have been seen heading for Nancefield from Orlando — which seems a ridiculous conclusion. Again, if there were only five attackers, and all indications are that the number could not have been much higher, why is it suggested that the attackers arrived "in cars and minibuses" — what makes them "strange" in the darkness of 3 am? Why would they fire shots to attract attention? No, it seems to me that our attention is being deliberately diverted from the real killers.

No matter how vehemently the police may want to dismiss the "third force" idea, it seems the most logical explanation.

It is significant that witnesses to the attack said the attackers "did not say a word".

Was it because they could not speak any of the black languages, or that they could not speak Zulu and if they tried to speak, it would have punched holes into the "Inkatha theory"?

Do we have a Renamo-type operation here? What has happened to the "strange people" who were often seen around the Phalaborwa black township?

Looking at the weekend attacks in Natal — even two-year-olds did not escape the fury of the gunmen.

It was bloody terrorism, clearly aimed at disrupting ANC-Inkatha peace talks set for the Monday.

Is it in the interest of the Government to sponsor such attacks? Unless President de Klerk has been the master trickster, and been able to keep a secret agenda, I doubt this.

So who could be running such a Renamo-type operation? The right wing? Most likely, for it is on the violence that the right wing feeds, so that they are able to tell their followers that the country is going to the dogs under De Klerk and that their only hope is to press for a white homeland.

Reports of "strange people" who cannot speak any of the local black languages have been coming in thick and fast.

And yet, as this is difficult to pin down, there is general denial of the existence of trained squads of assassins who could be used for just the kind of mission as this week's train killings and the killings in Natal. □

Policeman ordered to find SACP official, court told

A SECURITY policeman was ordered to find a senior SACP official and radio her whereabouts to his superior, the Johannesburg Regional Court heard yesterday.

Lt Gerhardus Engelbrecht said he was instructed by security police chief Brig Piet du Toit to order security policeman Monge Maleka to look out for Geraldine Fraser whom police thought would make contact with "other persons".

Maleka has alleged he was kidnapped, assaulted and interrogated by senior Cosatu officials — general secretary Jay Naidoo, assistant general secretary Sydney Mufamadi, office staffer Baba Schalk and Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso — at Cosatu's Rissik Street headquarters in August last year.

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Information

The four have pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and assaulting Maleka.

Engelbrecht said Du Toit instructed him to follow up any information on Operation Vula He said he had obtained information that Vula-linked people were in touch with Fraser

Engelbrecht told the court he ordered Maleka — who yesterday presented evidence that he was employed by the security police — to look out for Fraser.

He said other policemen were in the vicinity of the building at the time of Maleka's alleged abduction.

Investigating officer in the case, SAP Col Edgar John Lewitt said police waited five-and-a-half hours before fetching Maleka from Cosatu's offices.

Lewitt's investigations showed police were aware of Maleka's disappearance from the time he had been taken into the Cosatu building at 11.30 am on August 28.

Asked by defence attorney John Myburgh if he thought it more important to protect the operation than to save Maleka, Engelbrecht said he "was not in a position to save Maleka in that situation".

He denied giving Maleka specific instructions to observe the Cosatu building.

Lewitt said he was first asked to look into Maleka's disappearance four hours later

Asked by Myburgh why proceedings had been delayed, Lewitt said the incident happened at the time of the Groote Schuur Minute and after the exposure of Operation Vula. He said police did not want to act before they had full confirmation on what had happened as this would have been seen as "victimisation".

Myburgh said police deliberately left Maleka at Cosatu offices.

Arrests after attack in Pimville

POLICE have arrested a number of people they believe are linked to an attack on the Pimville community in Soweto earlier this year.

However, they might release them because of a lack of co-operation from local residents.

Soweto police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn said 13 people died and several houses were damaged when the gang launched its attack in May.

Despite repeated appeals, nobody had come forward to assist the police investigation.

Halgryn said the suspects could be charged only if police received sufficient evidence to place them at the scene of the crime.

Police said yesterday they had seized an arms cache, including an AK-47, two magazines, ammunition, two tearsmoke grenades, a zipgun and a panga, while searching a school in Katlehong, near Germiston, on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, at Inhlalakahle near Greytown, Natal, police found the bodies of three men. All had been shot.

In separate incidents in the township four men were injured when gunmen fired shots at them.

At Kathlehong police found the body of a man who had been stabbed. — Sapa.

PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



White vigilantes attack squatters at school

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believed that they had occupied the school legally since empty classrooms were "rented out" to them by a black supervisor employed by the Transvaal Education Department.

A court case is pending over a TED interdict to have the squatters evicted.

They can effectively stay on until tomorrow, when the outcome of the case is expected.

The NP's management committee chairman in the Germiston City Council, Leon Louw, said he had received a call from a CP supporter a week ago complaining about the squatters at the school.

Mr Louw said the woman, who identified herself, had said people in the area were bitterly unhappy about the situation.

"The problem will be resolved in a lawful way and we don't need trouble-makers from outside coming here and behaving in such a despicable manner," Mr Louw told The Star.

Yesterday, witnesses told The Star how terrified women, clad only in their night clothes, had jumped out of windows in fear of the menacing men.

Oupa Ngutshwane (25), one of the injured, said he had been about to sit down with friends and neighbours for a braai when he heard a sound outside his door.

"As I opened the door to investigate, I was struck in the face and at the same time a group of about 20 sjambok-wielding white men stormed the room and immediately went on the attack.

"One of the attackers shouted: 'Get out, this is not Mandela's place, he did not give you permission to come and stay in town'.

"My wife, who is pregnant, was hit on the thighs and on the body. My eight-year-old sister was also hit in the body during the pandemonium," Mr Ngutshwane said.

Lilian Mhlongo (23), the mother of a one-month-old infant, said she had been in bed when she heard a noise outside. She was forced to get out of bed by flying pieces of glass as windows were smashed.

"We spent the whole night in the cold night outside, huddled together in darkness and fearing to go back to our sleeping places."

One of the injured, Winnie Makhaula, a mother of two, said she had not gone to hospital for treatment because she did not have the R15 required there.

Whites attack squatters

By Anna Louw
and Montshiwa Moroke

Several squatters, including children and an eight-month pregnant woman, were injured when white vigilantes attacked them with sjamboks and iron bars at a disused Germiston school on Saturday night.

Police said the group, believed to be extreme right-wingers, struck shortly before midnight at the old Goedehoop School in the East Rand town.

The 26-year-old pregnant woman, and a 22-year-old man who was attacked with a panga, have been admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital.

Police are investigating four charges of assault and malicious damage to property after a car parked on the premises was damaged.

The assailants, carrying sjamboks and torches, arrived at the school in four cars of which the registrations have been traced to Krugersdorp, Randfontein, Orkney and Kempton Park.

No arrests have been made.

The attack took place in the build-up to a municipal by-election in Germiston's Ward 13 next month. The school is situated in Pirrowville, a sub-economic area which falls in Ward 13.

The election in the National Party-held ward is expected to be fiercely contested by the Conservative Party.

Ironically, the squatters

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Vaal groups voice concern over cops

Sowetan 21/6/91

ORGANISATIONS in the Vaal Triangle have voiced concern over acts of violence and intimidation directed against the people in the area.

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Referring to the minutes of a meeting which included representatives from Cosatu, Vaal Civic Association, Vaal Council of Churches, South African Communist Party and African National Congress as well as senior police officials last week, the organisations said their concern was over police impartiality in quelling and apprehending the perpetrators of violence and intimidation which had lately spilled into schools and disrupted learning.

The organisations criticised the role of the police both in terms of curbing the violence and intimidation and lack of progress in investigations into some of the incidents.- *Sowetan Reporter*

'Hundreds intimidated into leaving homes'

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HUNDREDS of township dwellers on the Reef have fled their homes as a result of escalating Inkatha Freedom Party intimidation since March, the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression said yesterday.

Many workers have also been intimidated into cancelling memberships in trade unions affiliated with the ANC-aligned Congress of South African Trade Unions and joining the IFP.

Intimidation has been reported in Alexandra, Dobsonville and Mapetla in Soweto, the Benoni/Boksburg industrial area and Benrose, Denver and Jeppe, in the Johannesburg industrial belt.

False

The board said Inkatha supporters were charging township families "a protection fee" of between R20 and R100 a month, saying they would be excluded from Inkatha attacks if they joined up.

In Alexandra, the board said, more than 200 families occupying 31 stands have been forced to abandon their backyard shacks.

The IFP have "taken over" the area between 1st and 6th Avenue, marking many of the dwellings with red cloth to indicate IFP control, the board said.

In Dobsonville, people living in the married quarters of hostels had been forced to join the IFP or be forced out.

Those who had fled as a result of the intimidation had had their furniture confiscated.

Political Staff

The board said it did not rule out ANC intimidation, but such cases had not come to its attention.

IFP central committee member Mr Themba Khoza dismissed the allegations as false, saying his party believed in freedom of association and political tolerance.

Boycotts

If these acts were committed in the name of the IFP, complainants were welcome to contact the IFP office, which would investigate the allegations.

Khoza said: "We have been complaining about intimidation, such as during consumer boycotts. We won't do the same because it is undemocratic."

He said he was suspicious that "this was a smear campaign from our opposition to water down our support and rapidly growing membership".

The Renamo-style massacres

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A NEW phenomenon in the spiral of political violence has emerged over the past nine months Renamo-style massacres of civilians, carried out by Inkatha supporters.

The Denver station massacre, Sebokeng vigil massacre, Alexandra vigil massacre, Swanieville massacre and now the Kliptown train massacre are some of the more horrific and large-scale examples

In each case the victims were civilians, unconnected with violence The attackers were, or were alleged to be, hostel-based Inkatha supporters Each of the attacks bore strong resemblance to the style of random terror carried out by Renamo in Mozambique And in several there were strong allegations of police complicity in the attacks

So far the police have had mixed success in bringing the suspects in the following incidents to trial

●Commuters were returning to their Johannesburg homes on September 13 last year, when a group of Zulu hostel dwellers, armed with pangas, spears and firearms, boarded the train at Jeppe station and indiscriminately started hacking, stabbing and shooting passengers Some of the victims were praying as they were murdered

Another gang was waiting for the train as it came to a halt at Benrose Station in Denver, and they attacked people as they fled from the first gang At least 20 people were killed and over 100 injured

The police investigating officer said at the time the attack followed a prayer meeting in which "a certain group of people" had insulted Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and King Goodwill Zwelithini

A week earlier a group of Inkatha hostel dwellers, wearing red headbands, had attacked early morning Soweto commuters waiting to board the train at Merafe Station At least five women were injured and one man killed

The police offered a R50 000 reward in connection with the second attack and in October five Jeppe Hostel residents were arrested and charged with 21 counts of murder and 45 of attempted murder.

A new wave of terror has broken in South Africa, with gunmen mowing down innocent civilians at random

By GAVIN EVANS and PAUL STOBER

They were granted bail of R20 000 each. But on May 30 this year charges against the men were withdrawn, after police failed to find sufficient evidence to proceed with the case

Witwatersrand attorney general Klaus von Lieres told *The Weekly Mail* the magistrate refused to keep the case on the roll because of the delay

"Three of the suspects in this case are believed to be in hiding, and the police have been unable to locate them. These appear to be the main suspects, and they could still be charged But it is senseless to charge cannon fodder if you can't charge the leaders

"We certainly haven't given up and we still hope to find them — and if we do we'll prosecute We also may launch a formal judicial inquest."

●About 300 Sebokeng mourners were attending the vigil of local ANC activist Christoffel Nangalembe at 2am on September 12 last year when a group of men burst into their tent and opened fire

Terrified mourners, including young children, were murdered at point blank range When it was over, 39 people were dead (27 being killed instantly) and at least 13 injured

Two days later police seized seven AK-47 rifles and detained 11 men and a woman Eight were later charged in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court with 38 counts of murder and two of attempted murder

Residents accused police of leaving the scene of the crime shortly before the massacre Police confirmed this but said they had been asked to leave

Residents alleged that some of those involved in the shooting were members of the local Five Star Gang

However, at every court appearence of the accused there has been a strong Inkatha presence, with members wearing Inkatha T-shirts, and local Inkatha leaders attending

At the bail application for the accused, representatives of Inkatha testified they would be prepared to pay bail of up to R1 000 each and local secretary Bula Kubheka offered them the use of the Inkatha office in Vereeniging if they had no place to stay

Lawyers for the accused requested bail three times but the state has successfully opposed each application and they remain in custody

The case has been postponed to July 4 for the final decision of the attorney general on whether to proceed with charges

A lawyer assisting the families of the victims of the massacres, Anton Steenkamp, described this case as "one of the few where there's been good co-operation from the police At this point we are waiting for the AG's decision and no charges have been instituted yet"

●A tent vigil for an ANC township violence victim was being held in Alexandra township in the early hours of March 27 this year, when three men wielding AK-47 rifles and revolvers burst in, screaming "You are ANC and we are Inkatha!"

They fired randomly, and then hacked survivers to death with pangas and knives, leaving 15 dead and at least 16 seriously injured

The police acknowledged they had been warned of an impending attack by a group of armed men, but said that when they arrived the group was not in sight — so they moved on

A week later eight men were arrested and immediately appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate s Court, where they were refused bail

"There has been nice progress in this case," said Von Lieres "A senior advocate from the AG's personal staff is handling it, and the men will appear in court again on August 1 on charges of murder and attempted murder"

A section 205 order for the director of the Alexandra Clinic, Alan Robb, to provide information about the massacre victims, was withdrawn last week

"The withdrawal came in the context of high-level negotiations about a procedure that will apply to all police stations in this area," Robb said, adding that the victims had consented to provide the required information

●Residents of the Swanieville squatter camp on the West Rand were asleep in their shacks at 5 30am on Sunday May 12, when about 1 000 Inkatha supporters wearing red headbands and armed with guns, spears, pangas and axes launched an attack

At least 27 people were killed, 30 injured and 82 shacks burned down

Soon after, Inkatha officially confirmed its members were involved, saying the attack came in response to the earlier abduction of two hostel residents

According to a report prepared by Lawyers for Human Rights, Wits University's Centre for Applied Legal Studies and the Independent Board of Inquiry, the residents gave detailed accounts of police in camouflage uniforms being present during the attack

The document says that nearly half the witnesses say they saw police Hippo vehicles in the area at the time and several allege that "white men were escorting the attacking group prior to the retreat of the impi"

The impi had marched for 10km to the camp without being apprehended by the police.

At the time police claimed the attack happened while the local riot unit was busy changing shifts, and they denied they were present.

Lawyers for Human Rights representative Laura Pollecut yesterday said they were assisting the police Criminal Investigation Division with their investigation, and after independent ballistics tests would hand over firearm cartridges collected by residents after the attack.

when the attack began, said their prayer was disrupted by men who shouted: "Today we are going to kill you all, Mandela's children"

Peace talks could be the next casualty

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By CARMEL RICKARD

PEACE talks could be the next casualty of the sudden upsurge of violence in Natal and elsewhere

Already African National Congress-Inkatha peace talks scheduled for the Richmond area have been called off, following the weekend massacre of 23 people in the Natal midlands

Condemnation of the renewed conflict has come from both the ANC and Inkatha, and there have been allegations of the involvement of a "third force" as well as the security forces, a claim denied by the police, who have announced that 13 people have been arrested in connection with the killings

While the Richmond talks are off, at this stage it seems the working groups set up to formulate a peace process after last weekend's church and business facilitated conference are going ahead with full ANC participation along with Inkatha, government, business and church delegates.

However there are fears that pro-peace talks elements within the ANC will lose ground because of the sudden spate of attacks

These killings will be very much in the mind of delegates to the ANC conference next week Those already disposed to criticise peace talk schemes will be able to use the killings as ammunition to shoot down peace plans.

The violence could strengthen their hand against delegates who believe that it is precisely when violence intensifies that talks become more urgent

While the physical attacks continue, there have been coincidental verbal attacks on ANC intelligence chief and southern Natal chairman Jacob Zuma

The most recent was a document entitled *Open letter to comrade Jacob Zuma*, faxed to the media on ANC Midlands letterheads yesterday from an unsourced fax machine

The letter raked up the by now well known allegations of MK unhappiness with Zuma's handling of operations during the period before the ANC was unbanned, alleged he was "directly responsible for the murder of MK commander Muziwhake (sic) Ngwanya also known as Thami Zulu", and demanded an explanation from him of "excesses" which occurred under his leadership

Midlands officials have denied their office had anything to do with the letter.



PEACE TRAIN . . The annual conference of the SACC was interrupted when church leaders took the commuter train from Johannesburg station to Kliptown to show solidarity with the victims of this week's train massacre. Passengers on the train sang hymns and prayed with the SACC leaders, who then met all the delegates from the conference at Kliptown station, where a service was conducted.

Photo: GUY ADAMS

Prayers, then the cry: 'We're killing Mandela's children!'

w/mail 28/6-4/7/91. (278)

DRAMATIC new evidence has emerged that a second gang was involved in the gruesome attack on Soweto commuters in a Johannesburg-bound train on Tuesday.

Survivors of the attack told *The Weekly Mail* that as they leapt from the train to escape the gunmen who had shot dead six commuters, more gunmen emerged from the veld behind Nancefield hostel and opened fire on the fleeing passengers

Eye-witness accounts suggest the entire operation was carried out by a highly organised and sophisticated gang, who planned it with military precision and then took refuge in the hostel

At least six people died and 18 were injured when men armed with firearms and pangas attacked train commuters early on Tuesday morning between Kliptown and Nancefield stations

The attack came days after all South Africa's major political organisations met in Sandton to work out how to end the violence gripping townships

The African National Congress said it noted with grave concern that "every time there are movements towards peace and meaningful initiatives taken, a fresh wave of violence occurs".

From their hospital beds, the surviving victims of Tuesday's attack told *The Weekly Mail* how a group of men,

Witnesses say two gangs were responsible for this week's Soweto train massacre — and both took refuge in the Nancefield hostel **WALLY MBHELE** reports

some dressed in tracksuits and black coats, randomly opened fire on commuters Their victims included participants in a church service

People lay flat on the train's floor to avoid bullets, while others were forced to jump from the moving train.

As the train approached Nancefield station, a second gang of gunmen emerged from the veld behind Nancefield hostel, the survivors said. The men opened fire on passengers who were trying to escape.

A regular commuter on the 6.30am train, Danie Hlabangwane, of Chicken Farm squatter camp, was shot in the right hip. He told *The Weekly Mail* the assailants were young men in their early twenties

When the train pulled out of Kliptown station, he said, the two men — who were Zulu-speaking — politely asked for matches and he gave them a box.

The two men pulled out guns and started shooting Hlabangwane screamed and tried to escape to another coach.

"Those men were very accurate, they did not miss, they were perfect and did not speak as they shot.

"I was hit in the right hip and immediatelly fell down, pretending to be dead," he said. Some people were shot while lying down.

When the train arrived at Nancefield station, said Hlabangwane, the shooting stopped The only sound was that of people groaning in pain

"I tumbled onto the platform and saw the gunmen running in the direction of the hostel Then I heard the sound of gunfire coming from that direction

"I tried to stand up, and realised there were people firing at us from behind the hostel The two groups then dashed into the hostel," said Hlabangwane.

Japhta Masuku of Rockville, who was on the last coach but one, told *The Weekly Mail* he saw people rushing to his coach in panic. "We couldn't identify who was fighting and who was on the run I then saw people going down as shots rang out in our coach."

He fell to the floor, with panga and gunshot wounds in his head

Angeline Ndlovu, who was taking part in a church service on the train when the attack began, said their prayer was disrupted by men who shouted. "Today we are going to killing you all, Mandela's children."

When Maki Skhosana was murdered by a mob in 1985, Archbishop Tutu threatened to leave the country. Now two of her attackers have been freed

S/Times 30/6/91. (253) (334) (278)

THE horrific death of Miss Maki Skhosana, murdered on July 20 1985 outside a cemetery at Duduza, Nigel, shocked the world and led Archbishop Desmond Tutu to threaten to pack his bags and leave the country.

She was beaten, kicked, stoned and eventually set on fire by a crowd that believed her to be a police informer. Her death throes were captured on television and shown around the world.

Today two of the people who took part in the attack, Daniel Mbokwane and Linda Hlope, are free by government amnesty A third, Sanna Twala, still waits in Kroonstad prison.

Her case is one of those before the "scrutiny committee" of government and ANC members that is wrestling over the status of the country's remaining political prisoners.

Anomaly

The distinction between her and the other two has baffled her lawyers, who point to an Appeal Court ruling in May 1990 in which Mr Justice Hoexster concluded: "I share the opinion of the trial judge that the three merit equal severity of punishment"

Twala's lawyer said: "Twala's actions were, comparatively, less brutal than those of at least one of her co-accused. But he has been released"

The case is one of several that illustrate the anomaly of some members of groups being given amnesty while others who took part in the same acts remain in prison.



VIDEO THAT SHOCKED THE WORLD . . . Maki Skhosana's prostrate body is trampled by her angry assailants

By DAWN BARKHUIZEN

The Duduza killing took place during the funeral of four activists. There was, according to court records, a widely held belief among the people of Duduza that the four had been shot dead by policemen.

Thousands turned out for the funeral, including Miss Skhosana, who was rumoured to be a police informer and having a love affair with a policeman.

She was surrounded by a mob near the cemetery gates. Mbokwane, Hlope and Twala took part in the assault in the following way.

● Mbokwane heard a noise while inside the cemetery and went to investigate. Outside he found a group of people and, on pushing his way to the centre of the mob, found a woman on her knees with her hair and back aflame. People were kicking her and calling her an "impimpi".

Mbokwane, who knew the woman and had heard rumours that she was conspiring with the police, kicked her as she lay on her stomach. He was, he said, angry that she was a collaborator and intended causing her pain.

● Linda Hlope was attracted away from the graveside by a group of people who were singing and chanting. For about five minutes he watched the crowd accuse their victim of being an informer and assault her until she lay motionless in the dust.

Thinking she was dead, he turned to leave, but then spotted a TV camera.

"I got excited, I wanted to appear on TV doing something," he told the court. "I found a big stone nearby and dropped it on her chest."

● Twala, a former nurse-aid from the Tienie Vorster Old Age Home in Nigel, had been in the last group approaching the cemetery She pushed her way through the crowd to find the victim, whose hair and clothing were already alight, being assaulted.

She knew Miss Skhosana and had also heard the rumours about her. Angrily Twala kicked her, hit her with a length of hosepipe and jumped on her prostrate body.

The person responsible for setting Miss Skhosana on fire was never caught

None of the three were found to have initiated the attack, their lawyer said.

Pronouncing sentence, the judge had deemed any previous convictions for all three accused to be irrelevant and did not take them into account, Twala's attorney said.

In May 1990 the murder charges were set aside by the Appeal Court and changed to attempted murder. Sentences were reduced from life imprisonment to seven years.

Fatal

The judge found the accused could not be guilty of murder because it was impossible to determine who had delivered the fatal blow

A spokesman for the Department of Correctional Services said. "Prisoners Daniel Mbokwane and Linda Hlope were released after being given special remission and one-third remission of sentence.

"Due to the fact that Sanna Twala was not a first offender she will only qualify for release in September, unless other remedies become effective in the meantime."

He could not specify Twala's previous offence.

60 slain on trains since September

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By Al-Ameen Kafaar

More than 60 passengers have died since September as a result of attacks on trains in the PWV area.

In one of the bloodiest train massacres in the country's history, 26 people were killed at Benrose station in September. The incident remains unsolved, after five men facing 66 charges of murder and attempted murder walked free from the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court last month.

The police and Spoornet have put the responsibility of rail commuters' safety on each other's doorstep.

Train massacres made front-page news again last week when the Sowetan newspaper offered a reward of R50 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for killing seven people on a train bound from Johannesburg to Vereeniging.

The incident occurred when the train pulled out of Kliptown station at 5.45 am.

Police liaison officer Brigadier Vic Heyns said in a statement yesterday that investigations had revealed that the incident was a revenge attack.

He said that on the day before the attack "a number of people suffered stab wounds in a fight on the same train".

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said passengers' safety was Spoornet's responsibility. It was a private corporation and it was not normal police policy to render service to private concerns.

Spoornet had its own security staff, whose duty it was to search all passengers entering stations for dangerous weapons.

He said the police had in the past randomly deployed officers for spot checks on trains. But it was impossible to guarantee the passengers' safety during every trip because of a staff shortage.

But a Spoornet spokesman said: "Consequent upon the issue having being dealt with at the highest possible level, a joint decision by Spoornet and the police was taken that the function of security of the rail commuter services rested with the police."

He said stations were being upgraded and charge offices provided. Owing to the cost implications, all Metro stations would be phased in over five years, with problematic stations first on the agenda.

On Tuesday's massacre, Brigadier Heyns said none of the victims could be linked by way of family or political ties.

The R50 000 reward offered by the Sowetan for information leading to the arrest of the killers had not resulted in any positive leads. He added that police appreciated the reward offer and appealed to anyone with information to come forward.

Youth killed in E Rand violence

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Star 1/7/91

Sapa and Staff Reporter

Police reported several sporadic incidents of unrest across the country on Saturday, including the killing of a youth at Katlehong.

They said in an unrest report that the unidentified youth, aged about 18, was shot and killed in the early hours of Saturday in Katlehong.

He was attached to the Kuto Taxi Association

In another incident, at Borolello near Swartruggens, 17 men stopped a black youth of about 18 and manhandled him to the local community hall where he was hit with a variety of weapons, kicked and undressed.

Bakery

They then poured petrol over him and set him alight. Police intervened and arrested five people The victim was admitted to hospital.

At KwaThema, near Springs, 10 youths held up the driver of a bakery van with petrol bombs and robbed him of the vehicle and bread and cakes worth R614.

At Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, a man who allegedly intimidated people not to buy any liquor at a liquor store was arrested by police.

A handgrenade was thrown at a group of four men after a quarrel next to a house in Gugulethu near Cape Town in the early hours of Saturday by a youth aged about 22. Three of the men were seriously injured and taken to Tygerberg Hospital.

At Kruispad, near Cape Town, about 20 youths threw stones at a private house.

At Paarl about 20 people held an unlawful placard demonstration organised by the Berg River Ad Hoc Committee. They drew attention to political exiles, bad housing and teacher shortages. Two women and four men were arrested, police said.

At Batho, near Bloemfontein, about 200 people threw stones at a shop. No one was injured.

At Mpopomewi, near Howick in Natal, unknown persons fired shots at a police vehicle on Friday.

A peaceful anti-apartheid demonstration was held in the Pretoria city centre on Friday afternoon by 14 men and women. They displayed placards protesting against apartheid. Police said the demonstrators refused to speak to them and had used foul language.

At least three people died and two were seriously injured in violence in Natal townships on Friday.

Township death figures down

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JOHANNESBURG. — Political warfare showed a marked decline in June with fewer people dying compared with the previous month, according to police figures.

Figures compiled from daily unrest reports issued by police showed that 110 people died last month from fighting in the townships. At least 271 people were killed in May.

In June 150 people were injured from the scattered violence countrywide.

Yesterday, authorities reported that two people were hacked to death and one shot and killed at Table Mountain, Maritzburg. The killings occurred on Sunday in Mboyi township.

● The Unrest Investigation Unit in Durban has arrested 19 people connected to 22 cases which included four murders, attempted murder, arson and kidnapping.

Headed by Captain Danie Malan, the unit followed up several clues in unrest-related cases over the period from March to May, police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Sweden pledges R2,5m for Alexandra 'court'

WILSON ZWANE

SWEDEN has pledged R2,5m for the establishment of a dispute resolution centre in Alexandra township, Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) official Ben Dhlomo said yesterday.

Plans to set up the township's dispute resolution centre or a "community court" — the first of its kind in SA — were at an advanced stage and "depending on the availability of funds the centre will open its doors to the public within two weeks", Dhlomo said.

US support

"The 11 people being trained in mediation mechanisms by a team of legal experts are almost ready to begin their work at the centre.

" The only obstacle to opening the centre to the community is a lack of funds.

"But Sweden has pledged R2,5m to the project and other countries, including the US and Canada, have indicated they would support the venture," Dhlomo said.

The centre would mediate in community disputes, he said.

ACO president Moses Mayekiso has said the "negative" reaction of Alexandra residents to the "white" judiciary and escalation of crime in the township had prompted his organisation to resolve to establish community-oriented courts.

Mayekiso said these community courts would be unlike the notorious kangaroo courts, which "were often constituted at a whim of individuals".

The Justice Department has said the establishment of a dispute resolution centre in Alexandra had much in common with its desire to make the administration of justice accessible to all people of all levels.

The Wits Centre for Applied Legal Studies, the National Association of Democratic Lawyers and lawyers in private practice are contributing to the Alexandra project by training people in dispute resolution mechanisms.

A spokesman for the Wits centre, Edwin Molahlehi, said if the project was successful it could be used in other communities which "want this kind of assistance".

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Victim tells of train attack

By Musa Mapisa (278)

An injured man from Katlehong yesterday described a seemingly indiscriminate attack on Vereeniging-bound rail commuters on Monday night.

Paul Nkonde (35), whose arm was severed by a panga in the attack, said from his Boksburg-Benoni Hospital bed that a group of people "went on the rampage" and indiscriminately attacked passengers as the train approached Kutala station between Katlehong and Germiston.

East Rand police said 12 passengers leapt from the train when a fight broke out between two men.

"We were sitting in a compartment when a group of people started singing comrade's songs and produced pangas and knives," Mr Nkonde said.

He claimed to have recognised at least one of his assailants.

As the train approached Kutalo station, he jumped through the window and was found by one of the attackers who started stabbing his left eye and his head.

"He also tried to drag me to the railway line as a train was approaching, but something disturbed him and he let go."

Mr Nkonde staggered into a nearby house where he lost consciousness, he said.

Another victim, Vuyisa Sakabula of Tokoza, said a woman had shouted "here come the killers".

Calls pouring in on train slayings

Sowetan 4/7/91.

INFORMATION is pouring in to the *Sowetan's* lawyers about last week's train massacre that left six people dead.

The lawyers this week met with the police officers in charge of the investigation to discuss some of the information received.

A spokesman for the investigating team said they were following the leads but nothing has come up so far.

Sowetan reporters have also received calls with information, which has been passed on to the lawyers.

The newspaper has offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and murder conviction of any - or all - killers who attacked train passengers early last Tuesday morning.

Who are the train killers? Tell us at 833-1273

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The attack occurred on Johannesburg-bound train 753 from Vereeniging.

Any person who saw or overheard anything that might shed light on the mysterious killings should call Ms Lynn Adcock at (011) 833-1273 on weekdays between 8am and 4pm.

Teargas at ANC funeral - claim

By DON SEOKANE

MOURNERS at the funeral of an Umkhonto we Sizwe member, Mr Chester Sehume, in Dinokana were allegedly harassed by Bophuthatswana police for singing *Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*.

A witness said at least 10 people were injured when the homeland police fired teargas at the mourners - among them elderly people and children - who had converged on a kraal during the ceremony.

The witness said a contingent of about 200 policemen watching the proceedings allegedly objected to the carrying of ANC flags, banners and placards.

He said: "After burial, people started singing the anthem and then police shouted through a loudhailer that it was not a national anthem.

"They fired teargas into the kraal, which is built with rocks, and a stampede ensued. People started running for cover - others trampling those who had fallen down," he said.

Bophuthatswana police yesterday confirmed that teargas was fired at a funeral in Dinokana, but said this was done only in "limited quantities".

Bophutatswana police spokesman Colonel Dave George said police fired teargas when the crowd of mourners became restive and unruly.

The crowd later dispersed and no incidents were reported, he said.

He denied that people were injured and that there were 200 policemen.

Protesters set upon by dogs

ABOUT 30 people were arrested and several others bitten by police dogs outside John Vorster Square when demonstrators clashed with police. (278)

The protesters were demanding the release of four Cosatu officials who are charged with kidnap and assault at the Johannesburg Magistrate'S Court.

Cosatu general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo told the court under cross-examination that he was known as a man of integrity and could not have been involved in the assault oN a man held by his organisation on suspicion of being a spy. Sowetan 5/7/91.

"In all my dealings with people here and internationally I am regarded as a person of integrity whose nature it is not to be violent," he said.

He was responding to accusations from the prosecutor that he had used physical force on Maleka with his co-accused Moses Mayekiso (42), Baba Schalk (30) and Sidney Mufamadi (32).



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Three shot dead at house of ANC man

By GRACE RAPHOLO

THREE people were shot dead and two seriously injured on Wednesday night when gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles attacked and petrol-bombed the Boipatong, Vanderbijlpark, house of an ANC education officer.

Constance Sotsu (49) and her daughter, Margaret (33), were found dead with multiple bullet wounds when the ambulance arrived.

Sotsu's four-year-old grandson, Samanta, died while being rushed to Sebokeng Hospital according to the dead woman's son, Mandla.

The other two - Vuyani (15) and Vusi (8) - are in a satisfactory condition at the Sebokeng Hospital.

The husband and father, Ernest Sotsu, who was attending the ANC's annual conference in Durban, was called back home yesterday.

SAP media liason officer in the Vaal, Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed the incident, but said no arrests had been made by yesterday. (278)

He said police found AK-47 cartridges at the house and they were investigating. The motive of the attack is not known. Sowetan 5/7/91.

Gunshots

Mandla, who was in the backyard shack when the killers arrived shortly after 8pm, said he heard gunshots coming from the main house and before he could run for cover, shots were fired through his door.

Shots that were fired ripped through the upper body of his son, Samanta. Mandla said his son's intestines were

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protuding when the ambulance took him to hospital.

Mandla said he had spoken to his sister Vuyani before she was rushed to hospital and she had said that she recognised the killers. According to Mandla, the killers were also responsible for the Sebokeng massacre.

Another source, who did not want to be named, confirmed that he knew the killers.

He said he had seen the killers circling the partially gutted house twice yesterday. First they had driven a Laurel and then a Corolla. Sowetan 5/7/91.

The ANC's annual conference was interrupted when news of the deaths was reported. There was a minute's silence before Nelson Mandela, president-elect of the ANC, said the killings would be investigated as a matter of urgency.

Pandemonium as dogs attack crowd

w\Mail 5/7-11/7/91 (278)

Police broke up a placard demonstration outside John Vorster Square yesterday with dogs and many others have been arrested in a clampdown on protests against the Congress of South African Trade Unions trial

By DREW FORREST

"LIE DOWN! Lie down!" screams the riot policeman, as his alsatian drags a black woman to the pavement.

She rocks back and forward, moaning with terror; then blood begins to seep through her torn stocking.

Across the road, an orderly placard protest has dissolved into struggling, screaming pandemonium — two stampeding protestors collide and crash into Commissioner Street, a grey-headed man goes to ground, the right arm of his jacket torn off by a police dog.

Within seconds, the area outside the John Vorster police headquarters has been cleared. Stunned victims trickle back to sort through the pathetic booty of the police charge: abandoned shoes, a purse, a broken watch

In front of the horrified press corps, bystanders are trying to stanch the wound of the bitten woman.

Sapa reports that requests for an ambulance for the woman, named as Alvina Nkosi, are met with police statements that she first has to be charged.

The spark for the police action — five dog handlers were used on a few dozen people — was a peaceful pavement protest by Congress of South African Trade Unions members in support of Cosatu leaders currently on trial for alleged assault and kidnapping

Holding placards reading "Hands off Cosatu!" and "We stand by our leaders!" the demonstrators had earlier marched from the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court, the scene of the trial

The dog charge was preceded by a warning to disperse, unintelligibly delivered by loudhailer.

"It was very obvious that they were pushing up people's emotions and obstructing the sidewalk," explained police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman. The crowd had twice been warned to disperse in terms of unrest regulations before dogs were used.

Five people had been bitten, three of whom were treated by paramedics of the traffic department, Opperman said. There were no arrests.

Earlier, police swooped twice on several hundred people who had gathered at the magistrate's court to mark Cosatu's national day of action in protest against the trial.

Placards were confiscated and 61 Cosatu members arrested and charged with demonstrating within 500m of a courthouse.

Earlier in the week, 100 demonstrators were held and similarly charged They had refused to pay admission of guilt fines and would stand trial, said Cosatu press officer Neil Coleman.

Cosatu's central executive committee had urged all affiliates and members to attend court, demonstrate in the factories or stage work stoppages yesterday to protest against the "harassment" of Cosatu trialists Jay Naidoo, Moses Mayekiso, Sydney Mufamadi and Baba Schalk, and the state's "failure to arrest and prosecute those who have attacked Cosatu and its members".

The extent of worker support for the day of action was unclear yesterday However, Vuyelwa Qinga reports that operations ground to a halt at a number of Port Elizabeth businesses as workers embarked on two-hour long work stoppages and demonstrations in response to Cosatu's call.

Unionists said the stoppages lasted from 10 am to 12 pm, during which time workers held demonstrations within factory premises.

A spokesman for the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union said memoranda calling for the withdrawal of charges against the Cosatu officials were handed to the superintendents of three hospitals where demonstrations were held.

With the issue of political prisoners a key obstacle both to constitutional talks and the dropping of sanctions, the trial has become a major source of embarrassment for the government.



POLICE MOVE IN ... A woman arrested while singing outside the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court struggles to fend off a policeman. She was one of about 60 protesters arrested yesterday

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Police investigation into the notorious 'House of Horrors'

By PHILIPPA GARSON

AFTER numerous appeals by the press, human rights groups and lawyers, the South African Police have at last undertaken to investigate irregularities at Welverdiend police station, near Carletonville.

The Weekly Mail has published numerous articles on the alleged brutal activities of several police officers from the Welverdiend Police Investigation Unit. These officers are stationed at Welverdiend police station, a converted house — dubbed the "House of Horrors" where scores of youths from the neighbouring township of Khutsong have allegedly received shock treatment.

At least two detainees died after being interrogated at the police station:

●16-year-old Nixon Phiri, who died in the police cells in January last year after he was allegedly assaulted and administered electric shocks. At the time, police denied allegations of assault, claiming Phiri died while having an epileptic fit.

●15-year-old Eugene Mbulwana, who died in hospital in July last year shortly after he was allegedly tortured at Welverdiend. Police claimed Mbulwana died after being pushed against a steel cupboard by a fellow detainee who had an argument with him.

Several witnesses to the alleged torture of both detainees, who gave sworn statements to lawyers, were subsequently gunned down by police in separate incidents.

A string of youths have been killed over the past 18 months in what police describe as "unrest action".

Local community leaders claim the security forces have fuelled gang warfare in the township by supplying a vigilante group with guns and money.

This week the SAP issued a statement announcing that a special investigation team had been formed to look into the "on-going allegations of irregularities at the Welverdiend Police Investigation Unit...".

The SAP appealed to the public to assist with the investigation by contacting a Lieutenant Viljoen, the newly appointed commander of the unit.

Why does the dog bite me man?

Because I'm employed by the police

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SECONDS ago, this man was part of an orderly placard protest in front of John Vorster Square, calling for charges against union leaders to be dropped.

There were no stones, no burning effigies, no threats to passersby, no attempts to obstruct the traffic.

Then came an unintelligible warning over a loud-hailer ... followed by the dog charge.

First a woman was dragged to the pavement by a dog. Two fleeing protesters collided and fell in the middle of the road.

And then the elderly man at left tumbled to the ground, his spectacles flying, the right sleeve of his jacket torn off by a police dog.

Within seconds, the area outside police headquarters was cleared. Bystanders with bloodied tissues tried to staunch the wounds of the injured woman.

"It was obvious that these people were pushing up emotions and obstructing the sidewalk," explained police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman. The crowd had twice been warned to disperse before dogs were used.

Full story: See overleaf

Photograph: GUY ADAMS

NECC starts R4m education probe

B/Day 5/7/91

TANIA LEVY

THE National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) yesterday launched a R4m research project into education.

Investigation co-ordinator Nick Taylor said the National Education Policy Investigation (NEPI) — to be conducted by some 200 educationists over the next year — would come up with alternatives to government's Education Renewal Strategy.

An NEPI outline document states the "democratic movement" would be at a gross disadvantage during the negotiation process if it did not within the next 12 to 18 months have well-defined policy positions on every sphere of government.

Government was moving towards negotiation with all due speed and ministers were talking privately of a new political dispensation being implemented at the start of 1993, the document says.

Education policies consistent with this new dispensation would be phased-in within the next six months.

Taylor said in an interview the NEPI would formulate policy options to be used by negotiators from the democratic movement.

The ANC's education policy document, discussed in Durban yesterday, referred to the NEPI — and ANC members would be part of the initiative's working groups and executive committee, he said.

University of the Western Cape rector Jakes Gerwel would chair the executive committee which co-ordinated 11 working groups. They would investigate the structure of a new education system, adult literacy, skills training, curricula, teacher education and language policy.

Taylor said government was clearly unable to solve the education crisis which had paralysed many schools for long periods since 1976.

The Education Renewal Strategy was a symptom of government timidity in tackling the situation, he said. Instead of providing a solution, the strategy tried to tinker with the present system.

In contrast to this piecemeal and often contradictory approach, the NEPI would provide a comprehensive investigation into how the entire education system could be transformed, said Taylor.

Useful recommendations contained in government's renewal strategy would probably be incorporated into the NECC's initiative.

Taylor said the investigation would be guided by the principles of non-racialism, non-sexism, equality, democracy and the redress of past imbalances.

Community involvement in the study would be encouraged.

A major education conference could be convened at a later stage to involve key political, education and community organisations in the research initiative, Taylor said.

Dying child 'identifies his killer'

B/Day 5/7/91 (278)

JONATHON REES

A DYING six-year-old boy identified one of the men who shot and killed the family of a Vaal Triangle ANC and Cosatu official on Wednesday night as a local hostel dweller, an ANC official said yesterday.

Vaal ANC political officer Ernest Sotsu's wife and two of his children were shot dead with AK-47s on Wednesday night before their Boipatong home near Vanderbijlpark was petrol-bombed.

Sotsu was in Durban attending the ANC's national conference.

Vaal ANC treasurer Charles Mofokeng said before Sotsu's son Goodwill, 6, died in Sebokeng Hospital from gunshot wounds, he had identified a man from the nearby KwaMadala hostel as being among his killers.

Police said last night they were working "round the clock" on the murders. No arrests had been made.

SAP spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said he recognised the name as that of a man arrested and held in custody for various offences previously.

Mofokeng alleged the man had been involved also in the massacre of 39 mourners at an ANC funeral vigil earlier this year.

Inkatha spokesman Suzanne Vos last night cautioned against blaming Inkatha for the attack, saying it could "open up a war".

Mofokeng said that evidence of the killer's identity would not be given to the police "as no action will be taken against that man".

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A demonstrator is led away from the Johannesburg Magistrate's Courts yesterday, after a crowd gathered to show support for Cosatu leaders on trial for kidnapping and assault.

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Protesters clash with police at Cosatu trial

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POLICE yesterday told a group of Cosatu demonstrators that a union member, who had been bitten by a traffic officer's dog and lay bleeding in front of the John Vorster Square police station, had to be charged before an ambulance could be called.

The woman, Alvina Nkosi, was bitten on a leg by the dog after police dispersed protesters who gathered to demand the release of about 30 Cosatu members arrested earlier in front of the Johannesburg Regional Court.

The 30 had been demonstrating for an end to the "political trial" of Cosatu leaders Jay Naidoo, Sydney Mufamadi, Baba Schalk and Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso.

All four union leaders have denied charges of kidnapping and assaulting a security policemen at Cosatu's head offices in Johannesburg on August 28.

Several hundred workers from Cosatu's 14 affiliates gathered in the morning to show support for the four accused.

Before the trial began police moved in and arrested about 15 people. A short while later a second group of about 15 were arrested and taken to John Vorster Square. They were still in the process of being charged and summonsed last night

Cosatu said in a statement last night 11 of its members had been bitten by traffic department and police dogs and its lawyers had been instructed to lay charges against police and traffic officers involved.

During the trial magistrate O Rautenbach granted a request by prosecutor Joe Davidowitz for more time to prepare the State's case.

Defence counsel John Myburgh objected to the request, saying there was pressure for the trial to be concluded as soon as possible.

The trial continues today.

Blame the hooligans, says Inkatha

By Thabo Leshilo Star 5/7/91

The Inkatha Freedom Party has distanced itself from the actions of "hooligans" who harass people in its name at the Zonk'zizwe squatter camp.

The largest squatter camp in the Transvaal, Zonk'zizwe is situated near Heidelberg and has become an Inkatha stronghold since about 20 people died in bitter clashes between the organisation and the ANC in November.

"They are not Inkatha members. They are just hooligans taking advantage of the dispute between Inkatha and the ANC," IFP Transvaal secretary Humphrey Ndlovu said yesterday.

Some residents of Zonk'zizwe told The Star yesterday that non-Inkatha members at the camp were being forced to join, attend Inakatha-organised courts and join its patrols.

They also claim they are being forced to pay R134 per household towards legal fees and funeral expenses of Inkatha members and to learn Inkatha slogans.

Mr Ndlovu said there was now peace at the camp and invited those who fled to return.

Some of the displaced people have since taken refuge at Phola Park, an ANC-held squatter camp in Tokoza.

Phola Park Residents Committee vice-president Prince Mhlambi claimed that the association had asked police to escort the displaced people to Zonk'zizwe to fetch their belongings.

However, the escort was allegedly withdrawn once the people were inside the camp, leaving them at the mercy of Inkatha, he claimed

East Rand police spokesman Ida van Zweel denied that any such a request was ever made. Asked whether the SAP would provide such an escort, Captain van Zweel said police "would not normally, because the matter is now civil. But it depends on the officer in command."

Apparently, Nelson Mandela has personally taken up the Zonk'zizwe problem with President de Klerk, demanding that police find out who occupied the displaced people's shacks.

The Ministry of Law and Order has said it has made no progress with its investigations because no witnesses have come forward to assist the police.

Police put spotlight on their own men

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THE spotlight of police scrutiny swung sharply back on its own members this week with the launch of an official investigation into the conduct of the unrest unit based at Welverdiend police station in the western Transvaal.

The vital question remains whether the investigation will halt the long list of killings in Carletonville's Khutsong township — killings in which witnesses repeatedly implicate members of the South African Police.

At least 17 people are alleged to have died in as many months in circumstances which point to police being responsible for or party to the killings. Four of these deaths occurred while the deceased were in custody. In some cases police were accused of complicity in gang-based killings.

In nine cases police allegedly shot people in the streets of the township. In no instance do witnesses suggest that "unrest" conditions prevailed, although police have alleged this in relation to at least four deaths.

The killing of potential witnesses against the police is a particular hallmark of Khutsong. At least five youths who have been eliminated in the township or in custody are known by lawyers to have possessed such information.

The level of fear in Khutsong is so intense that witnesses against the police now automatically leave town, according to lawyers and monitoring groups. These include people with information relating to the two most recent deaths — those of Willie Makjae (17) and Shadrack "Gadaffi" Matoung.

Even as the internal inquiry was announced, police drew a blank as they visited the homes of potential witnesses, a representative for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR) said She pointed out that in one case no fewer than seven police had descended on the witness's house, in an extremely intimidating fashion.

Responding to this allegation, police in Pretoria commented that "if any person has any fears, he or she is at liberty to approach the police through other channels, for example, lawyers".

JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The mounting toll in State-linked violence was largely obscured by a phase of intense factional conflict between the "Gadaffi" and "Zim-Zim" gangs, which claimed many lives and reduced the township to virtual chaos.

But the existence of State violence as an independent dynamic became clearer when deaths continued after a peace pact was concluded between the gangs at the end of April.

While Welverdiend station features strongly in allegations of police atrocities — to the extent that it was singled out for criticism in a United Nations report early this year — policemen stationed at Khutsong and Carletonville also stand accused by various witnesses.

The litany of death began in January 1990 when pupil Nixon Phiri died in a Welverdiend detention cell.

When the police investigation team considers his death, they will have to do without the evidence of Mac Mothupi and Simon Tshabalala. These two youths were detained with Nixon, had evidence of his treatment in detention, and were killed by police within days of each other in March 1990. Official statements explained the killings in terms of "unrest related" events. Statements to lawyers disputed this.

Three more witnesses to events surrounding the fatal injury of another detainee, 15-year-old Eugene Mbulawa, have also been violently eliminated.

They are William Makjae, Richard "Pictureman" Dodo and Themba Golotile. In Mr Golitile's case there is no evidence of police involvement.

Lawyers believe that 17-year-old Willie Makjae (sometimes spelled Makage), who died in police custody in May this year, witnessed the assault that probably led to Eugene's death.

In a statement made to lawyers months before his death, Willie said he had been in the same office as Eugene at Welverdiend when the latter was hit across the back with a baton and, after falling to the ground, kicked all over the head and body by three policemen.

"T... and O... then took an iron bar and placed it behind Eugene's knees and tied his hands with a rope. They then lifted him up and dropped him again four times." William said he was removed from that office and later returned to it.

"Eugene was lying on the floor I was told to take him to the tap There was a white substance coming out of his mouth. He stared blankly. He was making a sound like snoring His arms were so tight across his chest that I could not move them."

This statement is understood to have been handed to the authorities several months ago along with other evidence.

Richard "Pictureman" Dodo, who was killed by police on October 19, was detained along with Eugene and also had information about their treatment in detention. So did fellow detainee Themba Golotile who was shot on November 14. There were no independent witnesses to his shooting.

At least 17 violent deaths in Khutsong point to official complicity

The following deaths are at the heart of the investigation about policing in Khutsong.

The summaries are based on press reports and statements to lawyers and monitoring groups. Many of these statements are already with the police.

The Star asked the Police Division of Public Relations to comment on individual cases before the inquiry was announced. It refrained from doing so, but announced that each would be investigated.

Nixon Phiri: Died January 1990 in detention at Welverdiend. Witnesses told lawyers they heard him being tortured. Both witnesses killed by police in March. Inquest found nobody to blame.

Benjamin Tshoba and Patrick Mogapi: Shot dead by police near Khutsong stadium during a protest about Nixon Phiri's death in January 1990. Police alleged stone-throwing occurred. A witness from the Australian embassy stated unprovoked shooting took place.

Mac Mothupi and Jack Mokoena: Died March 4 1990. Mothupi was a witness to Nixon Phiri's treatment in detention. Witnesses said police surrounded a shack and shot when occupants ran out. Police alleged they fired when attacked by a crowd while effecting arrests after a police vehicle was petrol-bombed.

Thomas Tshabalala: Second witness to Nixon Phiri's treatment, died March 7. Witnesses say he was shot near a relative's house. Police alleged his death occurred after a police patrol was ambushed.

Eugene Mbulawa: Fatally injured in custody at Welverdiend and died in hospital July 1990. Police claim injury occurred when he was pushed by another detainee. His fellow detainees alleged in detailed statements that they and Mbulawa were severely assaulted.

Richard "Pictureman" Dodo: Witnessed assault of Eugene Mbulawa. Died October 1990. Witness alleged police shot him in the back at point blank range. Two Welverdiend policemen named. No official comment available.

Sipho Mlangeni: Died November 1990. Witnesses alleged they were abducted with Mlangeni by a rival faction and that police witnessed assaults on them. Welverdiend police named. Only gang members arrested and charged.

Motshabi Nyathi: Died December 1990. And an unnamed youth who died months later from injuries inflicted in December. Witnesses alleged that a joint vigilante and police force attacked the night vigil of Michael Dlamini, a victim of factional violence.

Ephraim Molefe: Killed January 1991. Witnesses alleged he was shot while running from police when a bus transporting activists to a funeral was halted by police. One policeman from Welverdiend named. No police statement available.

Aaron Mthembu: Died February 1991. A witness alleged he was shot in the back while running in fear from Welverdiend police. He had been previously detained. His mother stated that two Welverdiend policemen warned her to "buy a coffin". One later claimed he had killed Aaron, she said.

Shorty Phetu: Died February 1991. A witness alleged that police escorted the vehicle of a rival faction as they abducted Phetu. His body was found near a cemetery, shot through the mouth. No police statement available.

Abel Tshoba: Died April 1991. Witness stated that he was shot by police when he and a group of friends fled in fright. No official statement released.

Shadrack Matoung: Died May 1991. Last seen alive in police custody at Khutsong police station. According to witnesses, was shot dead within an hour of police removing him from police station. No police statement available.

William Makjae: Died May 1991, in custody. Police allegedly told the family he attempted to escape. A fellow prisoner at Carletonville police station said Makjae stated a day before he died that he did not expect to live for his court appearance next day — that four policemen had taken him into the veld to kill him upon his arrest, but he had been saved when some disagreed. Died after removal from Carletonville cell.

Thug linked to slayings

By SOPHIE TEMA

A NOTORIOUS Vaal Triangle gangster, allegedly implicated in the Sebokeng massacre early this year, is said to be among the killers who shot dead the wife, daughter and grandson of ANC official Ernest Sotsu in Boipatong on Wednesday night.

A spokesman for the ANC's PWV region, who asked not to be named, told City Press that on the same day the homes of several activists at the Sebokeng Hostel were attacked, but no one was injured.

Constance Sotsu, her daughter Margaret and grandson Sabata were killed in their home when gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles and then petrol-bombed their house.

ANC conference

Ernest, an ANC education officer and Cosatu official, learnt of the attack while attending the ANC conference in Durban. He returned to Boipatong immediately.

Ernest was released from a Transkei jail last year, after serving a five-year sentence for high treason

An ANC statement said Ernest had received several death threats during the past months – some from Inkatha members.

The attack started at about 8pm after a group of men asked for Ernest.

"One of them was a notorious gangster who was allegedly implicated in the Sebokeng massacre in January, and is known to most people in the area," the statement said.

"After Constance told the men that her husband was not at home, the gangster told an accomplice to hold Constance, her daughter and three children hostage while he went to fetch petrol and reinforcements.

"When he returned with about six men, the family tried to hide in an inside toilet.

"Constance and Margaret were then shot dead, and the three children were wounded.

"Shots were also fired at the shack of the family's eldest son, Mandla. His son Sabata was wounded, and later died in the Sebokeng Hospital.

"The house was destroyed with petrol bombs".

Two of the children, Vuyana and Vusi, are still in the Sebokeng Hospital.

Distraught members of the Boipatong ANC branch said: "We repeat our call for the resignation of Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok and Minister of Defence Magnus Malan, because their police have failed to deal with this vigilante gang that is killing our people

Defence units

"We call on residents to form defence units, and for the closure of the Madala Hostel which houses Inkatha members."

A Vaal Triangle police spokesman said police would investigate the matter thoroughly and find those responsible.



A crowd gathered outside the Boipatong home of ANC official Ernest Sotsu this week after his wife, daughter and grandson were gunned down. The slaying allegedly followed death threats from Inkatha. ■ Pics: SIPHIWE MHLAMBI



Mandla Sotsu sits in the toilet where his mother and sister were gunned down. The ANC alleges that one of the killers was implicated in the Sebokeng funeral vigil massacre in January.

Vaal vigil murderer said to be among the killers

Unrest: Police shoot 2 men

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PRETORIA — Two men were killed and 14 others were injured in violence at the weekend, police reported.

A man was shot by police in the Paddock district when he stepped from bushes and pointed an AK47 rifle at the policemen on Saturday afternoon, the report said. The policemen were patrolling the area because of several incidents of unrest there during the day.

Police shot and killed a man in an exchange of gunfire in Tembisa township on Friday. The police report said a foot patrol came under fire in the township late on Friday night The man was killed when police fired back

At Nyandezulu near Port Shepstone area, a kraal was attacked with AK47 rifles and two grenades. Eight men were injured

Two people were wounded in separate gun attacks at Khayelitsha.

Police arrested two people and seized two AK47 rifles at Phola Park squatter camp. A grenade was also seized.

Another grenade, wrapped in a plastic, was discovered in a gutter at Marabastad in Pretoria, the report said. — Sapa

Cops guard ANC houses

Security stepped up after killings in the Vaal

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FREE AGAIN: Snowy Moshoeshoe relaxing at her Orlando East, Soweto, home at the weekend. She was jailed for 10 years in the Zola Mahobe affair. Report on Page 2 today.

POLICE are guarding round-the-clock at least 12 homes of ANC officials in the Vaal Triangle following last week's slaying of three family members of an ANC official in Boipatong, Vanderbijlpark.

Security was stepped up hours after the wife, daughter and grandson of Mr Ernest Sotsu were gunned down on Wednesday night.

Mrs Constance Sotsu, her daughter Margaret, and grandson Sabata died under a hail of AK-47 bullets in their home, which was also petrol-bombed. Mr Sotsu was away at the ANC conference in Durban at the time.

Gangster

All Vaal leaders of the ANC returned home immediately after news of the attack was relayed to delegates in Durban. Their hurried return was also prompted by widespread rumours that the assailants were planning further attacks on ANC homes.

A notorious gangster linked

By THEMBA MOLEFE and SELLO MOTLHABAKWE

to the Sebokeng vigil massacre in January is alleged to be behind the latest attacks. Residents claim to have seen him near the Sotsu home on the day before the attack, and also near the houses of other ANC officials.

Two of the children injured in the Sotsu attack, Vuyana and Vusi, were still in the Sebokeng Hospital yesterday.

It is not clear whether the ANC had asked for police protection for its members or whether it was the police who initiated the 24-hour surveillance.

A Vaal police spokesman, Captain Piet van Deventer, confirmed that police were guarding nine homes, although *Sowetan* reporters spotted 12. Van Deventer said police had been deployed to guard the Sotsu home, but were withdrawn at Sotsu's request.

Police have offered a R20 000 reward to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest of the killers.

Meanwhile, *Sapa* reports that the Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday it was surprised at State President F W de Klerk's "exclusive" offer of sympathy to ANC members who suffered as a result of violence.

The IFP's national executive said De Klerk, in identifying intimidation as democracy's biggest enemy, had touched the core of the issue of violence.

"We support his view that the future will be determined through negotiation, not violence, and that the perpetrators of unlawful acts should be apprehended.

'We find it surprising that Mr de Klerk has chosen to exclusively offer his deep sympathy to the ANC and those of its members and supporters who have lost loved ones and/or have

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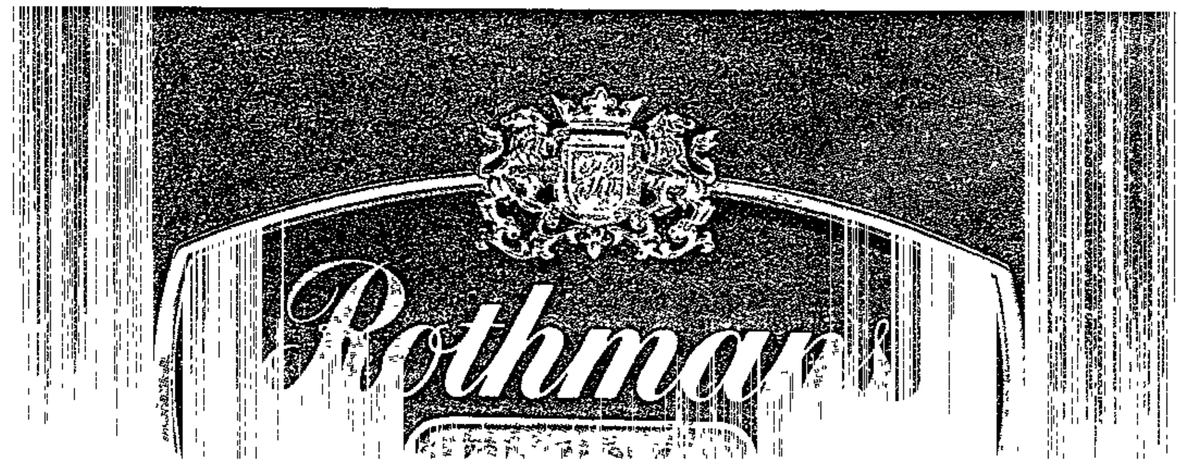



A policeman patrolling the house of Lucky Nkamlana in Zone 14 Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle. Nkamlana was a delegate at the ANC conference in Durban. Pic: LEN KUMALO

Cops guard ANC in the Vaal

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suffered serious damage."

The statement went on to list numerous incidents in which IFP members had been killed or their property damaged in almost eight years of ongoing violence.

". . . it would be equally appropriate for the State President to deplore detestable attacks on IFP members and those experienced by the PAC and Azapo as well as mayors and councillors.

"It would be proper for Mr de Klerk not to appear to be taking sides . . . clarification is required," the statement concluded.

Police patrol 'certain stations'

THE SA POLICE, Spoornet and the SA Rail Commuter Services have agreed the police will provide manpower at certain stations. Sowetan

An SAP statement issued on Friday was in reaction to criticism of their role in the safety of commuters on metrotrains, especially on the Witwatersrand.

"Stations which were earmarked for completion by April 1 and which were completed are manned by the SAP.

"The SAP is, in cooperation with the SA Commuter Services, upgrading and policing commuter facilities to ensure a safe service," the statement says.

"The SAP is urgently required to maintain law and order in other parts of our community and this has a restraining effect on concentrating only on a certain section of the community." - *Sapa*

7 jailed over Kagiso killings

Sowetan

By DON SEOKANE

POLICE have arrested seven people in connection with the slaying of 29 people at the Swanieville squatter camp near Kagiso, Krugersdorp, two months ago. 9/7/91

The seven face 29 charges of murder after about 1 000 hostel inmates from Kagiso 1 Hostel attacked the camp in a pre-dawn raid on May 13.

A police spokesman could not confirm if the suspects lived at the hostel.

The spokesman could also not confirm if any of the men were among the first six arrested just after the attack. The six were later cleared of the charges. He said more arrests were expected.

"Other suspects linked with the killings are still

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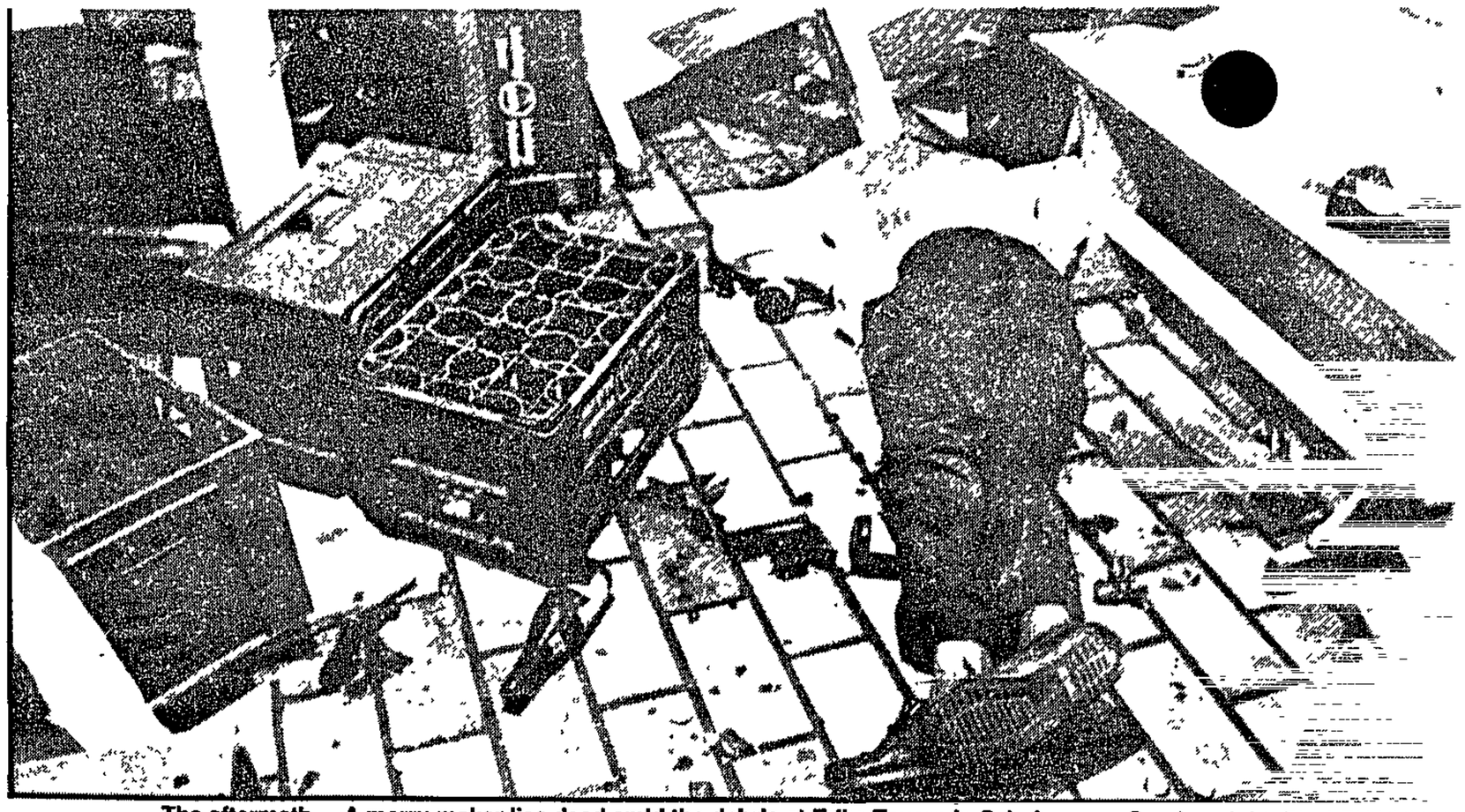
missing. A number of them, who were positively linked to the attack, eluded the police and escaped to Zululand," she said. Sowetan 9/7/91.

The seven have already appeared in the Krugersdorp Regional Court and are all out on bail. The case has been postponed to July 29 to enable the police to continue with their investigations.

Twenty-nine people were killed and 32 injured during the raid on Swanieville squatter camp and 82 shacks were burnt.

At the time of the attack, police said a single police vehicle manned by five men was alerted to shooting at the camp. It arrived on the scene as the attackers were leaving. Police later escorted them to the hostel.



The aftermath ... A merry-maker lies dead amid the debris at Erika Tavern in Sebokeng on Sunday night. Pic: LEN KUMAL(

Vaal mourn once again

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FIVE more people have died under AK-47 bullets in Sebokeng as police continue in their struggle to unravel escalating acts of terror in the township.

The five men died at the Erika Tavern in Zone 7, Sebokeng, when two gunmen sprayed AK-47 bullets at about 100 patrons on Sunday night.

Four of those who died were Jabulani Sithole, Whitey Zenzi, Teboho Tladi and a man from Welkom known as Ghana.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

Police said no one had been arrested for the carnage. Of the 10 people who were admitted to the Sebokeng Hospital, nine were discharged on Sunday night.

One man, a notorious local mobster, has been linked by witnesses and the police to Sunday night's slaughter as well as to other

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Mrs Sister Mfene, owner of the Sebokeng house of death, trying to comfort her daughter Jeanette yesterday. Pic: LEN KUMALO

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acts of mayhem in the township.

Witnesses told *Sowetan* that the mobster and his girlfriend, who is also known, were seen in the area before and after the attack on the shebeen.

He was also allegedly spotted in Boipatong before the attack on an ANC official's house where three people were killed under the same circumstances last Wednesday.

Last Thursday, a man was charged with intimidation and released on R1 000 bail after the slaying of three members of the Sotsu family in Boipatong.

The complainant in the intimidation case, Mrs Constance Sotsu, was one of those killed, together with her daughter Margaret and grandson Sabata.

She was killed after she had complained to the police about the same man now linked to the attack on her house, the latest carnage at Erika Tavern and to the February 23 vigil massacre which also took place in Zone 7.

Vaal police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed the same suspect was released on bail after Mrs Sotsu's complaint.

The man, a notorious car thief and mobster, was among eight people released on bail in the vigil massacre case in which 28 people were killed when gunmen opened fire at the funeral wake of ANC supporter Christopher Nangalembe in Sebokeng earlier this year.

Some of the survivors of the Erika Tavern onslaught yesterday described the events of the latest carnage.

Mr Jacob Sithole (36) said he saw a balaclava-clad black man open fire with an AK-47 rifle at unsuspecting patrons at about 9.35pm.

Mr Lazarus Mfene (24), who manages his parents' tavern, said: "The whole thing lasted about 10 minutes. The first attack lasted about five seconds.

"It was when I tried to switch off the stereo set, which was blaring as he fired on my customers, that he began shooting again."

The two attackers fled in a brown Cortina, police said.

Possible link in beerhall killings

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He said police were following several leads and investigating a possible connection to the May 23 shooting, which left 13 people dead and scores wounded

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In both incidents, two masked gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles carried out the random attacks. Sunday's night's assailants had driven a brown Cortina XLE.

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Sebokeng shebeen shootings described

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By Montshiwa Moroke

Unknown gunmen wielding AK-47s killed five people and wounded 10 at a popular Sebokeng shebeen on Sunday night.

Nine of the wounded were admitted to Sebokeng Hospital. One underwent emergency surgery yesterday, according to a hospital spokesman. Eight were treated and discharged.

This is the second such incident in the Vaal Triangle in less than a week.

On Thursday, the wife, daughter and grandson of ANC member Nzoxolo Sotsu died in a hail of bullets when their house was attacked and set alight.

The weekend attack took place at the home of Josiah Mfene (60), the owner of Erika Tavern, about 9.30 pm.

The tavern, in a house, is about four streets away from a home where 42 people were massacred at a night vigil on January 12.

Barry Mfene (25) said he was serving patrons when he heard the sound of gunfire. He ran to a storeroom. After a short time there was another burst of gunfire.

"It was all quiet, except for the music. I crawled out, and just as I was about to switch off the radio, more shots were fired.

"I crawled back into the storeroom and remained dead silent for almost five minutes. When I came out the killers had vanished.

"I called the police, and members of the SADF were there within seconds."

Mr Mfene said there had been about 100 patrons in the tavern at the time of the shooting.

It seems those who survived had hidden in the toilets.

Among the dead were Whitey Zinzi, Jabulani Sithole and Teboho Tlali. The fifth man is believed to have been a visitor from Welkom.

Two of the injured were Tobias "Two Beers" Radebe and security guard Patrick Ndaba.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said two men wearing balaclavas were responsible for the attack.

Policeman shoots youth

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By RUSSEL MOLEFE

A POLICE constable, who has been implicated in several cases involving firearms, allegedly shot and wounded an 18-year-old youth at Watervaal near Louis Trichardt at the weekend.

Sydney Machumela, an ANC Youth League member, was shot after an argument which was allegedly started by the policeman's remarks.

An officer at a far Northern Transvaal police headquarters in Pietersburg said all public relations division personnel would not be available for comment yesterday as they were attending a meeting "somewhere".

However, witnesses said the policeman had accused Machumela of attempting to turn the township into "another Soweto".

When Machumela protested, the witnesses added, the policeman allegedly slapped him several times on the face.

Machumela fought back, but was later shot on the thigh. 278

Machumela's mother, Celia, said a charge of attempted murder has been laid.

Police probing Vaal attack ties

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By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff

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Police are investigating a possible link between three recent attacks in the Vaal Triangle in which 21 people were killed by gunmen.

The incidents are:

- Sunday night's attack on patrons at the Erika Tavern in Sebokeng. Two AK-47 gunmen fired at random at patrons, killing five people and injuring 10.
- An attack on the home of ANC member Nxokolo Ernest Sotso in which his wife, daughter and grandson were shot dead before their home was gutted. Two other family members were injured.
- An attack by gunmen who opened fire on customers at the Koöperasie Beerhall in Sebokeng Zone 14 on May 23 in which 13 died. Four men were later arrested.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed a possible connection between the attacks, but discounted suggestions that they were linked to the Sebokeng night-vigil massacre in January.

He also rejected a media report that a well-known gangster has been linked to Sunday night's shootings, saying the man was in police custody at the time of the tavern attack.

7 held over slaying of 29

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They have appeared in Krugersdorp Regional Court and are out on bail. The case has been postponed to July 29.

They face 29 charges of murder after inmates from Kagiso 1 Hostel attacked the camp. A police spokesman could not confirm if the suspects lived at the hostel.

He could also not confirm whether any of the men were among six arrested just after the attack. These men were later cleared of the charges. He said more arrests were expected.

"Other suspects linked with the killings are still missing. Some, who were positively linked to the attack, eluded the police," he said.

Some 32 people were injured during the raid and 82 shacks were burnt. — Own Correspondent.

Three men shot dead in latest unrest

JOHANNESBURG. — Police found the bodies of three men with bullet wounds, according to the latest police unrest report.

Two of the bodies were found in Khayelitsha, the police public relations department said yesterday. The other body was found at Taylor's Halt near Maritzburg with stab and bullet wounds.

Police yesterday confiscated five AK-47 rifles and a quantity of ammunition during a raid at Iscor's Kwamadala Hostel near Sebokeng.

The raid was carried out as a result of certain information received by detectives investigating Sunday night's massacre at the Erika Tavern in Sebokeng, police said.

Although no arrests were made, police took possession of five AK-47 rifles and a quantity of ammunition.

At least 30 people have been killed and 60 have been injured in political violence in the country since the beginning of the month, according to police figures. — Sapa

Brief sit-in at US Embassy

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THE Mafikeng Anti-Repression Forum yesterday staged a brief sit-in at the United States Embassy in Pretoria.

An embassy spokesman said three women, who had staged the sit-in, later left the embassy.

However, Maref spokesman Mr Ray Williams said four people had staged the sit-in.

Three of them are wives of prisoners on hunger strike in Bophuthatswana jails - Mrs Botho Mahila, Mrs Sarah Mereotlhe and Mrs Annetjie Motswatswa - and the fourth is Mr Paul Daphne of Maref.

Williams said the four were physically thrown out of the embassy by security personnel and that they did not leave the embassy of their own free will.

According to a statement released by the organisation, Maref said the action was taken in support of 166 political prisoners being held by the Bophuthatswana government, who are demanding their release in terms of the Pretoria Minute.

Maref said the South African Government has not disputed the political nature of the offences committed by the prisoners, but claimed that they are being held by a "neighbouring state".

Police afraid to nab Vaal killers, says civic leader

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THE Vaal Civic Association yesterday alleged police were reluctant to arrest the perpetrators of Sunday night's attack on a tavern in Sebokeng, in the Vaal Triangle.

This is despite what it said was overwhelming evidence from the public to the police regarding their identities.

Unidentified gunmen on Sunday night sprayed a tavern with gunfire in Sebokeng, leaving five people dead and 10 injured.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday categorically denied police were reluctant to arrest the perpetrators of the attack. He said police could not act against suspects on the basis of rumours.

Police needed concrete evidence to arrest and prosecute the perpetrators.

Opperman added that, although police were being accused of partiality in curbing violence, they had arrested many people in incidents of violence in the past. He cited the previous massacres in Sebokeng, Jeppe Station and Alexandra.

Attack

Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet Van de Venter yesterday said no arrests had been made in the latest attacks in Sebokeng and Boipatong.

VCA publicity secretary Mr Paul Sithole alleged the perpetrators of the tavern attack were also responsible for the attack on the Boipatong, Vaal Triangle, home of ANC official the Rev Ernest Sotsu.

Sotsu's wife, daughter and grandson died after gunmen opened fire on their home with AK-47 rifles on July 3. The house was also set on fire.

Sithole said the VCA rejected with contempt statements by the police that the perpetrators were unknown to them.

"We have told the police time and again where to find them (the perpetrators), but they have not acted against them," Sithole added.

Information about the identities of attackers in the Vaal Triangle was also contained in a memorandum presented to the police recently by community leaders in the area, according to Sithole. - *Sapa*

Where fear shatters the night

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KEVIN CARTER spent a night in Pimville, to find out how life on the 'frontline' is affecting the people (278)

WHEN the dogs go quiet in Pimville, the residents start to worry.

It is night-time in Pimville Zone 2. Boss, his two brothers and three sisters are huddled in the front room of their small Soweto home. The lights are dimmed and the curtains drawn. Bullet holes in the window are a reminder that this is a dangerous place: it is across an empty stretch of veld from Nancefield hostel. The "comrades" call that piece of veld "the battlefield".

I jump at the sound of a dirtbin toppling over and the yelp of a dog. "Don't worry," says Boss. "Even the dogs are scared of the Zulus. It is when the dogs go quiet that we start to worry."

The overhead lights near the hostel have been shot out, making the place invisible in the night. We move to a bedroom facing the street, kept dark so the occupants can see out, the battlefield illuminated by streetlights glowing like moons in the thick Soweto smog.

"When the streetlights were installed we were happy," says Boss, "but now they are our enemy. They mean we are visible to the hostel, and they can take potshots at us. Be careful if you need to go out to the toilet, move quickly."

It is not a warning to take lightly — not while sitting in a room with walls that bear the scars of AK47 gunfire. It has been only six weeks since the entire block was the target of an attack by Inkatha supporters.

The family was in the front room, listening to *Love Line* on Radio Metro, at about 11.30 on the Friday night when the block came under attack. They were alerted by the sound of heavy gunfire in the street, and a taxi crashing into the stop sign across the road. The family — Boss, his brothers and sisters, and two visiting relatives — ran to a room at the back of the property and lay down on the floor. The phone rang, and Boss ran back to answer it.

He believes it was this phone call that saved the lives of his family. For as Boss answered the call, the mob of heavily armed Zulus descended on the house, making a huge noise, shouting and screaming, and shooting at everything in sight.



LIVING ON THE FRONTLINE ... Boss peers into his bullet-shattered mirror and reflects on life in Pimville **Photo: KEVIN CARTER**

Boss ran out of the back door as the mob rounded the corner, and was spotted by the attackers. Instead of heading for the room in which his family cowered in terror, he ran through an alley, and, chased by the mob, escaped over a fence, through a neighbour's yard, and into another yard where he lay in a corner and hid.

His house was severely shot up. All the windows were broken, and the scars of bullets on the walls bear testimony to the attack in every room of the house. Boss is convinced that had he not been seen and chased, the attackers would have entered the room where his family lay, and killed them all.

Now, as he stares out into the night, a bus comes down the road and ignores the red light at the intersection. He explains that no-one will stop near the hostel unless they have to. The reason is graphically illustrated within the minute, when a taxi halts on the main road. A man alights, and suddenly the air is broken by the sound of gunshots from across the "battlefield". The taxi screams off, and the man launches into a zig-zag sprint across the road, and disappears.

Boss's life is steeped in irony. He explains how going to work in town, where he is a researcher at a major bank, is his relaxation.

"In town I can relax, and move around, and shop, and talk, and do my thing. I come home each day to this tension."

A police car screams through the intersection, tyres squealing, and roars off down the road.

"Before August of last year," Boss says, "things were normal here. I myself spent many nights with friends in the hostel, and the Zulus in the hostel had girlfriends in the townships. Children used to play in the battlefield, and build plastic play huts where they would get up to mischief. Now my girlfriends will not even stay over with me because of where I live."

Travelling to and from town is tense too. "You know how uncertain things are on the trains," says Boss, "but because people are scared to use them the taxi queues are too long, and I don't get to work on time with them."

More gunshots, and we all peer out into the street. All is quiet, but one question is looming larger and larger. "Why do you stay? Why haven't you packed your bags and gone to Hillbrow or somewhere?"

He shrugs. "This is my home. I have been here since 1970. I am a comrade and must fight in the struggle. I cannot leave— then the Zulus have won.

"We had people renting our spare rooms, and they have gone."

"Do you see an end to the violence?"

"No," he says. "I hate to admit this, but by now I have started feeling hatred, and I am not alone in that. I feel that revenge and retribution will keep this war alive for some time yet. If the police would just let us destroy the hostels, maybe then it could be over.

"I confess that I have fantasies of getting hold of an AK and going down to the battlefield to shoot and kill as many Zulus as I can. Sometimes we do catch one or two. They have only one shop in the hostel, and it does not have enough supplies. When they are hungry enough they must come out, and then we catch them, but it is not fair.

"We catch one or two and corner them in a yard, but our women come out and plead with us not to kill them — they are people too, the women plead. If we are caught, though, we are slaughtered — it is only men in the hostel."

Falling asleep in the draughty darkened room with its gunshot wounds, the sound of barking dogs has never been more welcome.

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Pimville march on police seeks end to violence

By WALLY MBHELE 17-18/7/91

IN Kliptown last Saturday, two black police constables simultaneously took positions, R4 rifles at hand as four young boys advanced to the police station gates with a banner: "We want to live, SAP stop these killings."

Following the boys was a throng of more than 300 Pimville protesters, who surrounded the police station, waving placards with messages including "children are orphaned", "families are widowed", and "let these night faceless killers identify themselves".

The march was a sequel to an emotional meeting held two weeks ago in Pimville following the attack on commuters in a Johannesburg bound train on June 25 which left six people dead and 18 injured.

The community was protesting against the violence that has plagued Pimville and other Soweto areas for months and which, according to civic leader Kgabisi Mosonkuthu, "has become a thorn in the flesh of the community".

"The recent attacks on trains as well as a number of other attacks in areas falling under Pimville, harassment of squatters and the police attempt to recruit squatters have necessitated that we march to this place today," Mosonkuthu told the crowd.

The march, which attracted people from five Pimville areas, including two squatter camps, noted that despite the arrest of "some people" during the last attacks on their communities, not a single individual has been charged to date.

The squatters wanted a police unit set up in Nancefield hostel.

They alleged that police were seen to be taking sides in some of the recent attacks in their camp and could not be trusted to be serious in setting up any structures for peace in the area.

Kliptown police station, they said, had a sufficient force to protect them against any attacks.

"No one of us has ever moved from the camp to attack the hostel but Inkatha has moved from the hostels to attack us," said a squatter representative.

"Only properly trained police, not taking sides, can be able to maintain order, not the squatters."

Residents said that because police had failed to stop the carnage, measures would be taken to strengthen defence units in the areas.

A petition calling for the resignation of the station commander was handed in at the police station.

Inkatha accused of intimidation

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THE Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression says it has received widespread reports of intimidation by members of Inkatha despite a decline on the Reef in the number of violent ANC-Inkatha clashes.

In its June report released yesterday, the board said several people had reportedly been forced to leave their homes after failing to join Inkatha or pay penalties imposed by local "Inkatha warlords".

Responding to the report, Inkatha spokesman Sue Vos said a lot of surveys had for a long time been biased in favour of the ANC and did not report the increasing incidence of attacks on Inkatha members.

The board is a monitoring group which includes SACC secretary-general Rev Frank Chikane, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin and Human Rights Commission director Max Coleman.

The survey said reports had been received of workers on the East Rand and in Johannesburg leaving their jobs for fear of being attacked for not quitting Cosatu-affiliated unions and joining Inkatha.

The board said incidents of intimidation were often hidden, as the victims feared for their lives and chose to join Inkatha rather than face reprisals.

The board alleged residents living near the Nancefield hostel were forced to pay R2 per house per month as fees for protection from attack by hostel inmates.

Many Alexandra residents had lost their homes to Inkatha supporters. Local residents had been forced to flee if they did not pay protection fees or failed to sign up as Inkatha members, the board alleged.

The board said a new wave of intimidation had also been reported from the industrial areas of Jeppe, Denver and Benrose, where scores of workers had threatened to resign following alleged Inkatha threats.

However, the report also said hopes for a lasting peace in Reef townships received new impetus from the facilitating committee set up after the government-sponsored peace summit.

Meanwhile Sapa reports that police said yesterday incidents of unrest so far this year had dropped dramatically compared with 1990. A Law and Order spokesman said there had been fewer than 5 000 incidents between January 1 and June 30 compared with 17 088 in 1990.

Last year 69 security force members died in unrest compared with 22 so far this year.

The spokesman ascribed the drop in unrest incidents to intensified security force action, and "hopefully a change of attitude in the power struggle in the townships".

Yesterday's police unrest report said five people had been killed in political violence near Port Shepstone on the Natal South Coast earlier in the day.

A man and a woman were found shot dead at Nkulu, while another man was stabbed to death at Gamalakhe. At Nyandezulu unidentified men had hijacked a bus, before setting it alight. Two men on the bus were killed.

The killing syndrome

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Fingers have been pointed at Inkatha and the police with regard to township massacres. Both deny they are involved in the killing. By MONTSHIWA MOROKE.

THIS WEEK'S massacre of five people in a shebeen at Sebokeng, Vereeniging, has brought to more than 60 those killed at random during brutal attacks with AK-47 rifles in the township this year.

The worst of these was the attack on about 300 mourners in a tent at a night vigil for Christopher Nangalembe on January 12, where handgrenades were also used A total of 40 mourners died.

Ten people were subsequently arrested and eight are awaiting trial in Vanderbijlpark.

This is one of the rare instances in which suspects have been apprehended and taken to court.

One theory is that the attack was the work of township gangsters against ANC activists and people in the labour movement.

A second vicious attack was at the Gobizitwana Beerhall in Zone 14, Sebokeng on May 23.

At least 13 people were killed, four of them instantly, after masked men sprayed the building with automatic machinegun fire as about 100 patrons were sitting drinking. At least 20 others were reported to have been injured.

The tavern attack last Sunday in Zone Seven was a mere four streets away from the January massacre.

It took place only four days after another at the home of ANC member Nxokolo Sotsu, whose wife, daughter and grandson were killed. The house, at Boipatong, near Vanderbijlpark, was also petrolbombed.

Residents in that area and other areas which have been affected by these sporadic attacks say they appear to be well orchestrated.

The all-too-familiar question was again asked this week: "But who is responsible for these senseless and cold-blooded murders?"

The killings have been condemned by church, civic and political organisations, the police, communities and the world.

Accusing fingers have often been pointed at the Inkatha Freedom Party and the police. Both have repeatedly and vehemently denied the accusations. This week was no different.

The ANC has previously questioned the preparedness of Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok and the police to solve the crimes, more especially politically motivated violence.

Captain Piet van Deventer said the Special Unrest Investigating Unit was working day and night in the unrest-declared township. He said officers had been brought in from all over the country to strengthen the capacity of police in the area.

The police, he said, were aware of the allegations levelled against them. He said those who made these allegations should come forward and give statements to the police.

"It is not our policy to be partial. We investigate all cases in maintaining law and order. We are on the spot and we raided the KwaMadala hostel only on Thursday (before the attack) where we found three AK-47 rifles and 304 rounds of ammunition.

"We also found about 300 rounds of ammunition for other firearms and a gas grenade. Those arrested were for different investigations," Captain van Deventer said.

The secretary of the IFP's West Rand region, Humphrey Ndlovu, said his party was also shocked at the killings. He said the killings had to end and appealed to black people to stop fighting one another.

"I categorically deny that Inkatha is involved in this violence. We are a peaceful political party and our members are disciplined," Mr Ndlovu said.

Tightly organised "mass action" was the only way to force the State to bring to book the criminals responsible for the violence in Sebokeng, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said this week.

Mr Mamoepa added: "The latest round of killings of patrons at the Erika Tavern in Zone Seven, Sebokeng, is a result of the political unwillingness of the State to decisively intervene and end the violence.

"We wish to submit that our suspicion is that these murderers are not brought to book because they serve the interests of the State in its endeavour to create a climate unfavourable to free political activity."

He said the Government could not claim not to have been provided with enough evidence to lead to the arrest of the criminals.

"In January this year, police were warned of an impending attack on mourners attending a night vigil at Sebokeng. They did not respond and about 42 people were massacred.

"After the Sebokeng beerhall massacre in May, the police were provided with information leading to the arrest of people implicated in the murder of seven people. The police promised to investigate, but nothing came of that investigation

"The same suspects are alleged to have been seen around the house of the Sotsu family before and after the murder and again at the Erika Tavern on Monday night.

"The State cannot claim to have not been provided with enough evidence to lead to the arrests of the suspects." □

Sebokeng gripped by gang war

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SEBOKENG is a Sotho name for "meeting place". But whoever gave the township this name could not have known that 23 years later it would be a place where people meet death.

No fewer than 58 people have been killed in this Vaal Triangle township in the last five months, and more than 150 were left with permanent scars from wounds sustained in shootings.

A faceless AK-47-toting gang seems to have found pleasure inflicting pain and terror. It takes the lives of innocent Sebokeng residents.

First attack

Its first attack on February 23 in Zone 7 left the township and the rest of the country shocked and angry over the way the gang ended human life, discarding people as one would refuse. Police put the death toll at 40.

Exactly three months later — May 23 — old men sat and enjoyed African beer at the Gobizotwana Beerhall until the faceless gang struck again. This time 13 people died and scores were injured.

Last Sunday evening, regulars of Erika Tavern, a popular watering hole in Sebokeng's Zone 7, sipped their alcohol and



CLOSE SHAVE: Lazarus "Barry" Mfene, manager of Erika Tavern, which was attacked: "I thought my last moments had arrived".

Death toll mounts in mystery attacks

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danced to popular disco records.

At 9.35 the faceless gang struck for the third time. Men and women, some who could hardly stand or walk properly after a few intoxicating drinks, were forced to dodge their bullets.

Five of them did not make it. Another 10 patrons had Lady Luck on their side and escaped with minor and/or serious injuries.

Matric pupil Whitey Zinza (21) bid his parents farewell late on Sunday afternoon and went to a neighbour's house to repair a car.

A gifted child, as his father Mbuyiselwa described him, Whitey left the neighbour's house after dark and went for a nightcap at Erika's.

"My son was obedient and never provoked anyone," Mr Zinza said of his son. "He was always willing to help with anything around the house.

College

"He never went to a college to learn how to fix motor cars, but he was so good at that we had decided to send him to a technical college next year where he would enrol for a diploma in mechanical engineering."

Whitey was killed.

Ghana Ngalo, a Welkom resident who was visiting Sebokeng, Jabulani Sithole, Teboho "TK" Tladi and a fifth person, who has not been identified, died with him.

Whitey is to be buried today.

The big eyes of Lazarus "Barry" Mfene, manager and DJ at Erika Tavern, his parents' business, grew even bigger as he recalled the most terrifying 15 minutes of his life.

He said he was going through his music collection when he heard gunshots. No one took much notice. Shots were fired again and a bullet ripped through the arm of his friend, "Two-beers" Radebe, sending him spiraling to the ground.

"Pandemonium erupted," said Mr Mfene "I and Kingsley Zwane, who had been helping me, hid under the counter as bullets whizzed above us"

The two then moved refrigerators and other big cupboards and used them as shields against the bullets.

Unbeknown to the patrons, the gunmen were standing at a corner — watching them As Mr Mfene walked towards the cassette player to switch it off, a volley of shots was fired at him

"I thought the last minute of my life had arrived," he said "I ran so fast and found myself hiding in the toilet"

Then, the shooting stopped. Bodies were strewn all over

There were moans from those injured as the police and ambulances were called.

Jacob Sithole, a regular patron at Erika's, said he saw, from his hiding place, two men dressed in black overalls and balaclavas, armed with rifles. "One of them was short and had to stand on a crate to get a better shooting position."

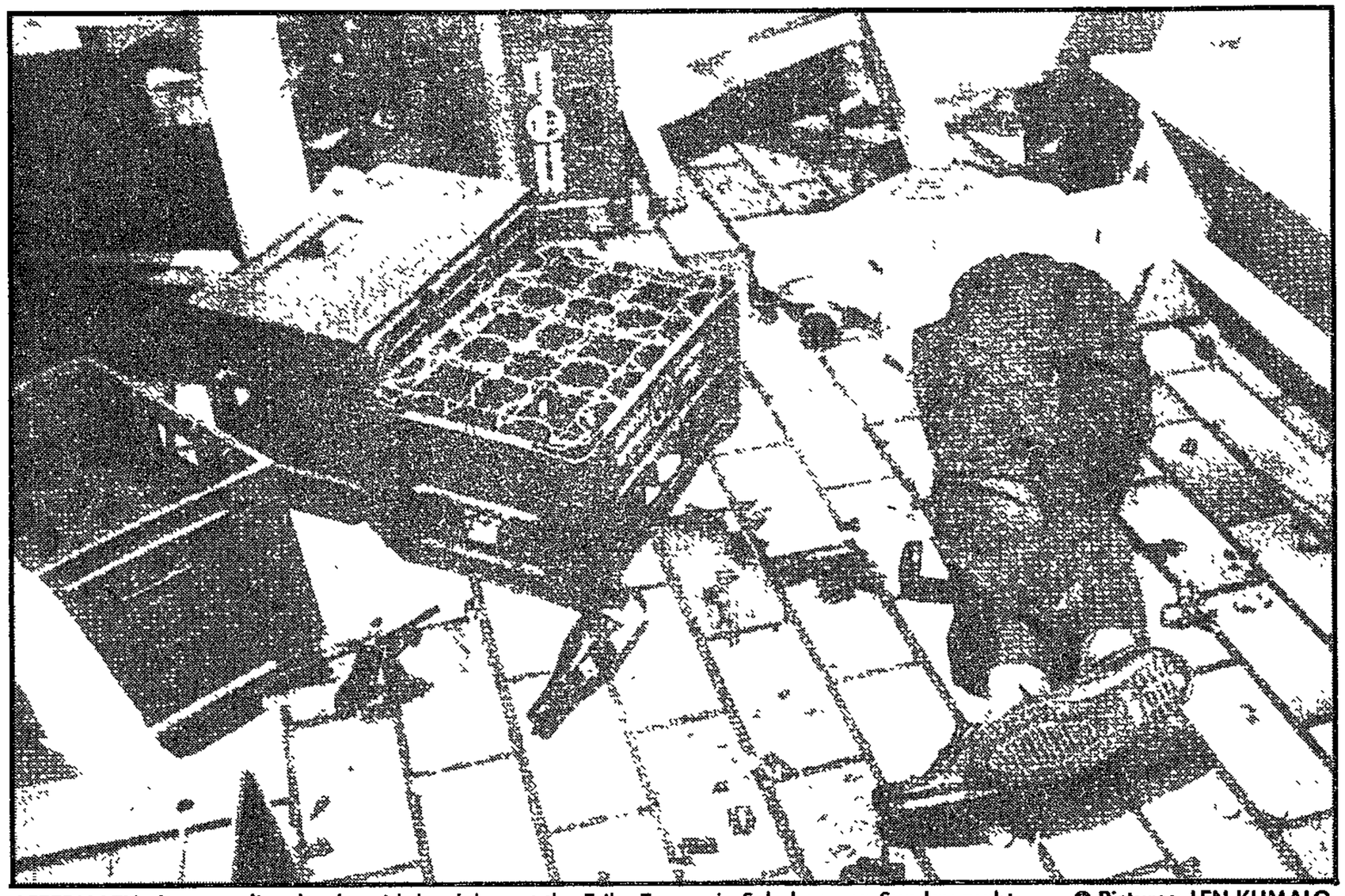
Recognised

Another patron, Patrick "Matsarara" Ndaba (29), who had four bullets pumped into his body, alleged he knew the assailants He would recognise them again.

But who are these gangsters who leave a trail of death, destruction and tears in their wake?

Residents are baffled.

Police believe the gang that struck at Erika Tavern was the one that launched the beerhall attack in May. Also, police have linked a notorious gangster to the terror killings, but no arrests have yet been made.



AFTERMATH: A patron lies dead amid the debris at the Erika Tavern in Sebokeng on Sunday night. © Pictures: LEN KUMALO.



DISTRAUGHT: Mrs Sister Mfene, owner of the Erika Tavern, comforts her daughter Jeanette, who was shocked and overcome by grief after the shooting.

Vaal Monster: terror spreads

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By LEN KALANE and SOPHIE TEMA.

THEY call him the Vaal Monster.

Fingers throughout the massive Vaal complex are turning and pointing at him.

They are accusing this man of masterminding the spate of brutal violence engulfing their townships.

There are possibly over 100 deaths to his credit, according to a memorandum compiled by Vaal residents and handed to the police.

Residents have nicknamed him "Khetis" They allege him to be a notorious car thief and mobster.

Residents have told City Press that they are at his mercy and that the Vaal has known no peace since the death in January of ANC activist Christopher Nangalembe.

Nangalembe was kidnapped and murdered near Boipatong township on January 5. A week later, at his night vigil, thirty-nine people were killed when a group of men sprayed AK-47 gunfire at the mourners gathered in a tent at the Nangalembe's Sebokeng Zone 7 home.

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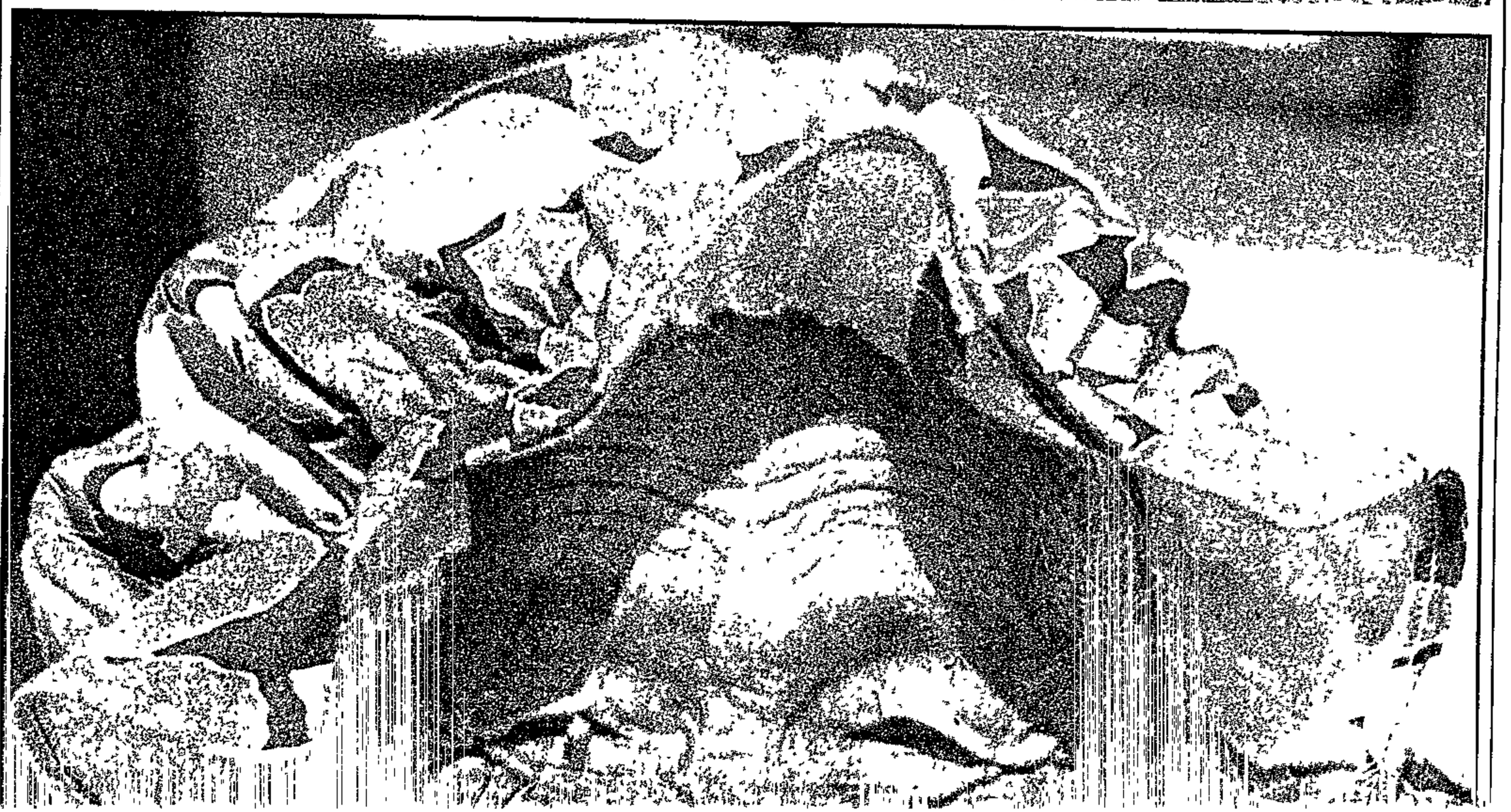

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Several local shebeens and beerhalls have also become targets of this faceless AK-47-wielding gang, said to be under the command of Khetis.

Residents say Khetis's operational base is Iscor's KwaMadala hostel, where it is alleged he conspires with some Inkatha faithfuls to unleash a reign of terror.

Residents connect the gang to the deaths of three members of ANC official Ernest Sotsu's family in Boipatong.

Mobsters struck the family home while Sotsu was attending the ANC conference in Durban. They murdered his wife Constance, his daughter and his grandson before setting the home alight.

The mob's gory hitlist includes, according to the memorandum:

- The attack with AK-47's on a Zone 14 beerhall on May 23 in which eight people died.
- Last weekend's attack at the Erika Tavern where five people died in a hail of AK-47 fire from men masked by balaclavas.

Residents continue to list brutalities and acts of intimidation said to be orchestrated from the KwaMadala hostel, the alleged stronghold of the gang which also houses Inkatha members.

Police have confirmed that a memorandum has been handed over to them and that they are investigating.

Police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer told City Press: "So far we are only acting on rumours. There is nothing concrete to indicate that these people are responsible. We need eye-witnesses."

He added that his men had raided the KwaMadala hostel twice this week and that a number of weapons, including AK-47s, were removed.

Yet, no arrests were carried out.

Meanwhile, Vaal residents scorn the claim that witnesses have been unavailable to the police.

The memorandum reports that when given eyewitness accounts, "police always demand more evidence".

"In spite of our efforts, no one is being arrested, or when they are arrested, they get low bail and they are back on the streets," alleged residents.

KwaMadala hostel

They added: "This indicates that Inkatha members staying at KwaMadala are almost free to do whatever they like in the Vaal Triangle."

Out of desperation, residents say they are about to embark on a campaign against the KwaMadala hostel, details of which were still being thrashed out.

"The Vaal people are fed-up," said ANC spokesperson Saki Macozoma yesterday.

He added that in most of the incidents in the Vaal, police have been notified beforehand of impending attacks.

He charged that in almost of all these incidents police have failed to protect the people.

He said: "They have given a number of excuses which in our view do not hold ground."

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'Khetis' linked to killings

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THEY'RE on everbody's lips – car registration NVL 606T and the name "Khetis'

"Khetis", whose real name is known to City Press, and his car have been connected to the Sebokeng funeral vigil massacre on January 12 when 28 people were gunned down in Zone 7 The death toll rose to 48 after more people died in hospital

"Khetis", who is alleged top be a notorious car thief and mobster, has also been linked to the shooting on May 23 at a beerhall in the township Two masked men armed with AK-47s stormed the beerhall, killing 13 people

Then followed the attack at the Erika Tavern last weekend when two unidentified gunmen, wearing balaclavas, gunned down five people with AK-47 rifles

Rumours abound in Vaal townships that a notorious gangster is at large and responsible for the latest spate of political murders. LEN KALANE and SOPHIE TEMA spoke to a survivor of one attack who told them the man was among the killers. It remains a mystery why police claim "there are no eyewitnesses" and why the man has been charged with intimidation, and not murder.

Police are investigating the possibility that the two attacks may be linked

But according to the police, it was unlikely 'Khetis" was at the scene He was in detention this past weekend as a suspect in an intimidation charge

Feelings are now running high in the Vaal townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong following the slaying in Boipatong of Constance Sotsu, her daughter Margaret and grandson Sabata who died in a hail of AK-47 bullets at their home last week

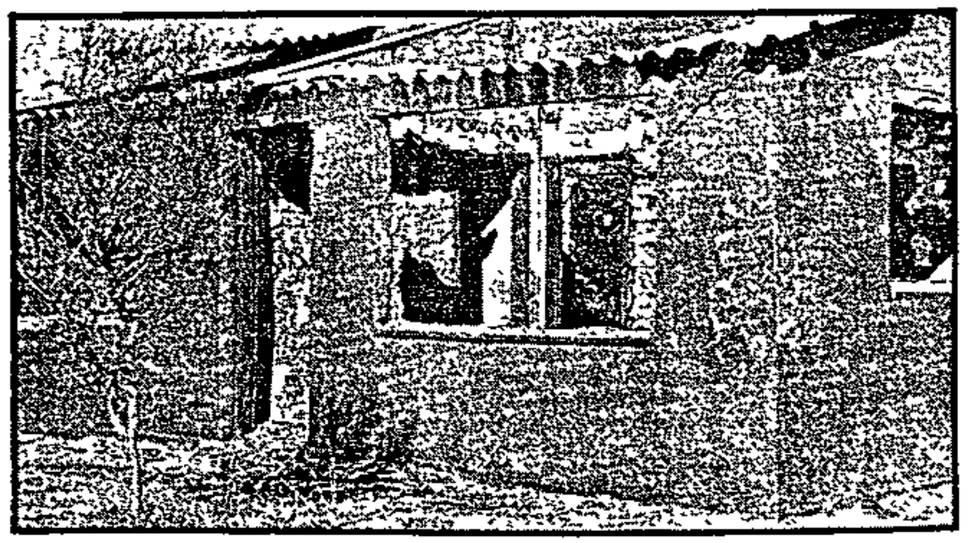
The family is that of ANC official Ernest Sotsu, who was at the ANC conference in Durban when tragedy struck

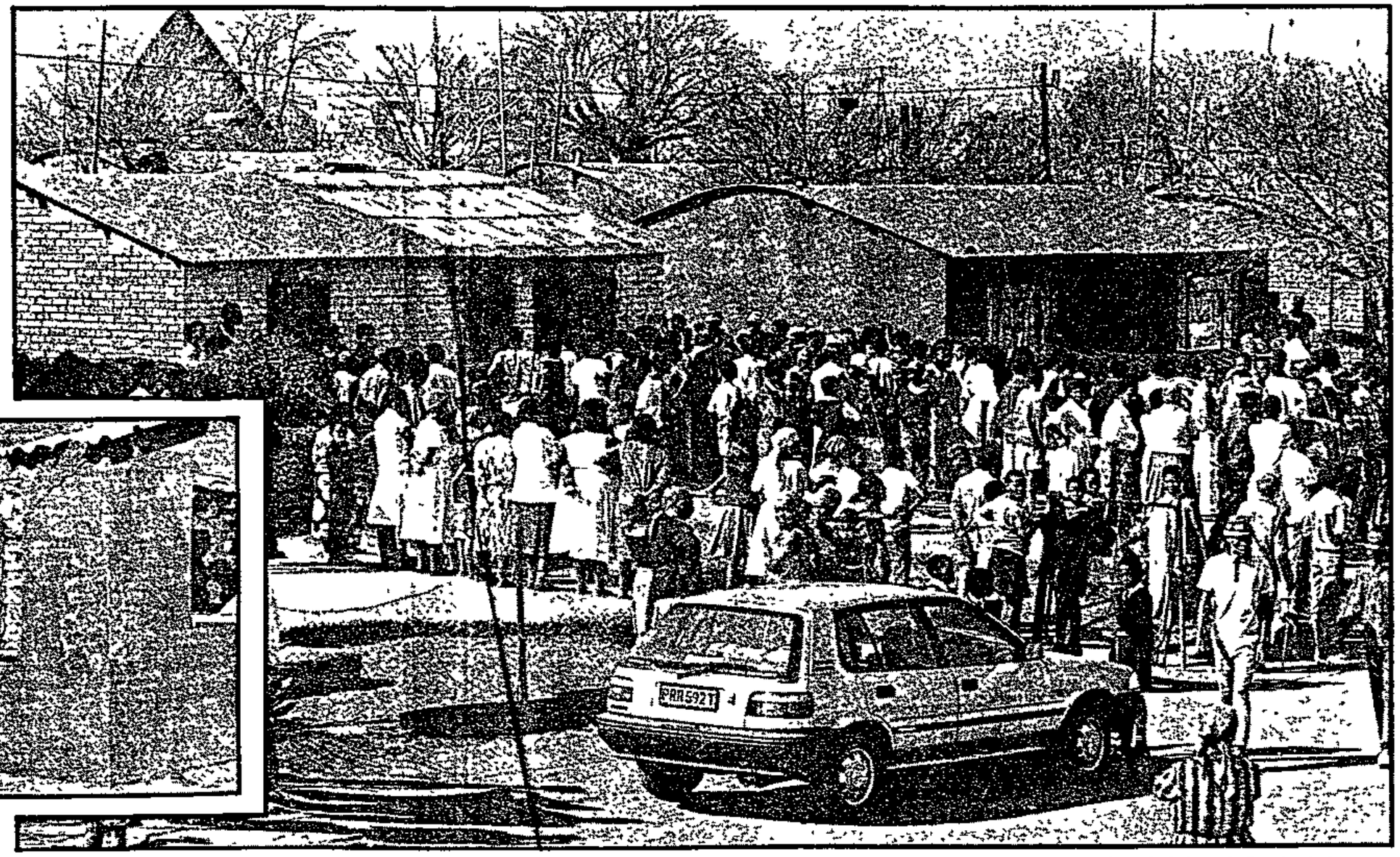
Again "Khetis" is being implicated in this killing He and his men are said to have visited the Sotsus earlier in the day and warned them about the impending attack.

At night, just after 8pm, "Khetis" kept his promise, according to Mandla Sotsu, who survived the attack which killed his mother, sister and son

Survivors Vuyani, 18, and Vusi, 13, are still in hospital Vuyani told relatives he spotted "Khetis" among the attackers

"Khetis" is now on R1 000 bail, after his arrest for allegedly "intimidating" the Sotsu family He was only arrested a day after the murder, as a result of complaints Constance had made to police weeks earlier





People gather around the Sotsu home last week after the attack, allegedly led by "Khetis", left three dead and two seriously injured. On the left is the home of the suspect which was set alight by angry residents following the Sebokeng funeral vigil attack in January. ■ Pics: ANDRIES MCINEKA

The Vaal lives in fear as a prime suspect gets bail

Yet another eyewitness, Patrick Ndaba, is in fear of his life at the Sebokeng Hospital He spotted Mxolisi, a friend of "Khetis" and the alleged attacker of the Erika Tavern, moving suspiciously around the hospital wards on Wednesday This was after Ndaba had featured in newspaper reports, saying he knew who the Erika Tavern attackers were

Hospital staff have now sealed off the ward

Vaal residents have drawn up a memorandum calling on the police to arrest "Khetis" – whom residents say is in possession of a formidable arsenal of firearms

He doesn't operate alone, they say "Khetis' lives at Iscor's Kwamadala hostel, along with other people said to be Inkatha faithfuls

Police twice raided this hostel recently Last Thursday police confiscated three AK-47s and several rounds of ammunition On Wednesday police raided the hostel again and found five AK-47's, 59 rounds of ammunition and 23 rounds of 9mm pistol ammunition No arrests were made

The home of "Khetis" was burnt down after the funeral vigil massacre in January

Police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said he had heard the name "Khetis" before

"Everybody mentions this name But there are no eyewitnesses," he said, adding his office would appreciate any information leading to the possible arrest of the culprits

He confirmed a memorandum, with the names of some suspects – including that of "Khetis" – had been handed to police by Vaal township residents

There are now rumours claiming that "Khetis" and his gang are planning to move into Sharpeville

The name 'Khetis" has now become synonymous with death and terror in the Vaal and his car – NVL 606T – the vehicle of death

People talk about him in whispers and make repeated requests to reporters not to print their names

"Khetis" is said to be in his 20s, maybe 24, and with a light complexion

"He is not a bad looking guy He does have girlfriends around here who seem to be very much in love with him Just what makes him the monster he is, is beyond my comprehesion," one elderly woman told us

On Wednesday Boipatong residents gathered for the memorial service of the Sotsus at their humble Majola Street home

As they were going through their prayers, they were wondering who the next victim would be At the same time they were keeping their fingers crossed police would do something about the memorandum

SAP is slammed over no arrests

THE Vaal Civic Association has slammed the police for failing to arrest the people who attacked a Sebokeng tavern–last Sunday night (278)

The VCA says this is despite "overwhelming evidence" from the public to the police regarding their identities

On Sunday night gunmen sprayed the tavern with automatic rifles, leaving five dead and 10 injured

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman categorically denied the claim that they were reluctant to arrest

He said the police could not act on the basis of rumour They needed concrete evidence

Vaal police liaison officer Capt Piet van de Venter said no arrests had been made in the latest attacks in Sebokeng and Boipatong

VCA publicity secretary Paul Sithole alleged that the same perpetrators of the tavern attack were responsible for the attack on the Boipatong, Vaal Triangle, home of ANC official Rev Ernest Sotsu (Cpress 14/7/91

Sotsu's wife, daughter and grandson died after gunmen fired on their home on July 3 The house was also set on fire

Sithole said the VCA rejected with contempt statements by the police that the perpetrators were unknown to them

"We have told the police time and again where to find them (the perpetrators), but they have not acted against them," Sithole added – Sapa

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Sotsu: Let's form defence units call

THREATS of a consumer boycott and work stayaway and calls for defence units were yesterday made at the funeral of three family members of ANC Vaal leader Mr Ernest Sotsu.

A spokesman for the Vaal Civic Association called for a consumer boycott and a mass stayaway to protest the ongoing violence that has left more than 70 people dead in the Vaal this year.

Those buried were Sotsu's wife Constance, his daughter Margaret and grandson Sabata, who died under a hail of bullets a week ago at their Boipatong home.

Cosatu's regional secretary, Mr Zwelinzima Vavi, said police were to blame for the death of the Sotsu relatives because they had been informed of death threats made to the family.

He said Cosatu would be asked to call a mass stayaway.

ANC executive member Mr Ronnie Kasrils urged thousands of ANC supporters to form defence units at factories and in their streets; other speakers called for these structures to be started at schools.

Discipline

"We live in a country where police cannot protect its citizens. The right to protect your life and family is a sacred one. We demand the right to protect our beloved ones," Kasrils said.

Discipline and a great deal of organisation is important for the defence units to succeed, Kasrils added.

He said the State President was not serious on the question of peace because "whites are armed to the teeth and they have white policemen to protect them. The AWB and its cronies are allowed to organise and arm themselves".

Unrest claims seven lives

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PRETORIA. — Seven people died in unrest-related incidents across the country at the weekend, police reported.

At Makobeni, near Richmond in Natal, a youth was killed and two men were seriously injured when a group of men set an unspecified number of huts alight. Police arrested 15 men.

Nearby, at Ndaleni, police found the body of a man with stab wounds.

Also in Natal a handgrenade was tossed at two minibus taxis in Greytown. It detonated under one of the vehicles, injuring two women and three men.

Four people were shot dead and five were injured in a grenade blast in townships near Johannnesburg on Friday. The bodies were found in Alexandra and Tembisa.

At Alexandra police also found the body of a man who had been set alight.

In the Northern Cape, at Warrenton near Kimberley, police reported that damage was caused to municipal and private vehicles "in stone-throwing attacks". — Sapa

Stayaway threat in Vaal Triangle

VEREENIGING. — The Vaal Triangle has been threatened with a work stayaway and consumer boycott in retaliation for the murder of a family in Boipatong last week.

Calls for such action were made during the funeral service of Mrs Constance Sotsu, her daughter Margaret Sotsu and her four-year-old grandson Goodwill Sotsu at the Boipatong stadium near Vereeninging yesterday The three were killed in a petrol-bomb attack on their home

About 5 000 ANC supporters attended the ceremony

The incident had caused widespread anger and fear in the Vaal Triangle region, said several speakers at the funeral.

Singled out for their anger were the inmates of the Kwamadala hostel near the Iskor complex near Vereeniging. Residents believe Zulu-speaking vigilantes living there are behind the murders.

Mrs Maria Majapelo, of the ANC Women's League in the Vaal Triangle, said their region had a tragic history of violence which had led to many mass funerals.

"After these last three deaths, all of us are saying that we have had enough. All those owners of Vereeniging shops will have to pay a high price for these three people lying in front of us today"

The regional secretary of the local Cosatu branch, Mr Zwelinzuma Vavi, said the community "places these three deaths squarely on the shoulders of Iskor and the SA Police The latter were asked to protect the lives of Ernest Sotsu and his family".

"We believe this violence to be instigated from the hostel near us, whose inmates work at Iskor."

Mr Vavi said Cosatu headquarters would be asked to issue a call for a mass stayaway.

ANC national executive councilmembers Mrs Winnie Mandela and Mr Chris Hani were due to be at the funeral, but had not shown up by 1pm.

NEC members Mr Ronnie Kasrils and Ms Gill Marcus were present.

A strong police contingent patrolled outside the stadium but the crowd was peaceful and there were no incidents — Sapa CT 15/7/91

'ANC school' blasted

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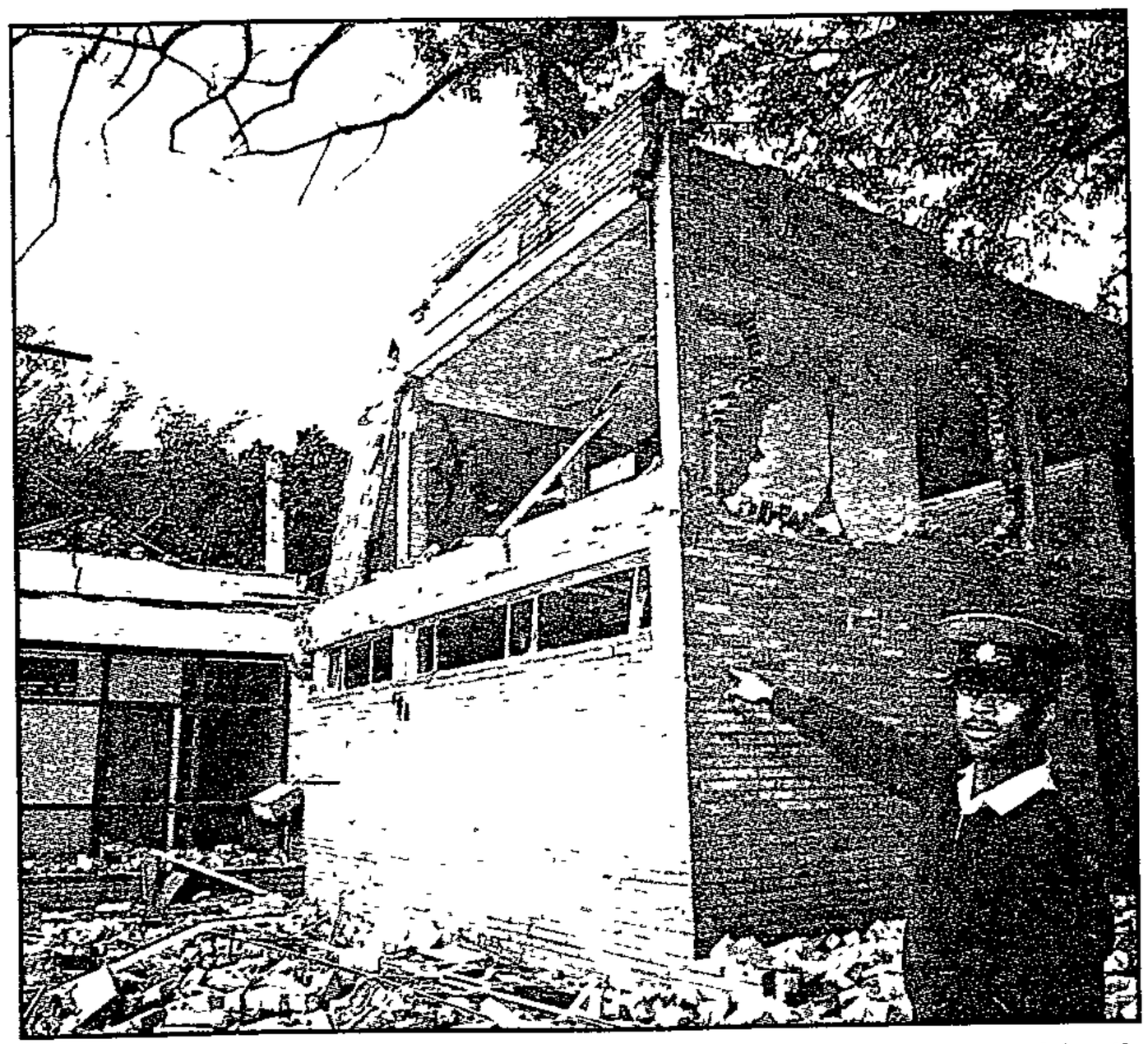
R800 000 damage to Hillview High



Pretoria Constable William Lebombo points at the devastation caused by the Hillview blast. Pic: PAT SEBOKO

By ALINAH DUBE and Sapa

A BOMB blast at Pretoria's abandoned Hillview High School about 2am on Sunday had caused about R800 000's damage, police said.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Jan Crous said this figure had been supplied by contractors renovating the school for use by 700 children of African National Congress cadres, expected to be flown to South Africa from Tanzania on Thursday. Their return follows extensive negotiations between the ANC, the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of National Health.

The children were to be temporarily accommodated at the school before being transferred to other schools in the area, according to the Depart-

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Today is the first hour-long show of the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback Show. And the time-slot changes.

Today's topic is: Do you think that the Government acts with equal force against terrorism from the far rightwing as it does against acts from the left? If not why not? Telephone popular Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise between 5pm and 6pm today and share your opinion with the nation. The hotline number is 714 8063. Listen to Radio Metro, and the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro talkback programme, on mediumwave at 576 KhZ.

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Blast at 'ANC school'

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ment of Home Affairs.

The ANC yesterday said the rightwing was responsible for the attack. PWV spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said: "It is obvious that some lunatic fringe group on the right is trying to sabotage the ANC's plans to utilise the school."

Crous said no one had claimed responsibility for the blast. He said although the type of explosive used in the attack had not yet been established, the device is believed to have weighed 25kg.

Rightwing sources warned last week they would not allow the school, situated "inside the borders of the Boere Volkstaat", to be used by black children, and that it would become "a target of Boer resistance".

The Boere-Vryheidsbeweging threatened to respond violently should the plan go ahead.

In a statement issued last week, the organisation's chief secretary, Mr Jan Groenewald, said the decision to make the school available to the ANC was an "act of deliberate encroachment and occupation of historical Boer territory".

The school was abandoned about 10 years ago, when a new and bigger school was built about 5km further north.

The empty school is situated in downtown Pretoria, close to the black taxi rank and the Pretoria Zoo.

Sunday morning's blast caused serious structural damage to a section of the school, with brick walls blown out and glass shards from rows of smashed windows scattered across a playground onto tennis courts 40m away.

Crous said the type of explosive device used had not yet been determined but it was estimated to have contained about 25kg of explosive.

There were nightwatchmen at the scene, who said they had heard a "whistling sound immediately before the blast".

They had not seen anything, and no one had been injured.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

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Man shot as Sotsu funeral was in progress

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WHILE slain members of the Sotsu family were being buried in Boipatong in Vereeniging, a man was injured with an AK-47 rifle nearby.

The funeral service at the nearby soccer stadium was still in progress for Mrs Constance Sotsu, her daughter Margaret and four-year-old grandson Goodwill when the shots were fired.

The Sotsu family is closely associated with the ANC and residents are infuriated about the murders. Many accuse dwellers at nearby Madala Hostel of involvement and others blame gangsters.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said the lone attacker was on foot. Police picked up empty AK-47 cartridges on the scene.

Mr Mphiwe Ntshangase (25) was seated in front of his house with other men when they were fired upon.

Urgent call

Ntshangase was injured in the ankle and taken to Vereeniging Hospital for treatment.

Van Deventer also made an urgent call to the Boipatong community to come forward with any possible evidence in connection with the murders.

"The impression was created at the Sotsu funeral service that the SAP are doing little or nothing to find the murderers, whereas we are actually working night and day to trace the perpetrators and are following up every lead, however small," he said.

A photograph of a suspect has been shown to witnesses of the Sotsu family murders, who could not, however, identify him.

This "gangster", whose name was linked by residents to the deaths, also had an alibi as he had been in police detention at the time of the Sotsu murders, Van Deventer said.

He was reacting to comments made during the service by Mr Zwelinzima Vavi, the regional secretary of the local Cosatu branch.

Vavi put the blame for the three deaths on Iscor and the SAP and said the perpetrators lived at a nearby hostel. - *Sapa.*

Pub raid: man on 15 counts

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

A 25-YEAR-OLD man appeared in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the fatal shooting of five people at a tavern.

Mr Thabo Mofokeng, of no fixed address, appeared before Mr PB Haasbroek on five counts of murder and 10 of attempted murder.

Mofokeng was not asked to plead and the case was postponed to Thursday.

He was arrested by police on Thursday last week "in the vicinity of Vanderbijlpark", according to Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer.

Van Deventer said police were looking for Mr Daggu Chonco and a man known as Mogolisie to assist them with their investigations.

Mofokeng's appearance follows the incident on July 7 when two gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles attacked Erika Tavern in Zone 7, Sebokeng. About 100 people were in the tavern at the time.

Survivors allege that the two assailants fled in a brown Cortina car.

Police said yesterday a gangster who had earlier been linked to the killings by witnesses "could not have done it as he was in police custody on the day the crime was committed".

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ANC members hurt in clash

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THE Garankuwa Civic Association yesterday claimed in a statement that a group of African National Congress supporters were injured after they were assaulted by members of the Bophuthatswana security forces in Klipgat[illegible].

Mr Obed Sekgabutle, the deputy chairman of the civic body, said the incident took place shortly after 8pm on Saturday as ANC supporters awaited the arrival of Mr Nelson Mandela outside Odi Hospital.

Mandela and other high-ranking officials of the ANC were in the homeland to visit political prisoners who were on hunger strike.

"Trouble started when a number of activists were toyi-toying outside the hospital. Police arrived in large numbers.

By ALINAH DUBE

"There was confrontation as one activist was struck with a teargas canister on the head.

"People started moving in different directions after receiving threats from heavily armed policemen."

Some of the people were injured in the confusion that followed the firing of several shots.

"Others were made to lie down on the ground while security force members trampled on them as if they were doing the toyi-toyi dance," Sekgabutle said.

A Bophuthatswana police spokesman yesterday promised to investigate the allegations.

Sekgabutle said those injured were taken to Garankuwa Hospital where they were treated and discharged.

'Vaal Monster' is implicated in the Sotsu family killings

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On Sunday City Press exposed the man behind the spate of violence in the Vaal townships. This week The Weekly Mail links him to the death of an ANC member's family.

By WALLY MBHELE

THE "Vaal Monster" implicated in several township massacres was this week linked to the Boipatong murder earlier this month of the family of African National Congress official, Reverend Ernest Sotsu.

On Sunday *City Press* named him as "Khetis" and claimed he was responsible for more than 100 deaths.

This week *The Weekly Mail* obtained an eyewitness account of Khetis' involvement in the Sotsu attack.

This allegation emerged on Tuesday, one day after an attack on residents of Boipatong, near Vanderbijlpark, when a group of more than 300 alleged Inkatha-supporting hostel-dwellers raided the township at night, leaving at least one man dead.

A woman who claims that her family was threatened hours before the attack told *The Weekly Mail* that Khetis had led the July 2 assault on the Sotsu family. She said a man, Billy Mokotedi, soliciting funds to rebuild the house of an Inkatha official had threatened her when she refused to give money. He described the Sotsu killing, implicating Khetis.

The attack on Sotsu's family was carried out by unknown assailants with AK-47 rifles and handgrenades while Sotsu was attending the ANC conference in Durban. Sotsu's wife, Constance, and two of his children, Margaret and Sabata, were killed in the attack and two other children, Vuyani and Vusi, are still in hospital. The house was gutted with hand-grenades after the shooting and no one has been arrested in connection with the killings.

The Boipatong woman — whose name is in the possession of *The Weekly Mail* — told *WM* and officials of the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) at the scene of Monday's attack that her family was living under the threat of Mokotedi, an Inkatha man, who claims to know the killers of Sotsu's family.

Mokotedi had come to her house on Monday morning, threatening the family that Inkatha was going to attack them on Friday and that her home would be the sixth among the targeted houses.

According to the woman, who is an official of the street committee, Mokotedi asked whether they had not, in their street meetings, discussed how they were going to contribute donations to rebuild the house of an Inkatha official which was razed earlier this year in Boipatong.

The house of the Inkatha official, who lived on the same street as Sotsu, was burned down in January when a mob went on the rampage against people accused of the murder of the slain ANC activist, Christopher Nangalembe, and the subsequent shooting of mourners at his vigil.

Khetis and the official are living at Iscor's kwaMadala hostel, whence most attacks against Sebokeng and Boipatong residents have sprung.

The woman says Mokotedi was outraged when she refused to contribute. He swore at the woman, accusing her of "sinister behaviour similar to Sotsu's wife who always insulted Khetis until action was taken against her.

"Do you know how Sotsu's wife was killed?" he angrily asked the woman.

He told her that Khetis had led a gang in a minibus and a private car to Sotsu's house. Upon arrival, Khetis and another man had gone into the house and trapped Constance Sotsu and three of the children at gunpoint.

They were then pushed inside the toilet and Khetis went outside, leaving the other man holding the family at gunpoint.

When Khetis came back, he was carrying an AK-47 rifle and accompanied by armed hostel men. Khetis locked the toilet door and he and the gang fired a hail of bullets through the door.

The woman was told one of Sotsu's surviving sons could have heard the sound of rifle fire because he was shot when he was rushing to see what was happening.

"Don't forget," said the man as he left the house, "they are coming for you on Friday." In fact, the attack on Boipatong residents took place hours after the warning.

These new revelations about the alleged involvement of Khetis in the Sotsu killings corroborate *City Press* report.

Khetis was arrested the day after the attack, charged with intimidation and released on R1 000 bail.

Police 'escorted armed attackers' back to base

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By WALLY MBHELE

POLICE allegedly stood by and watched while more than 300 armed men attacked residents of Boipatong, near Vanderbijlpark, on Monday night. At least one man was killed, but police made no arrests.

Instead — in a replay of events after the Swanieville squatter camp massacre in May — they allegedly escorted the attackers back to their base at a township hostel.

Several witnesses told *The Weekly Mail* the group was allowed to march back to the kwaMadala hostel with a police escort and that not one was arrested or disarmed.

And on Tuesday morning, 10 hours after the attack, senior Vaal police officer Captain Piet van Deventer told *The Weekly Mail* he was not aware of any attack on Boipatong the previous night.

The attack happened despite police announcement last week that they had intensified patrols in Boipatong following an earlier AK-47 attack on the family of African National Congress official Reverend Ernest Sotsu, in which his wife, daughter and a grandson died.

Police said nine ANC officials' homes would be under on round-the-clock guard following the attack. Monday's attack happened only three streets from the area where police said they had stepped up patrols.

Residents alleged that the police took an hour to respond to telephone calls warning them of the attack.

The police allegedly arrived while the attack was underway. When some of the attackers tried to flee, other members of the group shouted at them in Zulu not to run away, said residents.

The group was still carrying an assortment of weapons, including AK-47s, pangas, knobkieries and spears, said the witnesses, but they were neither arrested nor disarmed.

Instead, police, driving in three Hippos and a white minibus, shone a spotlight on the attackers and drove behind them as they marched back to the hostel.

The Weekly Mail found a brown balaclava next to the the spot where Thembalakhe Al- Khawuleza was hacked to death with pangas and spears.

According to residents, Khawuleza was on his way to work when he was met by the angry mob. They pursued him until he was caught in one of the yards in Ngqika Street, where he was trying to take cover.

Distressed Boipatong residents said a group of more than 300 armed men arrived at 8.30pm in Mthembu and Ngqika streets, blowing a whistle and firing in the air with an AK-47.

Although only one person was killed, it appears the assailants concentrated on wreaking havoc and sowing fear in the minds of residents. The assailants smashed windows with stones and pangas, kicking the gates and doors.

"They jumped on the roofs, trampled, danced and shouted 'We are going to kill you all today', while firing with AK-47 rifles in the air," said a woman who saw Khawuleza being killed in her yard.

She said the men shouted that they were going to throw a bomb in her house because they knew there were Xhosas living in the shacks. The woman, who was hiding under the bed, said she then heard them shouting *"Ningabaleki"* ("Don't run away"). She discovered that the police had arrived.

A man whose house was also attacked said he saw a crowd of armed men emerging from the side of kwaMadala hostel, some wearing headbands and balaclavas, and approach his house.

"I snuffed out a candle and peeped through the keyhole of the front door. I saw them hurling stones at windows and some running to the house across the road," he said.

He said confusion reigned as the sound of AK-47 rifle was filling the night. "After a while of all this noise, I heard a man crying like a small child."

When the police arrived, he said, he quickly went outside and showed them the attackers who had not yet reached the street corner. "But I was surprised to see them allowed to go," he said.

He pleaded: "Please tell the authorities not to let the police come here. Only the black soldiers can protect us."

Victim of 'racist attack' admitted for brain scan

The victim of an apparent racist attack in Roodepoort last month was admitted to Coronation Hospital yesterday for a brain scan, a relative said.

Aaron Tefu (41) was beaten unconscious by a white man, allegedly for urinating in public, in Florida early last month.

Sapa sports reporter Jan de Koning faced abuse from bystanders while assisting him and arranging for an ambulance. Star 16/7/91

Police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester yesterday said no one had been charged or arrested. "We have got possible suspects; it is not necessary to arrest them."

Investigations into the incident had been completed and the police were waiting for a medical report, she added.

The victim's brother, Hendrik Tefu, said the family only heard of the attack almost three weeks after it had taken place.

The family found the victim at his live-in lover's home, seven days after he had been discharged from the Leratong Hospital. Mr Tefu slipped into a coma and for days remained unidentified until his lover found him in hospital. — Sapa.

Cops seize arms, nab 'warlord'

JOHANNESBURG. — An eyewitness has claimed that police on Saturday arrested an alleged Inkatha warlord after finding two police uniform jackets, a Soviet-made pistol, two home-made shotguns, axes, pangas and ammunition in the latter's Mashenguville shack in Soweto.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo confirmed that police arrested a man after searching a squatter shack in Mashenguville about 12.30pm and confiscated a Tokorov pistol, two hand-made firearms and a "small quantity of ammunition".

He did not know the political affiliation of the arrested man.

The pistol and ammunition were hidden in the wall of the shack and police were "acting on information", said Lt Mariemuthoo.

He was unable to confirm the alleged finding of parts of police uniforms.

Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (OMHLE) general-secretary Mr Basheer Lorgat said OMHLE had requested police to conduct the search after four people were allegedly killed in the camp last week.

Mr Lorgat said he had accompanied police on the search and that the police unit had been "exceptionally co-operative".

He himself had found the blue police jackets hidden in a luggage bag among female clothing, as well as 60 revolver and shotgun rounds in a plastic bag.

He claimed the shack owner had admitted that the jackets belonged to him.

A Johannesburg newspaper photographer, there on the insistance of OMHLE, had taken photographs of the find, Mr Lorgat said.

There had been at least 25 people in the shack when police and OMHLE arrived, he said, adding it had appeared as if they had been holding a meeting.

Mr Lorgat said he had insisted that all be arrested, "at least on suspicion", but police had refused to do so and had arrested only the shack owner.

Lt Mariemuthoo said the people had been "merely visiting" and "were drinking there".

Mr Lorgat alleged that trouble in the camp had started about a month ago.

He said scared squatter camp dwellers were on Saturday fleeing their homes and taking refuge at Soweto's Ipelegeng community centre.

Lt Mariemuthoo confirmed claims by Mr Lorgat that police had escorted residents into the camp on Saturday to fetch their belongings. The residents had asked for police protection, following intimidation from unidentified quarters. — Sapa

Cop shot dead at council complex

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Security man kills another

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First picture of accused farmer



Row over love triangle babies

A SOWETO council security policeman was shot dead during an exchange of fire, allegedly with the mayor's bodyguard in the building that houses the council chambers in Jabulani.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Goovindsammy Mariemuthoo yesterday confirmed Monday's shooting, in which security guard Mr Isaac Njikelana was shot dead.

By KENOSI MODISANE

Mariemuthoo said Mr Rudy Langa (39), who is on R500 bail, told police he had shot Njikelana in self-defence.

"The report I have is that Njikelana opened fire on Langa after they had quarrelled. Langa tried to run away but later decided to return fire during the skirmish, fatally shooting Njikelana,"

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Mariemuthoo said.

Council spokesman Mr Mojalefa Moseki confirmed the shooting but denied the men were council employees. He could not confirm if Langa was the mayor's bodyguard.

"They belong to the SAP and are only attached to us for security duties," Moseki said.

Meanwhile, a Soweto traffic officer who was shot in the face during a robbery at a shopping complex in Dube on Monday is recovering in hospital.

Officer Lloyd Mogotsi (29) was shot and overpowered by attackers on Monday afternoon.

Soweto's chief traffic officer, Mr Percy van Rensburg, said yesterday the bullet which struck Mogotsi was still lodged in his eye.

"The report from hospital yesterday is that he will be operated on to remove the bullet as soon as the swelling subsides," Van Rensburg said.

Mogotsi was robbed of his service revolver.

Students flee teargas attack

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

EIGHTEEN students at the University of Pretoria are living in fear for their lives after a gunman stormed their block of flats yesterday morning.

Mr Edwin Maphala, a student, said they were woken by gunshots about 1am and jumped out of windows after the corridor of their Tindall Road flat was filled with teargas.

Injured

He said most students were slightly injured.

A Pretoria police liaison officer said they found two teargas canisters inside the building but there was no evidence of shots being fired.

"There is also no evidence that the attack was directed at any particular person," he said.

Rifle

The single-storey building houses the university's black students.

"One of the students saw a white man carrying a rifle leave the building and get into a white Nissan Sentra car parked in front of the flat and drove off," said a student.

No arrest has been made.

Mayor's home is bombed again

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

A BABY girl narrowly escaped serious injury after several petrol bombs exploded in her home during an attack by a group of youths this week.

The two-month-old baby is the daughter of Duduza mayor Kebane Moloi, and was sitting with her mother, Lilian, watching TV in the bedroom.

Moloi, a father of five, said his home was stoned earlier this year by a group of youths.

"This is bad. My kids' lives are in constant danger."

Moloi has suffered on both sides of the political divide. Between 1982 and 1985 his home and business were the target of township violence.

Moloi resigned from the council in 1986 and was detained the same year for his involvement in the Duduza Civic Association.

He returned to local government in 1988 after realising that he was "better inside than outside" in working for the community.

He believes the attack was politically motivated.

Last week the council deadlocked with the DCA over a flat-rate for rentals and services.

DCA spokesman Christopher Mini said residents wanted a flat-rate of R20 for unelectrified houses, R60 for electrified and R10 for squatters.

Moloi said the council charges an average of R49 for unelectrified houses and R120 for electrified houses.

He said: "The council is open-minded on the issue, but that must be discussed and based on consensus."

He accused the DCA of being dictatorial.

Meanwhile, residents met this week and decided on a week-long stayaway and consumer boycott of white-owned businesses starting tomorrow.

"The purpose of our action is to force the Nigel Chamber of Commerce to force the council to agree to our demands and resign," Mini said.

Moloi said the council will charge rent defaulters.



NARROW ESCAPE . . . Lilian Moloi and daughter. ■ Pic: SIPHIWE MHLAMBI



HERE FOR THE PARTY . . . Some of the IFP members bused in from various other areas sing war songs before the official opening of the party's branch in Tigane township. Attacks on the home of the local civic association chairman have caused tension in the township.

Tigane attacks – tension mounts

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By DAN DHLAMINI

TENSION grips the tiny Western Transvaal township of Tigane following two attacks on the home of Tigane Civic Association chairman Oupa Kgauwe.

The attacks came before and after the launch of the Inkatha Freedom Party branch there last Sunday

Kgauwe told City Press this week that his home was first stoned last Sunday morning, hours before IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose officially opened the Tigane branch.

He said he reported the matter to the police and identified the suspects, but they were not arrested and were still roaming the streets.

"The second attack was on Wednesday morning when we were awakened by the explosion of six petrol bombs which were hurled into my house, causing considerable damage.

"Fortunately, nobody was injured and I again reported the matter to the police and told them I suspected the youths who stoned my house on Sunday were responsible for the petrol bomb attacks," said Kgauwe, whose shop was completely destroyed by a powerful explosion last month.

Kgauwe blamed IFP supporters for the attack and said they negated Dr Mdlalose's speech during the launch, in which he said Inkatha was non-violent.

The IFP rally in the predominantly Tswana-speaking area last Sunday, was poorly attended – despite the three buses and six minibuses full of armed IFP supporters which arrived from Diepkloof, Bekkersdal, Jabulani, Nancefield hostel and Schweizer-Reneke.

Tigane was teeming with police and local people watched the proceedings from a distance as the "red doek" impis, armed with spears, axes and knobkieries, sang war songs.

Before making his speech, Mdlalose – who arrived four hours late – said he was aware that almost half the Western Transvaal councils were not functioning due to intimidation and that this should stop

Most Western Transvaal councillors and former councillors who were present at the rally told City Press they had joined the IFP because it promised them protection against intimidation and possible attacks

IFP organiser Joshua Mojaki, who is also mayor of Tigane, told the audience the poor attendance should be attributed to the serious intimidation of local residents who were barred by ANC members from attending the rally

Orkney taxi owner Samuel Mabe, who claims his three taxis were set alight early this year by youths claiming to be ANC supporters, said he joined the IFP because it offered protection

"The IFP offered me sanctuary when nobody else could. The youths harassed me and my family because I had refused to pay a R5 donation to become a member of the ANC

"I could not join the ANC because I am a member of the Zion Christian Church (ZCC) and our Bishop, Barnabas Lekganyane, does not allow us to join any political party or organisation

"But I have since defied him and joined the IFP because my life and property were at stake."

Commenting on Kgauwe's allegation of police reluctance to arrest suspects who stoned his home, Western Transvaal police spokesman Lt FM Ackerman said proper investigations were made at the scene, but no arrests had yet been made

Police probe new claims

SERGEANT Felix Isaias Ndimene, the former operative who this week alleged that special SADF units were behind train massacres, has sneaked out of the country

CP News 21/7/91.

Major Nico Basson, the head of Soldiers for Peace, said Ndimene was handed over to his organisation after the report in the *New Nation* and it was thought appropriate to get him out of the country.

Soldiers for Peace was launched 10 days ago "to expose the government's misuse of state resources for secret political activities".

Meanwhile, it has been announced that a high-ranking police officer, Maj-Gen Ronnie van der Westhuizen, has been appointed to investigate allegations that train massacres had been planned and carried out by special SADF units

Ndimene told *New Nation* this week that the SADF was responsible for the violence which has swept the country for the past two years.

The SADF has not denied Ndimene was once their member but said his allegations were outright lies

The *New Nation* said it was in possession of the names of the core group of attackers and could reveal that they were all members of the Phalaborwa-based Five Reconnaissance Regiment (5 Recce)

Some were kidnapped from southern African countries and forced to join the SADF.

City Press received a call that there was a lot of army activity around the Phalaborwa base yesterday.

Deputy editor of *New Nation*, Gabu Tugwana, said they feared the SADF was removing all evidence.

The *Weekly Mail* this week also exposed covert activities by the SAP.

The paper alleged they had paid large sums of money to help Inkatha oppose the ANC.

ANC president Nelson Mandela warned the government that if it continued "with its double agenda of criminal operations while talking peace", it was doubtful a complete breakdown in the negotiation process could be avoided.

The Human Rights Commission yesterday said the SAP's clandestine funding of Inkatha obliged US President George Bush to reconsider the grounds on which he cancelled economic sanctions against South Africa.

The *Weekly Mail* report said at least R250 000 was paid into an Inkatha bank account by the security police for the purpose of organising rallies shortly after the release of Mandela from prison.

The government admitted it funded two IFP rallies in November 1989 and in March last year, but denied the action was party political.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said the money was drawn "from funds earmarked by the government for the combating of sanctions against South Africa".

IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi "emphatically" rejected the allegations. He said he had no knowledge that the money was from the security police.

Buthelezi said he would never accept money from the government to undermine the ANC.

■ Constitutional Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen said at Inkatha's annual general conference in Ulundi yesterday that the payments were insignificant and were for the "limited purpose" of organising two mass rallies and to support the fight against sanctions.

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Shooting victim spurned by locals

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THE survivor of the Friday's robbery, in which five people died in Tzaneen, was turned away by two black families when he went for help after the attack, he told *Sowetan* yesterday.

By Mathatha Tsedu

Speaking from his hospital bed at Ritavi hospital near Tzaneen, security guard Mr Abel Mokone said that, as he was dripping with blood from a head wound and with three fingers shot off by the white killers, the families had spoken to him through windows and then told him to get away before the killers came for them too.

The killing of the black workers by two white robbers at Nkowankowa Motors is being seen by the local community as a white right-wing attack.

Mokone, who was said to be under police protection as the killers are still at large and may come for him at the hospital, was yesterday morning, however, found alone when the interview was conducted, with his guards basking in the sun on the hospital lawns.

Mokone said the two whites, one armed with a hunting knife and the other with a rifle, never asked for money but had ordered him to lie down before pumping three bullets into him.

Two of the bullets cut off two fingers from one hand and one from the other, while the third struck him on the head. When the attackers thought he was dead they left him and went for the other five people: two security guards, two petrol attendants and a man who had just asked for shelter for the night. They all died in a hail of bullets.

Except for the man who had asked for shelter, whose identity could not be established, the others are the two security guards, Mr William Mhlongo of Marafan village and Mr Ronald Monyela of Dan village. The petrol attendants are Mr Oriel Phakula of Gavaza village and Mr Simon Mohale of Modjadji near Duiwelskloof.

Mokone told *Sowetan* that when he got up and started running away after being shot, the killers had opened fire again, missing him. Tears clouded his eyes when he recalled the uncaring people from Dan village who had refused to help him.

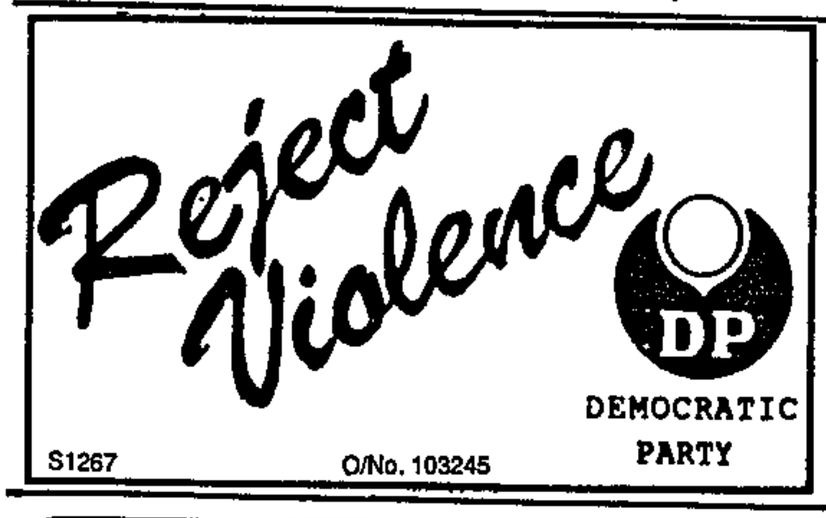
He said he had eventually run to Nkowankowa township where, with strength ebbing away, he knocked at the house of a policeman who rushed him to the police station. He had passed out after entering the police station and only regained consciousness at the hospital, he said.

Local organisations in the area have called for a meeting on Wednesday evening to discuss the killings, which have been condemned by both the ANC and Azapo branches.

The fact that the killers only got away with R395 was proof that the robbery was not the motive, the two organisations say.

Gazankulu police spokesman, a Major Mnisis said a pump-action shotgun was used in the attack.

No one had been arrested.



Fire guts house 'hit by soldiers, teargas'

Sowetan 22/7/91 By MATHATHA TSEDU

THREE white soldiers allegedly attacked a house at GaMothapo near Pietersburg on Friday night, firing teargas which started a fire that destroyed the building.

Mrs Lydia Raesetja Molepo, of Ramokgale village in the Mothapo area, said the soldiers had asked her for beer and the whereabouts of two ANC activists minutes before her house, full of people drinking beer, filled with smoke and started burning.

The fire destroyed the contents of the house. The roof was ripped off and windows pulled out by the terrified people trying to escape when they found the door had been locked from the outside.

Investigated

A Northern Transvaal SADF spokesman said yesterday the matter was still being investigated. A statement may be issued today, she said.

The incident, in which 15-year-old Alina Molapo was overcome by the gas and had to be hospitalised comes amid revelations of alleged SADF involvement in overt political activity and involvement in mass killings.

It also comes on the eve of a meeting between the Pietersburg Consumer Boycott Committee and the local chamber of commerce to discuss demands by the CBC, which include the withdrawal of troops from villages and townships where they are allegedly involved in a reign of terror.

Shot twice

Friday's incident is the third serious one involving soldiers in the village since December last year. In the first incident, Mr Joshua Legowa Phala of GaMothiba was shot dead by a soldier at a bar lounge in the village on New Year's Eve.

On May 1, a man who was on his way to a lounge was shot twice in the knee by a soldier. His right leg had to be amputated.

Both cases have not come before the court, the relatives and affected people told *Sowetan* on Saturday.

ANC interim chairman in the area, Mr Bongani Sithole, who was one of those allegedly asked for by the soldiers, said the community had had enough of soldiers and was calling on State President FW de Klerk to remove them.

He said the soldiers, who are based in the chief's kraal, should move out together with the local chieftainess, Madipuwane Mothapo.

SADF linked to train attacks

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By Montshiwa Moroke

The New Nation newspaper will consult its lawyers today before meeting police investigating its allegations that a South African Defence Force special unit planned and executed attacks on train commuters, editor Zwelakhe Sisulu said yesterday.

On Friday the police said they had asked the New Nation to furnish further information, but had been told it would only be able to do so today.

A high-ranking officer, Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, has been appointed to investigate the allegations.

"We were approached by General van der Westhuizen on Friday, and we will be talking to him after consulting with our lawyers tomorrow (Monday) morning, Mr Sisulu said.

The editor said yesterday that according to New Nation's sources, truckloads of material that would have incriminated certain people were being removed, and some of the people included in the hit squads were being evacuated from the Phalaborwa camp from where the SADF units operated.



Allegations . . . Zwelakhe Sisulu, editor of New Nation.

This equipment included television sets allegedly stolen from Soweto residents during sorties by Special Forces members.

The allegations were made by a claimed member of one of the SADF Special Forces units, Sergeant Felix Isaias Ndimene — alias Bod Dickson — who claimed that much of the bloody township violence and the Reef train massacres had been planned and carried out by "Special Forces of the SADF".

Operatives working in these units had mainly been Mozambicans, Angolans and Zairese who could not speak local African languages, he said.

Mr Ndimene claimed that his colleagues were also involved in the assassinations of Dr Anton Lubowski and Dr Fabian Ribiero.

He also claimed that:

- Operatives who attacked trains were first given urban training at the Phalaborwa camp, and given an assortment of weapons including AK-47 rifles and pangas.
- During training, his colleagues had worn red headbands, and had been baffled by this.
- When the ANC, SACP and PAC were unbanned, army officers said that although the organisations were unbanned, the war against them would continue.

"We were told that we would now have to fight a different kind of war," Mr Ndimene said.

New Nation said it was in possession of the names of the core group of attackers and could reveal that they were all members of the SADF and based at Phalaborwa, and were members of 5 Reconnaissance Regiment (5 Recce).

"None of the core group of attackers are South African.

"Initial investigations show that this network extends far beyond South Africa's borders and reaches out into neighbouring states, implicating high-ranking officials from these countries, even up to Cabinet level.

"Inside the country, this network extends beyond Government and security force structures. Its tentacles extend into the media, political parties outside Government, youth groups, churches, private security companies and in private

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game reserves.

"Operatives in the 'Third Force' are known to occupy legitimate positions in aboveboard structures in State departments, private institutions and private companies.

"SADF sources say that when the Civil Co-operation Bureau was dismantled, its members immediately took up overt positions in the army."

Mr Ndimene claimed he had been kidnapped from Mozambique during an SADF raid in 1982 after being suspected of being an ANC member.

"After intensive interrogation, Ndimene was forced to join the SADF and was at different times deployed on SADF duty as a member of 51 Commando. He operated in Namibia, Angola, Swaziland and carried out several missions around the country."

"His SADF number was 85/16892PD and he was stationed at Phalaborwa. He resigned from the army on January 31," New Nation said.

After the September 13 massacre of train commuters in which at least 26 people were killed, the then ANC deputy president, Nelson Mandela, said the ANC was convinced that professional killers were behind the attacks.

There had been evidence that some of the people involved in the attacks were from outside the country.

For instance, he had found it significant that while attacking their victims in a Soweto-bound train, they had not said a word.

"It is clear that they have considerable experience in this type of thing."

Addressing another meeting on the same day, Mr Mandela said: "There is no doubt in my mind, and all evidence conclusively supports this, that the police and sectors of the Government are working with a variety of vigilante forces, including Inkatha."

Six killed in new fighting

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI, ISAAC MOLEDI and KENOSI MODISANE

SIX people were killed and 10 seriously injured in a wave of political violence in Soweto and KwaThema, Springs, at the weekend.

In KwaThema, five people died and six were seriously injured in a series of attacks and counter-attacks between township residents and hostel dwellers.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber confirmed four deaths in the East Rand township, saying they were investigating several reports of people who were missing after assailants abducted them from their homes.

In other politically-related violence at Mshenguville, Soweto, a man was stabbed to death and four others injured, allegedly by Inkatha members. Seven shacks were also gutted by fire.

Confirmed

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni yesterday confirmed the killing of Mr Lucas Khama (37) at Mshenguville on Sunday.

He said this occurred in an "isolated and not

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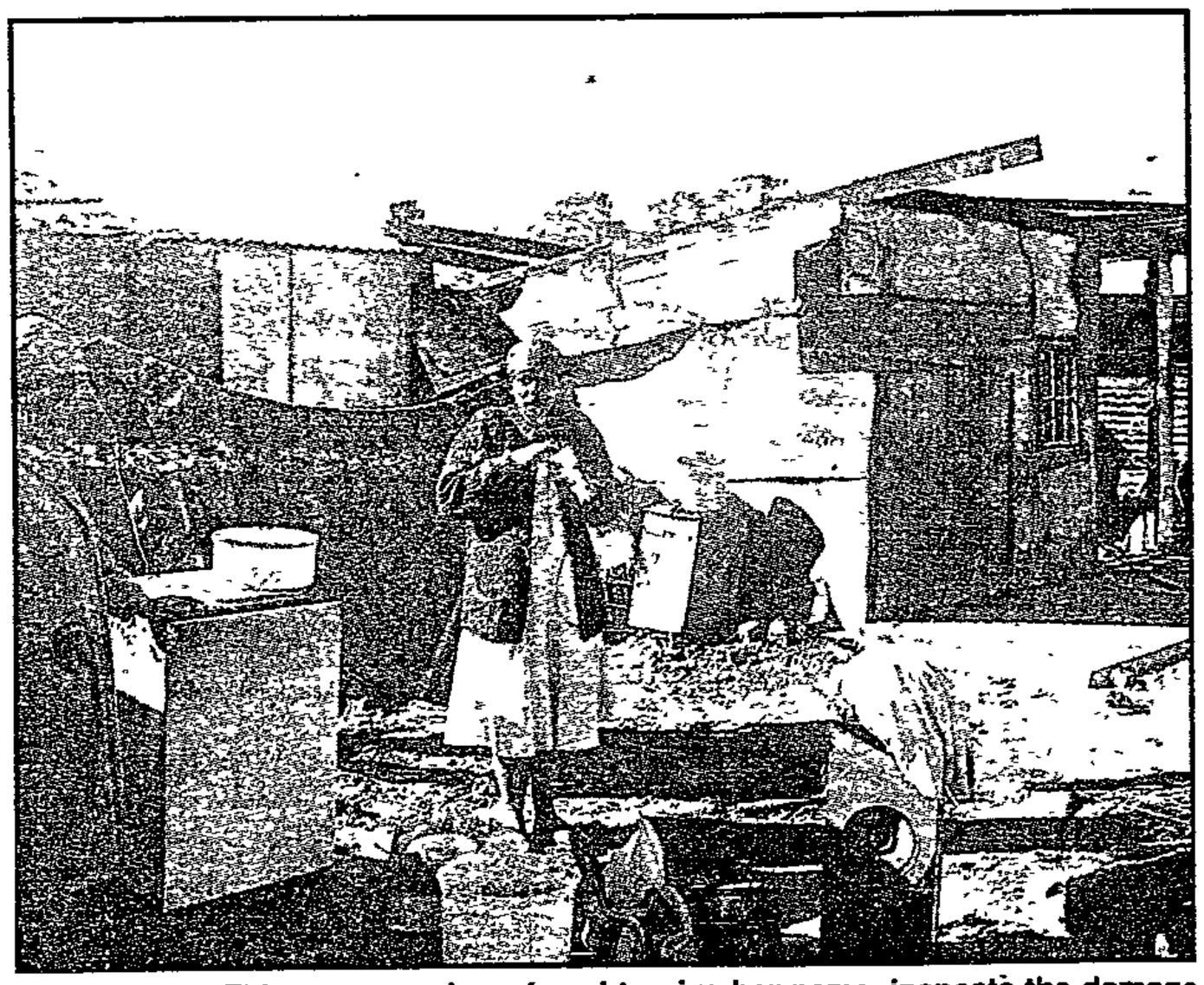

AFTERMATH: This woman, who refused to give her name, inspects the damage after seven shacks were razed at Mshenguville, Soweto, at the weekend.
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an unrest-related incident''.

Khama's wife Patricia (33) said she found a mob attacking her husband when she went outside to investigate a noise.

Operation Masakhane for the Homeless spokesman Mr Sipho Matthews told **Sapa** ''the trouble in the camp started on July 7 with the launch of an Inkatha Freedom Party branch''.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza said Inkatha members were drawn into the fighting to defend themselves.

He said fighting broke out in KwaThema after an Inkatha member was killed in the township on Sunday afternoon.

Referring to Mshenguville, Khoza said: ''Our members who were left behind when others left for the conference at Ulundi were attacked by ANC supporters and had to defend themselves.''

Khoza denied allegations that police had ferried in Inkatha members.

In KwaThema, Mrs Elizabeth Dubé (53) was chopped to death by a group of men who stormed into her home while her children hid under their beds in the next room.

The body of her neighbour, Mr Jan Mothe (73), was found by his family at the Government mortuary after he was taken from his bed by a man early yesterday morning.

In one attack, Mrs Martha Tholo was shot in the neck while her children hid in the wardrobes. The family abandoned the house after the first attack.

An emergency mass meeting was called by the residents who vowed to tear down the hostel. The procession was stopped by the police.

Weber said the first of a series of incidents in KwaThema occurred on Saturday when a returned exile, Mr Pepsi Mahlangu, was shot dead by a gunman.

In revenge, a group of ''comrades'' confronted Moya Zulu, and accused him of murdering Mahlangu. Moya's body was later found with bullet wounds and bruises.

Meanwhile, Soweto police reported that six people were shot dead, seven others hacked and stabbed to death in separate crime incidents in the area.

Victim: squatters afraid to go home after attack

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FIFTEEN people whose Mshenguville, Soweto, shacks were reportedly razed at the weekend were too scared to return to the area, Operation Masakhane for the Homeless chairman Sipho Matthews Stifans said yesterday.

"When we go there, Inkatha members try to surround us. We are afraid to go there and check on our belongings," Stifans said. He claimed harassment of Xhosa-speaking people started on July 7 when the Inkatha Freedom Party formed a branch in Mshenguville.

"Since they launched their organisation in the area there has been no peace."

According to a weekend news report, one man was killed and two shacks burned down when an unidentified group of people attacked Mshenguville squatter camp residents on Sunday.

Stifans said the dead man, a Tswana, was painting his home when he was attacked.

He alleged that the attackers, most of whom lived in the area, had brought in outsiders to swell their ranks.

Police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn yesterday denied that anyone had been killed in the area.

Police went to Mshenguville to investigate a tip-off about dagga hidden in a shack. They found the shack had been burned down, possibly "to hide the evidence".

A second Soweto police spokesman, Capt J Ngobeni, denied that any attacks had occurred in Mshenguville, but confirmed a shack had been razed.

Inkatha officials could not be reached for comment. — Sapa.

Dhlomo 'did not know of funds'

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FORMER Inkatha secretary-general Oscar Dhlomo has asked Business Day to correct any impression in a report yesterday that he might have been aware of government funding of the organisation.

DP MP Kobus Jordaan was quoted as saying he had spoken to Dhlomo, who had encouraged him to pursue questioning on the matter. Dhlomo said yesterday that while he may have told Jordaan, and it was his right to pursue the matter, this did not mean he (Dhlomo) knew about any government funding. In fact, he was unaware of such funding.

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Czechs seek air service agreement

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LINDEN BIRNS

A CZECHOSLOVAK Airlines (CSA) representative is to hold talks with the Directorate of Civil Aviation in Pretoria tomorrow to try to pave the way for a bilateral scheduled air services agreement between Czechoslovakia and SA.

CSA Belgium deputy manager Mladen Herzl has been appointed by the airline to conduct preliminary talks ahead of a visit by Czechoslovakian Prime Minister Marian Calfa in September.

Herzl said yesterday that if talks were successful, Calfa and his delegation, which would include six cabinet members, would probably negotiate the details of a bilateral agreement.

SAA spokesman Leon Els said air links between the two countries were unlikely to be established in the short term, but said SAA would welcome the promotion of trade and tourism between the two countries.

Current traffic demands did not justify a new service to Belgrade.

SAA puts millions into high-tech pilot training

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LINDEN BIRNS

SAA has spent more than R116m on new flight simulators, computers and software to prepare pilots and technicians for the new-generation Airbus A320 and Boeing 747-400 aircraft it has purchased.

The airline was the launch customer for a new R50m advanced simulator system called Concept 90.

SAA has agreed to buy two of the simulators, which will augment simulators for the existing older-generation fleet, situated at SAA's Jan Smuts Airport technical base.

SAA will construct a special building to house the new simulators next to the Flight Operations Centre at the airport.

The two simulators are expected to be delivered once the new building has been completed.

They will be used to train pilots who have flown older aircraft — which have analogue gauges, dials and toggle switches in their cockpits — to use the newer cockpits, which are equipped to display all flight control and systems information on flat panel cathode-ray and liquid crystal display screens.

SAA currently has two Boeing 747-400 aircraft in service. Two more are to be delivered next year, and the first of seven Airbus A320s will arrive in October.

The rest of SAA's fleet of 747s, 737s and Airbus A300s all have conventional analogue cockpits and flight systems.

R16m has been spent on a new ATEC 5000 computer, which will be brought into service in October.

It will be used in SAA's avionics workshops for testing replaceable cockpit components and instruments.

The computer will enable the airline to conduct hundreds of simultaneous airworthiness tests on complex components in a short time.

SAA has sent six technicians on training courses qualifying them to use the new computer..

Piet Skiet 'a police agent'

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JONATHON REES

THE right-wing Boere Weerstandsbeweging (BWB) yesterday alleged that AWB spokesman Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was a police agent and called on all right-wingers to withdraw their support for the AWB.

In a statement, BWB leader Andrew Ford claimed Rudolph had, since he was detained last year, been working with the security police to trace and return stolen weapons in the possession of right-wingers. He alleged that since Rudolph's indemnity he had "played into government's hands" by trying to draw right-wingers into negotiations with the ANC and government.

In response, Rudolph said he would not discuss Ford or his statements. The BWB leader and his organisation had minimal support and were not important in the fight "against the ANC, SA Communist Party and PAC for repossession of land we have lost".

Ford called on government to arrest and charge Rudolph on a charge of attempted murder. Last Friday, two AWB members were found guilty of plotting to murder Ford. They told the court Rudolph had instructed them to infiltrate the BWB.

Exile body says it may close

THE National Co-ordinating Committee for the Repatriation of SA Exiles (NCCR) yesterday said it might have to close down its operation.

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"Given the present situation, the NCCR endorsed the opinion of its executive that the present rate of repatriation does not warrant the continuation of a large national organisation," a statement said.

The NCCR said another factor was that the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and government had deadlocked on the exiles issue. Government had failed to grant amnesty to all exiles and to allow the UN agency to be involved in the repatriation process.

"As a result, no funds are available to assist the return of exiles."

The NCCR said its executive committee had been authorised to reassess the position at the end of July and take whatever decisions it considered necessary.

"This may either be a dramatic scaling down of the present NCCR operation or its closure," it said.

The statement said in the event of the organisation's closure, every effort would be made to assist the limited number of exiles who were still returning. — Sapa.

Soldiers teargassed house, SADF admits

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

THE South African Defence Force yesterday confirmed that their soldiers were involved in an incident in which teargas was fired into a house near Pietersburg, setting it on fire.

A statement issued by the Far North Command in Pietersburg said the matter had been reported to the police, who were investigating.

The statement relates to an incident at GaMothapo village last Friday night in which three white soldiers allegedly fired two canisters of teargas into a one-roomed house full of people drinking liquor.

The family of Mr William Molepo said the soldiers had first accused them of hosting ANC meetings before firing the teargas. The family said the door had been locked from outside, preventing people inside from escaping.

Windows had to be forced out of the walls in the ensuing stampede, in which a 15-year-old girl, Alinah Molepo, was overcome by fumes and had to be hospitalised.

The soldiers have been accused of waging a reign of terror in the village, where a man was shot dead on New Year's Eve and another shot in the leg on May 1 this year. The latter, Mr Lesetja Phillip Madraai (32), had his leg amputated as a result of the shooting.

Meanwhile, a lawyer for the family, Mr Ike Grant, yesterday announced that claims were being processed against Minister of Defence General Magnus Malan for damages arising from the incident.

The withdrawal of troops from around Pietersburg is one of the demands by the Consumer Boycott Committee, who yesterday met the local chamber of commerce. They failed to agree on lifting the boycott of white-owned shops.

The two are to meet again today.

Editor Sisulu seeks urgent probe

By Montshiwa Moroke and Sapa

Copies of two newspapers were given to the police by New Nation editor Zwelakhe Sisulu yesterday as evidence of alleged SADF involvement in civilian murders in townships and on suburban trains.

And Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, who was appointed to investigate the allegations carried in the New Nation on Friday, told The Star he was satisfied with the information at his disposal.

Mr Sisulu said police were handed copies of the New Nation and the Sunday Star.

He told them he believed that on the basis of the reports contained in the newspapers, the police should be able to start investigations immediately.

General van der Westhuizen and other police officers held talks with Mr Sisulu and deputy editor Gabu Tugwana.

The newspaper sourced its information on SADF complicity to a claimed former Special Forces unit member, Sergeant Felix Isaias Ndimene, who had since been handed over to Soldiers of Peace, Mr Sisulu said.

Former Sergeant Ndimene had said in the video-recorded interview that much of the township violence and the Reef train massacres of the past year had been planned and carried out by SADF Special Forces units.

Mr Sisulu yesterday offered the SABC the video tape for screening.

Editor-in-chief of television news production J L Pretorius said the cassette would be collected today.

Later in the day, the police officers met Nico Basson, a former SADF officer and project leader of Soldiers of Peace.

Last month the New Nation published allegations by Mr Basson of the existence of secret camps in which youths were trained and at which arms were stored for use in township violence.

According to the Soldiers of Peace statement, Mr Basson told General van der Westhuizen it was difficult to co-operate with the police or SADF in any investigation implicating security forces.

According to the statement, General van der Westhuizen and his team expressed their intention of bringing any criminal offences into the open.

Mr Basson accepted this and agreed to co-operate by supplying all evidence to the investigating team as soon as it became available.

He also agreed that police could interview Mr Ndimene, and that sensitive information be supplied to the police a day or two before it was published in the media.

SAP teargas crowd, hold 7 in Duduza

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Policemen arrested seven people during an illegal march in Duduza near Nigel yesterday.

Two people were injured when police took action against the demonstrators.

Earlier, police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel said police had used teargas and birdshot to disperse the crowd, which had marched to the Duduza Town Council offices to stage a sit-in.

The injured people were taken to hospital.

Police also said there had been threats against Duduza councillors. Yesterday's march followed on the heels of a consumer boycott and work stayaway launched on Monday by the Duduza Civic Association.

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Removed

The boycott and stayaway were embarked upon after the breakdown of talks between the association and the Duduza council on the rates for electricity and services.

ANC spokesman in Duduza, Patrick Sibiya, said policemen had forcibly removed protesters from the council building. The police had tried to stop the march, "but the people denied them".

Nigel town clerk Johan van Rensburg said it seemed that 80 percent of black employees had heeded the stayaway. — Sapa.

Tzaneen residents to protest 4 killings

RESIDENTS of Dan village in Tzaneen will march on the local police station today to protest against the deaths of four people shot by gunmen last week, writes **ISAAC MOLEDI.**

Branch chairman of ANC Youth League in the village, Mr Theron Nkwinika, said the residents were angry over police reluctance to trace the killers after the massacre last Thursday at Letaba Garage.

They will also protest over alleged harassment of residents by the security police over the water supply, installation of electricity and other basic facilities like clinics, creches and facilities for recreation.

The march would start at the Letaba Show Ground.

Two die in police custody



COLUMBUS MAQOMA

Vaal taverner held in raid

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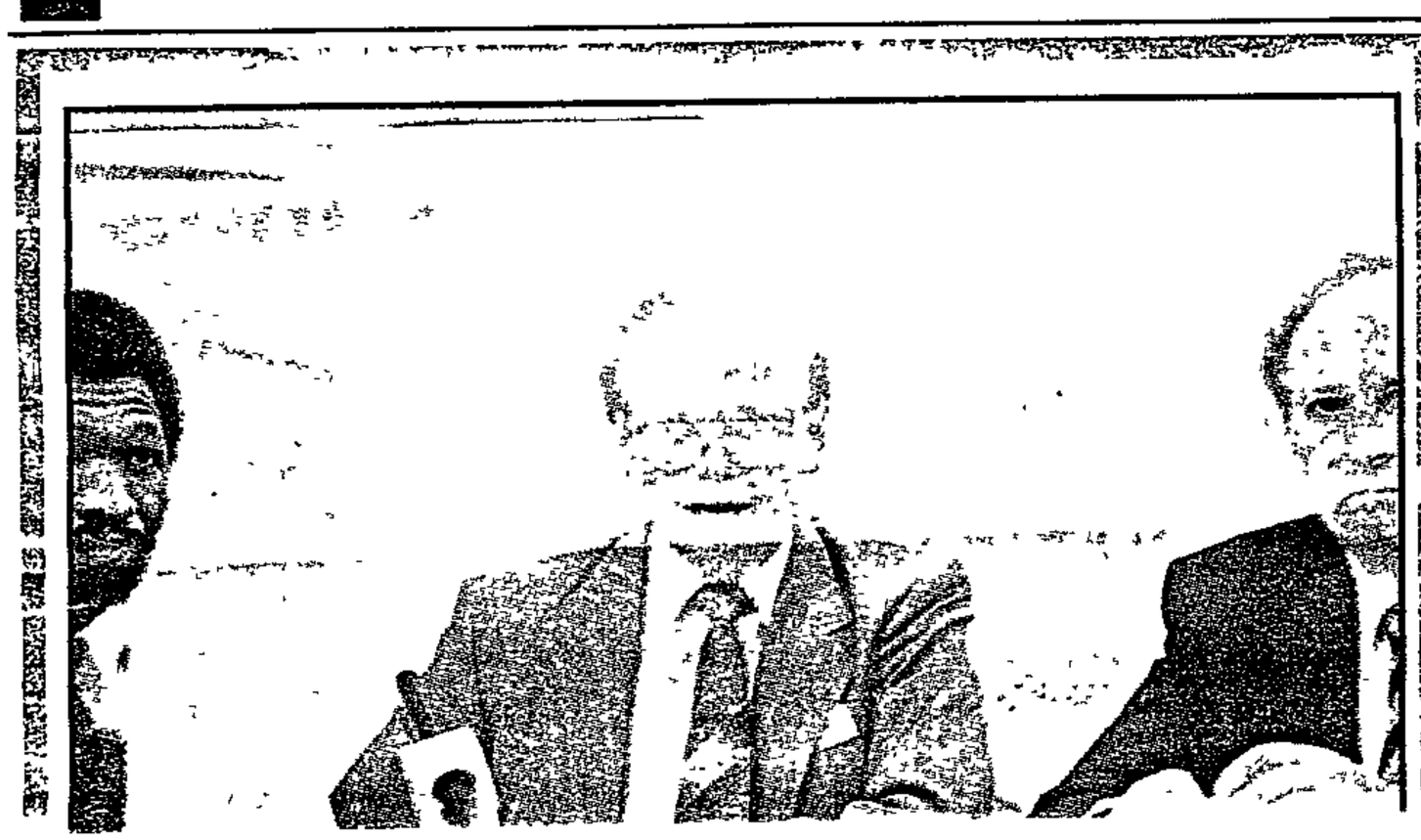

TWO Vaal Triangle men died in police custody in separate incidents on Tuesday.

Mr Columbus Thembile Maqoma (37), a Sebokeng liquor trader, died a few hours after members of the Murder and Robbery Squad arrested him in a pre-dawn raid on his home on Tuesday.

Sowetan has established that the other man was Mr Peter Masilo (40), who allegedly collapsed and died inside the charge office at Sharpeville Police Station. Police had not identified him yesterday.

According to the family, police arrived at Maqoma's place and searched the house. They then confiscated his car and took him away.

Vereeniging police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed that Maqoma was arrested over a robbery case.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO and THEMBA MOLEFE

Maqoma was due to appear in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court the same day. While in police custody he suffered from short breath and complained of pains in the chest.

He collapsed and was taken to hospital where he was certified dead on arrival, Van Deventer said.

Consulted lawyer

However, Maqoma's sister, Mrs Sesi Mtimkhulu, has cast doubt on the police version of her brother's death.

"We are shocked by the circumstances under which my brother died in police custody," she said. The family has consulted a lawyer with the

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view to have a special post-mortem conducted because "we suspect foul play". (278)

Mtimkhulu said a few hours after they had left two other policemen arrived and asked a family member to accompany them to the Sebokeng mortuary to identify her brother's corpse. They did not explain how he had died. Soweto 25/7/91

Van Deventer would not comment on the possibility of Maqoma being assaulted by the police while in their custody, but said the matter was being investigated. A post-mortem will be conducted later, he added.

On the death of Masilo, Van Deventer said: "A 40-year-old man collapsed and died in the charge office after resisting arrest on a disturbance charge.

"The incident happened after members of the SAP were called out to investigate a complaint of disturbance in the township. The suspect resisted arrest and force had to be used to take him into custody.

"He was then put into the back of a police van and taken to the police station where he refused to alight and was forcefully removed."

The police claimed Masilo assaulted a police sergeant inside the charge office during which he had to be forcefully restrained for the second time. He collapsed and died shortly afterwards.

Mr Boikie Masilo said his brother was being troublesome and the family had called the police to come and calm him down.

In a another incident in the Vaal Triangle on Tuesday Constable Mathanile Ralematha, who was stationed at Vanderbijlpark, was killed when gunmen opened fire on a bottlestore in Evaton.

Cops shoot squatters

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THE African National Congress PWV region said eight people were seriously injured when police opened fire on squatters without warning at Ivory Park near Midrand yesterday.

The area was under seige with police refusing independent people access to the area, the ANC charged in a statement.

Police had earlier feported that five people were injured when they used teargas, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse a group of squatters carrying dangerous weapons.

A police spokesman said teargas and rubber bullets were used on squatters when they threatened Transvaal Provincial Administration officials who were pulling down their shacks. - *Sapa*

SABC not yet decided on video

THE SABC is in possession of a video recording of an extensive interview with Sergeant Felix Isaias Ndimene.

Ndimene, who claimed he was a former South African Defence Force Special Forces unit operative, gave detailed accounts of alleged SADF involvement in violence on the Reef.

Executive editor of television news production, Christo Kritzinger, said the corporation was still considering whether to screen the 30-minute material.

"We will make a copy of the video and give the cassette back to Zwelakhe Sisulu, *New Nation* editor, so that they can also make it available to other journalits.

"We still have to make a decision on whether we are going to broadcast the material.

"There is nothing new in the video. Everything in the cassette was reported in the *Sunday Star*," Kritzinger said.

The video was originally offered to the SABC by Sisulu on Tuesday for screening last night.

Sisulu said former Sergeant Ndimene says in the interview that much of the senseless township violence and train massacres had been planned and carried out by SADF Special Forces units.

Sisulu said yesterday: "We believe it is within the public's interest that the SABC screen this video and so let the public judge for themselves."

STATE 'DIRTY TRICKS'

More than 60 killed since silent Jikeleza death ride

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Reports of the silent killers who executed the Benrose train massacre in September last year, makes more sense in the wake of confessions of a former SADF sergeant who revealed that the killers were part of a secret military squad who, over the past 10 months, were responsible for attacks on commuters in trains and on stations in the Transvaal. MONO BADELA reports:

MORE THAN 60 passengers have died since last September in attacks on trains in the PWV area. Several of these attacks were executed by highly-trained operatives who indiscriminately went about their murdering spree, not speaking to one another.

At the time commuters thought the attackers were supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party. Now, since former SADF sergeant Felix Isais Ndimene has made shock revelations to *New Nation* last week, it appears they were members of special forces of the defence force

Not only did they go about their bloody business mowing down innocent passengers without uttering a word, from what Ndimene says, it seems they were from outside the country and unable to speak any local African language

In the bloodiest train massacre to date, 26 people were killed at Benrose station on September 13 last year The incident remains unsolved after five men facing 66 charges of murder and attempted murder walked free from the Johannesburg Magistrates Court last month.

Mrs Anna Malika, a passenger on board the "Jikeleza death ride" train, remembers the coach pulling out of the station on the late afternoon of September 13.

"As the train left George Goch, a group of men entered our coach. There could have been about eight of them, maybe 10. They looked young, about 25 years old, except the one who appeared to be the leader He was older and dressed in overalls

"I would not have paid any attention to them, except it was strange that a group of people travelling together were not talking among themselves Even railway detectives in private clothes have something to say as they move about

"They had guns and pangas and long knives and they were shouting 'Viva!', that's all I heard them say,'Viva! Viva!' as they came forward stabbing and firing their guns"

IN HIS ACCOUNT of the massacre to *New Nation* , Ndimene said some of his former colleagues were Mozambicans, Angolans and Zaireans who could not speak any of the local African languages. Ndimene is Mozambican

He said the attackers shot and stabbed people indiscriminately Other passengers were flung from the train as it travelled between George Goch and Denver stations

There have been several other attacks on passengers in trains either bound for Johannesburg or Soweto in the mornings and evenings

Exactly a week earlier, on the night of September 6, unknown gunmen opened fire on a crowd of commuters at Jeppe station in Johannesburg, killing five people and injuring 24 in what was described as a motiveless and senseless attack

Both the gunmen and their victims were black

The gunmen shot wildly into a crowd waiting on a platform and fled. The assailants evaded a police cordon set up minutes after the attack, and until today, police have no leads to the killers.

On September 18, a gang of panga-wielding men attacked passengers on a train between two West Rand stations injuring six people, one seriously

A police spokesman could not say who the attackers were

On the same day, a man described as a Mozambican sharpshooter, was killed in Phola Park squatter camp near Alberton.

The killers struck again in June this year, and the *Sowetan* offered a reward of R50 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for killing seven people on a Vereeniging train bound for Johannesburg on June 26 The killings happened when the train pulled out of Kliptown station at 5.45am.

The attack was thought to have been carried out by Inkatha supporters in retaliation for the stabbing of one of their members the previous day, but now it seems, another force had been at work

A commuter who narrowly escaped death, Mrs Angeline Ndlovu, said the attackers "called us Mandela's dogs"

No one has been apprehended for this massacre.



Sergeant Felix Isais Ndimene

Pic courtesy NEW NATION

Woman dies as train attackers strike again

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Merciless train attackers, whose brutal and unprovoked rampages on Reef commuter trains have claimed more than 60 lives since last September, struck again last night killing one woman and injuring 14.

The latest fatality was a woman who leapt from a Soweto-bound train when 20 thugs armed with guns, pangas and knobkieries ran amok in commuter carriages.

Passengers were shot, hacked and battered.

One passenger who has now survived two attacks said he recognised one of the attackers from the previous rampage.

The attack came as the SADF vehemently denied a claim that members of its Special Forces were behind attacks including the September 1990 train massacre which claimed 26 lives.

And in a confidential briefing to diplomats in Pretoria, a police colonel yesterday said a number of Inkatha Freedom Party members had been arrested in connection with train attacks.

Describing the latest atrocity, Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police today said a large group of attackers boarded a train at Mzimhlope station.

The attack started between this station and Phomolong station at about 6:45 pm.

The train was packed with commuters and the stations were very busy.

"Although we have police manning the stations around the clock it is impossible to search every commuter for weapons when there are hundreds of people at rush hour," Colonel Halgryn said.

The attackers suddenly started hacking at the commuters with pangas and other weapons. The body of an as yet unidentified woman was later found next to the railway line between the two stations.

Eight men and six women

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Attackers go on rampage

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were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital.

Nine are in a serious condition.

Colonel Halgryn appealed to witnesses to come forward so identikits could be compiled.

The latest attack came amid controversy over the identity of attackers after claims in the New Nation newspaper by Felix Isaias Ndimene, who alleges he was a sergeant in an SADF special unit which carried out a number of Reef train attacks.

New Nation gave the SABC a video recording of an interview with Sergeant Ndimene. Excerpts were screened last night.

The sergeant alleged that Phalaborwa-based Five Reconnaissance Regiment (5 Recce) had trained foreign mercenaries who then carried out attacks on civilian targets.

Sergeant Ndimene has demanded indemnity from President de Klerk.

He also wants Mr de Klerk to guarantee his and his family's safety, according to a spokesman for Soldiers of Peace (SOP), the organisation which is hiding him.

The SADF yesterday rejected Sergeant Ndimene's allegations that 5 Recce was involved in attacks against civilians as "totally wrong and out of context".

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All those arrested were members of the IFP, he said, and the court cases would dispel allegations of SADF involvement in violence on the trains.

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Anyone who can help police is asked to telephone (011) 980-8312 during all hours. Captain Okkie Vermaak is the investigating officer.

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6 squatters hurt in clash with police

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By Guy Jepson

At least six people were injured in clashes between police and residents of Ivory Park squatter camp near Midrand yesterday, where the Transvaal Provincial Administration has been demolishing "illegal" shacks since Tuesday.

Residents said eight people were injured, but the police said it knew of only six people "slightly" injured after police used teargas, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse a crowd marching to the local TPA offices.

Community leader Mandla Songo said the shooting occurred at about midday after TPA officials had demolished about 200 shacks.

"A police captain told me the people were disturbing the peace. I said they were only marching and singing and not attacking anyone.

"Between 11.30 am and midday the people were singing. The police, who were carrying every kind of weapon, then just shot them."

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said that at 12.45 pm between 150 and 200 people armed with "dangerous weapons", including petrol bombs, began walking "briskly" to the TPA offices.

After warning the people to disperse, police took action, using rubber bullets, shotguns and teargas. Police had earlier held talks with a community leader after they took action against people "intimidating" TPA officials.

Court told of attack victims' fear

By Philip Zolo 25/7/91

Several former squatters at Goedehoop School in Germiston told yesterday of their terror when an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) commando allegedly raided their dwellings and beat them up.

They told the Germiston Magistrate's Court that khaki-clad white men arrived before midnight on June 1 and attacked them indiscriminately.

Settlers Masha said he was hit twice while lying in his bed. He received 33 stitches for a leg wound.

Maureen Dlamini said her door was kicked down and that she and her boyfriend were hit with sjamboks.

AWB "corporal" Carel Venter said that earlier that evening about 30 commando members gathered at Boksburg Lake and then went to the school to "teach a lesson" to a few "houtkoppe" who they knew were squatting illegally.

They entered the grounds, beat up squatters for about five minutes, and left, he said.

He denied knowledge of a court order served on the squatters to vacate the property by June 4 — two days after the alleged incident.

Facing public violence charges are Johan Grundlingh (30) of Krugersdorp and AWB members "General" Johann Thompson (38) of Brakpan, Willem Potgieki (33) of Elandspark, Japie Oelofse (30) of Germiston, Christo van den Berg (27) of Boksburg North and Isak Redelinghuys (31) of Leondale.

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Commuters attacked, woman shot

JOHANNESBURG. — A woman has been shot dead at a railway station in Soweto in the second attack on commuters in two days.

The unidentified assailants also wounded another person during the attack at Mzimhlope station last night before escaping, said police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni, who visited the scene.

The woman died on arrival at Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital, he said, adding the other victim was treated by paramedics and was not hospitalised.

Earlier, Ms Margaret Sibolai told Sapa an armed group wielding knobkierries attacked passengers when they got off the train at Mzimhlope station.

On Wednesday unidentified assailants boarded a train in the township and killed a woman and injured 14 others.

The latest attacks have shattered a lull in the Transvaal which had been jolted by bloody violence since August last year. More than 2 000 people have died.

In another incident in Soweto yesterday, a man was shot dead and another injured at Mshenguville squatter camp, Captain Ngobeni said.

Earlier, police said the two had been attacked at a shack near Mzimhlope station.

Also yesterday, police announced the arrest of more than 20 people in connection with train attacks at Jeppe, Benrose, Kliptown railway stations and massacres at Swanieville and Sebokeng. — Sapa.

Woman dies in attack on train

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JOHANNESBURG. — A woman was fatally wounded in another station attack last night as police announced that 22 people had been arrested in connection with recent train massacres.

It is the second attack on train commuters in as many days in Soweto. A woman was killed and 14 people were injured on trains on Wednesday.

The unidentified assailants wounded another person in the attack at Mzimhlope station, said police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni.

Earlier, a witness said more than 50 armed people wearing red headbands and wielding clubs and other weapons attacked commuters as they alighted from a train at Mzimhlope.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, announced yesterday that 23 people were arrested and arms seized by police in connection with train attacks and recent massacres in townships near Johannesburg.

The general said in a statement that 15 people were arrested in connection with train attacks at Jeppe, Benrose and Kliptown railway stations.

Sebokeng massarce

Seven people were in custody suspected of having taken part in an attack on Swanieville squatter camp recently. About 30 people were killed when a rampaging mob swept through the settlement.

General Van der Merwe said one man had been arrested by officers investigating the Sebokeng shebeen massacre earlier this month. Four people were killed when attackers stormed the beerhall.

Expressing his "shock and disappointment at the continued and unfounded attacks on the security forces", the commissioner said that of the people arrested in connection with the massacres, none had been linked to the SADF. "Not a shred of evidence has been found to link any member(s) of the SADF to the incidents," he said.

The general's announcement yesterday came in the wake of allegations by former Sergeant Felix Ndimene who has claimed that special SADF units had been responsible for the train attacks and the violence in the Transvaal. Recent reports say Angolans, Mozambicans and Zaireans had been recruited by the units for the attacks.

General Van der Merwe said investigations into the allegations had been hampered by the "disappearance" of the former sergeant. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Sowetan Correspondents

The scourge that haunts our trains

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Trains have been target of political thugs in the Reef. Since September last year, more than 60 black commuters have been shot, stabbed or hacked to death.

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He also wants De Klerk to guarantee his and his family's safety, according to a spokesman for Soldiers of Peace (SOP), the organisation which has given him refuge.

Angelo Coppola, managing director of African Communications Project, which runs SOP, said no one would be allowed to meet Ndimene.

Ndimene.

"He is in SOP's care and only one person knows where he is.

"The sergeant refuses to speak to anyone, including the media and the police investigating team," Coppola said.

He said Ndimene had refused to see Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, who is investigating the sergeant's claims.

The SADF has rejected Ndimene's allegations that 5 Recce was involved in attacks against civilians as "totally wrong and out of context".

Diplomats

"The reports are lies= 5 Recce is a professional unit and does not operate like that," said SADF public relations director Commandant Riaan Louw.

He refused *The Star* permission to interview the unit's commanding officer, saying SADF ethics prohibited interviews with members of its special forces or the publication of their names.

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BEHIND THE SECRET FUNDS SCANDAL

Countering violence. Or creating it?

The United Workers' Union of South Africa's record as a labour federation is poor — but its success rate on violence is frightening. By DREW FORREST

IF Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok seriously believed he was funding the United Workers Union of South Africa to "counter intimidation, illegal actions and related violence on the labour front", he must be disappointed with its performance.

Where it has established a foothold — and it has managed this in very few workplaces — violence has erupted with terrifying frequency. Its slogan at its launch, that it would "bury Cosatu", has acquired a sinister significance.

Clashes at kwaZulu Transport in Maritzburg shortly after Uwusa's formation are widely seen as a spark for that city's interminable cycle of factional killings. This gives a rich irony to Vlok's claims that police funded the union to the tune of R1,5-million as a means of promoting labour stability.

There is little evidence that Uwusa operates as a normal trade union. *The Weekly Mail* knows of no industrial action it has staged, no court cases it has brought against employers, no campaign it has launched — other than to oppose sanctions.

In 1988, it claimed 150 000 members. No figures have since been recorded in the Institute of Race Relations' annual survey. Attempts to contact its general secretary, Dumisani Dludla, failed this week.

Despite its principle of independence from all political organisations, Uwusa has echoed all Inkatha's policies. Its first general secretary, Simon Conco, was a former chief whip in the kwaZulu Legislative Assembly. Other members of its national executive included an industrial relations executive for a group of Natal companies, a businessman and a township superintendent.

Shortly before its May 1 1986 launch, Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi threatened to "launch Inkatha in the field of labour relations, to counter insults and denigration from Cosatu". He spoke at its launch and is said to have raised funds for the union.

Documents in the possession of *The Weekly Mail* show beyond doubt that it was and may still be a security police project. At least as late as February last year, it was also under the direct control of the kwaZulu cabinet.

Some Uwusa members have been killed or injured in workplace clashes. But in the majority of incidents where Uwusa is known or suspected to have been involved, it is Cosatu and its affiliates who have suffered.

The sowing of ethnic divisions in the workforce through the funding of an exclusively Zulu union was bound to heighten labour conflict. Violent incidents involving Uwusa include:

- The 1987 murder of a National Union of Mineworkers organiser, John Ntshangase, in a union office at the Vryheid Coronation colliery, resulting in an NUM interdict against Uwusa and a prosecution.
- The June 1986 death of 11 NUM members during clashes between strikers and non-strikers at Hlobane colliery. Uwusa officials were allegedly seen with strikebreakers.
- The stabbing of Transport and General Workers Union shop stewards' chairman at SA Stevedores, C Mtshali, during an Uwusa-TGWU organising battle at the Durban firm.
- An alleged panga attack on Cosatu textile union leader Elias Banda in Isithebe in February 1989 by three Uwusa officials. An interim order restraining Uwusa officials from assaulting Cosatu unionists was granted.
- The murder of five miners employed by Zinc Corporation at the company's hostel in 1987, allegedly because they refused to join Uwusa.
- The death of six workers, some members of Uwusa, some of the National Union of Metalworkers, in clashes at Haggie Rand's Germiston plant in late 1989 and early 1990.

The conflict at kwaZulu Transport, seen as a trigger for the Maritzburg violence, followed an Uwusa organising drive and Cosatu's stayaway in protest against the 1987 election — which Inkatha allegedly blamed on the busdrivers' refusal to transport workers.

First to be shot was Cosatu member Denis Zondi. This set in motion a cycle of violence in which seven Cosatu unionists and three Uwusa officials were killed over the next three years.

In an internal report last year, after the eruption of the Transvaal violence, Numsa blamed Inkatha/Uwusa members for a spate of death threats, assassination attempts on Numsa officials and open workplace fighting in Reef factories. Key Numsa shop stewards had been forced to leave their plants.

In a statement this week, Cosatu said Uwusa's campaign of intimidation had during the last year mushroomed into an "orchestrated reign of terror against our members". Cosatu hostel-dwellers had been forced on pain of death to resign from Cosatu and the ANC and join Uwusa and Inkatha, the statement said. Uwusa vigilantes had demanded membership cards from factory workers.

It said that according to Numsa, workers involved in the metal industries' recent strike ballot had been harassed and attacked by Uwusa. A number had been shot and wounded.

ANC man's abduction: 3 policemen charged

Star 24/7/91

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Three western Transvaal policemen have been charged with the kidnapping and assault of Schweizer-Reneke's ANC branch chairman, who alleges that his hair was set alight and plans for his murder were discussed during his abduction.

But none of the three accused — Sergeant N B Machaba, Constable J L Olifant of Orkney and Constable D K Wessie of Klerksdorp — has been suspended from duties, according to police liaison officer, Warrant Officer F Vermaak.

They are due to appear again in the Wolmaransstad Magistrate's Court on August 7.

The case arises from the alleged kidnapping of Boyce Mpempe from his home on Christmas Day. Mr Mpempe alleges he was assaulted while being driven in a minibus between Schweizer-Reneke and Wolmaransstad.

He escaped by jumping from the moving vehicle.

Initially, when his attorney wrote to the Commissioner of Police about his client's experience, he received a reply stating that "investigations revealed that your client's allegations are unfounded".

He was nevertheless advised that Mr Mpempe could make a formal complaint.

Action on the case follows the launching of an official inquiry into the activities of the unrest unit at Welverdiend police station.

It was prompted by allegations that police have been implicated in as many as 17 violent deaths in Khutsong township near Carletonville since early last year.

Police say 23 held over recent township massacres

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Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe announced yesterday that 23 people had been arrested and arms were seized by police in connection with train attacks and recent massacres in townships near Johannesburg. Star 26/7/91

General van der Merwe said 15 people were arrested in connection with train attacks at Jeppe, Benrose and Kliptown stations in which scores of commuters were killed.

Seven people in custody were suspected of having taken part in an attack on Swanieville squatter camp. Thirty people were killed in the attack.

He said one man had been arrested by officers investigating the Sebokeng tavern massacre earlier this month. Four people were killed when attackers fired at patrons.

Investigations had not unearthed evidence of security force involvement in these killings, said the general.

His announcement came in the wake of allegations by former Sergeant Felix Ndimene, who has claimed SADF Special Units were responsible for the trains attacks and the violence that has swept the Transvaal in the past 10 months. — Sapa

Fear rides on 'train of death'

Star 26/7/91 (278)

By Zingisa Mkhuma and Thabo Leshilo

Commuters on the infamous "train of death" prefer to stand near open doors these days — even when empty seats are available.

Jumping to "safety" is more important than comfort on the Johannesburg-Naledi train in which 26 commuters were hacked, stabbed and shot dead and about 100 injured last September alone.

In the latest incident on Wednesday, a woman was killed and 14 other people were injured when 20 thugs armed with guns, pangas and knobkerries attacked commuters on the train at Phomolong station

The once vibrant "Mzabalazo" and "Prayer" coaches — which have been the main targets of the Reef train killers — have fallen silent on "Jikeleza", meaning the roundabout as the train is known.

Commuters have become suspicious and tight-lipped

Attempts to elicit their opinions on claims that the attacks had been orchestrated by SADF operatives, allegedly recruited mainly from Mozambique, Angola and Zaire, were met with a stony silence.

A commuter from Molapo, who did not wish to be named, said he had stopped using the train for a while after last year's massacre, but was back because it was convenient.

"It is difficult to talk to strangers. You never know who is going to start shooting at you. The best thing is to keep quiet."

Watched

At Benrose station, the scene of the September 13 shootings, commuters watched nervously as a group of men boarded the train, chatting noisily

Speaking from her home, Emmah Ditabe, who was attacked after getting off the death train on April 5, said she believed her attackers were Inkatha members from Jabulani Hostel although she did not discount the possibility of a third force.

Mrs Ditabe was shot in the right shoulder and the bullet lodged in her chest until it was removed a month later. She has not been on a train since.

Margaret Tshabalàla, whose husband Aeron was killed on board Jikeleza, said she had survived three train attacks

"The Government is responsible for my husband's death and all the others The safety of commuters is their responsibility. Having police on the platforms and not in the trains won't stop the carnage."

James Kok, who was injured when he jumped from a moving train on July 25 last year after unknown men stormed it at Ikwezi station and stabbed, hacked, sjambokked and shot at passengers, said yesterday he had not seen the attackers.

The father of two still receives treatment and cannot walk long distances because of the injuries to his head.

"I believe .. it is local people who are fighting," he said.

● More than 60 commuters have died since attacks on train commuters on the Reef started in July last year.

Woman killed in station attack

Staff Reporters Star 26/7/91

A Soweto woman was shot dead during an attack on commuters by a heavily armed gang wearing red headbands at Mzimhlophe station last night. (278)

This was one of three Soweto attacks yesterday in which three people died.

The first attack took place at the Mzimhlophe railway station where a woman, Ntombizodwa Nhlapo, was shot and a man seriously injured by the attackers. Miss Nhlapo was certified dead on arrival at the Baragwanath Hospital.

Witnesses said others, including an unidentified boy, sustained minor injuries after jumping off the train.

The witnesses claimed Miss Nhlapo was shot in front of the police who did nothing.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni said it was unlikely that police would just stand by while a person was shot. He called on witnesses to come forward with more information.

Commuters said the assailants, wielding clubs and pangas, attacked passengers when they got off at Mzimhlophe railway station at about 6 pm.

"When we got off the train, the group wearing red headbands was waiting at the station. They were singing, dancing, ululating and armed with an assortments of weapons," one commuter said

This is the third such attack since Monday and at least four people have died and more than 10 others have been injured.

Captain Ngobeni said another attack took place at the Mshenguville squatter camp at about 5 pm yesterday.

A man identified as Joseph Twala (38) was stabbed to death and another was seriously injured in the fighting.

The burnt remains of a man were found in a gutted car between Merafe Station and Merafe Hostel last night.

Violence on Reef sparks city influx of Vaalies

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ET 27/7/91

A HIGH crime rate on the Reef and the prospects of a better quality of life in Cape Town has created an influx of Johannesburg businessmen to Cape Town.

This has also led to the the Wits Business School establishing a local chapter of the WBS Association.

Ms Chris von Ulmenstein, a convener of the launch committee of the WBS, said yesterday that the inaugural meeting of the chapter would be held on August 8.

She said that Johannesburg business people were being attracted to Cape Town as they have "had enough and wanted to get away from the rat race". Many of the "workaholic and dedicated" Johannesburg businessmen were reaching their 30s and wanted more than just to live their lives to work, she added.

Cape Town, with it's "advanced political ideals and racial harmony", was being perceived as a Mecca of the good life.

Mr Albert Schuitmaker, a spokesman for the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that it was a well known fact Johannesburg people were resigning and heading for Cape Town's "better way of life".

But according to one human resources manager, who wished to remain anonymous, the "plum" executive jobs are still in Johannesburg.

He added, however, that Cape Town's popularity could serve to increase the disparity in salaries between the two cities, as companies based on the Reef would have to increase salaries to attract top staff to Johannesburg.

Hostel 'sex slave' escapes

City Press
28/7/91 (278)

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A 14-YEAR-OLD girl went through six months of "hell" during which she was held captive in a hostel and repeatedly raped by inmates.

The girl this week escaped from her abductors at the Meadowlands men's hostel in Soweto, where she had been held as a "sex slave" since December last year.

The abduction was reported to the police but, despite numerous security force raids on the hostel for weapons, she was never found.

The girl, who cannot be named, was abducted from her Meadowlands home last December by a hostel dweller during an attack in the township.

She was taken to the hostel where she was imprisoned until her dramatic escape on Wednesday night.

The horror tale has shocked township residents, who have intensified their calls for hostels to be scrapped.

Several women in the strife-torn Reef townships have repeatedly alleged they were abducted and taken to hostels, where they were raped.

"This is conclusive proof of the atrocities and brutalities perpetrated by hostel dwellers against innocent children. To prevent further assaults of this nature, the hostels must go," a member of the ANC's Meadowlands branch said.

Police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn told City Press the incident was "shocking". However, he declined to give details, saying this would hinder police investigations.

He said a man had been arrested for adbuction and rape and further arrests were expected.

'Inkatha warlord' arrested in Soweto

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By SOPHIE TEMA

POLICE yesterday arrested a Soweto man after discovering weapons in a Mshenguville shack.

The man's house was searched at the insistence of Basheer Lorgat, an official of the Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle), after a City Press reporter had received a tip-off.

Police found assegais, a home-made shotgun, a 9mm pistol and several rounds of ammunition.

Two old SAP uniforms were also found hidden in a woman's handbag under a bed.

The police arrested the owner of the shack, who was described by residents as a warlord and leader of Inkatha vigilantes in Mshenguville

The discovery of the weapons comes after several families had fled Mshenguville and had sought refuge at the Ipelegeng Community Centre.

Police spokesman Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo confirmed the arrest of the man.

Inkatha 'wrongly blamed for violence'

Star 29/7/91

By Thabo Leshilo

Claims of SADF atrocities on Reef train commuters were further proof that Inkatha had, over the years, been wrongly blamed for fanning violence, the organisation has claimed.

"On the basis of these latest revelations, it is safe to conclude there are other incidents where other organisations have carried out pseudo (military) operations in the name of the IFP," central committee member Musa Myeni said in an interview at the weekend.

Mr Myeni was responding to claims by former SADF member Sergeant Felix Ndimene that 5 Reconnaissance Unit had trained foreign mercenaries at its base at Phalaborwa and had used them to murder train commuters.

According to Sergeant Ndimene, members of the SADF special unit wore red headbands and claimed to be Inkatha members when killing and maiming civilians.

SADF public relations director Commandant Riaan Louw has rejected the claims as "totally wrong and out of context".

"The reports are all lies. Five Recce is a professional unit and does not operate in that way," said Commandant Louw.

He confirmed that Sergeant Ndimene had been a member of the SADF until he resigned on January 31.

More than 60 commuters have died after being stabbed, shot, hacked or hurled from moving trains since July last year.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe announced on Thursday that 23 people had been arrested and arms seized in connection with train attacks and recent massacres in Johannesburg.

Last week, three more people died and 17 were injured in renewed attacks on commuters.

People have blamed Inkatha "rooidoeke" for the attacks, a charge the IFP has denied.

"Now we know that many claims have been made implicating security forces.

"Whether these are true or false is not for me to prove," Mr Myeni said.

AIDS sufferers 'survive on private charity'

B1 Day 29/7/91

THE burden of caring for AIDS sufferers is falling increasingly on non-governmental agencies, says the founder of a hospice for AIDS sufferers.

Pietro Battistin, who founded Sacred Heart House last year, says the home is solely funded by private donations.

TANIA LEVY

The home's plight was highlighted last week when the food supply ran out and patients had nothing to eat for a day.

"Thank goodness individuals, including members of a youth group, bailed us out," Battistin said.

□ A total of 818 AIDS cases have been reported in SA up to July 18 this year, figures from the Health Department show. At the weekend, the department said 165 cases had been reported this year.

Arrests 'lead to further train attacks'

B1 Day 29/7/91

JONATHON REES

POLICE suspect last week's attacks on commuter trains in Soweto could be in revenge for the arrest last Wednesday of nine people in connection with the Kliptown train massacre of six people on June 25.

Three people died and 10 were injured in attacks on trains and stations in Soweto late last week.

A senior police officer investigating alleged SADF involvement in train massacres, Col Neels Langenhoven, said at the weekend nine people were awaiting a court appearance in connection with the Kliptown attack and firearms had been seized.

Three SAP teams are investigating train massacres which have left 60 dead since September. A Johannesburg police team is investigating the killings of over 30 people in attacks at Benrose and Jeppe stations in September.

A Soweto unit is looking into the Kliptown massacre and a Pretoria police unit under Maj-Gen Ronnie van der Westhuizen is coordinating the inquiry and conducting its own investigation into alleged SADF involvement in the killings.

Langenhoven said police were still searching for three people in connection with September's attacks.

Five people had already been arrested, but charges against them were dropped on instructions from Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau, he said.

Von Lieres had said it was useless to continue proceedings until the remaining suspects were arrested, Langenhoven said.

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Diary of train attacks

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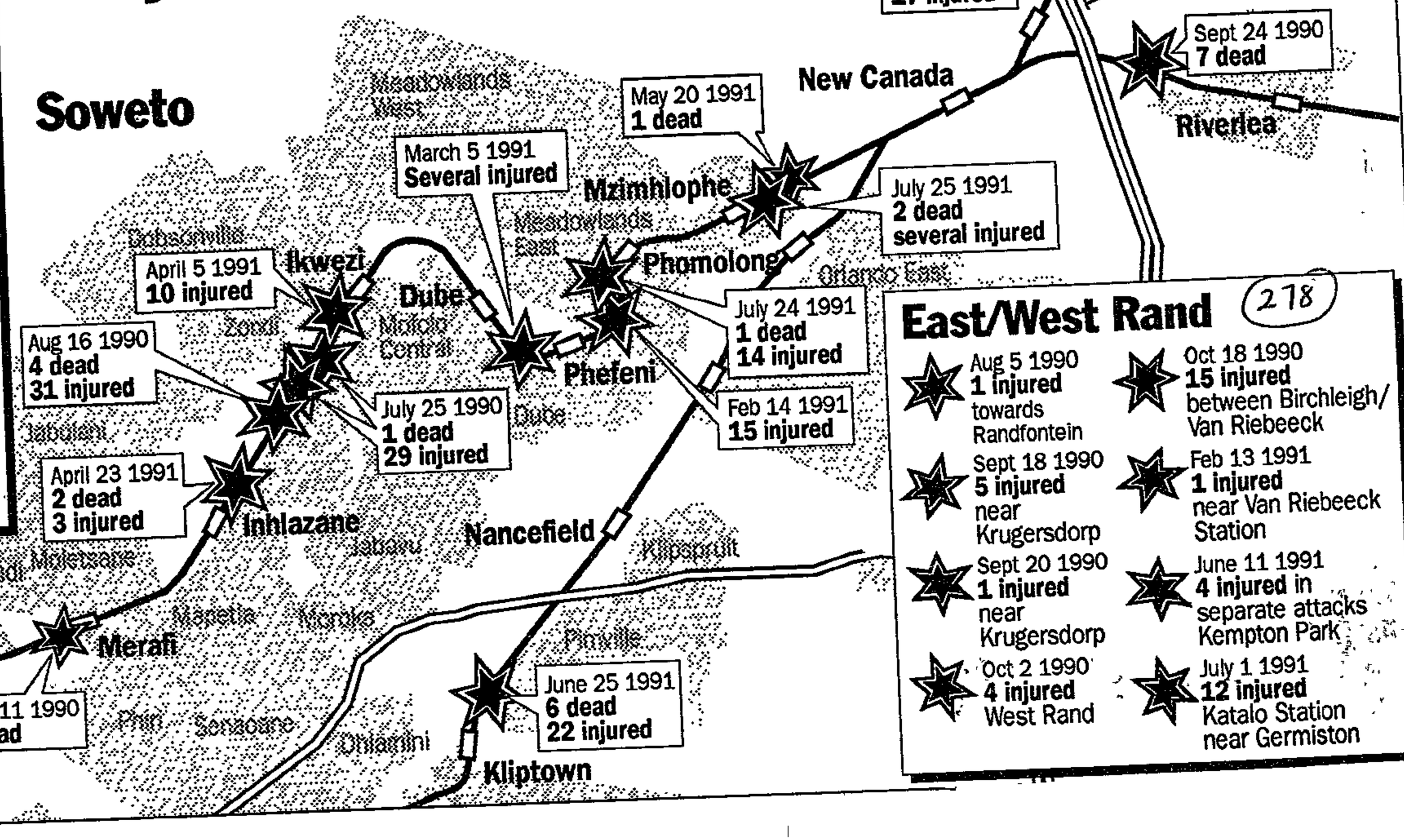
- Aug 16 1990 **1 dead 6 injured** at Jhb Station
- Sept 6 1990 **6 dead 14 injured** at Jeppe Station
- Sept 11 1990 **1 dead, several injured** between Braamfontein/Jhb
- Sept 13 1990 **26 dead, 100+ injured** between Jeppe/Benrose
- Sept 14 1990 **15 injured** on 3 trains between Braamfontein/ Mayfair and Jeppe/Ellis Park
- Sept 20 1990 **5 injured** at Jeppe Station

Total: 61 dead, more than 330 injured

Graphic: GAIL IRWIN



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- Aug 5 1990 **1 injured** towards Randfontein
- Sept 18 1990 **5 injured** near Krugersdorp
- Sept 20 1990 **1 injured** near Krugersdorp
- Oct 2 1990 **4 injured** West Rand
- Oct 18 1990 **15 injured** between Birchleigh/ Van Riebeeck
- Feb 13 1991 **1 injured** near Van Riebeeck Station
- June 11 1991 **4 injured** in separate attacks Kempton Park
- July 1 1991 **12 injured** Katalo Station near Germiston

Massacre account awaited

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

Police are still waiting for former SADF member Sergeant Felix Ndimene to give his account of how soldiers were used to murder train commuters — as a police investigation into alleged SADF involvement hangs on his testimony.

Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, coordinating a police investigation into the allegations, said yesterday there was no other evidence pointing to SADF collusion in the train massacres which have left 60 dead since September. Star 30/7/91

"Mr Ndimene was supposed to have come forward today, but Soldiers for Peace is keeping him away from us. As far as his newspaper statements are concerned, they appear to involve his overhearing conversations."



Mrs Dorcas Mhlanga, wife of taxi owner Ephnos, stands next to the gutted minibus in KwaThema, Springs - the aftermath of a conflict between rival taxi associations. The Mhlangas' house was also damaged by fire.

Sowetan 31/7/91. PICTURE: PAT SEBOKO.

Two people killed in Vaal attacks

TWO people died and several hundred houses damaged when scores of armed men attacked residents at Boipatong township, in the Vaal Triangle, on Monday.

The men were armed with pangas, spears, knobkerries and other weapons.

Mr David Manzini (68) died in his yard when a man bludgeoned him with a broomstick reinforced with a giant nut at the tip.

His wife, Mrs Martha Manzini (65), was injured in the left breast when the same man attacked her. She showed *Sowetan* the weapon that killed her husband.

A 53-year-old father of two who did not want to be identified survived because he hid behind a shack which was later set alight. The attackers were chanting, "Zulu, Zulu, where are the dogs," in Zulu.

He said they later boarded a police Casspir, four vans and kombis and drove away.

By THEMBA MOLEFE and DON SEOKANE

"The attackers left immediately when huge searchlights went on and three whistles were heard. I saw the men move into those vehicles and drive off," said the man.

Several other residents, whose identities are known to *Sowetan*, described how the police allegedly escorted the men after the attack on their homes.

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Shattered windows

Many residents, especially in Barolong, Moshweshwe and Majola streets, were busy fixing shattered windows by noon yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed two deaths. He said the other man who was found stoned next to a

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Two die in Vaal attacks

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house had not been identified yet.

They were investigating rumours that police escorted attackers who allegedly came from the KwaMadala Hostel.

Meanwhile, two people were injured and at least two houses burned, another stoned when fighting erupted between members of the Springs Taxi Association (STA) and a breakaway group yesterday.

Clashes started at Springs taxi rank, where members of the breakaway group - called Sinamuva Association - claimed they were attacked by taximen belonging to the STA.

Commuters were left stranded in the morning before police stopped the feud.

The battle spilled over to KwaThema township where homes of two taxi owners were doused with petrol and later set alight. In another attack, a house was stoned, but no-one was injured.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel confirmed the incident, saying police were in the process of arranging a meeting between the two bodies.

Mr Richard Nkosi, an official of the Sinamuva Association, said they broke away from the STA because they were no longer operating local routes - KwaThema to town.

Mr Meshack Ntuli of Fumba Street, KwaThema, whose house was extensively gutted by fire, estimated the damage to his house at more than R200 000. Ntuli is a member of STA.

The assailants also set alight the home of taximan Mr Ephnos Mhlanga. A minibus parked in the backyard was also damaged by fire.

Two killed in Reef taxi war

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two taxi drivers died and four were injured in the second day of violence resulting from disputes between taxi associations in Benoni on the East Rand.

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Youth describes attack on Soweto home

Star 2/8/91

Staff Reporter

A member of the Soweto Youth Congress (Soyco) told a Rand Supreme Court yesterday how a Soweto house had been attacked by a group of people known as the "Marastas" on February 27 1990 after one of the Marastas had been interrogated by the Comrades.

Professor Nhlapo (20) was giving evidence in a trial in

of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, two of attempted murder, one charge of attempted kidnapping and one of housebreaking with intent to kidnap.

Skumbuso Mfeka (18), Dibe Nhlapo (19), Simon Sibisi (18), Sifiso Chango (18) and a 17-year-old youth, all of Soweto, have pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Professor Nhlapo, who described Dibe Nhlapo as family, said a group of Soyco members were sitting at a house when a man called Sugar came to fetch the youth.

"While we were sitting there, we heard knocking at the front and back doors and on the windows. As we ran to the bedroom, we heard shots fired."

The Soyco members eventually left the house and were

Youths flee SA township warfare

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LUSAKA - Hundreds of young men fleeing political warfare in South Africa have arrived in Zambia in recent weeks and the exodus continues.

Zimbabwe's national news agency Ziana reported yesterday that about 800 people aged between 15 and 25 had arrived in Lusaka and were sheltered at an African National Congress transit camp on the outskirts of the capital.

Youths are fleeing South Africa for Zambia through Swaziland as political violence continues to disrupt normal life in the townships.

"There is a big problem with accommodation because the influx is more than we can handle. We definitely can't cope with the large numbers of people arriving," an official at the transit centre said. The centre can only accommodate about 400 people.

Accommodation

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is financing food provisions and accommodation for the refugees.

"We are trying to enforce emergency programmes to accommodate the new arrivals in our educational programmes which friendly countries are trying to help fund," the official at the centre said.

Arrangements are being made with the Kenyan Government for 500 refugees to study in that country.

The Australian Government is funding the 500 students now in Nigeria but the ANC is trying to mobilise resources for the 800 plus new arrivals.

"The 500 students will hopefully leave for Kenya before the end of the year," the official said. - *Sapa.*

Move to end the slaughter

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THE ANC, PAC, Azapo, Cosatu, youth and civic associations will meet in Soweto on Sunday to discuss and plan strategies of countering attacks on residents, especially at Mshenguville.

This was said by chairman of the ANC's Soweto Unit Mr Floyd Mashele yesterday at a Press conference on "The Mshenguville Massacre, What Should be Done?"

He said all the organisations had confirmed their participation because "the matter was of concern to all residents of Soweto".

Among matters to be decided upon are the boycott of all shops owned by businessman Mr Ephraim "Mshengu" Tshabalala and the non-usage of trains as transport by commuters.

Mashele said Mshenguville had been "the seat of much unrest since July 19 this year".

By IKE MOTSAPI

Killings escalating

He said so far 10 people had been murdered and hundreds were lying critically ill at Baragwanath Hospital after being attacked by "Inkatha members who have declared Mshenguville as their area"

"The horrendous killing of people has been escalating in the past weeks. Homes have been

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Plan to fight off Soweto attacks

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burnt down. People in their hundreds have fled and some of them are being housed at Ipelegeng Community Centre in White City Jabavu," he added.

He said trouble started at Mshenguville after Tshabalala called an Inkatha meeting on May 5. At that meeting, he said, it was decided that Mshenguville should become a base for Inkatha.

"It was decided that people who refused to join Inkatha should be forced out of the squatter camp," he said.

Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, secretary of the Soweto branch of Inkatha, said it was not true that people were being forced to join Inkatha.

He confirmed that an Inkatha branch was launched in July "after many people from Mshenguville approached us wanting to join the organisation".

Tshabalala was yesterday not available for comment.

BEYOND THE SLUSH-FUND SCANDAL: Eyewitness accounts of police-Inkatha collusion continue ...



Thokoza, August 14 last year An armed Inkatha group moves through town during a day of heavy fighting. Ahead of them, an 'escort' of two police trucks leads the procession Picture AVIGAIL UZI

A random list of 23 claims about 'blind-eyed' police

The State President says there's no evidence of police-Inkatha collusion in violence. If so, he should investigate the following 23 cases, all during the past four months, all reported in the press

By PAUL STOBER and GAVIN EVANS

ALLEGATIONS of security force complicity in attacks by Inkatha members on African National Congress-supporting communities have become a weekly affair

In some cases the South African Police or Defence Force are accused of turning a blind eye to the presence of armed Inkatha groups, neglecting to disarm them, or escorting them to and from their hostel bases In other cases they have been accused of more direct forms of support

Security force representatives routinely deny these allegations — often in the face of eye-witness affidavits In most cases no one is arrested because of "lack of evidence

Many of the allegations have involved the kwaZulu police (KZP), currently headed by Major General Jac Buchner, who until 1989 headed the SAP's security police in Natal The KZP has effectively operated as an extension of the SAP and falls directly under the control of Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi Buchner admitted last month that the KZP were biased 'to a certain extent" in favour of Inkatha

Over the past four months there have been scores of incidents of reported police complicity in Inkatha attacks and arms training. The 23 incidents listed below are by no means exhaustive, include only cases reported in the Reef area and Natal, and do not include allegations involving the SADF

REEF

1 On March 24 police opened fire on a crowd which was being armed to protect Daveyton residents against a possible Inkatha attack Twelve ANC supporters and a policeman were killed

The Daveyton Crisis Committee condemned the police for not honouring an agreement between the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), the police and the local civic association, prohibiting Inkatha members from marching to and from the stadium and providing for police to disarm Inkatha members

2 At least 15 people were killed in Alexandra when Zulu-speaking men, armed with automatic rifles, strafed people at a vigil for a violence victim in the early hours of March 27

Earlier a 200-strong group was seen in the area and police were asked to protect those at the vigil The police came twice, but were not seen again until an hour after the killings

Police acknowledged this but said that when they arrived the group was not in sight so they moved on Eight men were subsequently arrested and are expected to be charged with murder

This incident followed two weeks of violence in Alexandra in which there were scores of allegations of police support for Inkatha. On March 17, for example, eight people were killed following an Inkatha rally The police were accused of not adhering to an undertaking not to allow Inkatha members to take weapons to the event

3 According to a document handed to the SAP by the ANC, on April 22 three cars were seen delivering weapons to the Mzimhlope Hostel The next day a group of white policemen in a Casspir moved large bags into the No 1 Hostel in Alexandra. Soon after the police left and three groups of men emerged from the hostel carrying guns.

4 Also on April 23, three white men and a group of black men delivered a further consignment of rifles to the Alexandra hostel

5 At the same time the ANC said that nightly weapons training was taking place at Inhlazane Hostel Once a week white men, travelling in a Japanese-made white sedan, would deliver weapons These arms deliveries were followed by widespread violence in the area

6 Violence erupted in several areas of the Reef on May 1 leaving at least 58 dead during and after May Day celebrations In several separate incidents township residents accused police of partiality — allowing Inkatha members to keep their weapons while ANC members were disarmed and standing by while Inkatha members went on the rampage

7 On May 5, in Bekkersdal on the West Rand, a large Inkatha group went on the rampage after a rally in which IFP foreign affairs chief Musa Myeni threatened to unleash 250 000 trained fighters on Transvaal townships The group came across ANC supporters in the bush and fighting followed

According to the ANC and Radio 702 reporters, the police made no attempt to stop the Inkatha group and after the fighting started opened fire on squatter-camp residents, killing seven people and injuring four The police denied reports that they had taken sides

8 On May 12, 28 Swanieville squatter-camp residents were killed during an attack by 900 Inkatha supporters

At about 3am, sleeping residents were woken by rifle fire Children and adults were shot at and hacked with pangas and spears. shacks were blown up with grenades and property was looted Witnesses said they saw white policemen who were armed with shotguns arrive when the attack was under way

Inkatha accepted responsibility for the attack, claiming it was in response to the kidnapping of two Inkatha hostel-dwellers the night before The police escorted the attackers back to their hostel

Lawyers for Human Rights said it was astounding that not a single person was arrested immediately and added that the subsequent arrest of "only six persons when several hundred persons had been involved in the attack makes a mockery of our criminal-justice system "

9 The same day, squatters at Soweto's Power Plant camp said police used a silver-grey minibus and a Hippo to drop "warriors" at the camp shortly before an attack by a suspected Inkatha group Three squatters were shot dead by the group which, they said, included whites

10 On May 26, the Alexandra branch of the ANC Youth League issued a statement condemning the police decision to re-arm Inkatha members with traditional weapons (including spears and sharpened irons) which had been confiscated a week earlier They said the return of the weapons affirmed the view that 'the searching and disarming of Inkatha members in Alexandra hostels last month was a public-relations exercise aimed at proving the impartiality of the police"

11 On May 29, armed vigilantes hacked 22 people to death and injured hundreds in Meadowlands and Chiawelo after the funeral of murdered Diep-kloof mayor Moses Khumalo Before the funeral, police told reporters there was no law which allowed them to confiscate non-traditional weapons from armed supporters Afterwards a large group of heavily armed men moved into the townships smashing windows, looting and killing.

Residents accused the police of standing by and doing nothing Police countered that had it not been for their presence and prompt action, the death toll would have been much higher

12 Police allegedly stood by and watched while a 300-strong group attacked residents at Boipatong, near Vanderbijlpark, on the night of July 15 The suspected Inkatha attackers were armed with AK-47s, pangas spears and knobkieries At least one man was killed, but police made no arrests

Afterwards witnesses said police, travelling in three Hippos and a white minibus, escorted the attackers back to their base at a township hostel The next morning — 10 hours after the attack — senior Vaal police officer Piet van Deventer told *The Weekly Mail* he was not aware of any such attack

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13 On April 14, Inkatha members marched into Gamalakhe township brandishing firearms The SAP and SADF, who escorted them into the township, said they could not confiscate the weapons as they had been licensed and issued by Ulundi to guard government property Three were killed in the shootings which followed

14 On June 23, Inkatha representative Peter auf der Heyde admitted kwaZulu police were issuing firearm permits for rifles and pistols to Inkatha supporters in the homeland The Durban Legal

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Resources Centre said the G3 automatic rifles and other guns were being issued to chiefs and headmen and were being carried by Inkatha supporters at rallies and marches.

15 On May 24, two ANC supporters were shot dead and another injured in Ndaleni, near Richmond, by the occupants of an approaching vehicle. The Richmond ANC branch accused police, who were standing nearby, of failing to stop the attackers, whom they identified as Inkatha members. The district commissioner of police, Brigadier Chris Jonker, said these allegations were being investigated.

16 On June 23, families of victims of violence in Ndaleni said police were part of a vigilante group which attacked them on the eve of a peace meeting between the Richmond branch of the ANC and local IFP members. The families said the attackers, who left 16 dead, were transported by riot squad members.

Affidavits stating at least one man in camouflage uniform was among the attackers were submitted to the SAP. The Midlands police denied involvement in the attack.

17 The same day, Emzomusha township, near Inanda, was also attacked. Windows and doors were smashed, property looted and residents attacked.

In affidavits, residents said members of the KZP and the SAP chased and shot them while Inkatha supporters, armed with guns, spears and axes, attacked. The attackers, who were bused in from nearby Lindelani, the kwaMashu Men's Hostel and Duff's Road, were escorted by the police, the residents said.

18 Sixteen Richmond residents were killed during the weekend of June 25 by men who said they were Inkatha members. ANC members alleged police helped transport the attackers and were responsible for some of the deaths.

19 At least 50 Inkatha supporters attacked people and houses at Enhlalakahle on June 26. Democratic Party MP Pierre Cronje accused the police of collusion in the violence. ANC Natal Midlands chairman Harry Gwala said the SADF was also "heavily involved" in the incident and aided the attacks by dropping off vigilantes.

20 A Natal Supreme Court judge ordered an investigation after he heard evidence that a senior Pietermaritzburg security policeman, identified by *City Press* newspaper as Warrant Officer Wolfgang Warber, bought 24 .38 Special revolvers on behalf of Inkatha. One of the guns has been identified as the murder weapon in at least 10 politically motivated killings.

21 On April 25, Sipho Mdlala confessed to assassinating Chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo, ex-chairman of the Congress of South African Traditional Leaders and long-standing opponent of Inkatha.

Mdlala said he was an agent of military intelligence and had acted under orders. He identified security policeman Wolfgang Warber as the mastermind behind the assassination. Police spokesmen dismissed Mdlala's claims, saying an internal investigation revealed no evidence to support them.

22 The Legal Resources Centre in Durban has affidavits which allege the Amasinyora gang of K-Section in kwaMashu was supplied with arms and ammunition and trained in tactical warfare by the KZP, the SADF and the SAP. Former members of the gang, which continues to conduct war against "comrades" in the township, said they had joined Inkatha as a guarantee of immunity from prosecution.

23 On July 7, three people were killed when ANC members were returning from a rally by train to kwaMashu. Despite numerous warnings about the impending attack from the rally organisers and though it took place in sight of SAP and SADF vehicles, the police did not intervene.

Concern as unionist vanishes without trace

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BRIAN SOKUTU

THE disappearance of trade unionist and political activist Lawrence Mufamadi in Johannesburg a week ago is causing grave concern among anti-apartheid organisations.

The 34-year-old Meadowlands father of two, an African National Congress member and a National Union of Mineworkers delegate at last week's Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) national congress, went missing on July 27.

His sister-in-law, Nomsa Mufamadi, said he failed to return to the Johannesburg hotel at which he was staying for the duration of the congress, after accompanying a friend to a taxi rank.

"We're apprehensive about this as many activists have gone missing without trace," she said.

Reacting to the disappearance, human rights commisioner Max Coleman said: "This is one in the long list of disappearances of anti-apartheid activists. We hope it is not going to be another one of those unsolved mystries."

A Cosatu spokesman said the trade union federation was investigating the disappearance and appealed to the public for information.

A spokesman for Anglo American Corporation, where Mr Mufamadi has worked as a security guard at the company's Johannesburg headquarters for the past nine years, said there was concern over the disappearance, and the company's security management team had been helping in the search.

Anyone with information should contact Dan Fick, the divisional security manager at: (011) 638-5185.

Taxi, tear-gas thugs hijack ANC boycott

Sunday Times Reporters

SOWETO thugs have hijacked the ANC consumer boycott called in the PWV area in protest against the Inkatha funding scandal.

Taxi drivers and passengers said they had been stopped and searched by thugs "checking for boycott breakers".

They said they had been threatened with guns and necklacing before goods and money were stolen.

Some victims said they were shocked at the campaign. Many were not aware of the boycott called by the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance on Monday.

Retailers in the region reported little response to the boycott which has been rejected by the PAC and Azapo. Spokesmen for the organisations said they had not been properly consulted.

Azapo's PWV chairman Reverend Pakiso Tondi said the protest would "harm blacks more than whites".

The ANC's PWV regional spokesman Ronny Mamoepa said he was "not surprised that thugs have jumped on the bandwagon".

"We totally distance ourselves from these people.

"They should be treated as criminals. I want to call on them to stop such action."

Incidents have been reported throughout Soweto, with Diepkloof and Meadowlands the worst hit.

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Several townships have become no-go zones for taxi drivers.

One victim, Mr Solomon Masilo, of Meadowlands, said: "Three men stopped the taxi I was in. They told me I was breaking the boycott and robbed me of R400 and groceries."

Police confirmed the boycott-related crimes.

REAGILE IS ON EDGE

Fears of violence follow arrest

By S'BU MNGADI

FEAR stalks the tiny Western Transvaal township of Reagile, in Koster, following last weekend's arrest of a local youth leader and schoolteacher – only hours after unknown gunmen attacked his house with petrol bombs and automatic rifles.

The hitmen, who escaped in a white Toyota Corolla, are still at large

However, ANC Youth League leader Eric "Dukes" Modisane was led away by police while he was inspecting the damage to his house, members of his family said this week.

Residents who spoke to City Press expressed fears that the incident, coupled with the abortive firebombing of the Reagile mayor's house two days earlier, could trigger off a wave of political violence reminiscent of the bloody feud on the Reef

Modisane, 27, and six local ANC activists, this week appeared in the Koster Magistrate's Court in connection with the attack on the mayor's house.

They were not asked to plead and the matter was postponed to Friday.

Modisane's elder brother, Joseph, said the family's house and another belonging to his married sister, Zipora Segoe, was attacked with firebombs and guns at about 1 am last Saturday

Fortunately, all members of the family, except Oupa, 20, were staying with neighbours following threats to their lives

"We were woken up by bomb-like explosions and the sound of rapid gunfire," Joseph said.

"This must have lasted for about two minutes before a white Toyota Corolla car made a U-turn in front of the house and sped off."

Oupa, who was sleeping in the house, miraculously escaped unhurt.

But Libous Segoe, 21, who slept in the house next door, was shot in the left leg and is recuperating at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto, he said.



Joseph Modisane after the attack on his family's Reagile home. ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

Neither of the two houses caught alight, but damage to both is estimated at R20 000.

Joseph said Modisane, a teacher at the local Mphebana High School, did not sleep at either house because of death threats following the abortive firebombing of the local mayor's house.

He had returned home on Saturday morning to examine the damage to the houses when a group of black policemen arrived to take down statements about that morning's attack.

Instead of taking down statements, Joseph said, they took Modisane away on suspicion that he had taken part in the attack on the mayor's house.

The family did not see him again until Monday this week when he and six local activists appeared in the local magistrate's court.

A City Press team went from pillar to post in its attempts to speak to the mayor.

Holding her kitchen door ajar and surrounded by three police men, a woman whom locals identified as their mayor denied this

She declined to identify herself.

'More a lover than a killer'

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE man carrying the tag of the Vaal Monster, Mokheti Keswa – better known in the Vaal as "Khethisi" – has come out to clear his name

Khethisi, who shot into notoriety during the recent spate of violence that claimed the lives of about 100 people in Sebokeng and Boipatong, said he found it disturbing that people thought of him as a monster -

Although residents believe he masterminded the various attacks on people in the Vaal, he claims to be a gentle person and not the killer people say he is

Khethisi said he was aware Vaal residents fear even the mention of his name

He made these revelations recently in an interview with a Vaal weekly newspaper

He told the newspaper he could prove his innocence if given a chance, adding that he was more of a ladies' man than a killer

"I love my women and they love me too"

He recalled the incidents which shot him into notoriety when they were linked to him – the murder of ANC activist Christopher Nangalembe and his subsequent funeral vigil where 38 mourners died after gunmen sprayed them with automatic fire.

"To be honest, Nangalembe was one of my best friends There had been a misunderstanding – because before his death there was bad blood between the two us"

Khethisi said some time before Nangalembe's death he had caught him with one of his favourite girlfriends

He said Nangalembe had been fighting with another man over this girl when Khethisi intervened The two ended up fighting and he injured Nangalembe

"That's when it all started From then on, there was enmity between the two of us

"He happened to be one of my best friends and this particular incident was unfortunate," he said

Khethisi said he was surprised when he was later linked to the murder of Nangalembe, who was found strangled on a rubbish dump near Boipatong

As a result of him being linked to the vigil massacre, his home was set alight and his family had to flee Sebokeng.

"Since then people have blamed me for several attacks that took place on residents in the Vaal"

Khethisi was recently also linked by residents to the shooting of the family of ANC's executive member Ernest Sotsu and that of several people at Erika's Tavern in Zone 7, Sebokeng.

But Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said Khethisi was in the cells when the shooting at Erika's Tavern took place because he had been arrested the Thursday before the incident – and only appeared in court the following Monday

He was arrested on a charge of intimidation and is out on R1 000 bail

Khethisi said: "I believe that a number of criminals are getting away with murder because I get blamed all the time

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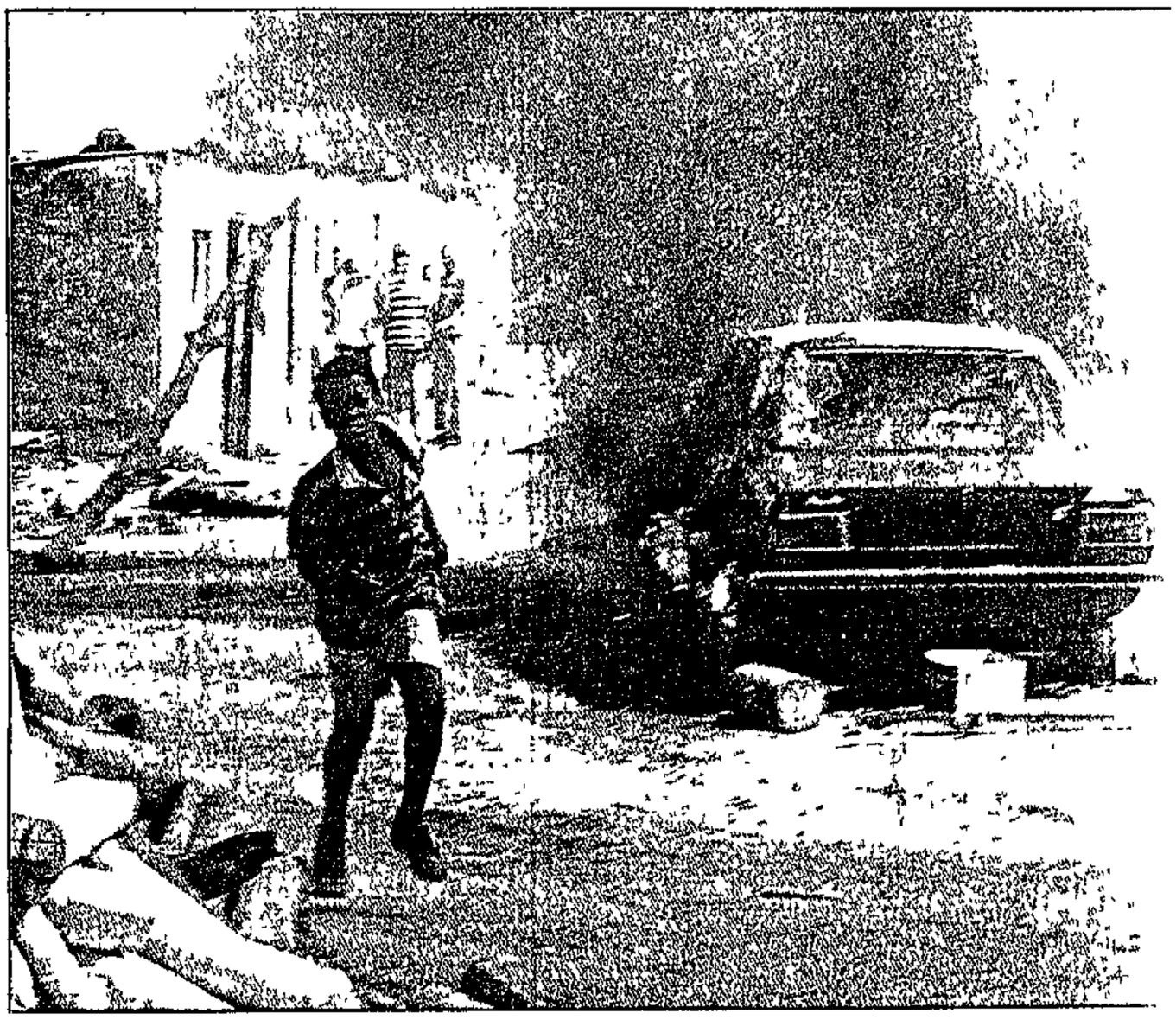

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Cosatu protests over hostel

By SOPHIE TEMA

COSATU is planning a stayaway and protest march against Iscor, which manages the KwaMadala Hostel – alleged by Cosatu to be a base for Inkatha vigilantes

This has been prompted by a spate of attacks on residents in Sebokeng and Boipatong townships

In an attack on Monday night two people were killed and many houses damaged by men armed with spears, pangas, knobkerries and other home-made weapons.

David Manzini, 70, was bludgeoned to death in his yard when he tried to rescue his 66-year-old wife Martha from one of the attackers

The attacker killed Manzini with a stick tipped with a heavy iron nut His wife was hurt so badly she could not help him

At Cosatu's fourth annual congress, the organisation announced it was planning the stayaway and a march to Iscor in the Vaal and Pretoria

Cosatu said it was also considering legal action against Iscor for housing the vigilantes

Residents have repeatedly claimed that the violence sweeping through the Vaal, which has left more than 100 people dead, was orchestrated from the KwaMadala Hostel

The hostel is supposed to accommodate Vanderbijlpark workers

Cosatu and several community organisations said most of the people who appeared in court after attacks in the Vaal said they were unemployed and lived at the hostel

Iscor's director of public affairs, PM du Plessis, denied the allegations and said the company was not accommodating non-Iscor employees at KwaMadala Hostel

He told City Press "We cannot accommodate non-Iscor workers there because we do not have the money to subsidise their free stay

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However, Cosatu information secretary Neil Coleman said "We have evidence that the hostel accommodates people who do not work for Iscor

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KILLER WEAPON ... Moalusi Mokoena holds the steel-bolted stick that killed his uncle, David.

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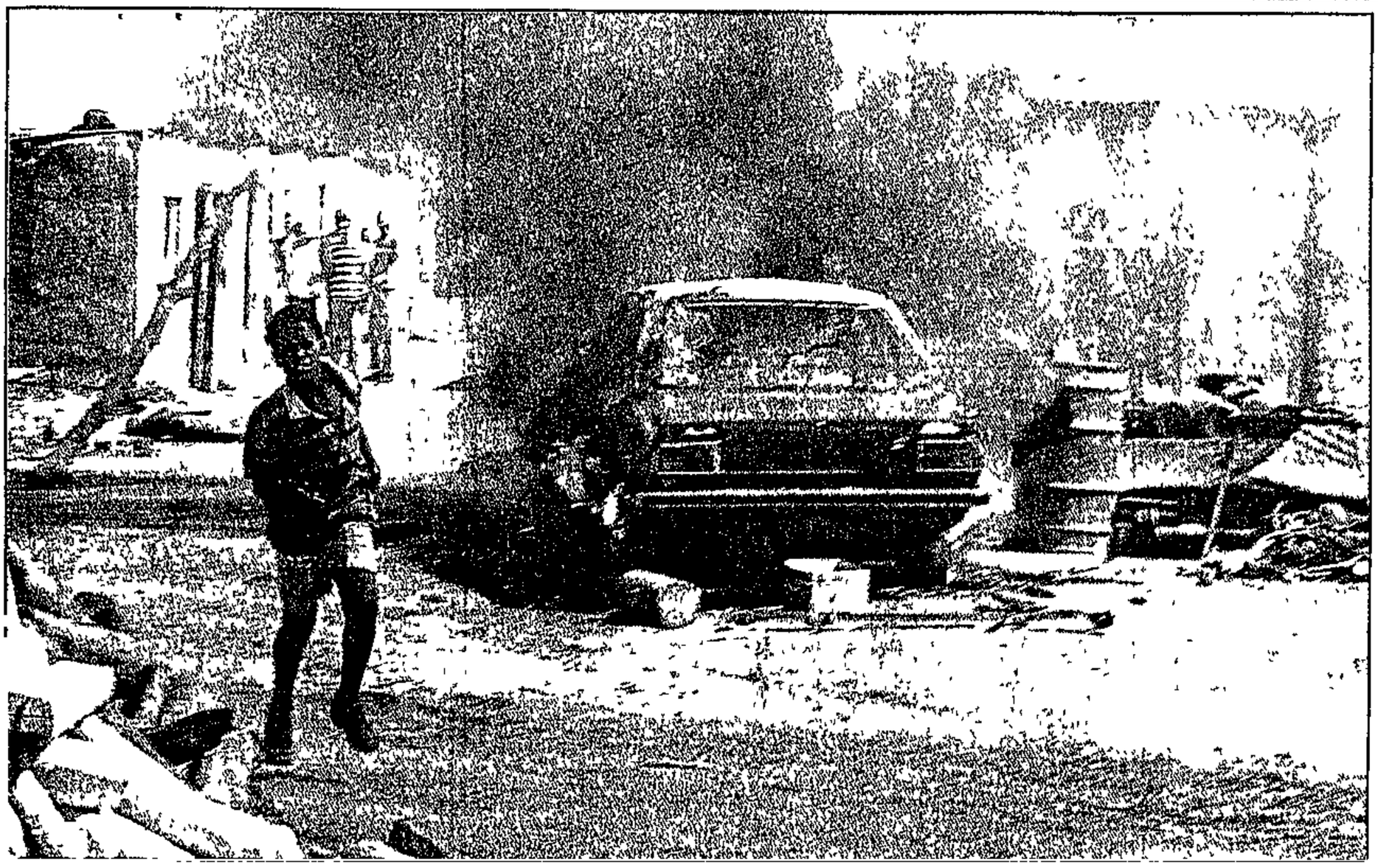

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WIDOWED ... injured Martha Manzini saw her husband beaten to death.

Fugitive's mum says leave my son alone

By THEMBA KHUMALO

"LEAVE my son alone He is not a rapist or a killer"

These angry words came from Joyce "Mbumbu" Bucibo, mother of alleged "Jackroller" Tebogo Bucibo, who recently escaped from police custody

Tebogo, with a murder charge against him, is still on the loose after bolting from Moroka police station cells with 17 others

Joyce has also threatened to take legal action against newspapers and policemen who insist that her son – also known as "Mrembuli" – is a rapist

Tebogo and his fellow inmates, who were all awaiting trial on various charges staged a dramatic night escape from Moroka Police Station two weeks ago and the police have warned they are dangerous

Speaking from her bed at her Dube home, where she is recuperating from injuries resulting from a car crash in Bloemfontein last week, Joyce said she was particularly annoyed by persistent claims that her son was responsible for a number of incidents in which women were taken at gunpoint from streets and parties during 1989 and gang-raped in the open veld Local women subsequently avoided walking the streets alone at night

"My son is not a rapist He is a handsome ladies' man whose dozens of girlfriends constantly bothered us at home with phone calls

"It was even worse at Johannesburg Prison where he has been held for the past two years on a murder charge We had to contend with girls who jostled with us just to talk to him during visiting hours," said Mbumbu

She said she was particularly worried by the constant publicity the media gave her son before and after the prison escape

"Why the focus on my son alone? What is it that he has done in this world that other people haven't done?" she said

"He is only faced with one murder charge and possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition

"There is not a single rape charge laid against him We, as a family, are fuming at my son being labelled a jackroller"

Mini war erupts on

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO (278)

Region's fortnight of fury claims 18 lives

VIOLENCE in East Rand townships over the past two weeks has caused the deaths of more than 18 people, several injuries and massive destruction to property

The worst of the unrest has been in KwaThema, Springs, where 16 people are known to have been killed so far

The KwaThema deaths include that of ANC Youth League leader and Umkhonto weSizwe cadre Pepsi Mahlangu, who returned from exile four months ago under the indemnity

Mahlangu was shot dead last week by a gunman at a shebeen in KwaThema after a quarrel with an alleged gang leader A man has been arrested

Mahlangu's death led to the killing of another man, Moya Zulu, in a retaliation attack He was cornered by a group of youths who shot him in the neck It was believed Zulu had a hand in Mahlangu's death

In a connected incident, four people were shot by a group of men said to be friends of Zulu, after his burial last Saturday week Two of the victims died

One of the dead men was a member of the ANC Youth League, Philip Mbonani

Police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweel confirmed the death of 17-year-old Mbonani and said police were still investigating

In other incidents:

■ Two taxi drivers were injured, one seriously, after a fight broke out between two taxi associations in Springs – the Springs Taxi Association (STA) and the Sinamuva Long Distance Taxi Association (Sildta)

The former is affiliated to the South African Black Taxi Association and the latter to the National African Federated Taxi Organisation

King Sibande, 50, and Elias Modisane, 35, of KwaThema, were injured and were admitted to the Far East Rand hospital Sibande was later transfered to St John's Eye Hospital in Johannesburg

After the attack, six houses – four in KwaThema and two in Tsakane – belonging to members of Sildta, were gutted by fire A vehicle was also destroyed in the retaliatary petrol-bomb attack, police said

Damage is estimated at R200 000 No injuries were reported and no arrests have been made, said Van Zweel

Ciskei District police commissioner Desmond Keyter told City Press the fight was caused by Sildta's monopoly of long-distance services

Keyter chaired a meeting arranged by police which was attended by the two taxi associations, the civic associations and the town councils of Springs and KwaThema

A resolution was adopted that both groups should settle their difference peacefully and strive for a single organisation

■ On Thursday, a red microbus was involved in a serious accident after it was allegedly shot at by police

The station commander of KwaThema Police, Maj J Makhata, said "The vehicle lost control and struck a fixed object Two people died and others were seriously injured"

The injured men were taken to hospital

■ Two taxi drivers were shot dead and four others injured as fighting between Brakpan and Vosloorus taxi associations broke out on Wednesday afternoon

Van Zweel confirmed the incident and said the fighting was believed to be related to taxi routes

She said two of the victims, with bullet wounds, were in a serious condition and had been admitted to the Benoni-Boksburg Hospital

One of the victims was hit by a truck while trying to escape and later died, she added

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PEACE BID . . . KwaThema civic leader Cyril Jantjies and police district commissioner Brig Desmond Keyter at the meeting held to try to end the Springs taxi war.

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

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He again captured the attention of the public at a monthly council meeting last week when he accused mayor Sydney Mokone of being "soft" on white officials and corruption after a senior official in the Department of Engineering was pardoned for the alleged theft of electric transformers said to be worth over R300 000

Bambo at an earlier management meeting recommended the dismissal of Leon Hanekom for the alleged theft, but Mokone pardoned the official at a disciplinary hearing

He said it had been arranged that Hanekom would appear before Mokone, the town clerk, Bambo and the deputy chairman of the management committee

"However, Mokone held the disciplinary hearing without me and some of the officials, and pardoned Hanekom, even though the council has lost a lot of money through the theft of the transformers," Bambo said

Mokone apologised when Bambo challenged him on the issue

The fuming Bambo said the incident was just the "tip of the iceberg", adding that if the rot was not stopped, he would call a public meeting

Among the serious allegations Bambo made against the council was that residents were paying for "wasted" water spilling from a burst pipe in Moretele Park

He also alleged the council paid private contractors exorbitant fees for poor quality work on projects which would be better handled by council employees

Bambo also claims the council was paying contractors for jobs not done

According to council reords in the possession of City Press, Bambo has in the past called for

- Pensioners to be exempted from paying rent,
- "Dead wood" among white council employees to be dismissed,
- The disaffiliation of the council from Ucasa

He has also called on the council to stop investing council funds using the names of individuals, and for a halt to court action against rent defaulters

City Press was unable to get comment from Mokone, but a senior official described Bambo as a maverick and an "opportunist" who was regarded as the Edgar Tekere of the council

Savage war now on video

CP Correspondent

A VIDEO with a difference is now available locally. *Savage War of Peace* is a 20-episode series focusing on the violence which racked the Witwatersrand last year.

The series is being distributed by Zimkitha Marketing and provides a realistic alternative to other videos available.

Savage War of Peace is filled with haunting images of tearful widows, stone-throwing youths and marauding Zulus.

A representative of Zimkitha, Mandla Ngwenya, says: "The video focuses on contemporary socio-political happenings which are historic and have contributed to shaping the future of this country."

However, the video fails to show the ANC's role in the violence – or how it affects the organisation in general.

Savage War of Peace can be obtained direct from Zimkitha.

5 feared dead after funeral

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By SOPHIE TEMA

AT least five people are believed to have been killed yesterday and several others injured in Boipatong township near Vanderbijlpark during the funeral of alleged Inkatha vigilante Billy Mokotedi

Residents claim trouble erupted in the township after police in Caspirs escorted scores of inmates from the KwaMadala Hostel to the funeral

They claim bystanders were killed and injured when shots were fired from the Caspirs

Residents said Mokotedi was a known Inkatha member who stayed at the KwaMadala Hostel He was allegedly kidnapped from his place of work two weeks ago and later found dead in an open veld in Sebokeng.

After the incident members of the local ANC branch said they had recorded the registration numbers of several police vehicles – in which they claimed were several Inkatha vigilantes.

Police Liaison officer Major Anton Bruce confirmed the incident, but said only one person was killed. He could not say who fired the shots.

However, Sebokeng Hospital superintendant Dr Anne van der Spuy confirmed two people had been killed in the incident and taken to the hospital.

She also confirmed that four people, three men who had been shot and a woman who had been stabbed, had been admitted.

Another police spokesman, Lt Wikus Weber, said about 150 Zulus and 250 ANC supporters were taking part in the funeral procession when the incident occurred.

Residents denied this.

Vaal Civic Association spokesman Paul Sithole said residents reported that as the funeral procession marched out of Boipatong to the Sharpeville cemetery, shots were fired, killing and injuring bystanders.

Sithole added that eyewitnesses believe the shots were fired by either Inkatha members or members of the SAP.

After the group had returned to the hostel police drove to Batsoana Street where they raided a house and arrested four youths after finding several petrol bombs and an AK-47 rifle.



Youths in Boipatong found this man after he had been shot in his left arm during the controversial funeral incident. He was later taken to the Sebokeng Hospital. ■ **Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA**

Tshabalalas fear reprisal

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

FEAR has gripped the family of Soweto tycoon and former mayor, Ephraim "Mshengu" Tshabalala, following allegations that he betrayed Mshenguville squatters to Inkatha warriors.

An attack, allegedly by Inkatha, on the squatter camp last week resulted in the death of a resident.

Tshabalala this week denied he was linked to Inkatha and said he was sick in bed at the time of the launch of an Inkatha branch at the squatter camp two weeks ago.

His wife Caroline said her family would send a delegation representing the Tshabalalas to a meeting in Soweto today called by the ANC, PAC and Azapo to discuss the attack on squatters.

Her son Mandla, an ANC member and returned exile, would be in the delegation, she said.

"We want to be given a chance to put our side of the story. We are sick and tired of being attacked unfairly by rumour-mongers."

She said reports that her ailing husband was linked to Inkatha had resulted in moves to boycott their businesses which include a cinema, chain of shops and a liquor store.

"Because of these reports we live in fear of retaliatory attacks. But I have faith in God that he will be with us."

She said Mshenguville, named after her husband, was no longer under Sofasonke Party influence as party supporters had moved to Orange Farm near Evaton.

Tshabalala is the president of Sofasonke, a civic body founded in the 1940s by the late James "Sofasonke" Mpanza.

"If IFP supporters deemed it fit to start a branch at the camp, there was no way in which Tshabalala could interfere," she said.

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KILLER WEAPON . . . Moalusi Mokoena holds the steel-bolted stick that killed his uncle, David.

Cosatu protests over hostel

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By SOPHIE TEMA

COSATU is planning a stayaway and protest march against Iscor, which manages the KwaMadala Hostel – alleged by Cosatu to be a base for Inkatha vigilantes.

This has been prompted by a spate of attacks on residents in Sebokeng and Boipatong townships.

In an attack on Monday night two people were killed and many houses damaged by men armed with spears, pangas, knobkerries and other home-made weapons.

David Manzini, 70, was bludgeoned to death in his yard when he tried to rescue his 66-year-old wife Martha from one of the attackers.

The attacker killed Manzini with a stick tipped with a heavy iron nut. His wife was hurt so badly she could not help him.

At Cosatu's fourth annuual congress, the organisation announced it was planning the stayaway and a march to Iscor in the Vaal and Pretoria.

Cosatu said it was also considering legal action against Iscor for housing the vigilantes.

Residents have repeatedly claimed that the violence sweeping through the Vaal, which has left more than 100 people dead, was orchestrated from the KwaMadala Hostel.

The hostel is supposed to accommodate Vanderbijlpark workers.

Cosatu and several community organisations said most of the people who appeared in court after attacks in the Vaal said they were unemployed and lived at the hostel.

Iscor's director of public affairs, PM du Plessis, denied the allegations and said the company was not accommodating non-Iscor employees at KwaMadala Hostel.

He told City Press: "We cannot accommodate non-Iscor workers there because we do not have the money to subsidise their free stay.

"Police have raided the hostel several times and we know they found firearms, but the people living there are all employed by Iscor."

However, Cosatu information secretary Neil Coleman said: "We have evidence that the hostel accommodates people who do not work for Iscor.

"They are the ones who are attacking residents.

"Because of this, Numsa and Cosatu have raised the matter many times with Iscor and the police but we got no positive response.

"People are being massacred and KwaMadala Hostel is being used as a base by the killers, so we believe Iscor shares the responsibility because it seems to condone the actions of the vigilantes.

"We call on all employers who are collaborating in this violence to give a commitment to stop doing so.

"We can't exclude other employers, but our main target now is KwaMadala."

Disabled claim assault by cops

(2/8)

Open 4/8/91

By SOPHIE TEMA

A DISABLED man was treated in hospital after police allegedly assaulted him and several others at the Thembisa Town Council offices on Thursday.

Two blind people were also among those allegedly assaulted.

Thembisa mayor Solomon More said a special council meeting would be held this week to discuss the matter.

Warrant officer J Nel, of the Thembisa Police Station, denied that the disabled people had been assaulted.

He said the group came to the council offices and wanted to see the mayor.

"I told them the mayor was not available and would only be present later in the day.

"They refused to move from the office and all the police did was to assist them by taking them out of the way.

"None of them were assaulted, but I later saw one man lying on the ground."

Eyewitnesses claimed Wilton Xaba, who has only one arm, collapsed during an assault by police, who then kicked him as he lay on the ground.

Members of the Thembisa Self-Help Association for the Disabled said town clerk Anthon Relihan had called the police to remove the group from his office.

According to Relihan, members of the self-help organisation had entered his office without an appointment. He had called the police to remove them. At a meeting with More and councillor SM Songo, members of the organisation said they had tried to meet the town clerk on Wednesday to collect a permit for Erf 484, which the council had granted them for their self-help projects.

Eight members of the group returned the next morning to ask Relihan for the permit.

"He told us that we should go to the mayor's office as he did not want to speak to us," said a member of the group.

"We tried to tell him that what we had come to speak to him about had nothing to do with the mayor."

Relihan then phoned the police, who arrived at the offices and gave the group two minutes to leave.

"Before we could move, the police pushed us out and started to assault us.

"One of our members, Wilton Xaba, collapsed, and, while he lay on the floor, the police started kicking him."

Xaba was later helped by onlookers, who called an ambulance and took him to hospital.

Halyards resort at Port

Court told of 'threat of violence during strike'

SUSAN RUSSELL

A NATIONAL Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) shop steward threatened that there could be violence during a strike at Haggie Rand Ltd in 1989 if workers' demands were not met, the Rand Supreme Court was told on Friday.

Factory production manager "JC" du Plessis was giving evidence at the trial of five Numsa members and a sixth man they allegedly hired to intimidate non-strikers.

Numsa shop steward chairman at Haggie Rand, Richard Ngobeni, 38, and workers' representatives Jeffrey Sipho Mtshali, 34, Malvert Ngubane, 40, Malan Khumalo, 42, and Samuel Kgoshiekgolo Malepo, 39, pleaded not guilty to murdering five non-striking colleagues and attempting to murder nine others.

The man allegedly hired to assist in the violent intimidation of non-strikers, Joseph Mdumiseni Bhengu, 25, also pleaded not guilty to the charges.

All six also pleaded not guilty to two counts of arson for allegedly petrol-bombing the homes of two other non-striking Haggie Rand employees. They also pleaded not guilty to two further charges of unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

The alleged offences took place at various places on the Witwatersrand over several months from November 1989 to April last year.

All five Numsa members were employed by Haggie Rand and were dismissed during the strike, which began in October 1989 after the company refused to adhere to an overtime ban imposed by the union

It is alleged they and others decided to use violence to intimidate non-strikers into joining the strike. Bhengu was allegedly recruited and two firearms obtained.

On Friday Du Plessis described discussions he had with Ngobeni and other workers' representatives after the strike began.

He said Ngobeni told him he should not ignore a possibility of "another Germiston" if workers demands were not met.

Du Plessis said this was a reference to earlier clashes between workers at the company's Germison plant which had left a number of employees dead.

He had understood Ngobeni's statement to be a threat and was not happy about it.

The trial continues before Mr Justice du Plessis and two assessors today.

Two killed in Vaal IFP funeral march

TWO people were killed, five injured and 18 arrested at Boipatong near Vanderbijlpark on Saturday during the funeral of Mr Billy Mokotedi of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber confirmed the deaths and injuries.

Sebokeng hospital superintendent Dr Anne van der Spuy confirmed that two people had been killed.

She said three men and one woman had been admitted to the hospital.

Weber said one death occurred when a shot was fired from in front of the procession towards a group of followers at the rear, suspected to be ANC supporters.

The other occurred on the return to Boipatong as shots were fired from hostel buildings.

Police searched two houses and found one AK-47 assault rifle with a magazine and 25 rounds of ammunition, six petrol bombs, one Makarov pistol and a 9mm pistol. - *Sapa.*

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Cops fire on IFP as Alex 'clean-up' turns violent

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By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

POLICE yesterday said they opened fire twice on Inkatha Freedom Party supporters in Alexandra on Saturday after violent clashes between IFP members and residents left scores of people injured.

The violence came a day after Alexandra was de-restricted as an unrest-area.

A spokesman for the South African Police, Captain Craig Kotze, yesterday said that it was purely "coincidental" that the declaration of an unrest area - which among other things prohibits public gatherings - was lifted the day before the violence involving Inkatha started in the area again.

"It was lifted because the SAP felt that the overall situation had improved considerably to warrant it," Kotze said.

It was reported that IFP members ran amok during Saturday's "clean-up" campaign in the township attacking, injuring residents and firing shots in the air.

Ten people were treated for stab wounds.

Soweto boycott plan to put end to attacks

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MORE than 500 Soweto residents at a meeting called to find ways of stopping attacks on the community yesterday resolved to boycott all businesses owned by former mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala.

By IKE MOTSAPI

The meeting also resolved to boycott shops owned by councillors and to ask the Soweto Peoples Delegation to suspend this week's rent talks with the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

A member of the Mshenguville Crisis Committee, Mr Floyd Mashele, said the decision to boycott Tshabalala's businesses was agreed upon after residents felt he had a hand in Inkatha's decision to operate at Mshenguville.

More than 10 people have been killed and many injured in the squatter camp since last month.

Mashele said: "Our information is that on May 4 this year Tshabalala invited Inkatha to a Sofasonke Party meeting where it was decided that Mshenguville should be a base for Inkatha"

"On July 7 Inkatha was officially launched at Mshenguville. Since July 19 people who refused to join Inkatha have been harassed and intimidated.

"So far, 10 people have been killed and several shacks burnt down. Tshabalala and the councillors, who claim to represent the people, have done nothing to solve the problems."

Tshabalala sent a relative, who declined to give his name, to represent him at yesterday's meeting. He told the meeting that it was only her father who supported Inkatha and not the whole family.

However, the meeting rejected this explanation and declared that the boycott of all Tshabalala shops should go ahead as planned.

Mashele also charged that the "horrendous killing" of people had escalated, homes had been burned down and hundreds of people had fled the squatter settlement

Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, secretary of the Soweto branch of Inkatha, said at the weekend that it was not true that people were being forced to join the organisation.

He confirmed that an Inkatha branch was launched in July "after many people from Mshenguville approached us wanting to join the organisation".

Another meeting is planned for next Sunday at Ipelegeng Centre at White Jabavu.

The ANC, its women's and youth leagues, church organisations, civic associations, the PAC, SACP, Operation Umhle, Azanyu and the Red Cross were represented at the meeting.

Two killed in violence at Vaal funeral

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By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

VEREENIGING — Two people were killed and five injured when violence erupted during a funeral procession for an Inkatha member at Boipatong near Vanderbijlpark on Saturday.

A police spokesman said 18 people were arrested.

It was not known where or how the two victims were killed and the other five injured.

The trouble broke out after a group of about 200 Zulu followers gathered at Boipatong and prepared to leave for the funeral in Evaton, he said.

About 300 Boipatong residents apparently assembled close behind the group.

Describing the situation as volatile at the time, the spokesman said police then arrived on the scene and a shot was fired at the residents' group from the Zulu contingent.

It seemed that a man was wounded in the head during the shooting, but was carried away from the scene by bystanders.

After the funeral, the rear of the Zulu group had just dispersed when shots were fired at them and at police monitoring the proceedings near the Boipatong hostel.

The police returned the fire with rubber bullets and birdshot.

At the same time, a house in Boipatong was attacked and two women were stabbed.

Soon afterwards, the police received information of hidden weapons at a house in the township.

After searching two houses in the area, they confiscated an AK-47 rifle and a magazine with 25 rounds of ammunition, a Makarov pistol, six petrol bombs and a 9 mm pistol.

Alex refuse-clearing drive leads to violence

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POLICE escorted a group of Inkatha Freedom Party members on a refuse clearing operation which degenerated into a stone-throwing battle in Alexandra at the weekend.

At least five people were injured in the incident, said police. But a local clinic spokesman said 10 people had been treated for stab wounds and lacerations.

Witnesses said the Inkatha group — armed with sharpened poles, axes and sjamboks — was accompanied by policemen in four armoured cars, two personnel carriers and several police vans.

US Network National Public Radio journalist Johnny Matisonn, who witnessed the battle, said he saw one black policeman use a loudhailer to call on the group to stop throwing the stones, but this did not have any effect.

He said he had tried to speak to policemen at the scene but they had refused

BILLY PADDOCK

to talk to him. One officer with a name tag reading Van Heerden rolled up his window when approached.

He confirmed the Inkatha group was armed, and escorted by the police.

SAP liaison officer Lt Nina Barkhuizen said yesterday that the Inkatha people had started the stone-throwing incident.

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The clean-up operation, under police escort, hardly got started before at least five people were injured and a dog was killed.

She said two other people had run away. No dockets had been opened, there were no arrests and no investigations were in progress.

A spokesman for the Alexandra Health Clinic said they had admitted 10 people with stab wounds and lacerations as a result of the incident and had transferred six of them to the Thembisa Hospital.

Acting director of Thembisa Hospital David Robb said three of the six were in a critical condition.

On Friday unrest restrictions forbidding the carrying of weapons and imposing a curfew were lifted in Alexandra by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok. It was the only area where this happened.

Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said there was no link between Inkatha going into the township and the lifting of restrictions. The restrictions had been lifted because the township had "cooled down", he said.

He said there would have been no queries or anger over the event if it was the ANC that had marched in the township.

Barkhuizen said the incidents started about 10.45am when the group doing the refuse collection started throwing stones at people in the houses, and this was followed by running stone-throwing battles between the Inkatha group and the residents.

Inquest probes Daveyton deaths

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SUSAN RÖSSELL

AN INQUEST began in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday into the deaths of 14 people — among them a policeman and an eight-year-old girl — in a clash in Daveyton near Benoni earlier this year.

On March 24 a group of ANC supporters was holding an outdoor meeting next to the Daveyton swimming pool at the same time that an Inkatha rally was being held at a nearby stadium, when the incident occurred.

Police allegedly fired at the ANC group after ordering it to disperse.

Sgt Jan van Wyk was allegedly attacked with pangas and certified dead on arrival at hospital.

The other victims were eight-year-old Tami Nomathansanga, Zwelangile Diko, Lelton Ndlabi, Simon Mdlazi, Mbovisele Ngckuka, Simon Nsondwa, Aaron Prusent, Nunuse Stuurman, Galelekile Mkrozo, Douglas Noabcha, Zingile Penxa, Tembinkosi Vevelo and Speelman Ngozi.

Immediately after the incident police announced the formation of a special investigation team under the command of Deputy CID chief Lt-Gen Jaap Joubert.

When the inquest court convened yesterday, presiding judge Mr Justice B O' Donovan said he would ensure all parties were able to present evidence.

Transvaal Deputy Attorney-General Anton Ackerman, who has been appointed to lead the evidence, said the purpose of an inquest was not only to investigate the cause of death and establish whether the deaths were caused by any act or omission amounting to a criminal offence.

An inquest, he said, had also to administer justice and instil confidence, satisfying the public and interested parties that a fair investigation had been made.

The court was then adjourned to allow the judge and legal representatives to conduct an inspection in loco of the site where the incident occurred.

Proceedings continue today.

Benoni help for neighbour

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WILSON ZWANE

THE Benoni Town Council had agreed in principle to take over distribution of electricity and other services to the neighbouring Daveyton township, a source close to the Daveyton Interim Committee said yesterday

Benoni had told the multiparty Greater Benoni Forum that it was prepared to take over the distribution of bulk services from Daveyton provided "the rates it is charging its residents are accepted by Daveyton residents", the source said.

It is understood Daveyton residents have indicated to the interim committee that they will pay the Benoni tariffs if their demands are met. These demands include the scrapping of all rent and services arrears.

The source said the Greater Benoni Forum would hold a "crucial" meeting tomorrow at which, it was hoped, the TPA would come forward with proposals that could lead to a Greater Benoni Accord.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz



Blasts at Soweto off-sales, squatter camp

Two explosions in the space of five minutes hit Soweto last night, said police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries.

A shack was damaged in Block 9 of the Mshenguville squatter camp, Mofolo, in the first explosion at 9.20 pm. Five minutes later, a second blast destroyed a bottle store in nearby White City. The store was owned by former Soweto mayor Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala.

No one was injured and police said they did not know what type of explosives were used.

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The recently formed Mshenguville Crisis Committee, consisting mainly of ANC supporters, had pinpointed Mr Tshabalala as a key figure in the violence plaguing Mshenguville. At least 10 people have died in the past month, caught in the crossfire of factional violence in the strife-torn squatter camp.

Committee convenor Floyd Mashele accused Mr Tshabalala of trying to establish Mshenguville as an Inkatha stronghold, by chasing out non-Inkatha residents.

He said the shack damaged in last night's blast belonged to "Inkatha warlord" Don Mntambo.

Mr Mashele said the committee had agreed to boycott Mr Tshabalala's businesses — which include garages, shops, and a cinema — because he is "squarely to blame for violence and shack-burning in Mshenguville".

Mr Mashele said he did not know who was responsible for the blasts, but said it was possible they could have been supporters of the crisis committee's aims.

"The police will not protect our people so we must devise ways and means to protect ourselves.

"We are prepared to negotiate with anyone, including Mr Tshabalala, who is prepared to see peace restored to Mshenguville, but he must give us an assurance that our people can go back to Mshenguville," said Mr Mashele.

Mr Tshabalala could not be reached for comment. — Staff Reporter.

Police hit me, says sales rep

A sales representative has claimed he was punched and kicked by policemen in Krugersdorp at the weekend after he "parked in" their Casspir.

David Thipanyane (30) of Munsieville said one policeman called him a "kaffir" before he was assaulted in Krugersdorp West at about 12.30 am on Sunday.

West Rand police said the allegations had been reported, were viewed as serious and would be investigated.

Mr Thipanyane said he had parked behind the Casspir as there was no other space. He entered a shop and noticed a group of about seven policemen standing around a snooker table and at video machines.

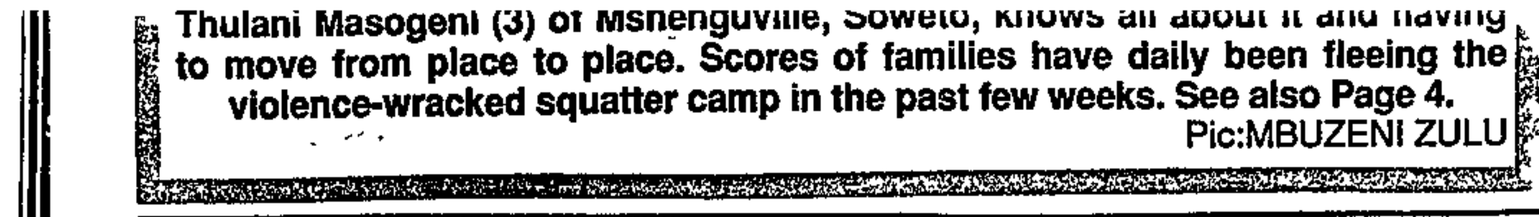
After he ordered a hamburger one of the policemen "patted me on the shoulder and said: 'Hey kaffir, kom trek hierdie kar uit die pad uit'".

"I didn't want any trouble — I went outside and opened my car and just as I was about to start it, one of the police pulled me outside and hit me in the face.

"The same guy got into my car and reversed it. The others started hitting me with fists and kicking me."

Mr Thipanyane said he recorded the first six letters of the Casspir's registration as BDV 573.

He said he suffered facial bruises and had pain in his head and jaw. — Crime Staff.



Thulani Masogeni (3) of Mshenguville, Soweto, knows all about it and having to move from place to place. Scores of families have daily been fleeing the violence-wracked squatter camp in the past few weeks. See also Page 4.
Pic:MBUZENI ZULU

Two bomb blasts rock Soweto

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By DON SEOKANE

TWO separate bomb explosions rocked Soweto last night.

The blasts occurred at Mshenguville squatter settlement in Mofolo and at a bottlestore in White City Jabavu owned by former Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshababala.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Johan de Vries last night confirmed the explosions and said the blasts occurred five minutes of each other.

De Vries said the blast at Mshenguville occurred at 9.20pm and the one that hit Tshabalala's bottlestore took place at 9.25pm.

He said he was not aware of any causalties. The extent of the damage was not known at the time of going to Press.

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De Vries could also not disclose the nature the explosive devices used in the bombing. He said police were still investigating.

Tshabalala's businesses were targetted for a consumer boycott at a meeting held in Soweto at the weekend following several attacks on residents of Mshenguville.

The Mshenguville Crisis Committee said the decision to boycott Tshabalala's business was agreed upon after residents felt he had a hand in a decision by Inkatha to start a branch at the squatter camp.

This claim has been denied by his family.

More than 10 people have been killed and many injured at the squatter camp since last month.

Yesterday the Soweto Council issued a statement appealing to all parties seeking to end the violence at Mshenguville to avoid solutions which could create conflict and confrontation within the community.

Sapa reports that Mr Floyd Mashele, convenor of a crisis committee formed to try to end the violence in the squatter camp, last night said the explosions shattered windows of nearby houses.

He believed people had been injured as there were ambulances in the area.

However, a spokesman at Baragwanath Hospital said no one had been admitted for treatment.

We'll hit back - commuters

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THE African National Congress and Azapo have condemned enforcers of the consumer boycott of white businesses who intimidate commuters and destroy their goods on trains and in taxis.

Several people telephoned *Sowetan* complaining about the enforcement of the boycott and threatened to "strike back" at people who harassed them, especially in the Pretoria to Mabopane trains.

By MONK NKOMO

A number of people said they were harassed by a group who searched and confiscated their groceries inside trains, especially during peak hours.

"We are sick and tired of people who decide our fate without consulting us. We are going to arm ourselves and strike back," some residents said

The outcry coincides with confusion over a call to boycott black-owned businesses in Garankuwa in Bophuthatswana.

An ANC spokesman yesterday distanced the organisation from pamphlets calling on the boycott of 22 black-owned shops in Garankuwa.

But Azapo official the Rev Pakiso Tondi said they endorsed the boycott after consultations with the local branch of the ANC.

Some of the reasons cited for this action include the alleged harassment of political activists by the Bophuthatswana police and the dismissal of workers at Vametco company.

An ANC spokesman condemned the method of enforcing the boycott by groups harassing people on trains. Taxis were also stopped and searched in Atteridgeville last Thursday.

"Those groups must stop enforcing the boycott of white businesses," the ANC spokesman said.

Tondi, whose organisation distanced itself from the boycott of white businesses, expressed the same view and called on their supporters to conduct the boycott of several black businesses "in a professional manner".

Squatters still fleeing

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By KENOSI MODISANE

THE exodus by panic-stricken families from Soweto's Mshenguville squatter camp continued yesterday - a day after an Inkatha stronghold in the tension-gripped camp was rocked by a bomb explosion.

At least 10 people are reported to have died at the camp since fighting broke out between squatters and Inkatha members two weeks ago.

Both Inkatha and the Mshenguville Crisis Committee yesterday condemned the violence.

The two parties, however, accused each other of being responsible for the tension in the camp.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba

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Exodus still goes on

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Khoza yesterday said: "I am surprised that the ANC, PAC, Azapo and residents of Mshenguville held a peace meeting without inviting Inkatha.

"And I want to remind them that the casualties in this clash are not only their members or Inkatha members. We are talking here about human life and should, without pointing fingers, stop this conflict," he said.

Mshenguville Crisis Committee spokesman Mr Floyd Mashele said: "The chain of events leading to this conflict started on July 7 after the launch of Inkatha in the camp. Residents have since then been harassed and forced to join Inkatha."

More than 150 families have sought refuge at Ipelegeng Community Centre, White City, while many others have been left homeless since their shacks were destroyed during the attacks at the camp.

No casualties were, however, reported in Monday night's explosion at "Block Mine."

Police could not comment yesterday on the type of explosive used at the camp and also the blast at the bottlestore owned by former Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, who is believed to have leanings towards Inkatha.

Inquest told of order to leave pool in Daveyton

By Susan Smuts Star 7/8/91.

A clash between the ANC and the police — which left 14 people dead — took place after about 200 ANC supporters refused to disperse from a swimming pool where they had gathered, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Major Frederick Killian, giving evidence at an inquest into the deaths, said about 15 000 Inkatha supporters had gathered for a rally in Daveyton, near Benoni, on March 24.

Police had set up three roadblocks to search Inkatha supporters for weapons, and were patrolling the township, he said.

The police were also monitoring the number of "Zulus" going to the rally, he told Mr Justice B O'Donovan.

A group of Inkatha people approached the police, demanding the release of 11 supporters who had been arrested for illegal possession of firearms.

They demanded to know why Inkatha people had been arrested, when ANC supporters were allowed to gather illegally.

Major Killian said he later received a report that about 200 ANC supporters had gathered at a swimming pool in the Xhosa section of Daveyton.

He asked a Sergeant Smal to monitor the situation, and to tell the group to disperse as they were outnumbered by Inkatha. Sergeant Smal said about 60 ANC members had blankets.

"I told him to be careful because I know from past experience that they usually carry guns under the blankets."

Major Killian sent dog patrols and an SADF unit to the pool, after Sergeant Smal had asked for reinforcements. At 12.45 pm Sergeant Smal radioed to say they were under attack. The next report Major Killian received was that Sergeant Jan van Wyk had been badly hacked.

About 235 men were under his control on the day, although he could not say how many had been sent to the swimming pool.

The inquest was adjourned until tomorrow.

Soweto Council calls for peace

THE violence that has engulfed the Mshenguville squatter camp was symptomatic of problems bedevilling the country's transitional period and could not be solved by any single organisation, the Soweto Council said yesterday.

Speaking at a Press conference at the council chambers, management committee chairman Mr Mbutana Tshabalala, appealed to the ANC, Azapo, PAC, Inkatha, Soweto Civic Association and other organisations to avoid solutions that would exacerbate conflict and lead to further confrontation.

"The council welcomes all efforts by community organisations to find solutions to the violence and pledges itself to facilitate recommendations aimed at normalising the situation," he said.

Decisions based on such recommendations should benefit everyone involved in the Mshenguville problem.

The council and the ruling Sofasonke Party vehemently denied handing over the squatter camp to Inkatha.

SOWETAN Thursda

Cops teargas squatters

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POLICE teargassed about 1 500 squatters protesting against poor living conditions at Orange Farm in the Vaal Triangle yesterday morning.

The squatters marched to the Transvaal Provincial Administration office in the Orange Farm squatter camp before 9am to present a memorandum of demands to TPA official, Mr Simon de Beer.

After presenting the memorandum, which contained, among others, a demand for De Beer's resignation, the protesters sat down and refused to leave.

Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer said teargas was then used to disperse the group.

No arrests were made and no one was injured.

Memorandum

The squatters' memorandum also contained demands that the TPA allocate plots to homeless people in the area and that a garbage removal service be implemented.

The memorandum also called for the resignation of the TPA committee responsible for allocating plots to squatters in the area. - *Sapa*.

Squatters enraged by demolition

By Montshiwa Moroke Star 8/8/91

Scuffles broke out and tempers became frayed at the Ivory Park squatter camp near Midrand yesterday as officials from the Transvaal Provincial Administration twice tore down shacks.

Ugly scenes broke out as armed police and officials stood by.

This followed the failure of an urgent application by the squatter families to the Rand Supreme Court on Tuesday to prevent the demolition.

Mr Justice J C Labuschagne said the squatters' applicants had failed to prove they had been deprived of land on which they enjoyed "peaceful and undisturbed" possession.

A number of people claimed they were assaulted during the demolition and several others, including a reporter from The Star, were teargassed by a plainclothes policeman.

Some squatters claimed policemen and TPA officials laughed on several occasions as the families protested in vain.

The first demolition took place yesterday morning. Then, shortly after 1 pm, about 12 Casspirs and several TPA trucks and vans moved in.

After knocking down corrugated-iron and wooden structures, officials loaded the material on to trucks, dumping it in a fenced-off area nearby.

Men, women and children ran with sheets of iron and poles in an effort to save some belongings.

Certain people were prevented from taking the material and on several occasions a tug of war between squatters and policemen in camouflage uniform ensued.

Shouts of "Is this the new South Africa?" were heard around the camp.

Squatters first moved to Ivory Park from nearby Plastic View on July 5. The judge had said it was clear that the erection of shacks between July 5 and July 6 had been organised.

Restraints lifted on conflict areas

Political Correspondent

As political violence begins to subside on the Reef, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has lifted special unrest restrictions imposed earlier on major conflict areas on the West and East Rand.

In a special Government Gazette published yesterday, Mr Vlok withdrew notices which had declared the townships of Bekkersdal, Kagiso, Munsieville, the Swanieville squatter settlement and Tembisa as "unrest areas" under the Public Safety Act.

The withdrawal of notices applied immediately, he said.

His spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said the decision had been taken because of a drop in political unrest.

Several other townships in the PWV area, including Greater Soweto, would however still remain unrest areas.

SAP finds 50 bodies a week

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By Thabo Leshilo

Police find about 50 bodies of non-unrest victims every week in the PWV area.

A spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria, Lieutenant Steve van Rooyen, gave The Star the figure in response to a query about perceptions in the black community that the police make no effort to trace relatives of unidentified dead people before burying them as paupers.

The latest claim was made by the family of Shadrack Nono Lekalakala, who said the family was traced only two days before a scheduled pauper's funeral.

The family of the dead Mamelodi matric pupil accused the police of being insensitive and incompetent in their treatment of the matter.

Family spokesman Danny Lekalakala claimed that although his brother's body had a name and address tag, the family was told of his death by a Pretoria mortuary attendant only two days before he was to be buried as a pauper.

Shadrack, of Naledi Extension in Soweto, went missing in April. Policemen found his body with a bullet wound in front of a house a day later.

"If one takes into account the many man-hours spent in assisting the next of kin of a deceased, the allegation is unfair and unsubstantiated," Lieutenant van Roooyen said.

Shadrack was positively identified by the police on June 23 and two detectives visited his home twice that month.

"The residents, however, informed them that the deceased was unknown (to them). It is presumed that they must have thought Mr Lekalakala was being sought for questioning regarding an offence."

The family have denied that police visited them.

"When a body is not identified within seven days, two sets of fingerprints are taken to the SAP and forwarded to the Criminal Record Centre for possible identification.

"If the deceased has a criminal record, identification is a mere formality. If the deceased has no criminal record, the fingerprints are forwarded to the Department of Home Affairs for identification," Lieutenant van Rooyen said.

If the relatives could be traced, identification usually occured within 15 minutes. Otherwise all unidentified bodies were made available whenever inquiries were made

Asked how successful the police were in tracing relatives of unidentified deceased, he said no record was kept.

Deputy principal murdered

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Own Correspondent

A Vaal Triangle deputy principal died after being shot by youths with an AK-47 rifle at his home on Wednesday night.

Three youths reportedly attacked Lebohang High School deputy principal Jeremiah Mandlenkosi Jingela (45) at his home in Zone 17, Sebokeng. They took R500.

Police have opened a murder docket.

Minkie Jingela, her daughters Vuyelwa (19) and Zandile (17), said the attackers fired at Mr Jingela until he fell.

Mrs Jingela said: "The child who brandished the gun at me was light-skinned and had big eyes. As he advanced I retreated into the lounge and he said: 'Come here, woman'."

She heard her husband say: "Okay, kill me if you wish." The sound of gunfire followed.

Mr Jingela had just returned from the University of South Africa where he graduated with a senior education diploma. He had taught at Lebohang for 18 years.

● The chairman of the ANC's Sebokeng branch, Lucky Kamolane, is under police guard at the Sebokeng Hospital with head and neck injuries after his car crashed into a wall while being chased by policemen on Wednesday.

Inkatha arrives to help residents clean up ... so why the assegais?

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Inkatha made a gesture to Alexandra township last Saturday by offering to clean up the rubbish-filled streets. So why then did they arrive armed? And why did they ignore most of the garbage?

By HUBERT MATLOU PHOTO: GUY ADAMS

RESIDENTS lined the streets of Alexandra on Saturday morning to watch an armed Inkatha "clean-up" procession striding through the township.

The singing and stamping, colourfully-clad detachment could be spotted up the hill from a vantage point nearly a kilometre away along Roosevelt Road, which cuts through the township.

Shouts echoed from the 100 strong-group for the way to be cleared. "Out of the way, out of the way," I heard, as the Inkatha Freedom Party unfurled what it called "a massive clean-up campaign for the benefit of the residents of Alexandra township".

Alighting from a taxi, I walked towards the site on Roosevelt Road where members of the press were to be briefed. As I passed the house of an elderly resident, Maria Ramaano, she asked angrily: "What kind of a clean-up campaign is this, with people carrying sticks and assegais? This is a provocation — to revert to the violence that plagued our township early this year."

From a distance I could see a group of about six whites, standing around their cars, who I learned were Inkatha branch executive officials from Sandton and Bryanston. They were in the company of Prince Mokoena, the "exiled" mayor of Alexandra.

Although the IFP had launched the campaign with the purpose of eliminating the health hazard posed by a build-up of refuse, some of the organisation's white members seemed sceptical that the implementation of the campaign would be peaceful.

One walked towards Sandton IFP official Alasdair Macauly and remarked cynically that "the group is moving to Lusaka" — referring to an area next to a school, regarded as an African National Congress stronghold.

"Do you think there will be confrontation ?" asked Macauly, as they stared at each other without any reply.

They seemed reluctant to join the armed chanting group in the clean-up and resorted instead to driving up and down Roosevelt Road.

As I was walking down Roosevelt, word was going around that the armed Inkatha group was attacking Stjwetla, a shack settlement near the edge of the township overlooking the Jukskei river and regarded as another ANC stronghold.

After the "Stjwetla clean-up", the chanting armed procession paraded back towards the centre of the township, under police escort. It was followed closely by ANC Youth League members who were monitoring both the group and the police.

They claimed that Inkatha members had thrown bricks at shacks and injured three people at Stjwetla, in the presence of the police moving in Casspirs. They supplied the registration numbers of the Casspirs and maintained that nothing had been done to stop or arrest the culprits.

As we followed the procession, a white terrier lay bleeding and gasping on the side of the road after being hacked by the chanting Inkatha group.

There was no sign of the group having cleared the garbage which was piled in heaps on both sides of the road The plastic garbage bags carried by the men in the procession were either empty or nearly empty.

The armed procession ignored heaps of rubbish as it moved down 17th Avenue, turned into 16th Avenue, and flowed back to Roosevelt Road.

As it was passing by, I saw a very quick, brief attack with bricks being launched on the 11th Avenue shack settlement. Police moving in Casspirs took no action to apprehend the culprits except to shout "Stop! Stop!"

A man was stabbed with an assegai as the group moved up the road after the attack. A police first-aid vehicle arrived half-an-hour later to pick up the injured man.

At this point, it must have become clear to the leaders of the campign that they could no longer continue with the "clean-up" without risking resistance from township youths, who were beginning to organise themselves.

The group chanted its way towards the Madala hostel, where, at last, the real cleaning-up finally got underway. Madala is an Inkatha stronghold, "liberated" after original occupants fled the area during the violence five months ago.

By mid-day, Alexandra was rather quiet but tense. Activists kept monitoring and exchanging the intelligence gathered during the Inkatha clean-up campaign. This has become the usual routine whenever an attack is anticipated. But this time, none followed.

●According to South African Police spokesman, Lieutenant Wikus Weber, "There were sporadic incidents of stone-throwing from both sides" in Alexandra on Saturday and "on two occasions the police fired rubber bullets at the Inkatha group which was disobeying orders".

He disputed the claim that pistol shots were fired at the Stjwetla shack settlement.

Victim of savage racist attack 'disoriented'

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PAT DEVEREAUX

THE family of Aaron Teffo, a black man who was savagely beaten up on June 7 by a Florida resident for allegedly exposing himself to a white woman while urinating, want to have him referred to Sterkfontein Hospital for treatment.

Brain scan

Hendrik Teffo, the brother of the assault victim, told Saturday Star that the family found it impossible to care for Mr Teffo.

He has been discharged from Leratong Hospital after undergoing brain scans and other medical tests to determine the extent of his injuries.

"There is no one to take care of him all day and he is so disorientated. He tends to wander and get lost," said Mr Teffo.

On the night of June 7, Mr Teffo was rescued by a Sapa journalist, Jan de Koning, who called an ambulance while being threatened by white residents in the vicinity.

He was on his way home to Horison when he spotted the injured Mr Teffo lying in a pool of blood near the Florida railway station.

A friend who was with Mr Teffo told the journalist that he and Mr Teffo had been walking in the street when he stopped to urinate.

He said a white man came out of the flat near the street and beat Mr Teffo until he was unconscious after accusing him of exposing himself to his wife.

Police have still not arrested the suspect. But Captain Henriette Bester of the West Rand Police said the investigation had been completed, but police were now waiting for the doctors' report.

She added that the docket would then be forwarded to the senior prosecutor in Roodepoort.

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Legal Resources Centre director Geoff Budlender, whose organisation has taken on Mr Teffo's case, said Hendrik Teffo had been asked to remain in contact with LRC and they were waiting for the completion of the police investigation.

3 killed in Alex clashes

By DAVE LOURENS

THREE people were stabbed and shot to death and several more suffered serious injuries during dawn terror in Alexandra township yesterday.

ANC National Executive Committee member Popo Molefe held an emergency meeting with police yesterday afternoon after residents noted the registration numbers of three police Casspirs they claim ferried attackers into the area.

The residents said the Casspirs delivered a group of armed Inkatha supporters at about two o'clock yesterday morning.

Police spokeswoman Captain Henriette Bester denied the allegations.

She said the Casspirs had responded to reports of violence outside a shebeen.

The patrol had stopped a group of hostel residents wearing red headbands crossing the road into the squatter camp, she said.

Committed to the pursuit of excellence

Vula man new MK chief?

By THEMBA KHUMALO

CHRIS Hani, the controversial Umkhonto we-Sizwe chief of staff, may step down officially from his position today when the ANC's military wing restructures its high command at its three-day national conference in Venda.

Conference sources tipped Siphiwe "Gebuza" Nyanda, who led Operation Vula last year, as Hani's likely successor.

The move is seen as a tactical step to make way for the "young lion" to facilitate the transformation of MK into a viable future regular army.

Asked if he was ready to take over the MK reins, effectively making him second in command to Joe Modise, Nyanda dismissed it as mere speculation.

"I don't believe in speculation," he said.

Hani, 45, who joined MK in 1963 and fought in the former Rhodesia's Wankie district during 1967 as a member of the Luthuli detachment, has been requested by the SACP to work for the party fulltime.

Yesterday Hani described the request as reasonable, which indicated his readiness to acquiesce.

However, Tony Yengeni, who was indemnified this year after a marathon treason trial in Cape Town, expressed misgivings at Hani's pending departure.

"If he goes, it would be very bad for MK. My personal opinion is that he should remain in the army. I hope we will have a chance to air our opinions as cadres on this matter," Yengeni said.

Alex tense after killings

By CP reporters and Sapa

RENEWED shooting was reported in Alexandra township yesterday only hours after police said two people had been killed in fighting between supporters of the ANC and Inkatha.

By yesterday afternoon reports from the area claimed three people had been killed. The police could confirm only two deaths.

A City Press team found the township tense. Groups of men wearing red headbands were stopping cars and searching them.

Alex resident Simon Selepe told Sapa that shortly before 6 am he heard shots from a shack settlement where the two were earlier stabbed to death.

A mob of more than 200 armed hostel dwellers was advancing on the settlement, he said.

Police Capt Eugene Opperman earlier confirmed two people had been killed and three injured. He said the fighting broke out among a group gathered near a blazing shack.

Three people were treated for gunshot wounds at the Alexandra Clinic, according to the sister in charge, Legora Marumo.

About 40 women and children had sought refuge from the violence at the clinic, she added.

Alexanra township leader Obed Bapela said unease surfaced in the township last week when Inkatha launched a cleanup campaign that was rejected by most residents.

Gang attacks court crowd

By SOPHIE TEMA

THERE was drama outside Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court this week when men, women and children were attacked by a gang alleged to be members of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The victims had gone to court to attend the hearing of 18 people arrested in Boipatong on Saturday after the funeral of Inkatha member Billy Mokotedi.

Men, women and children from the townships were waylaid as they got out of taxis and were attacked with sjamboks and sticks on their way to court.

Some people were threatened inside and outside court in the presence of police.

Later, a senior policeman arrived on the scene and ordered the gang away from the court premises – but they warned they would wait for the people at the taxi rank once the court had adjourned.

Police later drove to the taxi rank and ordered the gang, who were travelling in a red van, to move away and leave the people alone.

Meanwhile, women in Boipatong, one of the townships in the Vaal Triangle which has become the scene of tragic violence, will on Thursday pray for peace

Many of them have lost husbands or children.

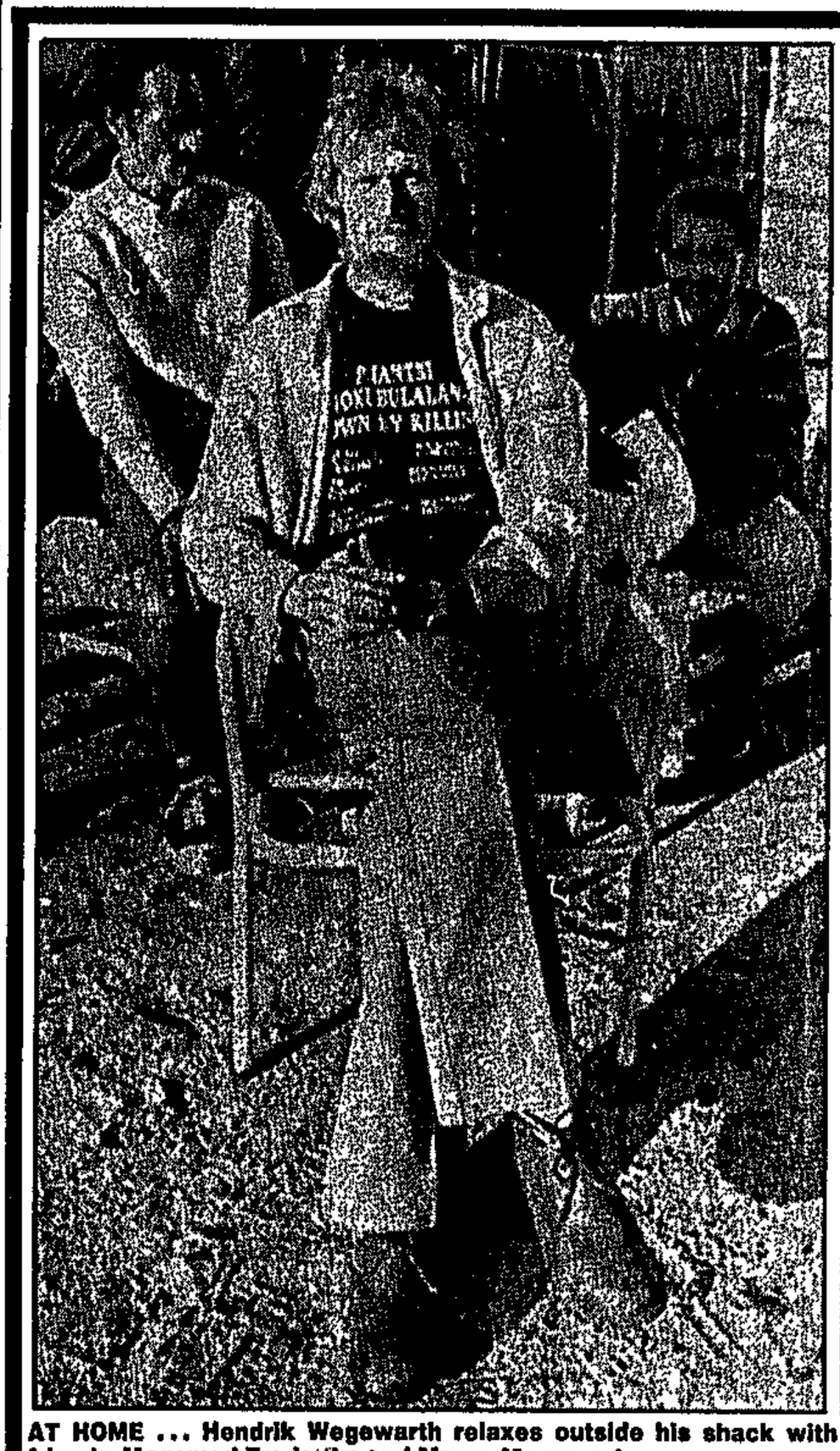
The women say this is the only way they can show their concern over the number of senseless killings and the abduction of young girls from the township by men from the notorious KwaMadala hostel

In Sebokeng, 60 people are known to have been killed by gangsters alleged to be hiding out at the hostel.

The latest killing is that of deputy principal of Lebohang High School in Boipatong, Jeremiah Mandlenkosi Jingela, 45.

He was gunned down by an unknown assailant at his Zone 17 home in Sebokeng on Wednesday night in front of his wife and children

Police are investigating the murder.



AT HOME ... Hendrik Wegewarth relaxes outside his shack with friends Mogamed Frederiks and Marge Maneweck.

Shackland's home for white families

CP Correspondent

HENDRIK Johannes Wegewarth is a squatter with a difference.

Wegewarth is from one of the five white families living in a shack settlement on the outskirts of Cape Town's plush coastal suburb of Milnerton.

Wegewarth moved to the camp with his wife and four children six months ago, from the largely Afrikaans conservative suburb of Goodwood.

It took him two weeks to build his iron and wood shack, a portion of which he rents out to a Muslim family.

"Without work, it is impossible to make ends meet. I lost my job as a guard and dog handler with a security firm because of the economic recession.

"Even before I became unemployed, we were struggling to survive"

He said he got on well with the black residents in the camp.

"Only those who are forced to live in shacks can understand our problems Instead of evicting us, the council should provide proper services If people want us to move, then we must be given land and houses. Everyone needs shelter," he said

The first white to settle in the camp, Steve Schloss, 50, said he was "very happy" there

Schloss and his "coloured" wife, Wilma, built their shack eight years ago.

Beauty Mafani, a member of the committee which runs the camp, said whites were welcome to live there.

"We don't practice apartheid. Anyone can come and live here," she said.

However, camp residents face an uncertain future.

Milnerton residents, many of whom live in luxury houses, want the camp removed.

The Milnerton municipality has identified four possible sites for relocation

ERMELO'S HIDDEN WAR

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

INKATHA vigilantes are allegedly being bussed into a small eastern Transvaal township where they are "unleashed" against members of the ANC and the local civic association.

The rampaging mob of red-headbanded men have murdered two women, injured scores of people and left a trail of damaged houses since their campaign of carnage started in KwaDela township near Ermelo on July 8, residents claimed

They alleged the vigilantes are bussed into the township by "Inkatha warlord" NL Mkhonza, mayor of the township and Inkatha regional chairman

* Allegations abound that policemen are aiding the vigilantes

Police have confirmed investigating allegations that the SAP and council policemen are taking part in the attacks, but maintain that "no record" of SAP involvement could be found to date

Louis Phungwayo told City Press that after vigilantes attacked his parents' house last week, shots were fired from a policeman's house at people trying to put out the fire

Other witnesses said they saw "cops" among the vigilantes during the attacks.

The vigilantes are allegedly bussed in from Ermelo's Wesselton township, an Inkatha stronghold in the Eastern-Transvaal

Mkhonza admitted bringing Inkatha members to the township, but denied they were there to attack residents

"I brought them to protect our local members, because we are being attacked by ANC supporters," Mkhonza said

However, residents said KwaDela was quiet before Mkhonza bused in the vigilantes.

They claimed he sparked the violence on June 30 when he attacked a woman, Maria Masilela, in the street and assaulted her with the butt of his gun

Youths intervened and stoned Mkhonza.

Maria's uncle, Harry Blouse, 44, said he saved Mkhonza when he was being stoned, and rushed him to hospital.

"Mkhonza then said he was going to bring Inkatha and blood would flow," Blouse said



WAR ZONE . . . Elizabeth Nkambule outside her gutted KwaDela house.

Residents said the township has been under siege and virtual control by Inkatha "vigilantes" since July 8.

Eastern-Transvaal coordinator of the South African Council of Churches, Busisiwe Sibeko, said youths had left the township to seek arms to protect themselves.

"The authorities must do something now to defuse the hostile situation and remove the vigilantes from the township before there is war," he said.

It is alleged the vigilantes are staying in Mkhonza's house, and go on the rampage at night."

Frank Malaza, a lucky survivor who was hacked with pangas and is in hiding, said the vigilantes, who sing Zulu war songs, are armed with automatic rifles, spears, sticks, pangas and an assortments of other weapons

"They shoot at random, attack people in their homes and set houses alight," he said.

Most of the houses which have been attacked, torched and looted, belong to families of well-known ANC activists and members of the local civic organisation

The township was described as quiet but tense this week as families were fleeing their homes

Local ANC and civic leaders are said to be in hiding in Johannesburg

On July 8 the vigilantes allegedly killed mother-of-two Julia Mashinini, 27, and injured several other people, including Julia's husband, Humphrey, who is still at the Thembisa Hospital after he was hacked, doused with petrol and set alight

Their two children, aged eight and five, were saved before their home was burnt down

The attackers were afterwards seen going into Mkhonza's house and that of a policeman, residents claimed.

The attacks increased on July 26, when more than 10 houses were attacked and looted

Pensioner Belesia Malinga was shot and hacked to death before her house was stoned and set alight

Her two sons, aged 17 and 20, and her eldest daughter, were hacked with pangas but managed to escape. Several other people were injured

Martha Msibi said she spotted four black council policemen and one white member of the SAP with the mob that killed her mother-in-law She gave City Press the names of the cops

Sarafina Nkosi, 34, said she was woken by shots last Friday night and ran out into the darkness

Minutes later chanting vigilantes stormed her house and burnt it down

Residents complained that in spite of informing police that some of the vigilantes were living in Mkhonza's house, nothing was being done to apprehend them

Mkhonza denied allegations that he was a "warlord", and said ANC supporters "bent on purging Inkatha members from the township" sparked the violence

He warned that Inkatha would continue to "defend" its members if the ANC did not stop attacking the IFP.

Eastern Transvaal police liaison officer Major W Pienaar said police were investigating the attacks

He said police could not comment on people staying in Mkhonza's house, "if any", and was unable to comment on what sparked the violence.

Mandela warns on the AWB

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By DAN DHLAMINI

ANC leader Nelson Mandela yesterday said the AWB should be destroyed if the rightwing movement could not be convinced to change its ways.

He was commenting after the Venterdorp clashes which left two AWB men dead.

"This culture of political intolerance on the part of the AWB is directly responsible for this tragedy," said Mandela.

He was speaking at the Umkhonto weSizwe conference in Venda.

"The ANC and other responsible South Africans have repeatedly called for a ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons at public gatherings.

"This patience of the government with an organisation that promotes fascist white supremacist ideas is a danger to the negotiation process," Mandela warned.

Meanwhile, Conservative Party deputy leader, Ferdie Hartzenberg, yesterday said De Klerk was the most irresponsible State President South Africa ever had.

"He is reckless, untrustworthy and, now, apparently stupid too," he said at the CP's Natal congress.

Violence flared in Ventersdorp when lights went out, plunging the town into darkness.

Maj Ray Harrald of the SAP Directorate in Pretoria said two AWB members were killed, 36 "white civilians" injured, 15 blacks and seven policemen.

Blacks passing through the town were caught in the crossfire. A man driving a Bophuthatswana-registered vehicle was attacked and the windscreen of his car smashed.

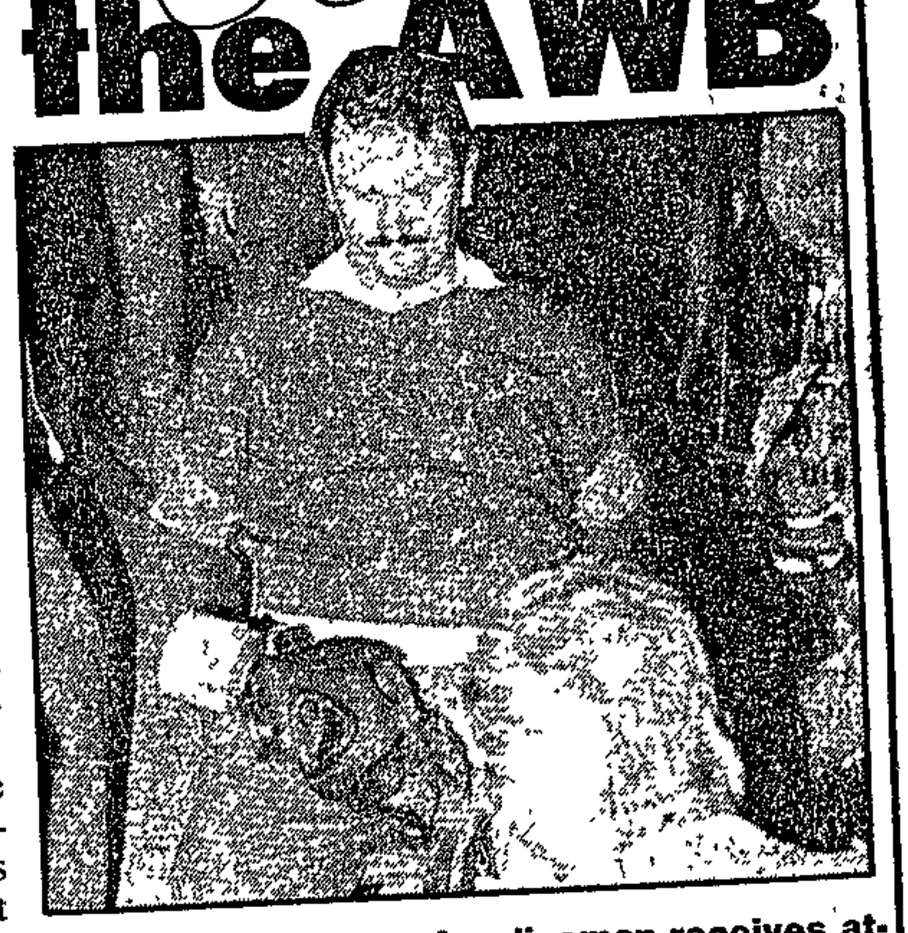
The real battle began when a black minibus taxi ploughed into a crowd of AWB supporters after being stoned.

The war-like atmosphere was diffused at 10.45pm when an agreement was hammered out between AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and Lt Gen Louw Malan of the SAP, who was in charge of protecting De Klerk.

Six arrested AWB members were immediately released but will appear in court tomorrow.

In return, Terre'Blanche undertook to ask his supporters to go home.

Police were yesterday surveying the damage after the night's clashes.



RECEIVING END ... A policeman receives attention after the clash with rightwingers in Ventersdorp on Friday night.

■ **Police used live ammo, says Piet 'Skiet' – See Page 2**

Night of tears and fury



SAFE ARMS· A policeman weeping from teargas protects a frightened child



CONFRONTATION AWB secretary-general Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph, carrying a baseball bat, reels back from a police Alsatian He was later arrested

By HERMAN JANSEN
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THE BATTLE of Ventersdorp

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SAFE ARMS: A policeman weeping from teargas protects a frightened child

CONFRONTATIC...

By HERMAN JANSEN and CHARIS PERKINS

Mayhem after AWB bay for blacks' blood

THE BATTLE of Ventersdorp raged for 30 minutes When it was over, three right-wingers lay dead and scores more were injured

Two thousand AWB supporters clashed with an estimated 1 500 policemen on Friday night after the right-wingers attacked innocent black commuters who happened to be passing through

The white extremists had virtually laid siege to the western Transvaal town where President FW de Klerk was addressing National Party supporters in the fortified Kommando Hall

From late afternoon, when the right-wing forces marshalled, the mood was defiant. Grim-faced men and women wore AWB and Wenkommando uniforms

Some had plaster-casts around their left arms to fend off police dogs. Others had steel arm guards, sharpened at both ends, for use in hand-to-hand combat The police later said they had never seen such weapons before.

Storm

Most of the right-wingers were armed with handguns, bullwhips, batons, hunting rifles in bags, and knives.

No matter what the police strength was, the AWB was determined to storm Mr De Klerk's meeting

Admission was strictly controlled by police in riot gear. Only those with "I love FW" stickers or official invitations were allowed through the razor-wire cordon around Kommando Hall

Half an hour before the president arrived by helicopter behind the cordon, the street lights went out, plunging the town into darkness A police helicopter with a searchlight started circling at 6.35pm Police floodlights were set up around the Kommando Hall.

More than 2 000 angry right-wingers led by AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche and AWB secretary-general Piet Rudolph marched down Voortrekker Street and into Carmichael Street to try to storm the meeting. They were blocked by police.

"All I wanted to do was to speak to NP Minister Ami Venter," Mr Terre Blanche said later. "I was unarmed. If they had left me alone nothing would have happened.

"Instead an officer sprayed teargas in my face and ran off They set their dogs on us and shot at my people."

It was 7.30pm The battle had begun Teargas canisters were fired and shots rang out The crowd, including women and children, stampeded back to escape the fumes

In the almost total darkness, incensed right-wingers pelted police with whatever they could lay their hands on.

A street battle raged as AWB men and police struggled in furious hand-to-hand combat

Panic

Two minibuses carrying blacks turned into Voortrekker Street and were set upon by the mob, baying for blood. Both drivers managed to force their way through the crowd to safety behind the police lines

Moments later a third vehicle, a canopied bakkie, was attacked As right-wingers swarmed around, the terrified driver panicked and ran down two AWB men, who were left lying injured in the road

Cries of "kill them" rang out, and a crowd fell upon the bakkie, which was carrying four black men and a coffin At least one man was dragged from the wreck and beaten Five bullet-holes — one at hip-height in the driver's door — were later counted.

Armed police fought back the AWB and stood over the wounded blacks while right-wingers cried "shoot them, shoot them"

The two men who had been in the front of the bakkie lay in a pool of blood on the pavement. The eyes of one man rolled in fear "My baas, I can't speak. It is too sore," he moaned

When the back of the bakkie was opened the two men inside cowered in fear.

An ambulance arrived, but the nurse — wearing AWB insignia — refused to pick up black men, and the injured waited in agony for at least half an hour until another ambulance arrived

At 8pm the church bells tolled. A few shots rang out over the chimes Speeches from the president's meeting, broadcast over loudspeakers, could be heard drifting through the teargas fumes

Word went out that "the leader" was waiting to address his people at the town hall.

Blood

A military-style band played Boney M's *By the Rivers of Babylon* while Mr Terre Blanche, dressed in a suede leather jacket, stood on the steps of the town hall awaiting his disciples

He began "Boere, our men died today The pure blood of Boere has soaked into the ground. By their deaths you are now part of a blood pact What has happened tonight will reverberate through history"

He called for all right-wing groups to stand together in the "battle for freedom"

Some of the crowd tried to urge him to lead them back into the battle "Are we going to stand back and allow the police to shoot us?" cried one.

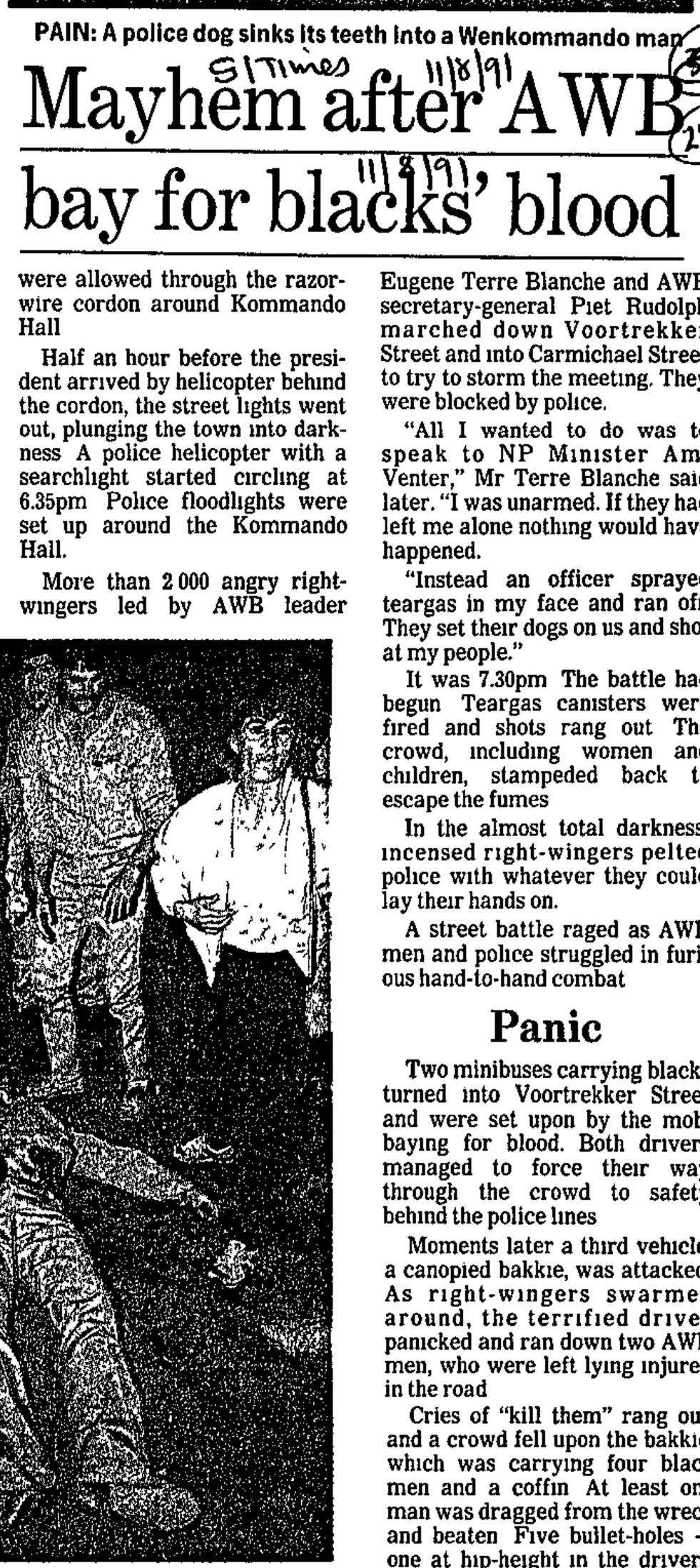
Mr Terre Blanche responded: "We are not finished yet, but if we go there we are going to walk into bullets and teargas When we walk again it will be to the Union Buildings in Pretoria"

He led the crowd to the nearby police station to negotiate for the release of Mr Rudolph — arrested early in the fracas — and six others

Mr Rudolph was let out of the chained police station gates first "There will be more deaths on the road to freedom," he warned the right-wingers outside

President De Klerk and his wife, Marike, who looked nervous, left Ventersdorp at around 11pm, in the back of a Nyala police riot vehicle

"Like thieves in the night," a right-winger said later·



THE FALLEN: A shot AWB member, dead or badly wounded, lies in the road. The man at left attacked a TV crew seconds later

PAIN: A police dog sinks its teeth into a Wenkommando man

Pictures by JUHAN KUUS



US doubles education spending in SA to $40m

DARIUS SANAI

THE US is to double its funding for education in SA next year to $40m — and will place emphasis on basic reading and writing skills.

It would also give more money to AIDS awareness programmes, according to US Agency for International Development SA director Dennis Barrett.

Barrett said at the weekend at least half of the $80m aid package announced by President George Bush last month would be spent on education. US officials believe most of the money must go to primary education

Currently, US funds are directed overwhelmingly at tertiary education. Most of the $23m spent this year was used to send 400 SA students to local and American universities.

Barrett said funding for university students would also increase, but primary education would get a big boost.

Half of the $80m would be spent on community and leadership programmes, as well as small black businesses.

Barrett was speaking at a joint presentation by US Aid and Hunt Leuchars and Hepburn Holdings (HLH) of a cheque for R760 000 to READ, an organisation that promotes literacy skills and helps primary school teachers in rural areas.

Funds earmarked by Congress for SA political groups like the ANC and Inkatha were seperate from the aid package, he said

Barrett added that the money would help train teachers working for organisations like READ, which had committed themselves to teaching South Africans basic skills.

Four people die in Alex weekend of violence

THE death toll in Alexandra township, near Sandton, rose to four yesterday when police found the body of an unidentified man who had been burnt to death on Saturday night.

Pre-dawn violence broke out on Saturday, apparently between supporters of the ANC and Inkatha, leaving three people dead and seven injured.

Police discovered the bodies of two men with gunshot and stab wounds after using tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse a crowd.

The body of another man was found later by a police patrol. He had been shot with an AK-47 rifle. The fourth body was found yesterday.

In another incident, two men were killed and two injured at Wesselton near Ermelo in the eastern Transvaal when shots were fired from a bus transporting Inkatha supporters.

Police stopped the bus and searched it, seizing ammunition and arms. A spokesman said 101 people were arrested. — Sapa.

Deaths, injuries in Transvaal violence

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PRETORIA. — Six people were killed and several injured in unrest on Saturday, police here reported.

Most of the deaths and injuries occurred in Alexandra township near Johannesburg and at Wesselton near Ermelo.

Police spokesman Major Ray Harrald said an Alexandra man died when his shack was set alight.

Police had also discovered the bodies of two men with gunshot and stab wounds in Alexandra.

Later in the day police found the body of a man shot with an AK-47 rifle.

At Wesselton near Ermelo in the Eastern Transvaal two men were killed and several injured when shots were fired from a bus transporting Inkatha Freedom Party supporters. Police arrested 101 people in connection with the incident. — Sapa



Mr Bantana Phandle (left) and Mr Tyekeza Mayaka of Elliotdale in the Transkei were among victims of the battle between police and the AWB.

Ventersdorp 'war' victims still sought

By KENOSI MODISANE

HOSPITALS in the western Transvaal yesterday could not account for the whereabouts of a number of black victims injured in the skirmish between police and the AWB at Ventersdorp.

Police spokesman Major Ray Harrald said at the weekend about 15 blacks had been admitted to various hospitals.

But only Klerksdorp Hospital accounted for four gunshot victims - three of whom were in a bakkie carrying the body of their cousin for burial in the Transkei when they were ambushed.

The men were yesterday reported to be in serious but stable conditions.

A spokesman for Kalie de Haas Hospital in Potchefstroom, which was reported to have admitted a number of victims, refused to comment.

An SABC radio news report, however, reported yesterday that three AWB members admitted to the hospital were recovering.

A spokesman for Ventersdorp Hospital said the hospital did not have a record of blacks admitted to the hospital after Friday night's battle.

The fourth is a coloured man who was injured when the bus he was travelling in was attacked. He sustained fractures of the skull.

Mr Bantana Phandle (45), Mr Tyekezi Mayaka (38) and Mr Gogogo Qotho (all related) would also like to know the whereabouts of two of their companions.

The driver of their bakkie, only known to them as Phokophela, and another passenger have disappeared.

Mayaka said the other passenger in the front seat was shot before being flung out of the vehicle while it overturned.

"He slumped onto my lap and complained of pain before he was flung out of the car," said Mayaka, who sustained two gunshot wounds to the chest and one on the right arm.

Phandla, who was shot in the stomach and left arm, said: "I heard gun sounds and the next thing our bakkie rolling over."

7 killed in violence

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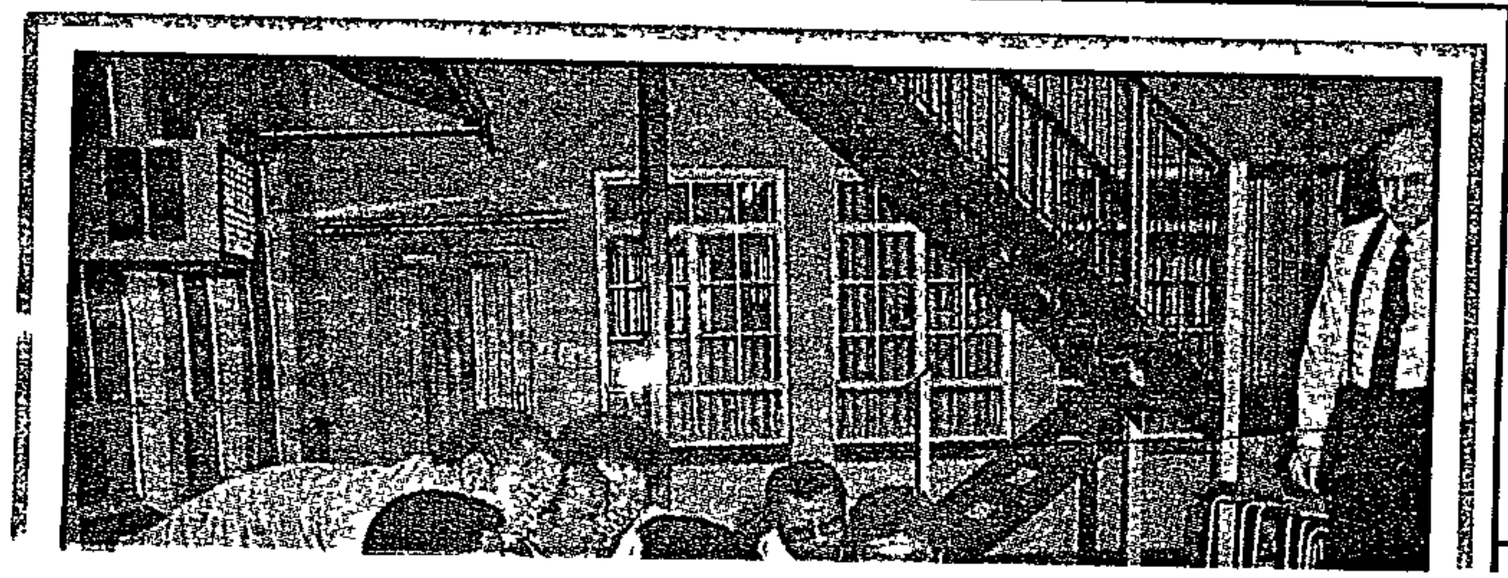

SEVEN people were killed in bloody clashes that broke out in Soweto, Alexandra Township and Wesselton, near Ermelo in the Eastern Transvaal, at the weekend.

The death toll in Alexandra rose to four on Saturday when an unidentified man was burnt in his shack.

In Soweto, a man was reported to have been killed during a skirmish between alleged supporters of Inkatha Freedom Party and residents of the trouble- torn Mshenguville squatter camp.

Sowetan Reporters

In Wesselton, two men were killed and two others injured when shots were fired from a bus transporting IFP supporters.

Police stopped the bus and seized a quantity of ammunition and arms, including a homemade 12-gauge shotgun, a .22 pistol, a .38 revolver, a Magnum revolver, a Browning and a Star 9mm pistols and one 6.35 pistol.

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Seven people die in bloody battles

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Major Ray Harrald, a police spokesman in the area, said 101 people had been arrested in connection with the incidents. (278)

Police also reported that a Wesselton man was injured when three shots were fired into a house. Another man was injured when an unidentified man fired shots from a 9mm calibre firearm. Sowetan (2/8/91.

For the first time in weeks, the funeral of a victim of township violence - Vusi Nhleko (16) - ended with no incident as security forces separated ANC supporters and alleged vigilantes.

The funeral route was mapped out by the security forces from Extension 1 through to Phomola Section, where the cemetery is. Police Casspirs and SADF vehicles kept a high profile throughout.

Phomola Section is the stronghold of the alleged Inkatha members and a gang known as Black Cats, accused by residents of fanning the violence in the township.

In Alexandra, two of the victims had gunshot and stab wounds. AK-47 rifles were used during the attack, according to the police.

No arrests have been made.

Petrol bombs

Alexandra was tense on Saturday night following the predawn raid on the squatter camp at the corner of London and Eighth Avenue.

Police conducted searches on Saturday afternoon on most cars entering the township but sounds of gunshots were heard throughout the night.

No further deaths were reported yesterday.

Police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester said when the clashes broke out about 3.30am, police patrolling the area were also fired at.

In a separate incident in Soweto, a house was attacked with four petrol bombs by a group of about 50 people at 3am yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said two of the petrol bombs ignited, causing damage estimated at R15 000.

No one was injured during the attack.

Mariemuthoo said the motive of the attack was still unknown.

No arrests have been made and police are investigating.

Non-striker shot down, court hears

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A MAN who was allegedly attacked because he did not join a strike at Haggie Rand Ltd in October 1989 told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday how he was shot twice by an unknown gunman during the industrial dispute.

The witness, whose name may not be published in terms of a court order, was testifying at the trial of five National Union of Metal Workers of SA members.

Shop steward Richard Ngobeni, 38, and workers' representatives Jeffrey Mtshali, 34, Malvert Ngubane, 40, Malan Khumalo, 42, and Samuel Malepo, 39, have pleaded not guilty to murdering five non-striking co-workers and attempting to murder nine others.

Gunman

The men were all dismissed during the strike which began after a dispute over an overtime ban imposed by the union.

A sixth man, Joseph Bhengu, 25, who was allegedly hired to help with the violent intimidation of non-strikers also pleaded not guilty.

All six pleaded not guilty to two counts of arson and the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

The offences are alleged to have occurred in various places on the Witwatersrand between October 1989 and April last year.

SUSAN RUSSELL

Yesterday, the witness told the court he was approached by two men in the Haggie Rand parking lot at about 7.45pm on November 24 1989.

One of them pulled a firearm from the front of his trousers and pointed it at him.

"I stopped. A shot was fired and I moved my head towards the left," he said.

The witness said he felt something "very heavy" on his right shoulder and nearly fell.

"I was wounded in the right shoulder," he said.

He ran until he fell on his stomach in the middle of a tarred road nearby.

He said he tried to lift himself up, but managed only to raise his head.

Hearing a sound he looked back and as he did so the gunman who was standing close by fired at him again.

This second shot struck him on the chin and the bullet passed through his neck, he said.

"After being shot for the second time I stood up and ran to the first aid office."

From there Haggie Rand personnel took him to Hillbrow Hospital.

He said he had not recognised the person who shot him.

The trial continues today before Mr Justice du Plessis and two assessors.

Five killed in renewed clashes

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FIVE people were killed and at least 60 injured when fresh clashes broke out between Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers and squatters in Alexandra township yesterday morning, a civic leader said yesterday.

The deaths pushed the death toll to 10 since violence broke out, apparently between Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers and ANC-supporting squatters, in the Johannesburg township on Saturday.

Alexandra Civic Organisation official Richard Mdakane said the hostel dwellers attacked the squatters yesterday morning. "The township is very tense with people fearing further attacks from the hostel vigilantes," he said.

He would not speculate on when such attacks might be launched.

"But I am convinced that these vigilantes want to instil fear in our people and to undermine democratic structures in the township," he said.

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Asked what could have led to the violence after an apparent lull in Alexandra, Mdakane said: "There has not been any quiet in Alexandra but the latest wave of violence could be linked to the Inkatha's refuse-clearing operation last week."

Five people were injured when clashes broke out during the Inkatha clean-up operation.

Inkatha central committee member Musa Myeni would not comment on Mdakane's allegations, saying they were "typical bankrupt politics of the civics".

A police spokesman declined to comment.

Meanwhile, at Gingindlovu, near Stanger on the Natal North Coast, three policemen shot their way through a 150-strong mob which attacked them at the weekend, Own Correspondent reports.

An 18-year-old man later died of gunshot wounds in hospital.

Police spokesman Capt Bala Naidoo said yesterday the policemen were on investigations in the area when they were surrounded by the mob — wielding traditional weapons — which began to attack them. The police vehicle was overturned and set alight.

Const D P Gumede was stabbed in the head and chest and robbed of his gun. The other two policeman fired several shots and the mob dispersed.

Police later established that two people were admitted to the Eshowe Hospital with gunshot wounds. One of them later died.

It is suspected that they were part of the mob that attacked the policemen.

Police launch Ventersdorp probe

Urgent moves afoot to curb private armies

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PATRICK BULGER

GOVERNMENT is planning action against private political armies following the weekend clash at Ventersdorp that killed three members of the ultra right-wing AWB.

A ban on private armies was discussed in depth at a meeting yesterday of the State Security Council, SA's highest-level security planning and implementation body. Other options were also being examined, a government source said.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, speaking at a private meeting at Citrusdal in the Cape at the weekend, raised the possibility of banning private armies. He told his audience the ban was being discussed as a matter of urgency but that it was not aimed at curbing legitimate political activity, Vlok's spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said. He said the Ventersdorp killings had underscored the danger of private armies.

The Law and Order Department has already produced legislation aimed at curbing the proliferation of private armies. It was to be tabled in Parliament earlier this year but was shelved.

The ban would affect organisations such as the AWB and the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, among others.

Vlok said last night an intensive investigation into the Ventersdorp incident had been launched and that judicial inquests and criminal proceedings would follow.

Earlier, the investigating officer in the Ventersdorp court proceedings, Lt Wak Viljoen, said the SABC and various newspapers would be asked for footage showing people involved in the confrontation.

In another development Defence Minister Magnus Malan — in the face of right-wing criticism of the SADF's role — defended the SADF decision to mobilise Potchefstroom-based soldiers.

Last night Vlok outlined the events leading up to the clashes which accompanied President F W de Klerk's decision to address a meeting in the conservative town.

He said information was received that indicated a possible threat to De Klerk's safety and to public order. On the day before the clashes, Lt-Gen Louw Malan spoke to AWB leader Eugene Terre-'Blanche to try to persuade him to call off planned right-wing protest action. Vlok said he had personally spoken to Terre-'Blanche two days earlier.

Nine-hundred policemen were deployed to strengthen the local SAP. They cordoned off the area, erected roadblocks and arranged to protect entrance routes to the hall. Pamphlets were produced to inform residents of the local magistrate's decision to ban outdoor political activity.

During the day a large number of uniformed and armed AWB members entered the town. They later held a meeting.

"After the meeting a crowd moved towards the hall where the President was to give his speech. The group was armed, militant and shouting slogans," Vlok said. Police attempted to prevent the crowd reaching the hall.

Police were attacked by people with

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Private armies

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TANIA LEVY reports that Ventersdorp's CP town council yesterday said it blamed the security forces for the death, injury, damage and disorder which resulted from Friday's night's events.

It objected to the use of taxpayers' money to deploy security forces to further the goals of a political party

In a statement issued after a special meeting yesterday, the council objected to the arrest of town engineer Cornelius Terreblanche, in connection with the power blackout in the town on Friday, and to the release of his name to the Press before he had appeared in court.

The council said it fully supported Terreblanche.

It said the SAP had handled the situation unsatisfactorily Security forces had created "mass hysteria" in Ventersdorp for political ends.

While the council acknowleged that certain security precautions had to be taken when the President appeared, measures taken in Ventersdorp were unacceptable because De Klerk had not been acting in his official capacity but as leader of a political party. The meeting had also not been open to the general electorate.

The SAP had not informed the council of security measures it had planned to take and had invaded citizens' freedom of movement by erecting roadblocks and closing streets.

Council permission had not been sought for the use of the town's airfields.

Malan last night elaborated on the SADF's role in the incident and accused the CP-AWB alliance of not respecting the right of political parties to gather without hindrance.

Malan said the SADF was asked by police to assist it and that members of the Potchefstroom-based 10 Artillery Brigade in a Ratel troop carrier went to the western Transvaal town.

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Police attempting to help the victims of the assault were shot at and two were injured Police returned fire with shotguns and teargas and one person was fatally wounded Police did not use SG or SSG or sharp ammunition, Vlok said.

At the same time another group of whites attacked and shot at black passengers in vehicles in another part of the town. Two people were hit by a vehicle. A vehicle drove into a police car and the vehicle's occupants were assaulted by whites.

this where social workers referred people, ministers and unwed mothers.

One of the advantages of private practitioners was that they did not impose the same limitations on applicants, the source said. - *Sapa.*

AWB battle two in court

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VENTERSDORP'S town engineer and a Rustenburg resident appeared in the Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with charges arising from the confrontation between rightwingers and police during a National Party meeting last Friday.

During the clashes three Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members were killed and 58 people, including seven policemen, injured.

Police spokesman Major Ben van Heerden said charges were formulated against the town engineer in connection with the sudden cut in the town's electricity supply shortly before the arrival in Ventersdorp of the State President, Mr FW de Klerk, to address the meeting.

Violence charges

The Rustenburg resident is facing charges of violence.

Town Engineer Mr Cornelius Petrus Terre'Blanche (32) and Mr Hendrik Lambert Johannes du Preez (42) of Sodiso Trailer Camp, Rustenburg, were not asked to plead and were released on their own recognisances.

The hearing was postponed to September 24.

There were no incidents at the court, Van Heerden said. - *Sapa*

SOWETAN Tuesday August 13 1991

5 dead, 40 injured in Alexandra violence

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FIGHTING in Alexandra continued early yesterday according to residents, but had quietened by midday.

Five people died, 28 were treated for gunshot wounds and 12 for assault during random incidents of violence at the weekend.

One person was treated after a vehicle accident related to the violence.

Two of the victims had gunshot and stab wounds and AK-47 rifles were used during one attack, according to the police.

No arrests have been made.

Sounds of gunshots were heard from a squatter camp at the corner of London and Eighth avenues throughout Saturday night.

Police patrol

Clashes broke out in the township at 3.30am on Sunday and police patrolling the area were fired upon.

Three more people were killed in bloody clashes that broke out in Soweto and Wesselton, near Ermelo in the eastern Transvaal, at the weekend.

A professional man and his family had to flee their house in Sixth Avenue on Sunday night as a group of about 200 surged forward to attack his house.

SOWETAN CORRESPONDENT

"What saved us was the police in three Hippos approaching by chance. The men fled, and we later escaped," the man said.

He said early today a taxi was attacked in London Road, leaving passengers injured as the driver fled. Further clashes happened in 20th Avenue. The man was called back to his home shortly before midday by other residents who said clashes were continuing.

Residents of the strife-torn township produced .38 Special cartridges which they picked up after the attack on the squatter camp in 20th Avenue by six men on Sunday night.

Mr Nelson Netshilongwe said he watched his brother and a friend being shot when they tried to stop the six men from entering their shack. He said they had just had supper when the attack came.

"Just then a family friend, Eric Monyai, stood up and blocked the door to prevent the men entering. Two shots rang out and Eric fell to the ground. I hid under the bed and saw the men shoot my brother in the head."

Netshilongwe said the four men inside the shack were whites.

'White gunmen' in Alex clash

Star 13/8/91 (2 P8)

By Jovial Rantao and Carina le Grange

At least 11 people died in violence in the Transvaal at the weekend — eight of them in clashes which erupted in Alexandra, near Sandton — police said.

And witnesses have told The Star four white gunmen were involved in the killings.

According to the Alexandra Clinic, which was on full alert yesterday, five people died at the clinic, 28 were treated for gunshot injuries and 12 for assault during the course of the weekend

One person, who was injured in a vehicle accident related to the violence, was also treated at the clinic

Police said yesterday that the violence had abated and "all was quiet"

In separate incidents, three people were killed in bloody clashes that broke out in Soweto and Wesselton near Ermelo in the Eastern Transvaal

Balaclavas

Squatters in Alex's 20th Avenue alleged that white men were involved in the weekend attacks.

Residents claimed that four white and two black men, their faces concealed by balaclavas, entered squatters' shacks at random and shot people.

Nelson Netshilongwe (36) told The Star that he hid under a bed and saw four men shooting at his brother, Alfred, who died instantly.

"A family friend, Eric Monyai, was shot through the door as he tried to prevent the men from entering. After he had fallen to the ground, four white men entered and shot Alfred.

"They left immediately thereafter," he said.

Mr Netshilongwe said he was convinced the men were white from their eyes, hands and the way they spoke English.

Approached for comment on the alleged involvement of white men in the attacks, police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said he hoped that Mr Netshilongwe had informed the investigating officer.

Another squatter, Christinah Khalano, said her spaza shop was razed by fire, along with her neighbours' two shacks.

Her neighbours — the Netshikalanga's — were taken to hospital in a critical condition after they were shot by the attackers, she added.

"I did not see the attackers. I was busy in my house when I heard heavy automatic gunfire, I crawled under the bed and waited until the police had arrived. It was then that I discovered my shop had been gutted together with my neighbour's shacks."

The Alexandra ANC branch office told The Star that residents had told them that 10 people, whom they claimed were Zimbabweans, were killed by the police on 20th Avenue on Sunday.

Captain Opperman said the police had noted the "vague" allegations made by the ANC.

Police repeated its invitation to the ANC to bring proof in the form of affidavits so that officers could begin investigations.

According to the police, two of the Alexandra victims had gunshot and stab wounds. AK-47 rifles were used during the attack. No arrests have been made.

Residents showed The Star .38 cartridges which they said they picked up after the attack on the squatter camp in 20th Avenue on Sunday night.

Police said when the clashes broke out about 3.30 am on Sunday, police patrolling the area were also fired at.

In Soweto, a man was reported to have been killed during a skirmish between alleged supporters of Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) and residents of the trouble-torn Mshenguville squatter camp.

In Wesselton, two men were killed and two others injured when shots were fired from a bus said to be transporting IFP supporters.

Police stopped the bus and seized a quantity of ammunition and arms, including a homemade 12-gauge shotgun and various pistols and revolvers.



Fiery attack . . . Christinah Khalano's shop was gutted when a group went on the rampage in Alex. Picture: Herbert Mabuza

Further township unrest curbs lifted

Star 13/8/91

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The subsiding violence in Witwatersrand townships has precipitated the lifting of unrest restrictions in several areas — the latest being Sebokeng and Evaton.

In a Government Gazette yesterday, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok announced the withdrawal of restrictions in the Vanderbijlpark magisterial district, which incorporates the two townships, declared unrest areas in May.

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Last week, the Minister withdrew notices which had declared the townships of Bekkersdal, Kagiso, Munsieville, the Swanieville squatter settlement and Tembisa as "unrest areas" under the Public Safety Act. The relaxation of restrictions was a direct result of the drop in political unrest in these areas, police have stated.

Stayaway cripples Vaal Triangle firms

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By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Most businesses and industries in the Vaal Triangle have been hard hit by a two-day stayaway which began yesterday.

Police reported sporadic incidents of violence in Vaal townships yesterday.

A week-old consumer boycott against white-owned shops is also being enforced.

Apart from Iscor's Vanderbijlpark plant, where 80 percent of the workforce reported for work, most other major industries appeared to be hard hit by the stayaway with less than 30 percent of workers reporting for work

At Vereeniging Hospital, about 38 percent of the workforce did not report for duty. Half of the staff at Vanderbijlpark Hospital stayed away.

A police spokesman said the latest incidents of unrest included stonings and a petrol bomb attack at the municipal offices in Sharpeville. No damage was caused.

He said SAP members used rubber bullets to disperse a group of about 20 people who stoned vehicles near the post office in Sebokeng's Zone 11 yesterday afternoon

Adams Road, in Evaton, was reported to be barricaded with rocks.

A group of about 200 people were dispersed with teargas after stoning cars on the Vereeniging-Sharpeville road.

At Eatonside, near De Deur, a train was stoned

Police said that no injuries were reported during the day and no arrests have been made in connection with any of the incidents

Police said the townships were quiet by late yesterday afternoon.

The stayaway is being organised by the ANC and other political organisations, whose demands include:

- The immediate reconnection of the electricity supply to local townships
- The closure of the Kwamadela Hostel near Sebokeng.
- An end to on-going violence in the area
- A constituent assembly and interim government.
- The release of all political prisoners and amnesty for exiles.

A spokesman for Inkatha Freedom Party's Vaal Triangle branch, Arthur van Vuuren, alleged that residents reported to the IFP offices in Vereeniging yesterday lodging complaints ranging from being beaten and threatened with death to having their overalls and train tickets destroyed because they wanted to go to work.

Death toll in Alex fighting now at 23

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A TOTAL of 23 people have been killed and 53 injured since violence broke out between Zulu hostel dwellers and squatters in Alexandra on Saturday, police said yesterday.

Police and SADF reinforcements had been sent to the township in a bid to keep fighting factions apart and to monitor the situation, Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said.

Attacked

The Pretoria police liaison directorate said most of the dead had been shot. Of the injured, 25 had been shot, 26 hacked or stabbed and two treated for burns.

The directorate said SAP members had been attacked 23 times, but did not say how many policemen had been injured.

"The SAP deplores the unnecessary loss of life and damage to property and will not hesitate to take action against those who are responsible for these senseless attacks," the directorate said.

WILSON ZWANE

Opperman said Alexandra was quiet yesterday and there had been no fresh outbreaks of violence.

An official of the Alexandra ANC branch said a news conference would be held at which the violence "would be put into perspective".

He did, however, say his organisation had received reports that some of the people involved in the violence had been white gunmen.

"Our people tell us that although these gunmen wore balaclavas, it was evident from their hands, eyes and they way they spoke English, that they were white."

Alexandra Civic Organisation official Richard Mdakane this week alleged that the attacks were launched by "hostel vigilantes who are directly or indirectly linked to Inkatha".

Inkatha has denied the allegation saying it was "typical of the bankrupt politics of the civics".

Groups meet to evaluate stayaway

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POLITICAL groupings, including the ANC, would meet today to evaluate the effects of the two-day stayaway which ended in the Vaal Triangle yesterday, Vaal Civic Association chairman Malik Madise said.

Madise said the stayaway — called by the association, the local branches of the ANC, Cosatu, Nactu, Azapo and the PAC — was more than 50% effective.

Businesses canvassed yesterday said they had suffered.

SA Breweries' (Vereeniging depot) manager Andre le Roux said no disciplinary action would be taken against any worker for honouring the stayaway, but a "no work, no pay policy" would be enforced.

WILSON ZWANE

Le Roux said the depot had minimised the effects of the stayaway by stepping up production last Friday, and turnover had dropped 15% to 20%.

Iscor said only 20% and 10% of its black work force stayed away on Monday and yesterday respectively.

A Vanderbijlpark Sakekamer spokesman said the stayaway and the week-long consumer boycott in the area was crippling businesses. He said his organisation had a long-standing policy of "no work, no pay".

Madise said townships in the Vaal Triangle were quiet yesterday following sporadic incidents of violence on Monday.

The stayaway and the consumer boycott were called to demand the immediate reconnection of electricity to the townships in the Vaal Triangle, the closure of Sebokeng's Kwamadala Hostel, an end to the violence, the need for a constituent assembly and an interim government, and the release of all political prisoners.

More killed in fresh wave of violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Six more people were killed overnight in South African townships, raising fears of fresh factional warfare, but police said yesterday that political unrest was declining.

Police said the hacked and stabbed bodies of four men were found in Alexandra township over the past 24 hours. Ten people were killed on Saturday and Sunday.

A total of 23 people had been killed and police came under attack 23 times in unrest-related incidents in Alexandra between last Friday and Monday, police said yesterday.

Police described the situation yesterday as calm.

Unrest declining

Two men died and another three were seriously wounded at Imkulu Ward in Naibini, near Port Shepstone, when unknown gunmen fired at them.

● Police and the Independent Board of Inquiry said incidents of political unrest dropped sharply recently, although the death toll from these incidents rose.

They said 5 307 incidents of political unrest, resulting in 1 281 deaths, were reported during the first seven months of the year. In the same period last year, there were 10 056 incidents and 980 deaths.

Police said more readily available firearms such as automatic rifles were one cause of the rising death toll.

The violence has claimed more than 10 000 lives in the past five years, more than 1 000 of them since January this year. — Sapa-Reuter

A township at war with itself

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Wesselton, a township in the eastern Transvaal, is gripped by war. Day in and day out, residents in this once quiet place ask themselves daily: Whom will we bury next?

THEMBA MOLEFE reports.

THE corpse of 16-year-old Vusi Nhleko, a Standard 7 pupil, was lying in a ditch with a gaping hole between the eyes when a passerby stumbled on it last week.

He was buried at the weekend, a day after funerals of three other victims of violence in Wesselton Township, Ermelo, in the eastern Transvaal.

Vusi was given a hero's burial and was described in tributes as a "soldier of the struggle" who died with his boots on.

I was told Vusi Nhleko had a premonition of his death and had asked his mother: "Won't you be proud if I would die looking great?" And he asked for money to have his hair permed, which he did two days before his death.

Comrades

Vusi is said to have told his parents that no tear should be shed when he died.

ANC comrades should carry his coffin - not shoulder high - and walk the 2km to the cemetery, the youth ordered.

This was done.

Vusi Nhleko was an ANC Youth League member in Wesselton and a latest victim in a township gripped by a *war* typical of the violence now common in almost all black towns in the country.

But, because towns like Ermelo are in rural areas, the plight of the victims of the unabating violence usually remains unknown.

Indeed, Vusi came from this town and lived with his family in a shack in Extension 1, a section of Wesselton which has many ANC supporters.

On the other side - near the cemetery where he is buried - is Phumula Section, which residents call an Inkatha stronghold.

Identified

The township has also been identified as a haven for vigilantes known as Amakati or Black Cats, who were initially a band of thugs who terrorised residents, allegedly with impunity.

Now the battle lines are drawn between the Amakati/Inkatha alliance and ANC supporters in Wesselton.

And, as a result, stories are told every week of residents who die violently in Wesselton.

Last Saturday, elderly resident Mrs Zini Shongwe, Mr Sabata Zwane and Mr Mthunzi Nhlabathi were buried.

Shongwe died during the week when armed men shot her at point-blank range and blew up her house with a hand-grenade.

Inkatha

Nhlabathi was an ANC supporter. Shongwe belonged to neither. Zwane was an Inkatha Freedom Party member whose funeral saw hundreds of supporters turning up from outside Wesselton. He was killed in the township.

It was after these three funerals that three more people were killed and three others wounded including 70-year-old Mr Albert Masondo. They were allegedly shot by gunmen from inside a bus who, residents said, went on rampage after the burials.

Police confirmed arresting 101 people who were travelling in a bus and seized arms and ammunition.

Other residents, like Mr Ezekiel Hlophe (32), a miner living in the mining village which forms part of Wesselton, and his wife escaped injury when gunmen fired at his and neighbours' homes on Saturday.

He does not know why they were attacked but told me that when he and his wife escaped he saw an armed white policeman crouched under his windowsill.

Alleged police involvement seems also to be a sore point in Wesselton.

Mr Patrick "Ace" Nkosi (25) said police chased people returning from the funeral on Saturday and he saw Michael Zondo shot three times before he fell.

"I am not sure who shot him but after I had got a neighbour to take him to hospital in his car the police stopped us and searched us. The man was shot through the hip and I told the police that he was dying. They delayed us for 30 minutes before letting us go. But they (police) said Zondo had shot at someone. No, the man was drunk, he was coming out of a shebeen at the time," said Nkosi.

Police

Nkosi's friend, Mr Joel Mashele (28) said a hippo stopped next to him as he ran on Saturday. "They stopped me and from it came Inkatha members, who pointed spears at me and told me to join their organisations. I bolted and disappeared in the shacks," said Mashele.

Yet it seems on Sunday, when Vusi Nhleko was buried, more lives were saved when security forces strengthened their presence in Wesselton but left soon after the funeral.

And the question on the lips of residents of this township at war with itself is: Whom will we bury next?

*Asked for comment, police said they were investigating the allegations and would respond at a later date.

Vaal, ER are hit by stayaways

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SEVERAL Vaal and East Rand townships were yesterday hit by stayaways observed by thousands of workers and pupils.

By DON SEOKANE and ISAAC MOLEDI

A two-day stayaway at six Vaal townships started on Monday and continued yesterday with incidents of stone-throwing and teargassing.

A large meeting was held in Wattville yesterday to coincide with a one-day stayaway at the East Rand township.

Townships affected by the stayaway in the Vaal included Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Evaton, Boipatong and Bophelong.

The Vaal stayaway had been called to demand the closure of KwaMadala hostel.

Other demands included a call for a halt to the fighting, which has claimed more than 200 lives in the area.

Sebokeng's main streets were barricaded with stones and drums. Passing police vehicles were pelted with stones and police replied by firing teargas.

Police

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said there were sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and police had to use teargas and rubber bullets.

"In Boipatong there were five reported incidents and four in Sebokeng," he said. No arrests were made and the police have no record of injuries.

Meanwhile, Wattville residents yesterday resolved to continue paying a R50 flat rate unless a joint meeting of Daveyton and Wattville councils tomorrow produced positive results.

Residents are demanding that rent arrears be scrapped and that houses should be handed over to tenants. They also demand that both the townships' control be handled by Benoni City Council.

The chairman of Wattville Concerned Residents Committe, Mr Abbey Nyalunga, told more than 2 000 Wattville residents that his organisation was committed to the scrapping of the township council.

He said his organisation was not against the Benoni council proposal of an average payment of R81,54 for water, sewerage, electricity and refuse removal "as long as their demands are met".



Burning tyres and stones barricaded Sebokeng's main streets while youth lined streets and danced the toyi-toyi during the last day of a two-day stayaway in the Vaal yesterday.

Pic: LEN KUMALO

Move to end Alex killings

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MAJOR political organisations will meet in Alexandra today to map out plans to end the violence which has claimed at least 23 lives and left many injured in the township since Friday.

Alexandra Civic Organisation spokesman Mr Richard Mdakane said many people had died unnecessarily in the past four days.

By IKE MOTSAPI and SELLO MOTLHABAKWE

The meeting has been called by the ACO.

According to police, at least 23 people have been killed and more than 53 injured during the past four days of "political faction fighting" in Alexandra.

Mdakane said Inkatha could not be invited to the meeting because the situation in the township was too tense.

An identified woman was shot and wounded at the door of a shop at corner of Rooth and 4th streets at 3.30pm yesterday by a gunman who later ran towards a nearby hostel.

A witness, Mr Jonas Mabiletsa, said the woman was later taken to hospital.

He said police arrived on the scene immediately and chased after the man.

Captain Reuben Bloomberg of the police public relations division in Pretoria said yesterday that people were injured when fighting broke out between members of the ANC and Inkatha last Friday.

He said sporadic fighting had continued everyday up to yesterday despite a heavy police presence in the area.

Bloomberg said most of the unrest victims had been shot. Of the injured, 25 were shot, 26 hacked or stabbed and two treated for burns.

"During the same period, 25 people had suffered bullet wounds, 26 were hacked or stabbed and two people were treated for burns. Several cases of arson were reported.

"Members of the SAP came under attack a total of 23 times," said Bloomberg.

He said the situation was calm yesterday and was being closely monitored.

"The police deplore the unnecessary loss of life and damage to property and will not hesitate to take action against those who are responsible for these senseless attacks," Bloomberg warned.

Yesterday morning residents were awakened by sounds of gunfire, according to Mdakane.

He said police rushed to the scene to investigate but found nothing.

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death

By IKE MOTSAPI

A MAN was shot dead this week while his cousin escaped uninjured after they unknowingly boarded a bogus taxi operating in Soweto.

Police found the body of Mr Joshua Mokoka (46), of Palm Springs, near Evaton, with a bullet wound in the head near Orlando Stadium on Monday morning.

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Shot in 'taxi'

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Mokoka is one of several people who have lost their lives during the past weeks as a result of unwittingly boarding pirate taxis at night.

Police have warned people to be alert when using public transport at night.

Mokoka and his cousin, Mr Tebogo Ramokoka, boarded a taxi travelling to Baragwanath taxi rank in Zone 2, Meadowlands, on Sunday afternoon.

When the taxi approached Orlando West one of the men in the taxi produced a gun and pointed it at a woman seated next to Ramokoka. Sensing danger, Ramokoka opened the door and jumped out of the moving taxi.

Mokoka was trapped inside because he was seated at the back.

Ramokoka said yesterday he had jumped out after the man started insulting and pointing a gun at the woman passenger.

"I went straight home to Palm Springs where my cousin is my neighbour. The next day I went to look for him but he was not there. I then went to Baragwanath Hospital and was referred to the Orlando police who said I should check at the Diepkloof mortuary.

"I was shocked to find his body there. He had been shot in the forehead," said Ramokoka.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo confirmed the incident and said police were aware that several people had been killed in vehicles they thought were taxis.

Uneasy peace in Alex unrest

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AN uneasy peace settled over Johannesburg's Alexandra Township yesterday after Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok on Wednesday declared it an unrest area.

Police spokeswoman Captain Henriette Bester said yesterday the township was quiet.

A curfew kept residents confined to their homes between 9pm and 4am and police patrolled the area.

Renewed violence in Alexandra has left an estimated 28 people dead and more than 70 injured in fighting between Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and residents over the past two weeks.

ANC branch publicity secretary Mr Obed Bapela said emergency regulations had not worked in the past and the curfew did more harm than good.

He said although the security forces presence prevented hostel dwellers from launching attacks, it did not prevent police from harassing residents.

"Last night they were searching the shacks, but not the hostels (which house mostly IFP supporters)."

There were no reports of harassment on Wednesday night.

Bester said allegations of harassment were unsubstantiated as nobody had come forward with concrete evidence.

Do curfews work? If not, what do you think the security forces should do to stop the violence that is tearing townships apart?

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Alex tense as police beef up patrols

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By Montshiwa Moroke

Alexandra, where bloody political conflict left 23 people dead and 53 injured between Friday and Monday, was quiet but tense yesterday as police reinforcements patrolled the area, a police spokesman said last night.

Police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Captain Henriette Bester, said there had been sporadic incidents on Monday night.

Police were patrolling the township around the clock. No arrests had been made.

A spokesman for the Alexandra Clinic, where most of the wounded were taken, yesterday likened the casualty section at the weekend to a "battlefield clearing-station". Most victims had been referred to hospitals.

"It was a shambles. People were lying all over the place. They had suffered high-calibre gunshot wounds.

"They had sustained serious head and body gunshot wounds. There were a few with buckshot wounds," the spokesman said.

"We have a very dedicated staff, and people were very helpful.

"Every one of them did their bit. Some of them had been off duty but came to help."

Police yesterday said the violence in Alexandra was an Inkatha-ANC conflict.

Of the injured, 25 had been shot, 26 hacked or stabbed and two treated for burns.

According to the clinic, five people died there, 28 people were treated for gunshot injuries and 12 for assault.

The ANC's Alexandra branch office said residents had told them that 10 people, whom they claimed were Zimbabweans, were killed by policemen on 20th Avenue on Sunday.

Police repeated an invitation to the ANC to bring proof in the form of affidavits so that officers could begin investigations.

Hospitals silent on bullet wounds

By Carina le Grange

Star 14/8/91

The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday declined to reveal information on the types of ammunition that had wounded people in Friday night's clash in Ventersdorp.

The Star attempted to obtain independent information from hospitals on the types of ammunition which caused injuries, in a bid to clarify the accusations and counter-accusations between the police and the AWB.

Both have accused the other of using sharp-point ammunition. The police also said the AWB fired first and that a policeman was wounded by sharp-point ammunition.

Hospitals where the injured were treated refused to answer questions on the matter, saying only the TPA could respond.

And the TPA's deputy director-general of health services, Dr Hennie van Wyk, said the TPA considered it "unethical to reveal any information about any patient's condition without his doctor's permission".

Later, a TPA liaison officer said: "It is difficult for a doctor to say what kind of ammunition was used." No further information could be obtained.

A police spokesman said clarification would not come before inquests had been held.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the investigation was sub judice.

"But we have already said we know our members did not have sharp-point ammunition, although they were fired at with sharp-point ammunition."

Alex is declared an unrest area

ALEXANDRA, where at least 24 people have died in the past few days, has been re-declared an unrest area and has had a 9pm-4am curfew imposed with immediate effect. B|Day 15|8|91.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in a statement yesterday reinforcements were being deployed and he appealed to law-abiding residents to co-operate with police.

Alexandra was deproclaimed an unrest area less than two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, at a media briefing in the township yesterday, an ANC official claimed the violence started after an Inkatha member threatened to attack non-Inkatha supporters.

ANC Alexandra branch official Paul Mashatile said his organisation held the police and Inkatha responsible for the violence which left at least "28 dead and more than 70 injured" since Friday.

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Police spokesman Capt Henriette Bester said 24 people had been killed and 53 injured. 2-78 3~~5~~

Mashatile said last week's refuse-clearing operation by Inkatha supporters sparked the violence.

"After the clean-up campaign a certain warlord from Denver Hostel (Johannesburg) threatened to send armed units to Alexandra to attack those who were opposed to Inkatha," Mashatile said.

Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) official Mzwanele Mayekiso said a "low-intensity war" was being waged by Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers.

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Although the township was quiet in the day, bands of people attacked residents near the hostels at night, said Mayekiso.

Inkatha West Rand official Humphrey Ndlovu dismissed as "white lies" the allegation that an Inkatha member had threatened to attack non-Inkatha residents.

Ndlovu said the violence was sparked by the killing of two Inkatha members by ANC supporters. "Inkatha members, though committed to the party's policy of non-violence, will not hesitate to defend themselves when attacked," he said.

He also denied the allegation that his organisation colluded with white gunmen.

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Mashatile said a group of white men wearing balaclavas attacked the East Bank squatter settlement where they killed 11 people.

Bester said nobody had come forward to make a statement on the alleged involvement of white gunmen in the violence

ANC Youth League Alexandra branch official Keith Madonsela said statements had not been made to the police because the "people have no confidence in them (the police)".

However, witnesses would make statements to the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression in due course.

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Alexandra declared an 'unrest area'

PRETORIA. — Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok has declared Alexandra township an unrest area with immediate effect.

At least 24 people have died in the past few days and 53 have been injured as a new wave of fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters gripped the township.

Mr Vlok said a 9pm to 4am curfew was imposed in the township last night, and police reinforcements are being deployed.

Although the bullet-ridden body of a woman was found in the township on Tuesday, police said the situation was quiet yesterday.

A spokesman for the Alexandra Clinic likened the casualty section over the weekend to a "battlefield clearing station". The great majority of the victims had been sent to hospitals.

"It was shambles. People were lying all over the place. They had suffered high-calibre gunshot wounds. They had suffered serious head and body gunshot wounds. There were a few with buckshot wounds."

Police said the violence in Alexandra was an Inkatha-ANC conflict which started on Friday and continued throughout Monday.

They rejected allegations by the Alexandra Civic Organisation that policemen had colluded with Inkatha to attack township residents.

A spokesman said police took note of the allegation that white people wearing balaclavas were carrying out attacks in Alexandra and appealed to anyone with information and proof to assist the police in their investigations.

● Police also reported yesterday that the body of a man with bullet wounds was found at Old Crossroads. In other unrest incidents on the Cape Flats, a bus was extensively damaged by fire and the home of a policeman was set alight after an attack. — Sapa

Extra policemen deployed in Alex

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EXTRA security forces were yesterday deployed in Alexandra Township, where violence has claimed at least 24 lives since Friday night.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant B van Rooyen said the deployment was an attempt to stabilise the area, which was quiet yesterday.

Van Rooyen said there were elements trying to take advantage of the lifting of unrest restrictions in Alexandra two weeks ago.

Police yesterday found the bullet-riddled body of an unidentified woman in the township, bringing to 24 the number of people killed in the township since August 10.

Meanwhile the Alexandra Civic Organisation yesterday called for the formation of defence units following the spate of violent clashes.

Speaking at a Press conference, ACO spokesman Mr Keith Madonsela accused the police of being party to the violence.

He said police were seen offloading several men with red headbands in the area on the night of August 10.

Referring to the involvement of other political parties in the initiatives, Madonsela said regular consultations with allied liberation movements and churches were still on track.

He said Inkatha was "waging a low intensity war" against Alexandra residents which "consistently undermined peace initiatives since the signing of the Alexandra Accord in February".

Reacting to the accusations, Inkatha regional secretary Mr Humphrey Ndlovu accused the ACO of spreading lies.

He said: "We have never undermined any peace initiatives as we are a peace-loving organisation. We want peace among blacks and whites."

West Rand police spokesman Captain Henrietta Bester yesterday rejected allegations of police complicity in the attacks. "We will never assist or be part of any attack on residents," he said.

Bester said police took note of the allegation that white people wearing balaclavas were carrying out attacks in Alexandra.

AWB men arrested

POLICE have arrested two Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members in connection with the recent violence in Ventersdorp, police said yesterday.

A "commandant" and a "corporal" in the AWB's "Wenkommando" were to appear in the Magistrate's Court in Ventersdorp yesterday on charges of public violence, said chief of the Criminal Investigation Department in the western Transvaal Colonel Henry Austin.

He said more AWB members would be arrested soon in connection with charges of attempted murder, public violence, assault and malicious damage to property. - *Sapa.*

Gunshots ended the singing

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

There was singing, then gunshots and the township became quiet.

That is the chilling description by Dr Pascal Ngakane, medical manager of the Alexandra Clinic, of how one of the bloodiest weekends in Alexandra began.

Dr Ngakane was standing in the sun on the lawn outside his office when The Star visited him yesterday.

"If I don't get into the sun now and then, I will end up in Sterkfontein," he quipped.

Dr Ngakane and his team of doctors and nurses have just come through a weekend of the worst violence to hit Alexandra since the township exploded in March.

By yesterday afternoon 28 people had died as a result of the recent fighting.

Dr Ngakane was full of praise for all the medical workers who had helped to deal with the crisis that started on Friday night.

He was first alerted to the fact that unrest had broken out at the men's hostels at 3 am on Saturday morning.

He was on standby the whole weekend.

"It was terrible. When I walked in on Sunday night, I was greeted by a pool of blood in the admissions section, and two people had just died," he said.

"People had been shot, stabbed, hacked — it was a shambles."

Women and children in the surrounding area had flocked to the clinic seeking protection when the violence erupted.

They regularly sheltered there, Dr Ngakane said.

"I think they keep their suitcases permanently packed these days."

Sister Legora Marumo, the nurse in charge at the weekend, is one of the many heroes who saved countless lives.

She worked almost around the clock from Friday to Sunday, and has still not taken time off to rest.

Sister Marumo yesterday said the township was still very tense following the outbreak of violence, and that it was probably just a matter of time before the next incident.

She, however, never fears for her life, because she is too busy thinking about what she has to do.

The weekend had, however, highlighted one deficiency of the clinic, Sister Marumo said.

The "disaster plan", which proposed that extra staff be collected from their homes in case of emergency, had proved to be useless, since no one could venture into the battle-torn areas at the weekend to pick up outside help.

Tension between Cosas and Paso

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

VIOLENT incidents between members of rival pupil organisations has brought schooling to a standstill at two high schools in Katlehong on the East Rand, two ANC-aligned education organisations said yesterday.

Spokesmen for the Katlehong branches of the Congress of South African Students and the South African Democratic Teachers Union yesterday gave an account of violent incidents allegedly perpetrated by Pan Africanist Students Organisation members since May.

Cosas spokesman Mr Vitalious Xaba said: "They (Paso) invaded offices belonging to the Students Representative Council of the KwaDukathole Secondary School and the staffroom.

"These offices were later burnt.

"Subsequently the SRC office and the staffroom at Katlehong High School were burnt."

Xaba said they had called a number of meetings which were called off because Paso and Pan Africanist Congress members did not attend.

Paso general secretary Mr Lawrence Nqandela said his organisation "noted with concern the unhealthy situation between the two organisations in Katlehong".

He said: "It has been brought to our attention that our members in Katlehong are engaging Cosas in civil violence.

"The alleged reasons were that the KwaDukathole SRC allocated an office to Cosas but denied Paso the same facility. Out of frustration, Paso resorted to forcefully occupying an office in the SRS building."

Nqandela said his office was investigating the incidents. He called on Cosas and Sadtu to meet with Paso to solve the matter.

Cosas and Sadtu have called for a parents' meeting to be held at Katlehong High School on Sunday at 9am.

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Policeman held over Soweto killing

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A Kliptown, Soweto, policeman was arrested and suspended from the force following the murder of a 35-year-old man on Saturday night.

Colonel Jac de Vries of the Soweto police said five men were apparently walking in Chiawelo at about 11 pm when three policemen stopped them and searched them.

When the search was over, a shot was apparently fired at Nhlanhla Peter Ragwasha of house 883C in Phiri, Soweto, and he was fatally wounded.

The matter was not reported by the policemen involved. One of the men they searched, however, laid a charge against the policemen, and the constable was arrested.

He is expected to appear in court soon. It is not yet known whether action will be taken against his colleagues.

Vlok declares Alex unrest area again

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By Abel Mushi and Peter Fabricius

Strife-torn Alexandra has once again been declared an unrest area. A 9 pm to 4 am curfew was imposed last night and police reinforcements have been sent in.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok announced last night he had decided to declare the township an unrest area under the Public Safety Act because of the renewed violence which has left at least 28 people dead and more than 70 injured in the past two weeks

The declaration would take effect immediately and had been gazetted yesterday.

"I earnestly appeal to law-abiding citizens to work together with the police so that the senseless violence can soon be ended," he said.

Police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said the township was quiet yesterday afternoon. She confirmed that police and defence force reinforcements had been moved in.

ANC-aligned organisations in Alexandra yesterday blamed the Inkatha Freedom Party and the SA Police for orchestrating the new round of violence.

At a media briefing held under the auspices of the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO), the organisations accused the IFP — which was not invited to attend — of resorting to coercive methods to bolster its image following the Inkathagate scandal

The resurgence of violence in Alexandra, according to a joint statement from the organisations, occurred after the clean-up campaign by the IFP two weeks ago, which was preceded by the lifting of the declaration of the township as an unrest area.

According to the statement, the police were seen offloading a group of people wearing IFP T-shirts and red headbands at a squatter settlement near the Alexandra hostel.

ACO executive member Mzwanele Mayekiso said witnesses had told the ACO that a group of balaclava-clad white men, driving in a Casspir and a minibus without registration plates, had attacked squatters at the TB settlement near East Bank on Sunday night.

Eleven people died that night, Mr Mayekiso said.

According to the police, at least 24 people have been killed and more than 53 injured during the past four days.

The SAP yesterday rejected allegations by the ACO that policemen had colluded with the IFP in attacking Alexandra residents.

At no stage did the police assist any IFP member in any attack, Lieutenant Bester said.

She also rejected allegations that the police had escorted or IFP members.

Captain Bester said the police had taken note of the allegation that white people wearing balaclavas were carrying out attacks in Alexandra, and had appealed to anyone with information and proof to come forward and assist the police in their investigations.

IFP spokesmen were not available for comment yesterday.

● 3 reported dead, many hurt

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BRENDAN TEMPLETON, GUY JEPSON, JACQUELINE MYBURGH and SAPA

VENTERSDORP — At least three people were killed and scores injured in running battles between rightwingers and police in Ventersdorp last night.

A police spokesman at the scene said the three dead were rightwingers, 36 of whom had been injured

However, a police spokesman in Pretoria said he could confirm only two deaths

In Ventersdorp, the police spokesman said five policemen had been injured, three seriously, and 12 black people were hurt, three seriously.

The injured people were said to have been taken to Klerksdorp Hospital

The shooting war erupted as about 2 000 AWB supporters gathered outside the well-guarded Kommando hall Star 10/8/91

Sapa reports that three of the injured were black people whose bakkie crashed into a wall after it was repeatedly shot at from AWB ranks The bakkie was totally destroyed.

Several people, including three policemen, were shot and injured by live ammunition.

The policemen were injured when an unidentified marksman among a crowd of protesting Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporters fired on them, using at le ist one rifle

Police say the shooting occurred when police went to the rescue of black occupants of a minibus who had been shot at and assaulted by AWB supporters The AWB men were moving towards the hall where President F W de Klerk was due to speak

Six policemen were injured, one of them seriously They were admitted to Ventersdorp Hospital. Police said the seriously injured policeman may have died, but were unable to confirm this

Barred from ambulance

An ambulance which arrived to take away the injured black people refused to transport them. The injured men were eventually taken in a Transvaal Provincial Administration ambulance.

One AWB supporter said, *"Laat daardie kaffers sterf (let those kaffirs die)"*

While Mr de Klerk was delivering his speech, a heavy police contingent surrounded the Kommando Hall On the nearby main road through Ventersdorp, vehicles carrying black passengers were being stoned by AWB members

Meanwhile, Mr de Klerk told his audience that it was a tragic day for South Africa "when people shoot at the custodians of law and order" for doing their duty Addressing 1 600 people in the town shortly after incidents involving AWB members and police, Mr de Klerk said he would not apologise for using the police to safeguard the meeting

The meeting had been violently opposed by the AWB

Mr de Klerk said the Government would supply police protection to any party that needed it from 'people who do not know how to behave themselves"

Major Ray Harrald of the SAP's public relations division in Pretoria said that after holding a meeting in a nearby hall, AWB supporters split up into smaller groups and began moving to the hall where the NP meeting was to take place

"En route to the hall a taxi with two black occupants drove past and the AWB people started shooting at it, shattering most of the windows"

The AWB supporters wrenched the occupants out of the vehicle and began assaulting them.

Policemen who witnessed the attack attempted to reach the injured minibus occupants, but the AWB crowd kept them back.

"The police used birdshot to disperse the attackers. An unknown marskman or marksmen, using an unknown calibre rifle(s) opened fire on the police," said Major Harrald.

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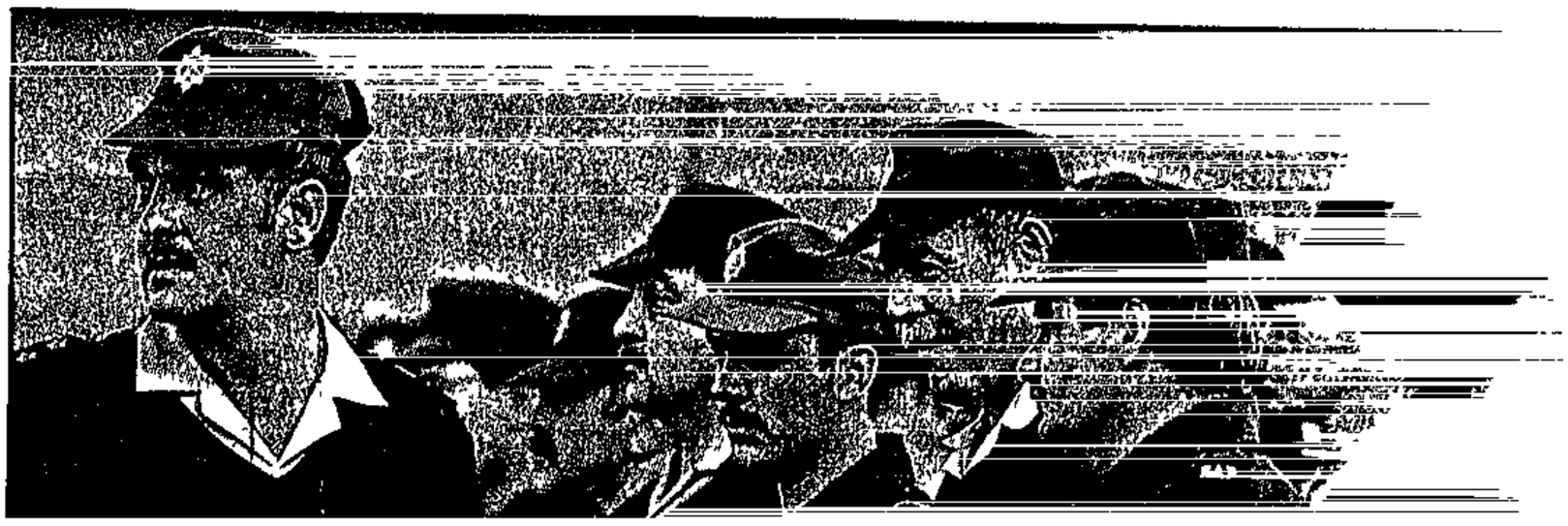

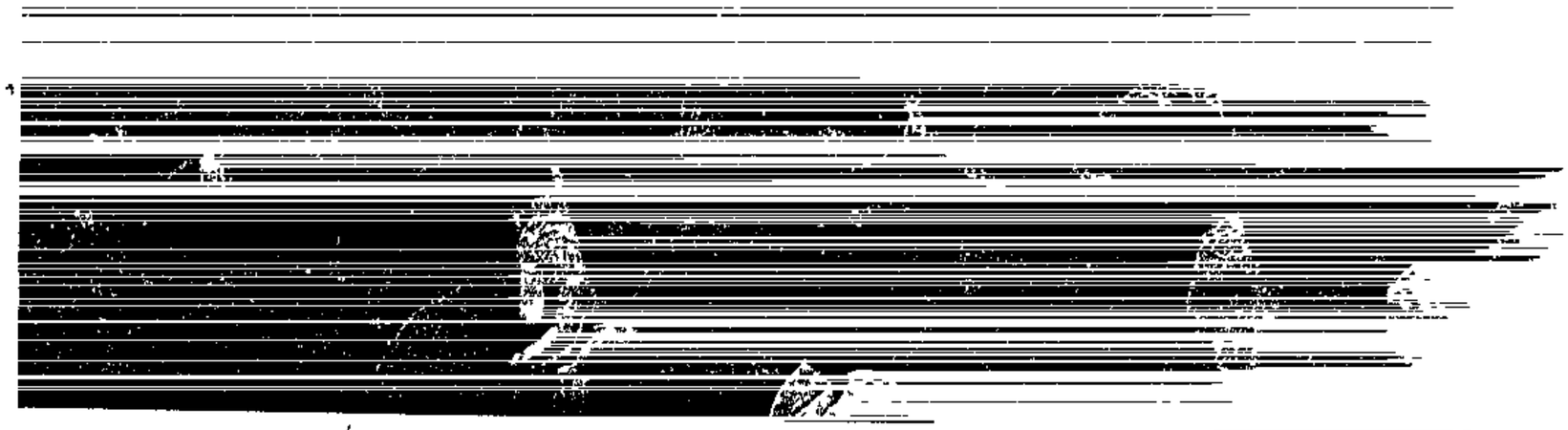

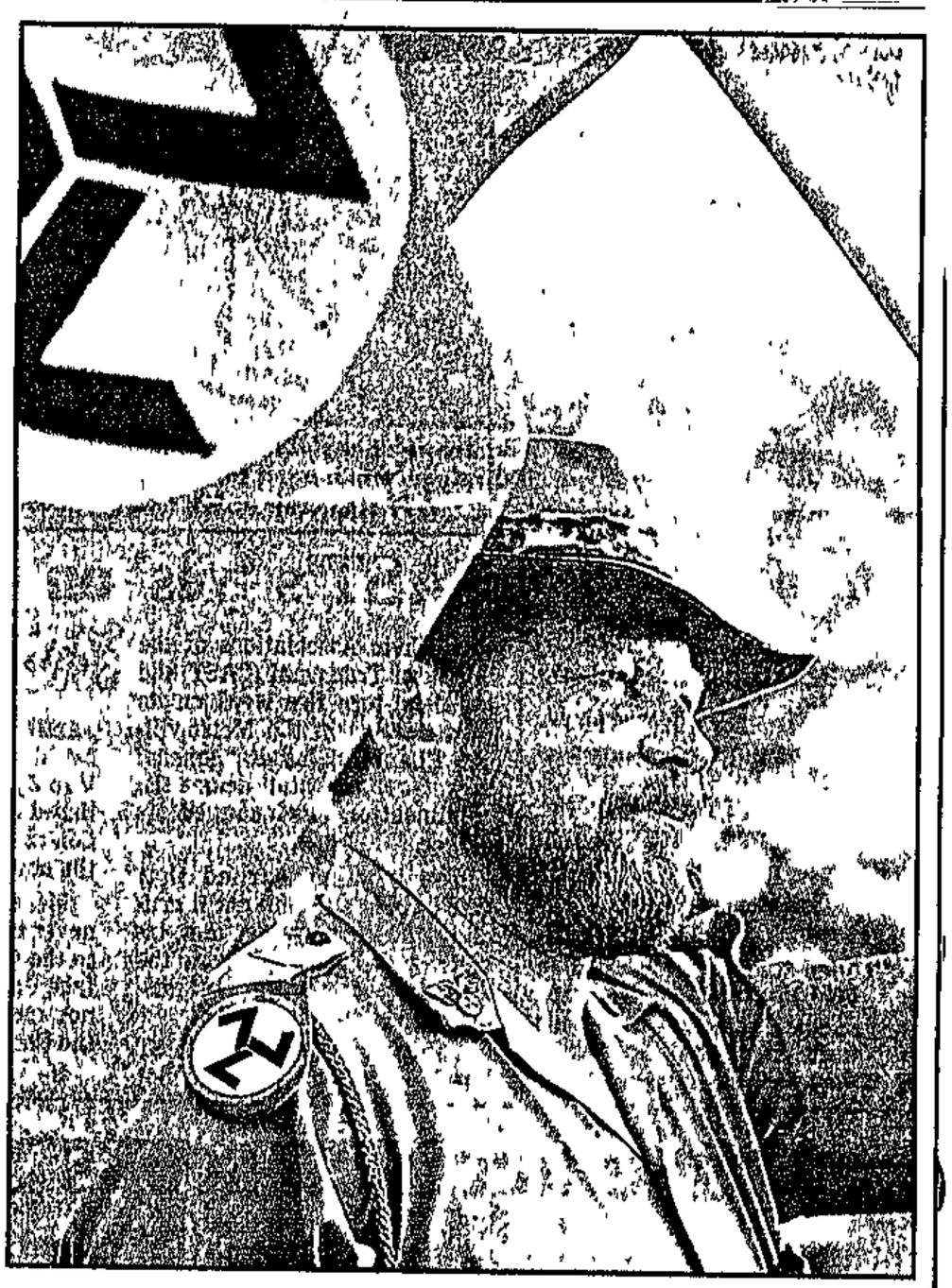

EYE OF THE STORM: Scenes of tension before the bloodshed in Ventersdorp last night. Top: police steel themselves for action. Above: An AWB supporter proudly flys the colours. Soon after these pictures were taken, the town erupted in violence.

●Photographs: KEN OOSTERBROEK.

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Shooting

FROM PAGE 1

One seriously injured policeman was taken to the Ventersdorp Hospital, he said, adding that he could not confirm whether AWB members had been injured in the shooting

The switchboard operator at the Ventersdorp Hospital said the admissions area of the hospitals was "chaotic", but would not say how many casualties had been admitted

The clashes took place over a planned speech by President de Klerk, who arrived more than an hour late in this fiercely rightwing town

He arrived by helicopter, running the gauntlet of angry AWB members, metres of razorwire and contingents of police surrounding the Kommando Hall, where he was due to address a National Party meeting Star 10/8/91

Eugene TerreBlanche, AWB leader, was earlier sprayed in the face with teargas by a police captain in an ugly confrontation

The incident happened after Mr TerreBlanche said to the policeman "Captain, come and shoot me"

Sapa reporter Clyde Russell said he saw three seriously injured AWB members lying on the ground near him

Teargas was fired by police into the AWB crowd, and police followed up with a baton charge The AWB supporters responded by throwing stones and firing shots.

Russell said the town's electricity supply was suddenly cut off at about 7 30 pm

Tensions rose as rightwingers converged on the hall shortly after an address by Conservative Party deputy-leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg

Despite repeated requests by police on both sides of the hall for the rightwingers to disperse, their chants grew louder

On the eastern side of the hall, rightwingers led by AWB secretary-general Piet "Skiet" Rudolph threw teargas at the police before charging

Caught by surprise, the police initially retreated before rallying and countering the attack

Mr Rudolph, pushed ahead by his supporters, was surrounded by policemen, beaten with batons and held to the ground. He was later arrested "for tresspassing"

The two sides clashed again shortly afterwards and two policemen were shot Rightwingers claimed police had fired live ammunition at them first, killing one of their members

Police liaison officer Colonel Johan Mostert denied the claim

One of the wounded men, Warrant Officer Johan Visagie, who was wounded in the leg, also denied police had used live ammunition "We only used teargas," he muttered, as two other policemen tended to his wound

In bizarre contrast to the violent scenes, NP supporters inside the hall sang *volksliedjies*, which could be clearly heard over the public address system outside

Two helicopters carrying VIPs then landed outside the hall, and Mr de Klerk and his deligation alighted

The injured Warrant Officer Visagie was put on board one of the helicopters, which then left

Mr de Klerk's arrival was met with rising cheers from his supporters

Saturday Star photographer Ken Oosterbroek said loud gunfire had been heard for about 10 minutes, then there had been a lull, followed by a further exchange

He said two black people travelling in a bakkie that had been carrying a coffin appeared to have been seriously hurt Their vehicle had been turned on its side between the Ventersdorp Hotel and the town hall

Mr TerreBlanche and a large contingent of supporters arrived at the town's police station and demanded to speak to the chief of the operations branch, General Loutjie Malan

After tense negotiations, Mr TerreBlanche was allowed in He was taken to an office, where Saturday Star spoke to him briefly

He said "What I warned about has happened I think the State President didn't care if a tragedy would happen as long as he could make his speech "

He was interrupted by Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze who asked him to speak to his supporters, who he said were smashing police vehicles outside the station

Captain Kotze warned Mr Terreblanche that if they did not stop, "we will have to start shooting at them"

Gunmen slay activist's wife and 3 children

Star 16/8/91

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The wife of a prominent ANC activist and three of their children died on Wednesday night in an arson and shooting attack on their Site C shack at Khayelitsha township outside Cape Town.

The dead are Florence Tshuku, sons Lundi (18) and Mncedisi (20), and daughter Abigail (17).

Solomon Tshuku, chairman of the ANC Site C branch, said he was at work when unknown assailants stormed his house about 1.30 am.

His nine-year-old daughter Nondumiso was the only survivor.

She said her life was spared by a gunman who said: "Let's not kill her, she is too young."

A neighbour who helped put out the fire said he heard gunshots. When he came out of his shack he heard Mrs Tshuku and her children crying: "We are dying, please help."

Johnson Qinga said he and other neighbours used buckets of water to extinguish the fire.

Mr Tshuku said he was grieved by the incident but would not halt his fight for justice.

Mr Tshuku, who also used his shack as a shop, said he had lost about R900 in the fire and all his belongings.

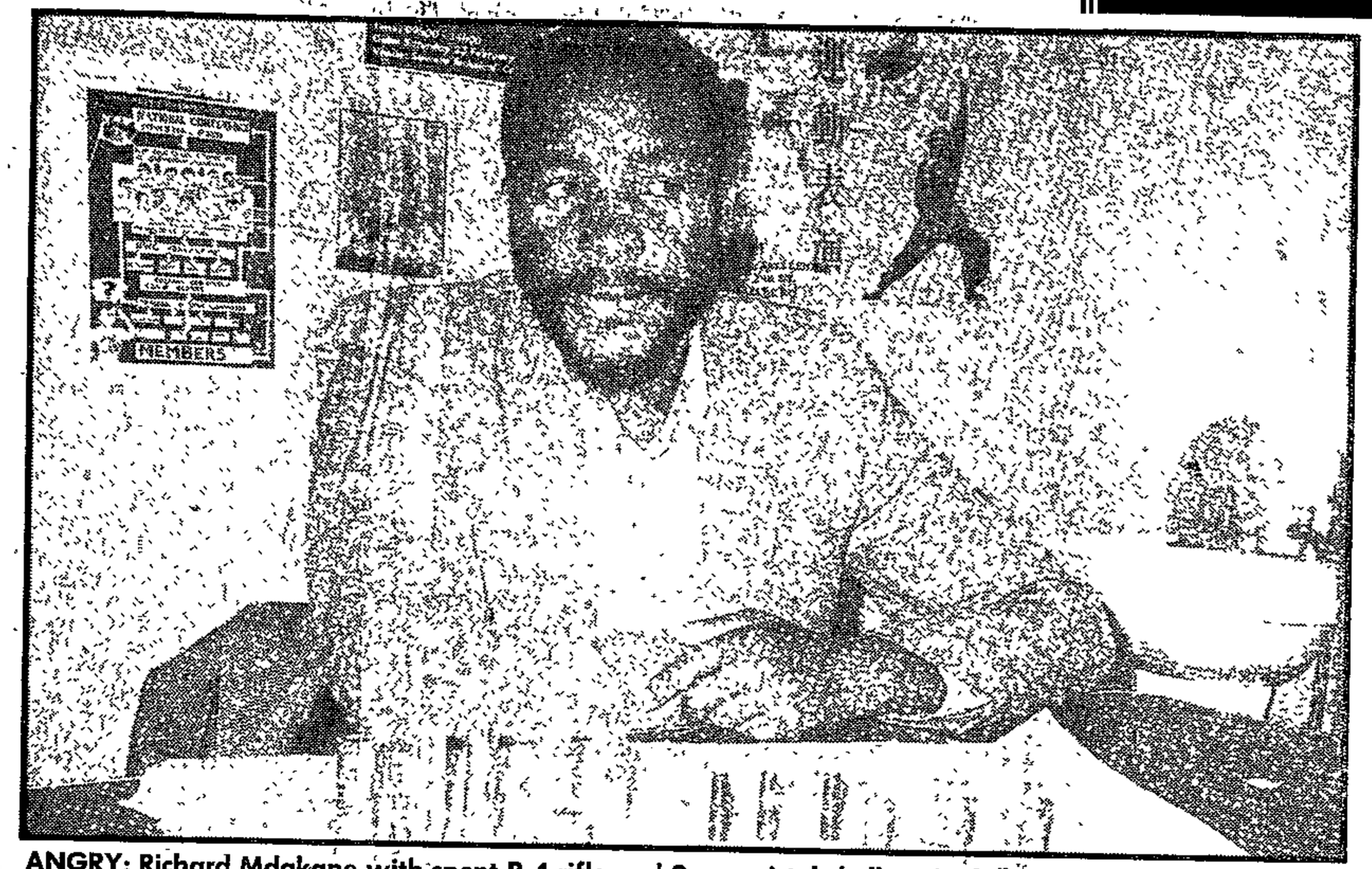
Where nights are filled with fear and death

Star 17/8/91 (278)

LAST weekend Alexandra, on the border of Sandton, erupted in a wave of violence that left at least 28 people dead and dozens injured. Late this week, police were still counting the bodies amid ominous claims by eyewitnesses that whites were involved in the slaughter. MUSA MAPISA and ABBEY MAKOE visited the township to find out what happened.

TO AN outsider, Alexandra looks quite normal during the day.

Cattle forage alongside dusty streets, hawkers peddle their



ANGRY: Richard Mdakane with spent R-4 rifle and 9 mm pistol shells. ● Photographs: ABBEY MAKOE



ADAMANT: Under their balaclavas, says Aaron Malepe, four of his six attackers were white.

...ngre goocs, po ce and troops move about on patrol, and tired-looking taxi drivers load and offload passengers at the famous Pan Africa bus and taxi rank.

The only sign of "violence" the Saturday Star team witnessed was an angry woman spanking a toddler.

But when night falls, fear grips the township.

Since last Sunday at least 28 people have been killed and scores injured by unknown assailants — some believed to be white — in attacks that came at night.

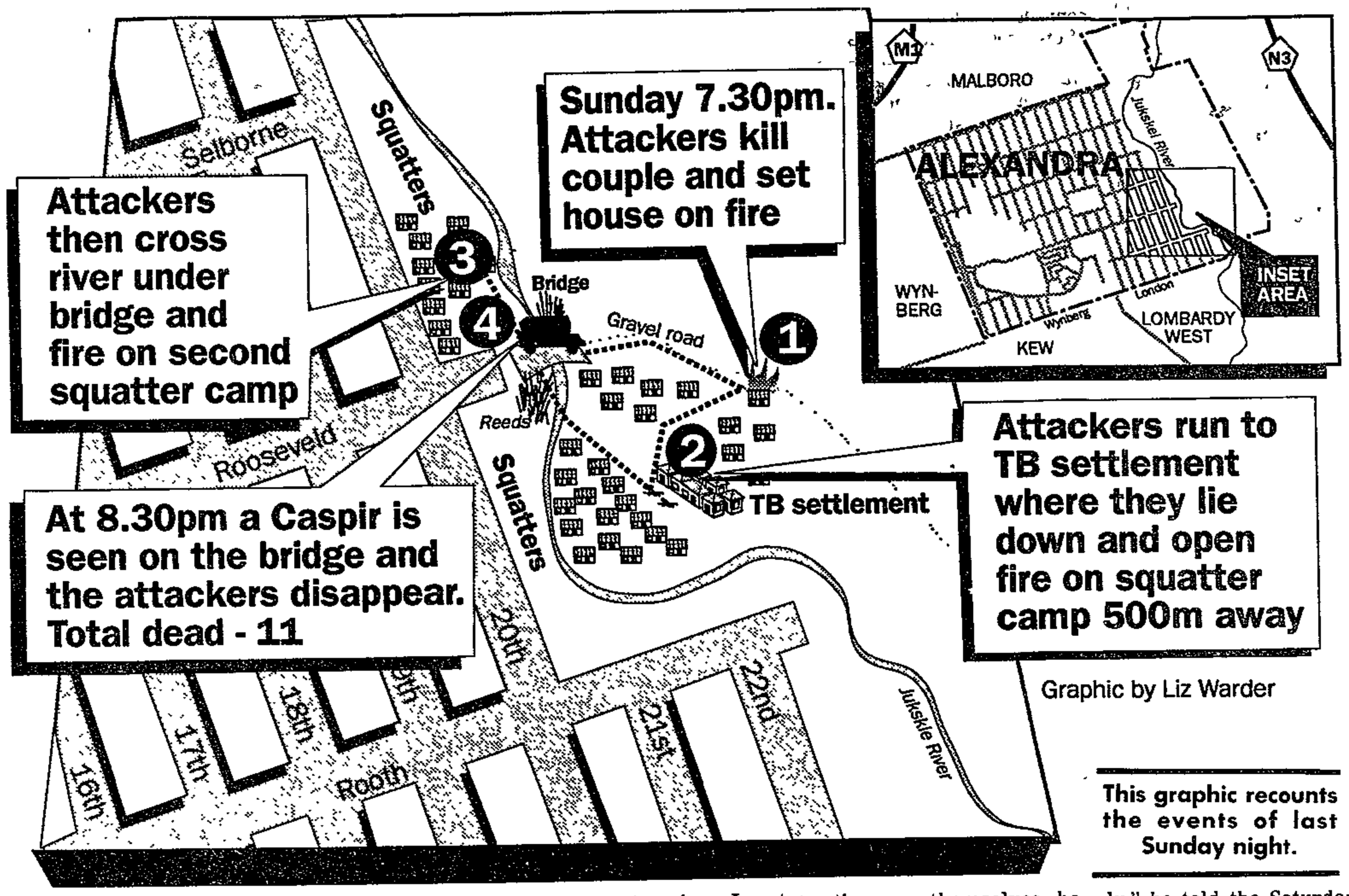
Curfew

On Wednesday the township was declared an unrest area and a 9 pm-to-4 am curfew was imposed.

The fear is the strongest in the squatter settlements where any stranger — even a reporter — is looked on with suspicion

In one shack, dried blood had formed a crust on the cement floor and corrugated-iron walls. Many other shacks had holes — the result of the senseless shooting on Sunday night.

Many witnessed the events of Sunday night.



This graphic recounts the events of last Sunday night.



NARROW ESCAPE: Petrus Malepe (left) and Jonas Gaserotse (right).

Only a few have been willing to speak.

Aaron Malepe (20) was one person who came under fire. He said he heard automatic gunfire at about 8 15 pm, as he was preparing to go to bed. It seemed to originate not far from the squatter camp, he said

"I went outside to investigate, where I met a friend who was also disturbed by the firing."

At about 8.30, six men appeared from under a nearby bridge as Mr Malepe and his friend were preparing to go back inside their shack.

Two of the group of men, both black, walked in front and were wearing civilian clothes, while four others, wearing coats and balaclavas, followed, he said

But Mr Malepe said that because the eye holes in the balaclavas were much bigger than the eyes themselves, he could clearly see that the people wearing them were white.

They communicated with each other using hand signals, he said

As the men drew closer, they saw Mr Malepe and his friend, and they opened fire. Mr Malepe took cover inside his shack while his friend ran away.

"Listening to the scary sound from inside the shack I could deduce that the attackers were moving from one shack to another, firing continuously," he told the Saturday Star.

"A few minutes lapsed and I heard someone outside the door of our shack. He was ordering another man, in Zulu, to enter our shack But the second man answered 'Lomuntu uphumile lapha' (that person has left the shack). The men then left."

Gunfire continued and gradually faded as the attackers moved off westwards Mr Malepe had had a lucky escape.

Jonas Gaserotse (20) claimed that he was missed by a shot from about 300 m away He escaped by running out of the shantytown

Mr Gaserotse found sanctuary with a family in nearby houses.

Describing his ordeal, he said that at about 8.30 pm he saw about four people approaching from under the bridge bordering the squatter camp. "I thought they were neighbours coming from the communal toilet"

Suddenly the men started shooting at him, but missed.

Another witness, Petrus Malepe, said he was inside his shack when he heard gunshots. Shortly after switching off the light, he said voices could be heard from outside, although he could not hear what was being said.

Nobody knows for sure who carried out these repeated assaults on the community, or why, but there are persistent claims that whites were involved

The Alexandra Civic Association (ACO) claims that a group of whites wearing balaclavas and using a Casspir and a minibus without registration plates were seen attacking squatters at the "TB settlement".

The attackers were also heard shouting anti-ACO and anti-ANC slogans including "ANC se moer" (damn the ANC).

The Saturday Star was shown what was believed to be spent shells from a 9 mm pistol and an R-4 rifle, along with a number of shotgun cartridges

The civic organisation and local ANC-aligned organisations also accuse police of helping Inkatha Freedom Party supporters carry out attacks on residents during the IFP's township clean-up two weeks ago, an accusation police have denied

Captain Henriette Bester of the SAP said police had taken note of the allegation that white people wearing balaclavas were carrying out attacks in Alexandra, and appealed to anyone with information or proof to come forward to assist police in their investigation.

Strife-torn Alex a stiff test for first official people's court 'judge'

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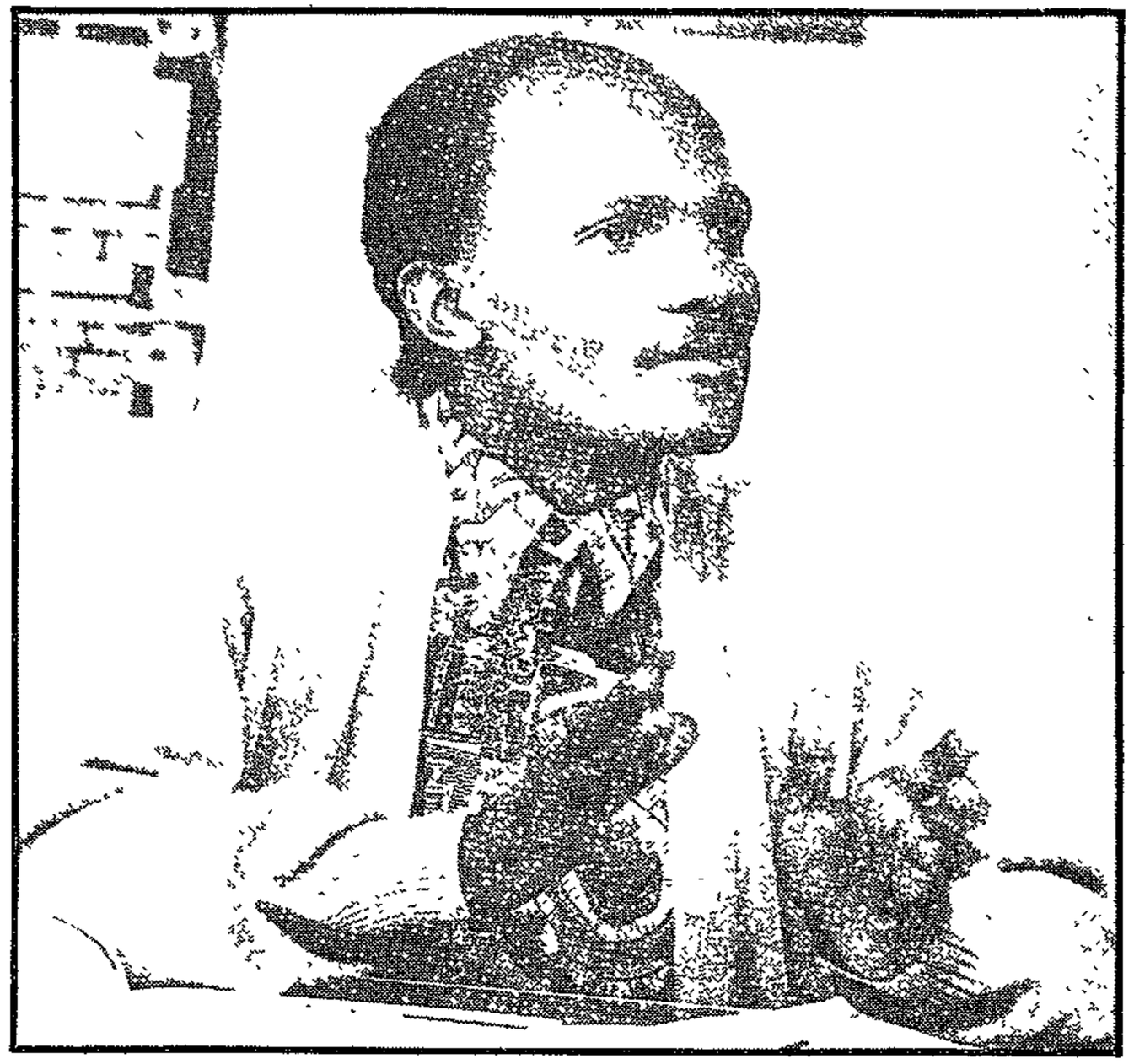

MAN-SIZED: Ben Dhlomo will play a key role in township law-enforcement.

STANDING about 1,2 m tall, slightly built, with a clean-cut appearance complete with neatly trimmed moustache, and displaying all the innocent enthusiasm of youth, Ben Dhlomo could easily be taken for a matric pupil.

But the responsibilities he is about to take on are man-sized by any standards: he is to become the key figure in the maintenance of law and order in strife-torn Alexandra township.

Overwhelming

For it is there that South Africa's first officially sanctioned "people's court" has been established — and Ben Dhlomo has been appointed to head it. His first case goes to "trial" next month.

One might have expected his age — he is only 30 — to spark opposition to his appointment, on the grounds that he lacks maturity and experience. But the community has given him overwhelming support.

He and colleagues in the Alexandra Civic Organisation have been liaising with the Department of Justice over the court's role and how it will work.

Mr Dhlomo, registrar-elect of the court, and 10 other would-be court officials are being trained by the Community Dispute Resolution Resource Committee.

The committee was formed by the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand and by the National Association of Democratic Lawyers.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee had been briefed on the project, he added, and had expressed no reservations about it.

Mr Dhlomo said his immediate aim was to reach a formal agreement with the Department of Justice to ensure that Alexandra's new community court would work hand in hand with other courts and the police.

A matriculant who is married with two children, Mr Dhlomo is studying hard to equip himself for the immense task that lies ahead

Already, he is revising the manuals he received while attending a five-day course on "jurisdiction, identification and mediation" at Wits — "the things I will specialise in when the sittings commence"

His experience in dispute-resolution is informal. "It took place on the ground, but not in the kangaroo courts," said Mr Dhlomo.

The "kangaroo" courts were usually manned by youths, who ordered severe punishment — including floggings — for people of all ages, sometimes resulting in death.

A UNIQUE project has been launched in Alexandra — the first township in the country to have an officially sanctioned "people's court". The man appointed to sit in judgment on local disputes is Ben Dhlomo. He talked to ABBEY MAKOE about the challenge.

As time went on, Mr Dhlomo said, he would receive special training that would help him to function as a fully fledged court registrar.

Part of a huge building in Alexandra's has already been earmarked for the court. Had it not been for the current wave of violence in the township, Mr Dhlomo said, the furniture would already have been installed.

An official of the local civic organisation and secretary of the street committee, Mr Dhlomo explained how he saw the court operating. "I, as registrar of the court, will assess the nature of the dispute between the warring parties"

"I will decide if the dispute warrants mediation — to be provided by the court — or whether the case is so serious that it should be referred to the police or social welfare organisations."

He would not handle criminal cases such as rape, murder, armed robbery or child abuse.

Explaining the typical case it would hear, he said: "Say 18 people are sharing a basket-system toilet and they happen to agree that they will remove the basket in turns. Then one does not comply with the agreement, but continues to use the toilet.

"It will be the duty of the court to point out to the accused the inconvenience and embarrassment he causes others."

Other cases might involve a quarrel over a shared washing-line or a water tap, where one person was accused of using more water than others.

Mr Dhlomo said the accused would not be physically taken to court if he or she refused to show up at the hearing. "We will use every method of persuasion to get them to court."

There would be no floggings, he added, as this would not be in keeping with the main aim of the court — to rid the community of unnecessary conflict.

Where there was no trust between people, there was friction, which eventually led to violence.

Mediation would be voluntary and would be the basic mechanism through which warring parties would reach settlement.

The requirements for mediators — "we will need many of them" — would be an ability to speak and write English. They were also likely to be prominent members of the community.

Mr Dhlomo was instrumental in pushing for a community court. But where did he get the idea?

Influenced

He said that when the laws of the country were drawn up, black people were not represented. As a result, they now saw the existing courts as unrepresentative.

Mr Dhlomo, who was influenced by the ideas and courage of Nelson Mandela when he (Dhlomo) was at high school, said he was convinced community courts had a bright future.

"They will be fully accepted by legal officialdom when the new South Africa emerges."

Outrage over slain grandpa

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By ELIAS MALULEKE 278

THE cold-blooded murder of a defenceless, semi-blind and paralysed Albert Mleteni Masondo, 74, by members of Inkatha in Ermelo's Wesselton last Saturday, has sparked outrage and calls to form defence units in the township.

Four other people were fatally shot when Inkatha members, who had flocked into the township to attend a funeral, opened fire from a bus as they left the township.

Police confirmed the incidents and said the bus was later stopped and several weapons confiscated. They arrested 103 Inkatha members.

Masondo was gunned down in the yard of his house at Stand No 1 041, Thabethe Street in Phumla Section, Wesselton, just before 10 am last Saturday.

He was from Port Shepstone in Natal and although his family said he was a-political, his brothers are known to be strong Inkatha supporters and his murder could have been a mistake.

Inkatha spokesman Musa Myeni said the killing of Masondo would be investigated, as would be a link between the notorious Amakati and Inkatha.

According to Masondo's grieving daughter in-law, Josephine, Masondo was sitting next to the back door talking to her husband, Prince, when the mob of heavily armed men with red headbands stormed the house.



Grieving Josephine Masondo at the spot where her father-in-law, Albert Mleteni Masondo, was gunned down.

"Prince said he was not fighting and quickly went into the house, leaving his father behind, thinking they would not touch him as he was old. Shots then rang out and when my husband went out to investigate, they also fired at him," Josephine said.

She said the rampaging mob was marching in the streets to the graveyard to bury Sabata "Jwi" Zwane, a notorious Inkatha warlord and leader of a Wesselton vigilante group, Amakati.

Zwane was gunned down by unknown assailants two weeks ago when he was cornered in a dark alley next to the store owned by Wesselton ANC branch chairman John "Teacher" Mndebele.

Inkatha had warned during the week that Zwane would not go down alone and more than 10 were going to be killed to avenge his death, claimed residents.

Earlier, the mob used guns and pangas to attack a group of children aged between eight and 16 near a shopping complex at the corner of Magwaza and Mdluli streets, where Zwane was gunned down two weeks ago.

They killed Psycho Ngubane, 14; John Williams, 40; and injured Anthony Nkhumani, 14. The two elderly people were caught in the fire as they left the shop and the other children managed to escape unhurt.

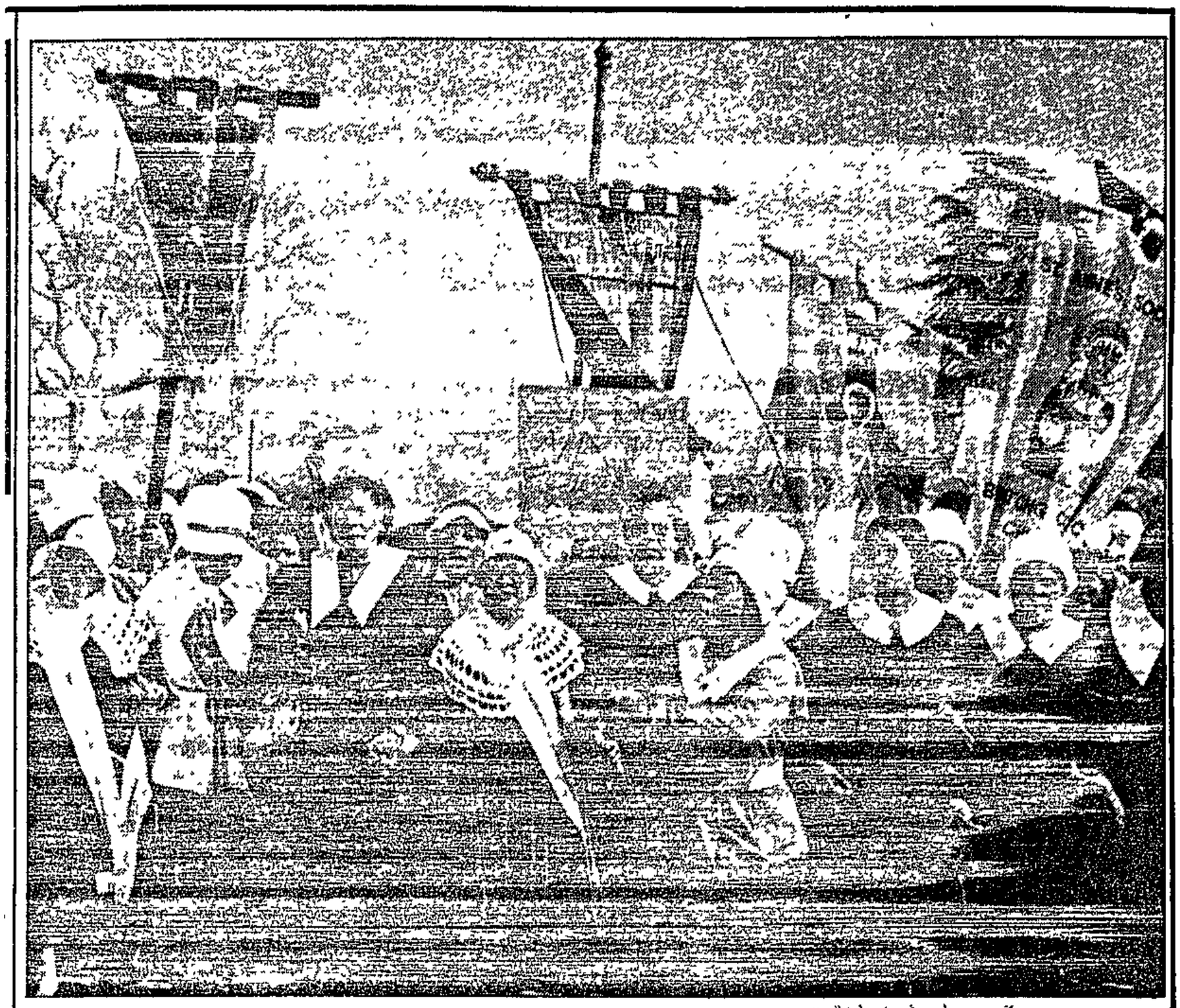
Anthony said he was playing with other children near the shop when the mob of more than 30 approached and started shooting widly.

"I was shot in a leg, fell down and closed my eyes pretending to be dead," he said.

After the funeral, as the Inkatha members were being driven out of the township shots were fired from a bus and hit four other people.

"Our people are tired of all these unprovoked killings and demand the establishment of self-defence units," said Mndebele.

A police spokesman said police were still investigating and the arrested men would appear in court on September 30.



DEN OF INIQUITY . . . Vaal women march on Iscor's KwaMadala hostel to demand an end to the attacks on township residents. However, Iscor sees no problem. ■ **Pic: EVANS MBOWENI**

Hostel not a problem — Iscor

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By SOPHIE TEMA

VAAL residents hold their breath when the name "KwaMadala" is mentioned.

Residents in the Vaal Triangle and political organisations allege Iscor's KwaMadala Hostel is the stronghold of Inkatha which houses the organisation's warlords.

It has also been said KwaMadala is accommodating criminals and is the base from where violent acts are planned and executed against ANC members and township residents.

This week the interdenominational Women's Ministries of the Vaal Council of Churches handed a memorandum, which listed grievances about KwaMadala and it's inmates, to Iscor personnel manager Hannes Viljoen.

The memorandum said KwaMadala was used as a springboard for terrorist attacks against residents and that on various occasions people, including young children, had been abducted and kept at KwaMadala against their will.

It stated that residents were perturbed by the spate of violence in the area since July 22, 1990, especially in Boipatong.

It demands an end to intimidation, abduction of people and violence, and calls on Iscor to stop harbouring "these enemies of peace".

It also asked Iscor whether it enjoyed seeing men and women killed and children orphaned.

The memorandun said the violence had claimed more than 100 lives so far.

"We and our kin live in constant fear, due to threats and intimidation.

"The education of our children has also been affected as a result of threats and attacks on students by KwaMadala residents at schools – like at the Lebohang Secondary School in Boipatong."

The memorandum reminded Iscor management that it had promised a delegation of ministers last year that if just one of the culprits was found to be residing at KwaMadala, then Iscor would order all the occupants out of the complex.

This week I visited KwaMadala and spoke to leader Moses Mandla Mthembu.

In a three-hour interview, which City Press will run next week, Mthembu told how Inkatha and the ANC became trapped in a spiral of violence dating back to 1986.

Iscor's management this week strongly denied the allegations made against KwaMadala.

A statement said that following an investigation no evidence could be found to convince management that KwaMadala Hostel should be managed differently to that of Iscor's other hostel, KwaMasiza.

Iscor evaded the issue of attacks on township residents, and instead said an investigation into the allegations was called off after "interested parties" told them they felt "the differences between the inhabitants of the two hostel should be resolved by themselves".

City Press had never asked Iscor about "differences between the inhabitants of the two hostels.

Iscor continued by saying that during two recent raids by the SAP, no evidence was found of illegal occupants.

Mine clash: 9 die, 80 held hostage

Cpress 18/8/91.

By THEMBA KHUMALO

EIGHTY miners were last night held hostage by irate colleagues following fierce fighting, which claimed nine lives on Friday night at the Wildebeestfontein North mine near Rustenburg.

The dead men, also mineworkers, were allegedly part of a group of about 100 vigilantes hired to kill striking members of the National Union of Mineworkers.

The situation at the mine was tense last night with the hostages eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Bophuthatswana police, who were expected to arrest them City Press was allowed to photograph the hostages, who were locked away in a large room on the mine.

General Mining Corporation yesterday blamed "inter-group clashes" for the deaths. The company said eight people died. It said the clashes stemmed from the fact that some workers wanted to work full shifts while others at three of its mines worked half days only

Workers said they had downed tools in protest against management's refusal to increase their salaries.

They are also demanding the dismissal of a white employee, an alleged AWB member who they claim shot dead a black miner on Thursday

The captives told City Press they were "bought" by a member of the mine's management to kill the striking miners.

The miners said they were holding a meeting at the mine stadium on Friday night when they saw their attackers advancing, with an assortment of weapons.

The attackers started hurling stones at them and when the strikers retaliated, seven of the assailants were left dead. However, Bop police liaison officer Col Dave George said reports from the area suggested nine men died.

At least 15 shacks in which attackers lived, were razed

Hundreds of women and children who lived in the shacks spent the night in the veld after fleeing the carnage, and only returned yesterday morning to find their belongings either burnt or stolen

Nokuthula Phohlela, a local shebeen queen said she lost everything during the attack.

"When I saw the miners advancing towards us I took my 18-month-old baby and fled to the bushes When I came back this morning I found my furniture, worth R2 000, burnt to ashes. I also lost R200 in cash," she said.

According to the miners, trouble started on Thursday night when two black miners were knocked down by a car driven by white occupants Minutes later another black miner was allegedly shot dead at point-blank range by a white colleague.

About 18 000 black miners then staged a sit-in at the mine stadium They demanded the dismissal of the alleged killer and also that management take action against those who knocked down the black miners

The situation was saved by senior NUM officials who addressed the strikers and requested them to return to work while they were taking up the matter with management.



A BIZARRE SCENE . . . Black workers on the Bloemhof farm of Ventersdorp victim Gerhard Koen had to sit behind the graveyard fence during his funeral ceremony yesterday, but were allowed to throw soil on to his coffin with white mourners. One black woman collapsed while hymns were sung after the ceremony. Koen was not an AWB member.

Top prizes in Stick-A-Pic

WATCH out for the exciting City Press/Ellerines Stick-A-Pic competition, which will run over 12 weeks.

Lucky readers can win top-quality furniture and appliances worth R18 000 Details in City Press next week.



Demolition squads head for hostels

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

THE demolition of the controversial KwaThema Hostel in Springs began this week following an agreement between the council and the local civic association.

Part of the hostel has been vacated – marking a possible phasing out of single men's quarters.

Township residents are unhappy because four blocks – regarded as Inkatha strongholds – are to remain standing.

Residents interviewed in a spot survey agreed that the hostels should be completely demolished.

Jerry "Staff" Shabalala, 26, said inmates were "provocative" and should find alternative accommodation

KwaThema town clerk Stephen Muller said the unoccupied part of the hostel attracted vagrants and had to go.

It was decided to demolish the complex after eight people were killed by hostel dwellers three weeks ago

Police spokeswoman, Captain Ida van Zweel, said the police had no record of attacks on residents by official inmates of the hostel.

But City Press investigations revealed that the latest incident was sparked by an inmate living in Room 22, Block C

Last year more than 24 people died after a confrontation between residents and hostel inmates



Ali Jones has his head bandaged by his wife, Amiena.

■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

Bullet in head did not KO tough Ali

By CP Correspondent

A WESTBURY man this week described how he had a narrow escape from death when he was shot in the head during the rightwing flare-up in Ventersdorp last Friday.

Ali Jones, 42, walked for 50 minutes with the bullet lodged in his head.

Jones said he was in a Putco bus on his way to Toevlug, a coloured area in Ventersdorp, where his children go to school. On entering Ventersdorp, the bus was stopped at a police roadblock and the driver advised not to drive into town. Q78

Before the driver could move in a different direction, all the lights in the town went out.

Pandemonium broke out, with bullets flying Jones got out of the vehicle and moved away from the riot.

Something hit him in the head and he thought he had been hit by a brick C/Poer 18/8/91

When he arrived at Toevlug 50 minutes later, it was found he had a bullet lodged in his head He then collapsed

When they arrived at the hospital there was confusion, with rightwingers threatening them

He was admitted before being transferred to Klerkdorp Hospital

Jones is recuperating at home in Westbury.

BLOODY, DANGEROUS TIMES IN DARK CITY

S Times 16/8/91

By EZRA MANTINI and SHARON CHETTY

ENTERING the Mayekiso squatter camp in Alexandra township is no problem, even for strangers. It's getting out that could prove difficult.

The three-year-old camp — about 1km east of Lombardy East in Johannesburg — has been the scene of pitched battles since unrest restrictions imposed in May were lifted on August 3.

As a stranger enters, an intricate security network swings into action.

Groups of youths playing poker in the sun are actually members of the camp's self-defence unit. As the stranger moves, so do the games. And other groups appear out of nowhere to surround him and find out what he wants.

These are dangerous times. In the early hours of last Saturday morning, an invading red-headbanded force, allegedly backed by white men in balaclavas, was repulsed by the defence unit.

Poverty

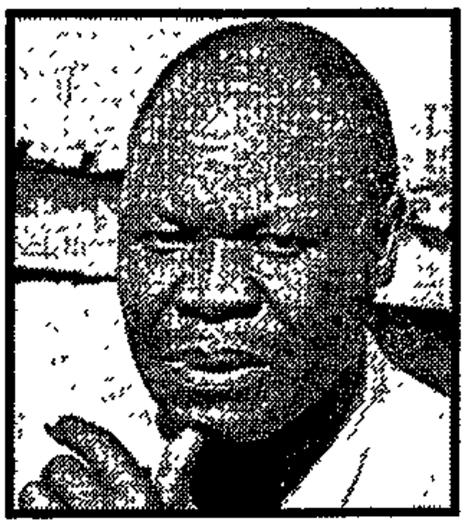
Four bodies were found the next day — all with red headbands, according to residents. By Friday, the August death toll had risen to 28, with an estimated 71 injured.

But the squatters are not sure who they are fighting or why.

Residents' committee chairman Philemon Mthombeni said there was no quarrel between Mayekiso squatters and the residents of the hostel about 1km away, from where the attacks are apparently launched. "The hostel dwellers are being used by other forces against us," he said.

Since March, the violence that besieged other areas has spread to Alexandra — dubbed "Dark City" because of rampant crime and poverty.

At least 75 people have died in clashes since March when



PHILEMON MTHOMBENI

previous restrictions were lifted. Relative calm returned in May when a curfew was imposed.

But that all changed on Saturday, August 3. An Inkatha anti-litter campaign turned into a bloody nightmare, leaving at least three dead. Quick police intervention prevented more casualties.

But residents seem to have little faith in the police, with allegations that police units are siding with Inkatha.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said: "This is no ordinary conflict between two political groups — clearly the security forces were in on the violence."

The police have denied involvement in the attacks.

Mr Mthombeni said: "Bring back the SADF's 32 Battalion and we might have peace — they don't take nonsense from anybody."

Members of the Alexandra Civic Organisation believe attacks on residents are timed to coincide with their meetings.

ACO office worker Miss Mary Ntingana said: "We called a meeting for August 4 to discuss low-cost housing and the squatter problem.

"However, the day before, Inkatha bused in people from Soweto and the East Rand for what they called a clean-up campaign," she said.

"Crowds arrived waving banners. None of them had spades or brooms. But some had bin liners, which they used to hide weapons.

"They didn't clean their hostel, but marched down the streets chanting and singing. That was when the trouble started."

Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, secretary-general of Inkatha's West Rand region, denied the allegations: "During the clean-up campaign, two of our members were killed and their shacks (on hostel grounds) burnt down by ACO members.

"We didn't carry spades or brooms because we needed neither. You can pick up the rubbish by hand. A few carried sticks because they are used to doing so.

"We intended to start cleaning outside the hostel and finish off by cleaning the hostel itself and holding a braai, but we were attacked by ANC members without provocation," said Mr Ndlovu.

Vigilantes

Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal president Moses Mayekiso, originally from Alex, said: "We tried to form a peace committee with Inkatha, but this failed to materialise.

"People in the Mayekiso camp have been subjected to intimidation by vigilantes, helped by police and councillors. That is why we demand that councillors should resign," he said.

Alexandra ANC member Obed Bapela has called for an independent commission of inquiry to probe the violence.

He said a police denial of residents' claims that Casspirs were used to ferry the attackers to the township "was unacceptable".

Violence surges in wake of peace talks

AT THE end of a week in which government, the ANC and Inkatha agreed on a historic peace pact there were a number of incidents of violence.

Police said a man was stoned and stabbed before his assailants stacked firewood around him and set him alight while 500 people watched in a township near Kimberley on Friday.

Sapa reports that police suspect the incident was linked to a people's court.

Also on Friday night an "assistant police constable" was killed and his two colleagues seriously injured when they were thrown off a Soweto-bound train, spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said.

In Natal, Chief Dingizwa Jerome Ndlovu, a known supporter of the Inkatha Freedom Party, died in a hail of bullets on Friday as he was cleaning his car at his home in Ixopo, a police spokesman said.

The attackers also fatally wounded Khonziwe Ndlovu, 17, believed to be the chief's daughter, and injured his bodyguard.

In Mooi River, a group of 50 men attacked two youths, killing one instantly and injuring the other.

Police said it appeared the same group also chased and stabbed another man, who died later in hospital.

The official unrest report said another man was killed near Port Shepstone.

4 murdered in weekend violence

PRETORIA — Four people died — one of them stabbed and burned in what police suspect to be violence related to a "kangaroo court" hearing — in unrest at the weekend. (278)

On Friday evening, a man was stoned, stabbed and set alight in Chris Hani Park, near Kimberley

Police spokesman Colonel Carel van der Westhuizen said police suspected the incident was linked to a people's court hearing.

Two people were killed when a group went on the rampage attacking youths in Mooi River on Friday afternoon CT 19/8/91

A man was stabbed to death by a group in Qinabout, near Port Sheptone, on Saturday.

In other unrest a man was arrested at Roodewal, near Cape Town, after a police vehicle was stoned on Saturday. Eight cars were damaged by stones thrown in Khayelitsha.

Two men and a woman were wounded by gunmen at Crossroads on Friday Two men were later arrested.

Attacked ANC pair in hiding

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TWO ANC leaders in Koster in the Western Transvaal are in hiding after their homes were attacked by alleged Inkatha members yesterday.

By IKE MOTSAPI

Mr Eric Modisane, chairman of the ANC's Koster branch, and executive member Ms Siphora Segwe fled their homes after more than 30 alleged Inkatha supporters armed with assegais, garden forks, sticks and iron bars, invaded their homes about 7.55am.

This is the second attack on their homes.

Two weeks ago their houses were fired at and attacked with hand-grenades. Nobody was injured in the attacks.

Mob

During yesterday's attacks the mob surrounded the houses before storming into their yards.

Segwe said she was in the house with her mother, Mrs Annah Segwe, when the incident happened.

Colonel John Eysterhuizen, liaison officer for the Western Transvaal police, said he had no knowledge of the incident.

Alexandra's community courts supremo speaks

Sowetan 19/8/91

A UNIQUE project has been launched in Alexandra, which has become the first township in the country to have an officially-sanctioned "people's court". The man appointed to sit in judgment of local disputes is Ben Dhlomo. He spoke to *Sowetan* Correspondent ABBEY MAKOE about the challenge.

WHEN little Ben Dhlomo ran after anti-apartheid demonstrators in the dusty streets of Soweto years ago, it never occurred to him that he too would one day be in the front line of protest politics.

And even today his youthful enthusiasm remains.

From a distance, Dhlomo (30) could still be mistaken for a matric pupil. Slightly built and standing about 1,2m tall, even his neatly trimmed moustache resembles that of a teenage boy.

But there's no doubt this "youngster" has a man-sized responsibility - he's now a key factor in the maintenance of law and order in Alexandra.

Yet Dhlomo's standing in the township has prompted overwhelming support from the community, which will see its first case go to "trial" next month.

He and colleagues in the Alexandra Civic Organisation have been liaising with the Department of Justice over the court's role and how it will work.

Dhlomo, registrar-elect of the court, and 10 other would-be court officials are being trained by the Community Dispute Resolution Resource Committee.

Developments

The CDRRC was formed by the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee has been briefed about the developments, and has expressed no reservations.

Dhlomo's hopes to work with the Department of Justice, which will ensure the court will work hand in hand with other judicial courts and the police.

With a matric certificate the major credit of his academic background, Dhlomo is studying hard to equip himself for the immense task that lies ahead.

Already, he is revising the manuals he received whilst attending a five-day course on "jurisdiction, identification and mediation" at Wits - "the things I will specialise on when the sittings commence".

His experience in dispute resolution is informal.

Special

As time goes on, he says, he will get special training that will help him to function as a fully fledged court registrar.

Dhlomo minces no words as he explains how he foresees the court proceedings in progress.

"I, as registrar of the court, will assess the nature of the dispute between the warring parties, with utmost objectivity," he says.

"I will decide if the dispute warrants mediation - to be provided by the court - or whether the case is so serious that it be referred to the police or social welfare organisations."

Dhlomo stresses that his court will not handle cases such as "rape, murder, armed robbery, child abuse or any criminal case".

Looking more determined, he gives examples of cases he has in mind.

Said Dhlomo: "Say 18 people are sharing a bucket-system toilet and they happen to agree that they will remove the bucket in turns. Then one does not comply with the agreement, but continues to use the toilet.

Dhlomo says the accused, who may refuse to show up at the hearing, will not be physically taken to court.

Flogging

There will be no floggings. That would not be in keeping with the main aim of the court - to rid the society of unnecessary clashes within itself.

Mediation will be voluntary and will be the basic mechanism through which warring parties will reach settlement.

Dhlomo was instrumental in pushing for a community court.

But where did he get the idea? He replies that when the laws of the country were drawn up, black people were not represented. Now, they see the present law courts as unrepresentative.

He was also influenced by the readings and courage of Nelson Mandela during high school, is convinced community courts face a bright future.

Mohlakeng Adult Choir yesterday got a standing ovation when they sang *Hambanini* at the *Sowetan*/Caltex Massed Choir Festival at the Standard Bank Arena. See Pages 16 and 17 for more pictures. Pic. JOE MOLEFE

Cops 'necklaced' builder - claim

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A 22-YEAR-OLD man sustained serious injuries after four policemen allegedly placed a tyre around his chest, sprinkled it with methylated spirits and set it alight at Pretoria North Police Station.

Soshanguve builder Mr Sipho Mazibuko, in an affidavit submitted to his lawyer, claims he was bound hand and foot to a chair and tortured by two black and two white policemen inside an office at the police station last Sunday.

Letter of demand

The four policemen allegedly accused him and Mr Moses and Mr Christopher Dibakwane and 17-year-old Jafta Mashidi of being in possession of a firearm.

Mazibuko's lawyer, Mr Cyril Morolo, served a letter of demand on the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, on Thursday claiming R50 000 in damages resulting from the wrongful and unlawful conduct of the police.

By MONK NKOMO

Police spokesman Major Hennie Vlotman confirmed that Mazibuko had laid a charge against his alleged assailants at Soshanguve Police Station on Wednesday.

"He made a full statement which, together with the docket, will be sent to Pretoria North Police Station for investigation because the alleged crime was committed there," the spokesman said.

Mazibuko, who briefed his lawyers on Thursday, said their ordeal started about 2.30pm last Sunday when the four policemen arrived at their Soshanguve home. The police demanded that they produce a firearm.

"We denied knowledge of the weapon. The police then started assaulting Christopher and Jafta. They took us to the police station in Pretoria North where I was taken to an office.

"The police bound my hands and feet to a

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chair, placed a tyre between my chest and stomach, sprinkled methylated spirits on it and set it alight," Mazibuko said.

Police demanded that he produce the firearm while he screamed for help.

"A black policeman named Mphuthi put the flames out after I had sustained serious injuries to the neck, chest and stomach."

The four men were released after about two hours and taken back home by the police without being charged.

Mazibuko said Christopher and Jafta were still in bed and had not reported for work since Monday because of their injuries.

In his letter of demand to Vlok, Morolo also submitted that each time his client tried to scream for help the police "fastened a tyre tube around his face".

Fighting talk

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The hostel men have nowwhere left to run to

By THEMBA MOLEFE

"WE have been running and now we say it is enough.

"We are here to stay and this is a right we will defend even if that means facing the AK-47s with our sticks."

This is the terse message from inmates at KwaMadala Hostel, a building owned by Iscor in Vanderbijlpark and home to about 450 men.

These men call themselves refugees of violence which they say is being directed against Zulus in the Vaal Triangle.

I visited KwaMadala Hostel against a background of growing calls that Iscor close the building and send all its inmates back to Natal.

All the men are employed by Iscor, management said. They reoccupied the almost derelict building, which had been closed down by the corporation, in the mid-1980s.

All the residents had been relocated to the KwaMasiza Hostel in Sebokeng. Some claim they fled from the municipal-owned Sebokeng Hostel because of the attacks they say began on July 22 1990.

The relocation, which began in August last year, continued despite opposition from Iscor management.

These hostel men have been accused of mounting a vigilante terror campaign and having been especially bused in to wreak havoc and kill township residents.

It is also alleged the hostel harbours known killers. In addition, it has been said that these men have special police protection.

When I left two hours later the chill that had slowly crept up my spine had turned icy: the two men meant what they told me. They complimented the *Sowetan* for being "brave by venturing into our territory when everybody fears us".

I spoke to two spokesmen of the group, Mr Obed Mkhumane and Mr Moses Mthembu.

Mkhumane is 53 years old and began working for Iscor in 1966. He comes from Nongoma in KwaZulu. A stocky and powerfully-built man, Mkhumane is laid-back but the intensity of his words accentuates his frame of mind - and perhaps that of his 449 compatriots.

Says Mkhumane: "Some of us have children in the townships; we have women there but we cannot see them any more because we have been branded enemies. Our children are afraid to be seen talking to us. They are afraid to visit us in case they get killed.

"We are being blamed for the violence, but no one has ever produced evidence that we are the culprits. And we are tired of being pushed around and are ready to fight back."

Mthembu (43) is rather forthright and there is a tinge of bitterness in his voice: "We were brought up as warriors and we can fight. We were never taught to retreat; we can face the AK-47s with our sticks because, at the end of the day, every gun runs out of bullets.

"These trousers I'm wearing are a handout from the International Red Cross Society. All my belongings are still at KwaMasiza after I fled on July 22 last year."

Attacked

Mthembu said on that day he and about 350 men (from the KwaMasiza and Sebokeng hostels) were attacked by a mob of nearly 20 000 as they returned from a prayer meeting at the Sebokeng Stadium. He said this was a Zulu event and not an Inkatha rally.

"On that day children pelted us with stones. They were shouting, 'we want *inzule*'. A white policeman was stabbed and later died. Some of them were shooting at us from the roof of the hostel.

"We fought back, from 5.45pm until 10.30pm, when we retreated and took refuge at the Sebokeng police station. For the next three months we lived as refugees in Vereeniging, in tents provided by the Red Cross Society."

He said five of their men were killed in the fighting. Dalton Nxumalo was killed in his room at KwaMasiza. Douglas Mthethwa was burned to death and Sehla Twala was shot at the KwaMasiza entrance.

KwaMadala is on the outskirts of Boipatong township, which since last year has been the centre of death and destruction, with residents there telling stories of random attacks, allegedly by KwaMadala inmates.

On July 12 and 13 this year a stayaway was called in the Vaal Triangle townships and police stopped demonstrators from marching on the hostel.

Township residents say the hostel is an Inkatha base and, in particular, harbours "Khetis" - a young man alleged to have been responsible for the Sebokeng vigil massacre at which 28 people died in a hail of AK-47 bullets in February.

Mkhumane agrees that "Khetis" is an Inkatha member and had stayed at KwaMadala "for a few days".

Says Mkhumane: "He no longer lives here. We told him to go away because of the problems around him and, secondly, he does not work for Iscor. He lives with his girlfriend in town."

At the entrance of the hostel a United Workers Union of South Africa poster adorns a fence. The union is aligned to Inkatha of which the two men were reluctant to speak about. Inkatha Freedom Party posters also hang on the wall in the small office at the hostel.

Inkatha

"Inkatha is a political organisation and we are not being denounced for our membership to it. We are being singled out because we are Zulus who are not wanted here," says Mkhumane.

"Why? Are there no Zulus in Boipatong, for instance?" I asked.

"Yes, there are. But last year word got out, in pamphlets distributed at KwaMasiza, saying: 'Let them get out of the Vaal Triangle'. Since then, people who speak Zulu are being purged, taken out of taxis. I cannot walk in the Vanderbijlpark town without fear of losing my life," says Mkhumane.

He admitted there were Zulus who stayed at KwaMasiza but then that was their choice. "They are being treated with care, like eggs.

"The point is, if two guineafowls in a group are killed, the rest also flee," he said.

Mthembu made this point: "We are against stayaways, strikes and boycotts and we are being killed for it. That is why we are prepared to fight."

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Mthembu said he had never been interested in joining a trade union. Mkhumane said he is a former member of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, a Cosatu affiliate which enjoys popular support at Iscor and KwaMasiza. The union is recognised by management.

Whether they are right or not, a time bomb is slowly ticking away, waiting to explode with devastating effect, that's how I felt when I shook hands with Mkhumane and Mthembu.

●In a statement last week Iscor management refuted allegations, among others, that known killers and non-Iscor employees lived at the hostel with the corporation's knowledge.

The statement said in part: "These claims and similar allegations have been thoroughly investigated by Iscor and no evidence could be found to convince management that the KwaMadala Hostel should be managed differently to that of any other Iscor hostel.

"We even agreed to investigate these allegations, together with other interested parties and a mediator, but at the request of the other parties, the investigation was called off.

Iscor's public relations manager, Mr Piet du Plessis, said management preferred not to identify the interested parties as it wished to keep the door open for anyone who may wish to come forward with the view to start investigations.

He said it was not management's wish to have the problem debated in the Press.

The statement said further: "During two recent raids by the SAP, no evidence was found of illegal occupants. The visitors found were all properly signed in by the Iscor employee/occupant."

Security

The statement confirmed security force patrols and said at Iscor's request the security forces escorted all buses carrying employees to and from work.

"It must be borne in mind that Iscor allows the occupation of KwaMadala by those employees who had fled from the other hostel in fear of their lives and were living in the veld - an untenable situation for any responsible employer."

5 hurt in grenade attack

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FIVE people were injured in a grenade attack at Mshenguville in Soweto yesterday, police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said.

Police could not detail the injuries, as the people were removed from the scene before police arrived.

Residents of the squatter settlement said an unidentified car had pulled up just before they heard the blast. The car sped away immediately afterwards.

In other incidents, police dispersed with tearsmoke about 200 demonstrators at a railway station and people threw stones along Soweto Highway, Diepkloof.

A car was damaged by stones, but there were no reports of injuries in either of the incidents. - *Sapa*.

Racists beat up man and leave him for dead

By Montshiwa Moroke

Police are investigating an attack on a 20-year-old man who was assaulted and left for dead by a group of white youths in Princess, Roodepoort, at the weekend.

David Mogola, a machine maintenance worker from Luipaardsvlei, Krugersdorp, woke up at the Leratong Hospital on Saturday morning, but does not know how he got there.

The last thing he remembers is being hit with a wheel spanner and blood trickling down his face

Mr Mogola said yesterday he had been on his way to visit a friend at about 9 m on Friday and was walking between two plots when a car approached him

"I had seen the car, a red Honda Ballade, a few seconds earlier on Corlett Avenue as it was turning into the dirt road. I was expecting the car to pass when suddenly I was struck in the back with a stick from



David Mogala . . lucky to be alive

the moving car

"I tried to run away but felt slightly weak from the blow The car stopped and three white boys got out of the car and rushed towards me.

"Just then, three more joined them. Two of them grabbed me while the rest punched and kicked me, mainly in the ribs.

"They were swearing at me all the time They also called me a 'kaffir' and 'Mandela'

"One of them tried to strike me in the face with a wheel spanner as I lay on the ground I raised my arm to parry the blows and I actually heard my bone breaking twice as the blows landed," said Mr Mogola.

His life was saved by a passerby who came across him lying on the isolated dirt road and took him to hospital. He had two fractures in the left arm, a gash on the head and cuts and bruises

Mr Mogola's employer, John Welsh, said "We cannot have this going on. It is like the Ku Klux Klan in America"

Police have appealed to anyone with information to telephone (011) 760-1710.

Three suspects in police murders shot dead

Staff Reporters

Members of the special squad set up to investigate attacks on policemen after two officers were murdered on Sunday, shot dead two men suspected of the killings in separate incidents on Wednesday.

A third man, linked to the murder of a traffic policeman in Pimville, Soweto, on Tuesday, was shot dead by policemen early yesterday.

All the men were killed after they had been taken into custody. The men, all in their early 20s, have not been named.

Brian Currin, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, said: "One must place significance on the fact that two of these deaths involved the new police squad. One asks what their instructions are.

"But I would preface my comments with concern about attacks on policemen while on duty. Everything should be done to secure their safety.

"However, we are very concerned about these incidents, which smack of coincidence, and wish to warn against any tendency of the police force assuming the powers of a court of law," Mr Currin said.

Witwatersrand liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the police were pleased with the new unit's efforts.

"I think the press is insinuating that these people were just killed by police. I do not think these things should be investigated by the press. That is the job of the police."

He said all the deaths would be investigated by senior officers and reports would be sent to the Attorney-General.

The 20-man squad was set up on the orders of outgoing Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, who said 55 members of the SAP had been killed on the Reef since the start of the year.

The first suspect was killed at Brixton police station after he allegedly confessed to killing Sergeant Daniel Ackerman and Sergeant Phillip van Niekerk during a robbery at a petrol station in Regents Park, Johannesburg, on Sunday.

Captain Opperman said the man had knocked over the investigating officer, taken his firearm and was about to use it when another policeman opened fire.

The second suspect was killed in the street outside a house in La Rochelle, Johannesburg, after he was arrested by two officers from the squad on Wednesday night.

Captain Opperman said the man was shot dead when he produced a firearm from under his jacket after he had broken free and had been rearrested as he was taken from the house.

The third suspect died early yesterday when police opened fire on a house in Pimville.

The man who was shot dead had led the police to the house.

He was one of three men arrested after an attempted taxi hijack in Orlando West.

Colonel Jacques de Vries said the dead man had been found in possession of a firearm.

He had taken policemen to the house, where he said there were more arms.

He fetched the owner who, when he saw the policemen, locked the door. The man in the house threw a grenade at policemen.

In the shooting that followed, the man who led the police to the house was killed in the crossfire.

A person in the house was arrested and was in the Baragwanath Hospital under police guard.

One of the two firearms retrieved was found to have been the weapon which killed traffic officer Simon Mahudu Khundoane in Pimville on Tuesday.

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'Probe massacre' MP

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok had promised in June that vigorous action would be taken to investigate the massacre of 26 people in the Swaniesville squatter camp, but no prosecutions had been launched, the Democratic Party's Mr David Dalling claimed last night.

Speaking at an ANC meeting in Claremont, Mr Dalling said he had tabled a question in Parliament about "this whole disgraceful matter" but Mr Vlok asked him to withdraw the question because public debate could prejudice police investigations.

"Foolishly, perhaps, I did this," said Mr Dalling, MP for Sandton and the DP's chief whip.

"Since that day in June, I have heard not one word from the minister about the case."

Mr Dalling said a heavily-armed Inkatha "impi" had been allowed to march into the squatter camp in the Transvaal, assault and kill residents and steal their possessions.

Mr Vlok told him five arrests had been made, investigations had reached an advanced stage, the activities of the police were being seriously probed and that public debate on the issue would impede progress and prejudice investigations.

Aftermath of shootout



Mrs Thandiwe Mthoba holding a blood-stained photograph of one of her relatives. Next to her is a broken door that was damaged when police entered the house during a shootout in Soweto on Wednesday night.
Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Two are killed in blasts

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"The man who showed police the house was killed in the crossfire. He was found in possession of a second firearm — which he apparently took from the house," De Vries said.

The man who threw the grenade was arrested and is in Baragwanath Hospital under police guard.

In one of the three blasts on Wednesday a man, Phillemon Mcunu (29), was killed and three other people — two men and one woman — slightly injured when a handgrenade exploded at Soweto's Mshenguville.

Two petrol bombs were thrown through the window of Tshabalala's bottlestore in White City, but did not explode. This is the second attack on the bottlestore in two weeks.

The third blast was at Ipelegeng Community Hall, also in White City, at 9.05pm. Two handgrenades were thrown at the hall, shattering 12 windows. There were no injuries.

Soweto hit by blasts, gunfire

SOWETO was hit on Wednesday by blasts and gunfire in which two were killed and at least five injured.

Soweto police liaison officer Colonel Jaques de Vries said yesterday a man was killed, another wounded and a policeman hurt in a handgrenade attack on the Pimville home of the mother of actor and playwright James Mthoba.

The dead man was identified as "Doctor", while the injured is Tyrone Mthoba, James' younger brother.

During the incident the firearm which killed traffic officer Simon Mahudu Khundoane earlier this week was recovered.

De Vries said that on Wednesday midnight members of Soweto's operational branch blocked the hijack of a taxi in Orlando West.

Three men, including a youth of 17, were arrested. One was found with a firearm.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

De Vries said the suspect with the firearm took police to Zone 1, Pimville, where he said more arms could be found.

"He fetched the owner of the home who when he saw the police went back into the house and locked the door.

"Two policemen, sergeants Rawlins and Groenewald, entered the house through the backdoor and confronted the man — who threw a handgrenade at them.

Shrapnel

"Rawlins was slightly wounded in the legs and buttocks by shrapnel.

"Groenewald left the house while firing his R5 rifle and wounded the occupant in the legs," De Vries said.

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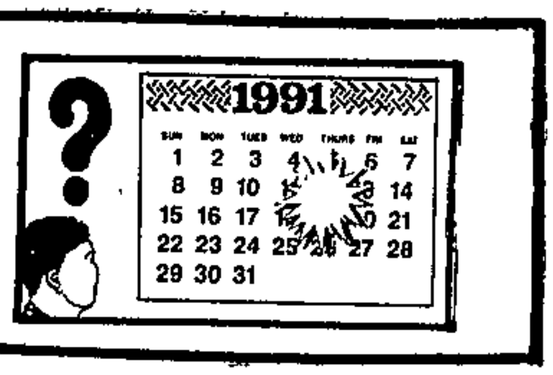

Diepkloof Comrades' Views on Violence: 1

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This week and next week we will share some of our thoughts on the causes of the violence. We will focus more on what we perceive to be inspiring the hostel dwellers to attack the residents. As the violence raged we had to try to come to grips with it and also try to understand the psychological make up of the "Zulu impi" in particular. We will not be providing a detailed analysis but we will certainly ask serious questions that need to be explored and we hope that our thoughts are useful.

The so-called 'Inkatha vs ANC' violence, especially in the PWV area, has disrupted the lives of many people. Many people have lost their loved ones. Travelling in trains has become a risky business. Driving past hostels terrifies those who recollect the determination with which the "Zulu impis" have been attacking township residents More than a thousand people in the PWV area have died because of this violence



ANC meet Inkatha

Amid the increasing violence gripping black townships, there were calls that the ANC should meet with Inkatha. It was hoped that the meeting would help to quell the violence. The ANC (Mandela) and Inkatha (Buthelezi) did meet. Peace pacts and Joint Monitoring Committees were formed as a result of this high profile meeting of the two organisations. The "all smiles meeting" did not stop the violence. Perhaps somebody will answer what the meeting did, who benefited from the meeting and why the fighting continued?

As the violence intensified, many views were advanced as to the causes of this violence as well as the solutions. For example, one of the views suggested that this violence was caused by the third force. This third force wanted to derail the process of negotiations and it was defined as those renegade, racist, rightwing policemen The view does not explain how they managed to use the black working class to carry out their programme.

Hostel dwellers

What really needs to be explained is why the hostel dwellers attacked the residents with such determination. Firstly there is no way that the impis would know that in a particular house, the occupants are all ANC members. If an assumption is made that the ANC is everybody in the community then it is justified that they should attack everything that moves. A further assumption must, of course, be that they are at war. Whilst the media dubbed the violence as ANC vs Inkatha, the reality of the situation is that the attacks were aimed at all the township residents Even when the attacks were carried out in trains. But why residents?

Our views

We are saying a lack of a clear progressive political consciousness is a major factor in this violence. It is a known fact that the large majority of the "impis" are illiterate and to an extent backward. If you start telling them that it is this striking business that causes unemployment; that it is these unions and the ANC that say foreign investors should not invest in the country and this results in non-creation of more job opportunities; that it is the ANC-sympathetic civic associations that say the residents should not pay rent; that it is the ANC-sympathetic students who cause all the school boycotts; that it the ANC-supporting youth who are burning and looting business' property and to rub salt into the wound this youth has no respect towards the elders - what will you have? In a situation of economic and political mismanagement by the apartheid state and the bosses, with 6 million unemployed at the moment, playing on the fears and prejudices of the backward layer of the working class could be very dangerous. And this we think is what Inkatha is doing presently. The results thereof we have seen in the PWV area and Natal. The residents, whether they support political organisations or not, have been seen as supporters of the militant ideas put forward by these mass organisations.

Long standing tensions

Township residents have for a long time looked down on the hostel dwellers. With increasing urbanisation, the lifestyles of township residents have become more sophisticated and their link with traditional authorities is almost non existent as compared with the hostel dwellers. We treated the hostel dwellers as outsiders in the townships and as unimportant. This for the many Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers around the reef was taken to be the undermining of the "Zulu nation". Although some of the township residents are also Zulu-speaking, some people are saying the "impis" do not regard township Zulus as "proper" because they have been corrupted by the cities. This coupled with the "unruly" youth who rob them of their money is enough for them to be antagonistic towards township residents.

It needs to be pointed out that almost all of the hostel dwellers have not broken ties with the rural life even when coming to work in the cities. In the hostels, they have contact with traditional king/chiefs through an appointed representative. This representative might in some of the cases be an "induna" in that hostel These representatives wield a lot of power and authority amongst the hostel dwellers. They are respected and listened to. If you undermine them then you have no respect for the king himself as they are appointed representatives of the king The culture of the townships amounts to undermining the king and traditional authority.

Criticism of Inkatha

Sharp criticisms of Inkatha by the ANC supporting UDF/COSATU alliance, with the escalation of violence in Natal, amounted to an attack on them as Zulus These criticisms became more national towards the end of 1989.

In addition, many of the traditional chiefs have been co-opted into the homeland government. Any attack on the homeland amounted to a revolt against the chiefs, thereby the king and by extension the "Zulu nation" Remember that Gatsha, leader of Inkatha, is also a chief Prior to the eruption of violence in Natal many Zulu-speaking workers did not see a contradiction in belonging to both progressive trade unions and Inkatha. As the violence escalated, the backward workers were forced to take sides on the issue and the problems surfaced. This led for example in Numsa's Haggie Rand factory to some of the militant Inkatha members breaking ranks with it because they did not approve of the attacks on Inkatha/KwaZulu homeland. These workers later joined Uwusa which is linked to Inkatha. Uwusa, appealing to tribalism urged some of the workers to join it.

The culprits who were agitating for a revolt against this reactionary petty-bourgeois leadership of Kwa-Zulu were ANC supporters or those sympathetic to it. To a backward Uwusa worker who does not understand the issues at stake, the ANC appeared as the problem. Hence the need to discipline this ANC.

It has not helped matters that the majority of the leadership of the ANC happened to be Xhosa speaking. This suggested that Xhosas are in fact the main culprits· "These Xhosas want to undermine the Zulus". Inkatha leaders have used tribalism to set Zulu workers against the Xhosa speakers primarily. It now seems that the tribalism is going to be a thorny issue on Inkatha now that they want to transform themselves into a political party.

This discussion will be continued next week.

Dalling wrong, Vlok claims

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Political Staff

THE Democratic Party's Mr David Dalling was misinformed when he said nothing had been done about the killing of 26 people in the Swaniesville squatter camp, a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order said yesterday.

"The matter has been proceeded with and a number of arrests have been made," Captain Craig Kotze said.

"Intensive investigations have been launched and the investigations are continuing."

Mr Dalling, the DP's chief whip, said this week that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, had promised vigorous action, but since June he had heard nothing from him and his letters to Mr Vlok about the matter had been unanswered.

"To my knowledge, no policemen have been suspended in connection with the incident," Captain Kotze said.

"Obviously in incidents of this nature, and not only in Swaniesville, post-mortems will be held."

He added that if it was found in the investigations and post-mortems that any police had been negligent or had engaged in actions of criminal conduct, steps would be taken,

Lives of Soweto officers at risk when pistols are the prize

Traffic cops work-to-rule

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SOWETO traffic police have decided to work-to-rule after an officer was gunned down on Tuesday.

And traffic chief Titus Malaza has warned that many people, including accident victims, may be left stranded as a result.

Mr Malaza has ruled that from now on, no traffic officer will be sent out alone, whether it be on point duty, to accident scenes or junctions plagued by jammed robots.

In future, officers will go out in teams of three.

The move comes after the death of traffic officer Simon Kungoane, who was shot at a pedestrian crossing in the township 15 minutes after starting his duties.

ABBEY MAKOE

Mr Malaza said traffic officers were now the targets of a new wave of violence in Soweto from thugs who wanted their service revolvers. It is believed Mr Kungoane was killed for his pistol.

Mr Malaza has also criticised Sowetans for their apathy. "They are doing nothing to help traffic cops. These criminal acts are usually committed in full view of the public, yet no one ever comes forward with any information.

"This is a disgrace.

"We are part of the community and helping it, yet we are expected to carry on, without any help, putting our lives on the line."



MOURNING: Officer Kungoane's wife Thembi grieves.

Mr Kungaone is the latest in a number of traffic officers killed or assaulted by attackers intent on robbing them of their firearms. And Mr Malaza fears the spate of attacks will continue.

In one incident, he said, a traffic officer was robbed of his firearm while helping road accident victims in Diepkloof. In recent months, at least four traffic officers have survived attacks by robbers looking for pistols.

Lot Mogosi survived after he was shot in the mouth and robbed of his pistol in Dube.

Abie Nkosi was accosted by two men at his Zola home in the evening by men "needing help".

As Mr Nkosi listened to the men, one pulled out a firearm and pointed it at him. The second man then snatched Mr Nkosi's firearm from his waist and ordered him to hand over the spare magazine.

Mr Nkosi said that after telling the assailants he had no spare magazine, the two thugs looked amazed and "I took the advantage of their silence to run away".

The men then shot out Mr Nkosi's car tyres before they fled.

"We are no longer endangered only while in the line of duty — now we are threatened inside our homes," he said.

Another traffic officer, Mathokoza Kgaswane, was robbed of his firearm while inside a shop.

"I find it strange that no one inside the shop knew who the thugs were, or tried to help me."

Since the beginning of the year, there has been a dramatic increase in attacks on traffic officers on duty.

Two other officers, George Modise (32) and Mordecai Ribisi (31), were fatally shot in separate incidents in May. Mr Ribisi was robbed of his service revolver.

And amid the looming chaos, the Soweto traffic department, itself understaffed, has been struggling to maintain effective policing with less than half the number of traffic officers needed to police the township.

"For safety reasons, I cannot mention numbers," Mr Malaza said.

House of horrors cops suspended

By DAN DHLAMINI

MORE heads are likely to roll at the notorious Welverdiend Police Station, where five policemen were suspended this week, bringing to 10 the number suspended at the station this year.

The suspensions were revealed by the police public relations department this week.

The suspension of the 10 unrest unit members at the police station, nicknamed the "House of horrors" by activists after allegations of torture and deaths in detention, follows a high-powered investigation by Klerksdorp-based Maj Dirk Stear.

Members of the unrest unit at the station, one of the three Carletonville police stations serving the town and Khutsong township, had been implicated in at least 17 violent deaths and already 40 victims have made statements to the police.

The investigation was a result of complaints from Khutsong residents, the local ANC branch, lawyers and the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR).

There was an outcry following the violent death in detention of Nixon Phiri, 16; Eugene Mbulwana, 15; and Willie Makage, who had been held at the Welverdiend police cells.

After newpapers highlighted the plight of Khutsong activists and the alleged brutality, the tiny police station was singled out for attention in a United Nations Human Rights survey and police decided to launch an in-depth investigation.

Pretoria police spokesman Maj RA Crewe said it was not police policy to identify suspects.

Ermelo vigilante owns up after Inkatha-led attacks

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

AN 18-year-old youth, Peter Vilakazi, confessed this week to being a member of Amakati-Amnyama, said to be a gang of Inkatha-aligned vigilantes in Ermelo's Wesselton township that has killed more than 25 people since March.

The gang's members include ex-comrades who broke away from the ANC last year and formed an alliance with Inkatha.

Feared

The gang is feared so much in the township that people are now afraid to speak about their political affiliations.

Wesselton's ANC branch chairman, John "Teacher" Mndebele, said Amakati had almost stopped ANC activities in the township.

Vilakazi told City Press the gang had been led by the slain Inkatha warlord, Sabata "Jwi" Zwane. He joined in March after he was abducted and taken to a house in Wesselton Extension.

Zwane was killed in an ambush on July 28 near a shop owned by Mndebele, and was buried last Saturday by Inkatha members who spilled more blood before and after the funeral.

Vilakazi told City Press the house used by the gang belonged to the deputy leader who was recently arrested in connection with a number of AK-47 attacks on activists' homes. He lived in the house with about 10 gang members, including Zwane.

He said other members came to the house when attacks were planned.

A student at Lindela High School, Vilakazi said Zwane gave him the choice of joining or being killed.

"The gang was armed with all sorts of weapons, including rifles, pangas and garden tools," he said.

Panga

Vilakazi witnessed several attacks in the township, and took part in an attack on "comrades" in Wesselton's old location.

"I was armed with a panga. They said I would not be given a gun because I was new and could not be trusted," he said.

A well known Inkatha official attached to the Wesselton Town Council supplied the gang with arms and told them who to kill, Vilakazi claimed.

He later decided to run away and return to school.

The gang has now threatened to kill him, and he fears they may still do so.

Mndebele told City Press Vilakazi and four other ex-members of the gang "confessed" to their attacks on the ANC. He added the owner of the house used by the gang recently launched an AK-47 attack on his house, which was also set alight.

Inkatha spokesman Muntu Myeni denied any links between Amakati and the IFP, but confirmed IFP members were in Wesselton to attend Zwane's funeral

High noon as priest reaches for his gun

By THEMBA KHUMALO (278)

THIS week's student attack on councillor and lay preacher Abraham Motlhamme's house in Koster has forced him to become a gun-toting priest who carries his service revolver to the pulpit.

He is also protected by the police around the clock. Cipren 25/8/91

The attack on his house on Tuesday by irate pupils from local schools was sparked off by last weekend's launch of an Inkatha branch at Reagile, a small dusty township near the conservative Western Transvaal town of Koster.

Andries Mokoena, 11, was later allegedly shot dead by the son of a local councillor. After this incident pupils launched attacks on houses owned by Inkatha members.

Mothlamme said he was confused and did not know whether comrades would forgive him if he resigned from his position. This was the second attack on his home in three months.

After this week's attack the police swooped on the homes of several youths and it is believed about 10 were arrested.

According to Motlhamme, a self-confessed Inkatha member, trouble started last weekend when the IFP launched a branch at the local community hall.

Local residents objected to the presence of the organisation there and this was followed by sporadic clashes between the locals and Inkatha supporters.

Mothlamme denied allegations that Zulu warriors were bussed into the township for the launch.

"On Wednesday I saw about 1 000 schoolchildren who were chanting political songs while they were coming towards my house. They were armed with an assortment of sharp weapons and stones. They shouted that I should come out of the house so they could necklace me.

"I told my family to hide in one bedroom while I tried to scare the assailants off by firing shots into the air. They retreated when they heard shots and eventually left when they ran out of stones," said Motlhamme.

He conceded that being a councillor was dangerous for himself and his family.

When he is preaching at the Pentecost Holiness Bafolisai Church, he has one hand on the Bible and the other ready to pull out his revolver.

"I know what I'm doing is against Christianity, but I have to protect myself. I pray day and night that I will not find myself in a position that will force me to shoot to kill.

"I'm a pacifist but I'm forced by circumstances to carry the gun. You don't know how my conscience bites me for living this way," Mothlamme said.

He is not sure residents will forgive him if he resigns.

"Grudges may force the residents to come for me even after I've resigned," he said.

As a councillor Mothlamme does not earn a salary and he depends largely on his pension fund to support his family. He went on early pension from the railways four years ago after he suffered a mild stroke. His only benefits from the council are a meagre allowance and life insurance.

"After this week's attack I'm not sure if it is worth the risk," said Motlhamme.



Lay preacher Abraham Motlhamme has one hand on the Bible and the other ready for a quick draw. ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

Waging war in the name of peace . . .

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By WILLIE ESTERHUYSE of the University of Stellenbosch

THE tragic happenings at Ventersdorp once again drew attention to the high level of political tension and intolerance in the country.

The political violence which coincides with it has the potential to delay and even derail settlement processes.

International experience with processes of transition, democratising and reconstruction prove that high levels of political violence and intolerance constitute one of the factors which could wreck these processes.

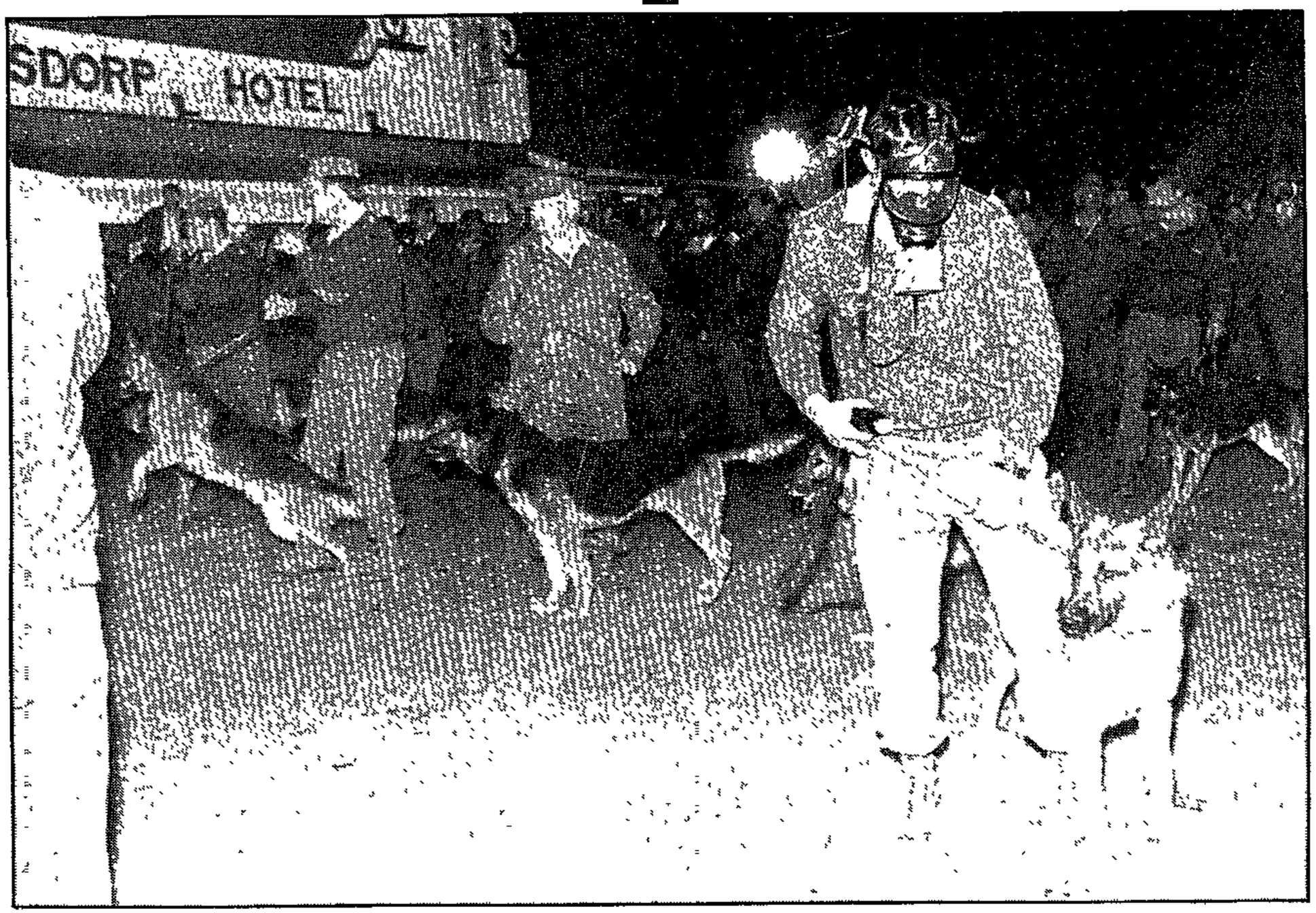
South Africans who tend to talk so easily about violence don't have the vaguest idea of what could happen should law and order collapse. To understand this they need to travel to Lebanon instead of inciting the emotions of people, revolver on the hip, at Sunday braais.

Political violence which eventually leads to anarchy eventually affects everybody

Reactionary resistance means what the word says it is, namely a reaction against changes which will affect established political and socio-economic interests, will change power ratios and, like in South Africa, change the rules of the political game.

This is what "the struggle for self-determination" is all about in reactionary rightwing circles.

There are few things to which people cling so vociferously as political power, and to attain it they will even take up arms.



STOP THIS CONFLICT . . . AWB supporters disrupt a National Party meeting in Ventersdorp.

In harsh terms, the consequence of reactionary violence is moral bankruptcy. All too easily the credo can be established that reactionary political objectives justify the means.

The perpetrators of political violence eventually don't accept moral and civilised standards. They are eradicated by violence. Human lives – especially the lives of opponents – are made cheap. Respect for others disappears along with self-respect.

The consequence of this is social disintegration and the crumbling of community life Stability within society and healthy processes are after all not guaranteed by law alone.

A society which appreciates order and decency cannot allow its values and standards to be destroyed.

Drawn-out reactionary violence will bring the country to its knees economically and isolate it internationally.

Rising levels of political intolerance and violence have established divisions which will take generations to eradicate. The divisions are not only along racial and ethnic lines, they have also split families, friendships and institutions such as churches.

This process is already taking place in South Africa.

What should be done to make the law of the jungle ineffective?

People and institutions who value fundamental norms and civilised standards have a moral duty to protest against political violence. The same applies to political leaders

However, protest is not sufficient. In societies like South Africa people should work hard to formulate agreements and conventions on codes for political conduct. This is probably the most important issue on the present agenda for negotiations.

Fortunately, there are good indications that something to this effect will be established. But that is not sufficient. Everything possible must be done to incorporate the reactionary and conservative groupings in the talks about the future of the country.

Conservatives who cannot associate themselves with violent actions – and there are many of them – will have to raise their voices.

The same applies to the leaders of the present extra-parliamentary opposition. Somebody correctly noted recently that white people take specific note of pronouncements by Nelson Mandela and his leadership corps and that they react to it.

These people do not only address their "own" audiences. Their audiences include people around the world This is unavoidable In such a situation good leadership demands that words should be carefully chosen

In the last eight months nothing has impressed me more than the preparedness of people to co-operate and to turn South Africa into a prosperous and violence-free country.

The majority of South Africans are tired of violence. They want peace. What must happen is that seekers of peace declare "war" against violence.

Traps off KwaMadala

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By SOPHIE TEMA

KWAMADALA hostel on the edge of Iscor's steelworks in Vanderbijlpark can be clearly seen from Boipatong's black township, where fierce battles have been raging between residents and inmates over recent months.

The barrack-like, formerly disused hostel, has been targeted by residents as the stronghold of the Inkatha Freedom Party in the Vaal.

Residents repeatedly warn that anybody who is not an Inkatha supporter enters the hostel at his peril.

I had to put these claims to the test and this week found myself right inside KwaMadala hostel facing two staunch Inkatha leaders, Moses Mandla Mthembu, known by his clan name of "Mvelase", and Albert Mkhumane

With me was photographer Mike Mzileni and Iscor manager Dries Steenkamp, who went with us to meet the two men

As we arrived, faces rigid with suspicion turned to look at us.

The two leaders looked stern but greeted us with respect.

We sat under a tree in the paved courtyard as the men told us how the ethnic-political conflict which has racked most of the Reef hostels, erupted.

"Most of us are migrant workers from Natal and were accommodated at KwaMasiza Hostel," said Mkhumane

"Ethnic conflicts started in 1986 with the formation of the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa (Numsa) which infiltrated the hostel workers.

"Zulus were being discriminated against and dehumanised. In 1987 things got worse, when slogans such as "away with Zulus, away with Gatsha, away with Zwelithini" were shouted at their meetings.

"Zulus were forced into strike action and those who refused to participate were threatened with death. In October 1987 some of us resigned from Numsa and were labelled spies and sellouts.

"Xhosas insulted us and called us Buthelezi's dogs. They also told us we were no longer wanted in the Vaal.

"In 1990 we decided to start a burial society of our own and called all Zulus together. Later I was called to a disciplinary committee meeting by Numsa to explain what the meeting was all about.

"I was warned not to call any more meetings and if there were any Inkatha would have to move from KwaMasiza hostel

"Following a wave of violence, in which some of our people lost their homes in Sebokeng, we arranged a rally to discuss the type of assistance we could offer them.

Said Mthembu: "I was never a member of Numsa, and when they went on strike in 1987 I was not involved

"Later, I was called by a committee of Numsa where I was confronted by 72 shop stewards, including three whites, who wanted to know what stand I had taken. They warned me I would have to choose between joining them and leaving KwaMasiza hostel.

"I told them I would not leave as I was in charge of the people and despite their attitude towards me I joined them in the strike on the third day. This is when I heard our Chief Minister, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and his followers being referred to as 'dogs'.

"I remained with the strikers until the last day and on our return to work, most of us lost our jobs. Later, I found myself another job. Two men were later sent to fetch me.

"I was told Numsa had information that I had brought weapons for Inkatha from Natal and that I was in possession of a huge cache, but they finally found the allegation was untrue.

"From then on, Inkatha members were no longer allowed the use of the residents' halls at KwaMasiza without permission from Numsa, so we decided to hold our meetings at the Sebokeng hostel hall.

"This led to the rally in Sebokeng where we were attacked with stones. After dispersing, about 350 of us were blocked from leaving the hostel by about 20 000 people, all heavily armed.

"Fierce fighting erupted between the 350 Zulus and the 20 000 people, which lasted for almost four hours.

"That day we fled from the KwaMasiza hostel and never went back.

"We had nowhere to live and spent several months staying in the bush while negotiations for all for us to stay at KwaMadala were being made with Iscor management.

"When we got no response we moved over here, broke in and took occupation.

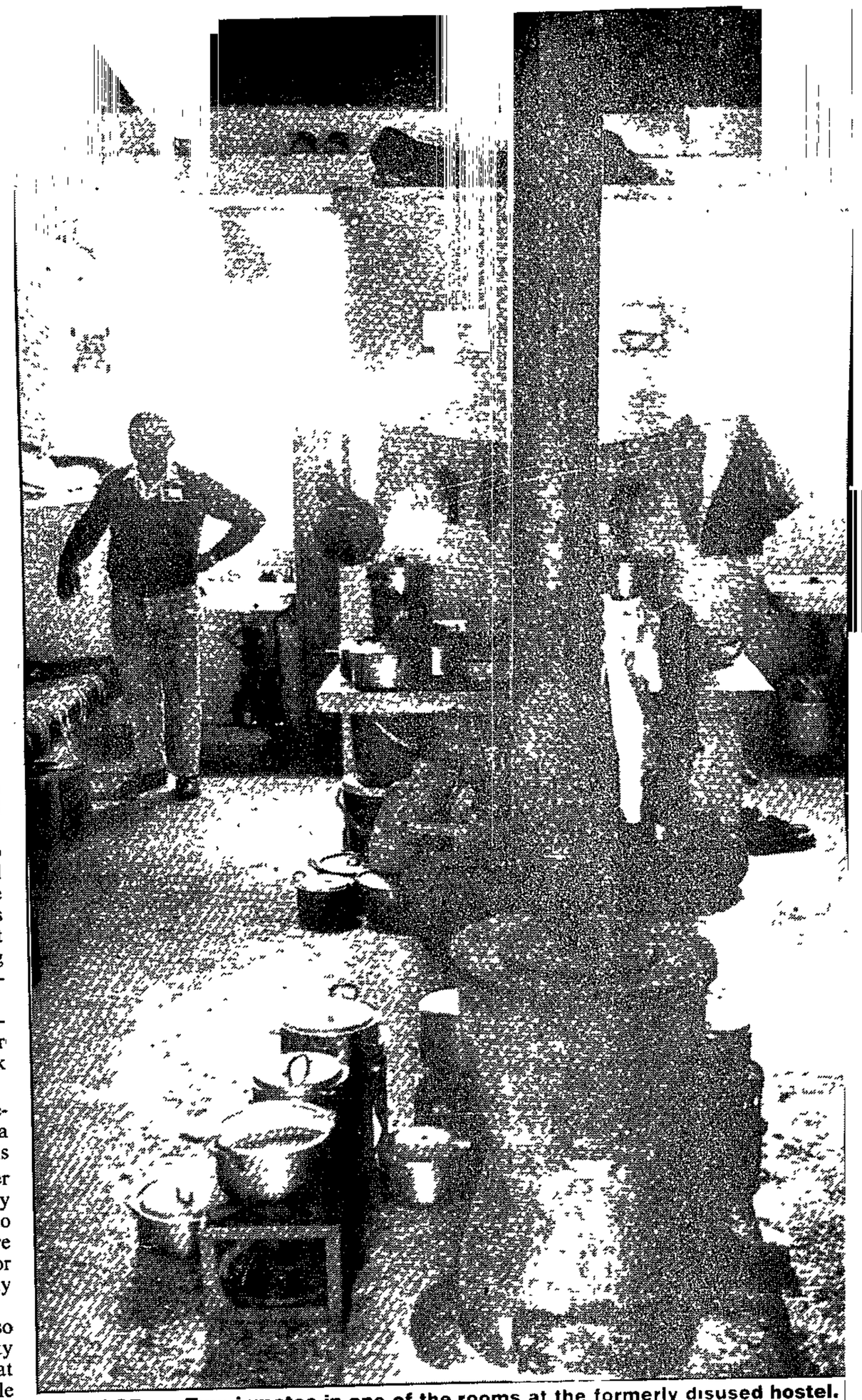
Mthembu denied vehemently that KwaMadala was a den of criminals

"We keep a register and stringent security measures are taken to keep out people who are not employed at Iscor from coming to stay here."

This denial was also made by Iscor but City Press established that there are several people not employed by Iscor staying at KwaMadala.



RESPITE ... On a quiet day, some of the residents of KwaMadala relax in the hostel yard.



SQUALOR ... Two inmates in one of the rooms at the formerly disused hostel. ■ P

More youths flee Koster

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THE exodus from the western Transvaal township of Reagile in Koster continued at the weekend as more youths fled the area following the arrest of six residents in a predawn raid by police.

By KENOSI MODISANE

Western Transvaal police spokesman Colonel Herman Pretorius however confirmed only four arrests yesterday.

"The four have been arrested for malicious damage to property."

But residents and youths claim the arrest of the six men is part of an operation by police and the four councillors in the area to harass ANC members.

One person has so far been reported dead and scores injured since violence broke out in the township last week.

Tony Mokoena (11) was shot dead at the height of the uprising last Tuesday. He will be buried at the weekend.

Fatal shot

Police say he was fatally shot when a mob attacked a police vehicle. But residents claim he died when a councillor's son opened fire at a group of youths in the street.

The 2 000-odd inhabitants of the tiny township, who all claim to be relatives, say they have never known conflict until recently when a teacher and

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ANC organiser was expelled from a local high school.

The incident apparently contributed to the disruption of classes at the local high school.

Student leaders who came from their hideout to speak to *Sowetan* said the expulsion of Mr Eric Modisane from Mphe Bana High school was "masterminded" by the mayoress, Mrs Mastrike Rabotho.

They have also accused Rabotho of setting up the residents against Inkatha. "She brought a group of Inkatha members to launch the party on a day the ANC was supposed to hold a meeting - paving way for conflict between the two parties," a student leader said.

The students also allege that Rabotho and the principal of the school had accused Modisane of recruiting for the ANC in the school.

Modisane was, however, reinstated by a parents' meeting in July. He was arrested again on Friday and will appear in court today.

Modisane has been out on R200 bail after he, together with seven other student leaders, was arrested last month.

A *Sowetan* team on a visit to the township at the weekend was lucky to trace youth leaders to their hideout in the township. Some, who are among refugees, were traced to a Lutheran Church Mission house about 50km away in Thabane, Rustenburg.

Student leader Johnny Seabelo (21), who is also out on R200 bail, said: "We are being harassed by the system for belonging to the ANC. The mayoress and the police have set us up against Inkatha. And this has brought schooling in the area to an almost total collapse."

Seabelo, who survived a kidnap attempt at the height of the violence last week, added: "We do not think schooling and life in general will come back to normal as long people are being harrased and fleeing the township."

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Claim of police assault is under investigation

INVESTIGATIONS have been launched against six policemen who allegedly assaulted four suspects, one of whom suffered severe burns after being allegedly necklaced at the Pretoria North police station two weeks ago.

By MONK NKOMO

Police liaison officer Major Hennie Vlotman yesterday said none of the six policemen - four whites and two blacks - had been suspended from their official duties.

A 22-year-old Soshanguve builder, Mr Sipho Mazibuko, alleged that he and three of his friends were collected from their home and taken to the Pretoria North police station on August 11.

They were suspected of being in possession of a firearm.

He said a tyre was placed on his chest and stomach, methylated spirits sprinkled over it and the tyre set alight. He said this took place while he was fastened to a chair.

Mazibuko sustained injuries to his neck and chest.

His three colleagues were also allegedly assaulted.

Mazibuko has claimed R50 000 in damages from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Vlotman yesterday confirmed that three of Mazibuko's friends, brothers Moses and Christopher Dibakwane and Jafta Mashidi, had also laid charges of assault against the six policemen.

The charges were laid at the Soshanguve police station last week.

"We view these allegations in a very serious light. Instructions have been received to investigate the matter as quickly as possible," said Vlotman.

National Director of Lawyers For Human Rights Mr Peter Motlhe yesterday said there had been an increasing tendency in the police force to assault and intimidate people, especially ever since State President FW de Klerk's reform initiatives started.



Mr Sipho Mazibuko who was allegedly assaulted at the Pretoria North police station earlier this month.

SAP suspends five unrest unit officers

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JONATHON REES

THE SAP has suspended a further five policemen following investigations into alleged torture, murder and other irregularities at the Welverdiend unrest unit near Carletonville in the western Transvaal.

Ten policemen, all of them constables, have so far been suspended. Chief investigating officer Col Dirk Stear said yesterday no-one had yet been charged and the investigation was still under way

The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR) said yesterday the five policemen suspended on Friday had been among those identified by complainants at an identity parade last week.

A second identity parade is scheduled for next week.

The Welverdiend unit — based in a building dubbed the "House of Horrors" near Carletonville's Khutsong township — has been disbanded.

The IBIIR said the unit had been connected to at least 17 violent deaths in Khutsong between January last year and May 1991.

The IBIIR said Shadrack Motoung, who died in May this year, was last seen alive in police custody at Khutsong Police Station. Witnesses said he was shot dead within an hour after police removed him from the police station.

William Makajae also died in police custody in May. The IBIIR said on the eve of his death he told his girlfriend that four policemen, whom he named, planned to kill him. A policeman also told her that Makajae would not be seen again.

Makajae was later killed by police while allegedly trying to escape, the IBIIR said.

Scores of Khutsong youths have allegedly received "shock treatment" at Welverdiend and a number of youths have died in what police have described as "unrest action".

Peace

An IBIIR spokesman said the police investigation, launched last month, had been aided by a new peace prevailing in Khutsong

She said rival gangs believed police had allegedly been fuelling gang warfare and had decided to co-operate and work for peace in the township.

She said the investigation had, however, been hampered by victims who had used false names and by poor or non-existent police records at Welverdiend.

The spokesman commended Stear for his objective role as head of the investigation team and said it seemed he was committed to solving the numerous allegations of torture and murder against the unit.

Plight of right-wingers draws fire from ANC

THE ANC was deeply concerned about the possible deaths of Orde Boerevolk hunger strikers Henry Martin and Adrian Maritz, it said yesterday.

Since it was within the power of government to resolve the whole issue of political prisoners, their deaths would be tragic and totally unnecessary, the ANC said.

Government should long ago have had discussions with them.

"The government's behaviour is even more disturbing because Martin and Maritz were apparently members of the NIS and Military Intelligence," the ANC said.

To allow persons who had actually operated for government to deteriorate to the point they were likely to die showed "the most appalling cynicism"

In Pretoria, AWB secretary-general Piet Rudolph welcomed the concern expressed by the ANC.

Rudolph said President F W de Klerk was "taking politically foolish decisions" by not releasing Martin, Maritz and Lood van Schalkwyk "It is, however, heartening to note that the ANC views (them) as political prisoners," he said.

Orde Boerevolk leader Nic Strydom said the men were in a critical condition when he visited them at Pretoria's H F Verwoerd Hospital on Sunday — Sapa.

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Suspects' deaths: police deny lawyers' allegation

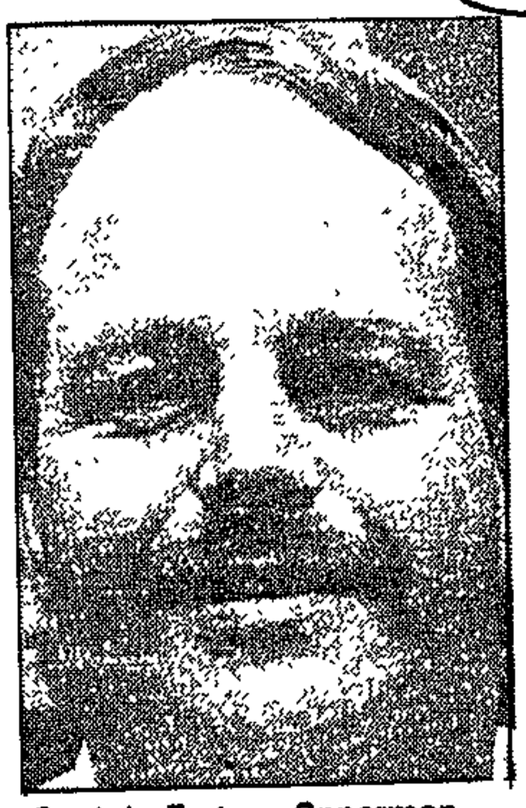
Crime Staff

The SAP has denied that three suspects killed by policemen last week were acts of revenge for the murders of two policemen and a traffic officer.

In a faxed statement to The Star yesterday, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman dismissed as "unfair" comments by Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin that the deaths of the suspects were "coincidental".

Mr Currin's comments — published in The Star on Friday — were in reaction to the killings of three suspects last Wednesday and Thursday.

Two of the men were shot dead in separate incidents on Wednesday by members of the newly formed special unit to investigate attacks on SAP members.



Captain Eugene Opperman . . . no evidence.

According to police, one of the men was in custody in connection with the fatal shooting of two policemen in Regents Park, Johannesburg, last Sunday, while the other — a suspect in the same case — was about to be rearrested after he had broken free.

A third — allegedly linked to the fatal shooting of a traffic policeman in Soweto last Tuesday — was killed on Thursday when police opened fire on a house in Pimville.

Mr Currin said the killings of the suspects smacked of "coincidence".

Captain Opperman said the "insinuation" that the first two suspects were killed "as a sort of revenge" was "devoid of any truth or substance".

He said the function of the new police unit was to probe all murders and attempted murders of policemen and women.

There was no evidence that the policemen involved had acted *mala fide* or outside the bounds of the law.

"According to available evidence both the men attacked the investigators and pointed firearms at them."

Southern Africa seeks SA boost

ARUSHA — Leaders from 10 African states said yesterday that they looked forward to a post-apartheid South Africa joining a loose alliance set up to counter the economic dominance of the white-ruled state.

Ending the 11th annual summit of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference, chairman Quett Masire, President of Botswana, said the poor region needed South African participation to boost economic growth.

"The region cannot afford to wait any longer for South Africa to join the community of SADCC. We are impatient for the end of apartheid," he said.

The southern African grouping was founded in 1980 by the leaders of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to co-ordinate efforts to counter-balance South Africa's economic power.

Namibia joined after gaining independence last year.

The reforming zeal of President de Klerk caught the SADCC by surprise. The SADCC, appearing increasingly irrelevant of late, has been trying to adapt to a new role.

Dr Masire told fellow heads of state that democracy in South Africa and the end of apartheid would give the organisation a fresh lease on life.

He said it was not known when South Africa would join the SADCC "because the process of negotiations to hand power to the black people has not even begun".

Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe said earlier that the SADCC was ready to admit South Africa once it was democratic and apartheid-free.

He told the heads of state and government in Arusha, a town at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, that South Africa's gross domestic product was three times that of all SADCC economies combined and its giant economy could help to restructure the economic imbalance in the region. — Sapa-Reuter.

Two stabbed men still to be identified

Two men stabbed to death in Johannesburg last week have still not been identified.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the men were stabbed in separate incidents.

One was stabbed in the chest on the corner of Fife and Soper roads in Hillbrow on Friday night and taken to hospital.

Captain Opperman said police had no idea how the man got to hospital as there was no record of an ambulance or private person bringing him in.

He could only be identified by Playboy bunny and dragon tattoos on his right shoulder.

The other man was found the following night on the corner of Simmonds and Harrison streets in central Johannesburg. He was also stabbed in the chest. His hands were handcuffed and he appeared to have been wearing a security uniform.

Both men were between 22 and 25 years old.

Anyone with information is asked to telephone Sergeant Kukard of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit on (011) 839-3322. — Staff Reporter.

'Informal housing' is seen as future mode

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Staff

Informal housing had to form a key component of a new negotiated housing policy in South Africa, a report released by the Urban Foundation in Johannesburg said yesterday.

The report, entitled "Informal Housing: Part One", said there was a need for "a unique policy process" in South Africa, formed by events elsewhere in the world but negotiated locally among all actors whose interests were at stake

The report, part of the UF's "Policies for a New Urban Future", said spontaneous informal housing was a national phenomenon, and informal housing was now "a major component of contemporary urban residential landscapes".

Informal housing, said the 56-page report, was an important part of the residential fabric of South African towns and cities, and viewpoints which envisaged the re-housing of all or most of the present shack dwellers would have to come to terms with the scale and the fiscal consequences of the programme that was implied.

"Support for a housing policy with informal housing as a key component cannot be taken for granted. Informal housing has come to symbolise exclusion for many South Africans, and disorder and anarchy for others.

"If it is to gain broad support, a new policy will have to be widely discussed and debated, and not unilaterally imposed," the report said.

The report, according to UF chief executive D L van Coller, was the product of a major five-year study managed by the the UF's Urbanisation Unit under the aegis of the Private Sector Council on Urbanisation — a forum which brings together the major employer bodies, leaders from urban and business communities and the UF.

The second part of the report, entitled "Informal Housing: Part Two", will be released next year. It will outline an approach to the negotiation of a new consensus around housing in general and informal housing in particular.

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2 killed as crowd fires on SADF

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A member of the South African Defence Force and a man were fatally wounded in Katlehong on Sunday when a group of about 200 people opened fire on members of the SADF carrying out patrol duties.

Police said those who died were shot in the chest and back.

Police also picked up the bodies of two men on Sunday who died in unrest-related incidents.

— East Rand Bureau.

Two shot dead, eight injured in hostel fight

By Monica Oosterbroek

Two workers at Kendal Power Station near Witbank were shot dead and eight men were seriously injured when a faction fight broke out in the hostel yesterday.

Police spokesman Lietenant Cornea Goosen said the men were killed when about 100 Zulus and 250 Xhosas started to fight just after midnight outside the single quarters.

Two men, thought to be Zulus, received fatal head wounds and eight men had serious stab and gunshot wounds.

Lieutenant Goosen said the problem started at dinner on Friday night when a Zulu and Xhosa were involved in an argument. The squabble developed into a faction fight.

National Union of Mineworkers spokesman Jerry Majatladi told Sapa that the men were killed by a group of Zulus who drove up to the hostel in a minibus and opened fire.

He believes the attackers were Inkatha supporters from another hostel owned by a Rand Mines subsiduary, Khutalal Mining Services.

The union met Eskom management yesterday and outlined several demands which NUM believes would restore peace.

NUM said Eskom should set up a commission of inquiry, conduct searches in the hostels and disarm Inkatha supporters.

An Eskom spokesman said the matter was being dealt with by the police.

Death tied to Welverdiend riot police unit to be probed

JOHANNESBURG — An inquest into the death of Thomas Tshabalala, who died in an unrest-related incident in Khutsong connected to the former Welverdiend riot police, is to be held tomorrow at the Carletonville Magistrate's Court.

The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression said yesterday five more members of the former Welverdiend riot unit, pointed out at an identification parade, were suspended on Friday.

This brought to 10 the number of policemen suspended at the station.

The police station, 8km from Carletonville, was closed at the end of July, after the deaths of 17 people and allegations of torture against members of the unit.

Tshabalala was killed when police allegedly fired rubber bullets and birdshot after a group of about 100 youths ambushed a police patrol.

Police said investigating officer Col Dirk Stear would only be available for comment today. — Sapa.

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7 killed in union fights

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Rivalry at factory led to death

A MAN was shot dead and two others injured yesterday at an East Rand factory, bringing to seven the number of workers who have died since clashes broke out between rival unions two weeks ago.

The shootings follow clashes between the United Workers Union of South Africa and the Food and Allied Workers Union at Langeberg Canning Factory in Boksburg.

The three men were allegedly shot about midday as they left the factory for lunch. Their assailants apparently waylaid them.

Another employee, identified as Mr Solomon

By KENOSI MODISANE

Thenjwa Nokatshana, of Zitha Street, Wattville, was shot dead at his home on Monday night. He was also an ANC member in the township.

A spokesman for the company, Mr Dev du Toit, yesterday confirmed four killings. He said he had been informed of a clash between two rival unions at the factory.

East Rand police spokeswoman Captain Ida van Zwiel also confirmed some of the incidents.

A Fawu shop steward at the factory said some of the attackers were Uwusa members known to the employees.

Uwusa spokesman Mr Duke Sennakgomo yesterday blamed management at the factory for the clashes.

"The management at the factory allowed itself to be bullied by the Cosatu/Fawu/ANC alliance into driving out our members.

"We have tried to speak to them but they allowed the situation to get out of hand," he said.

The attacks on the employees were allegedly sparked by the firing two weeks ago of casual workers believed to be Uwusa members.

The first attack is reported to have taken place on August 15 - a day before the casual workers were to be retrenched. Two people allegedly died in the shooting at the factory entrance.

Another employee was shot dead last Monday after he had knocked off.

The attackers struck again last Wednesday, leaving two workers dead.

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Warrant out for suspect in pub attack

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A SECOND man who was arrested in connection with the shootings at a tavern in Sebokeng last month in which 10 people died failed to appear in court yesterday.

By SONTI MASEKO

The magistrate, Mr PA Coetzer, yesterday authorised a warrant for the arrest of Mr Dakhi Chonco (24), whose address was given as KwaMadala Hostel in Sebokeng.

Chonco was arrested late last month. He was later granted bail of R1 500.

His co-accused, Mr Thabo Thiliso Mofokeng, was remanded until the next appearance on September 27.

Mofokeng was earlier granted bail of R3 000 but subsequently while in police custody he was tried, convicted and sentenced on another unrelated offence.

Mofokeng and Chonco are held in connection with the fatal shooting of five people and the attempted murder of 10 others at Erika Tavern in Zone 7, Sebokeng, on July 7.

1 killed, 2 injured in union clashes

Own Correspondent

A man was shot dead and two others critically wounded yesterday, following clashes between rival unions at the Langeberg Corporation and Canning factory in Boksburg and Benoni.

Seven workers have died since fighting broke out two weeks ago between the United Workers Union of South Africa (Uwusa), and Cosatu's Food and Allied Workers Union (Fawu).

Police said the men were shot by three armed assassins with shot guns and a 9 mm pistol outside the Langeberg Corporation at 12.25 pm yesterday.

The attack took place as the workers were leaving the gates of the premises, police said. The gunmen approached them, opened fire and fled on foot. One of the workers died instantly and the other two were admitted to the Boksburg Benoni hospital.

The attacks were "related to dismissals at the Corporation and Canning factory and it is believed that the victims refused to take part in strike action," police said.

A spokesman for Langeberg Corporation and Canning, Dev du Toit, confirmed the deaths of four employees in the past week. He said he had been informed of a clash between two rival unions.

Fawu shop stewards at the factory said some of the attackers were "Uwusa members known to employees".

Uwusa spokesman Duke Sennakgomo yesterday blamed management for the clashes.

● On Monday Langeberg employee, Solomon Nokatshana (30), was gunned down at his home in Zitha Street, Wattville in front of his family by an unknown man who entered the house and opened fire. Mr Nokatshana was also an ANC member in the township.

● A Daveyton man, Phillios Shilakwe, also employed at Langeberg, was found dead on the corner of Van Dyk road and Commissioner Street at 5.30 am last Wednesday.

A colleague told police that the attacker fled on foot.

● The body of a Wattville man, Mncedifi Msutwu (37), was also found in Van Dyk road at 5.45 am last Monday.

Police said no arrests had been made and intensive investigations were continuing.

Seven killed in union fighting

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WILSON ZWANE

AT LEAST seven workers have been killed and two seriously injured since fighting broke out between Food and Allied Workers Union (Fawu) and United Workers Union of SA (Uwusa) members at an East Rand factory two weeks ago.

Fawu spokesman Ernest Buthelezi said the fighting between his union and members of the Inkatha-affiliated Uwusa began shortly after the management of the Langeberg Corporation and Canning factory, in Boksburg, dismissed a number of casual workers belonging to Uwusa

"Seven people have been killed to date. The most recent incident was (on Tuesday) when one Fawu member was killed and two injured when they were attacked by Uwusa members as they were leaving the factory for lunch," Buthelezi said.

The injured were taken to the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital where their condition was described as serious, he said.

Buthelezi said the others were killed in clashes at the factory.

Police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweel said no arrests had been made in connection with the Langeberg attacks as police investigations had come to a "dead end".

"We appeal to the public to come forward with any information which may assist the police in their investigations," Van Zweel said.

Buthelezi said Uwusa had warned that attacks on Fawu members at the factory would continue until its demands, including the reinstatement of the dismissed workers and the retrenchment of all workers belonging to Fawu, were met

"We are in a difficult situation and we don't know yet what to do, as we had nothing to do with the dismissals of the Uwusa members," he said, adding that senior Fawu officials were due to meet last night to discuss the situation.

An Uwusa official said management was to blame for the clashes as it had allowed itself to be "bullied by the Fawu-Cosatu alliance into driving out not only casual workers but all Zulu-speaking workers belonging either to Uwusa or Inkatha".

He confirmed that seven people had died and that they were all Fawu members.

He would not say, however, how many workers were dismissed, saying the figures were not readily available.

Langeberg Corporation and Canning spokesman Dev du Toit could not be reached for comment.

Teams of officers go back on beat in Soweto

By Montshiwa Moroke

Soweto traffic officers who were pulled out of township streets after a colleague was shot dead last Tuesday will resume their duties today, chief traffic officer Titus Malaza said yesterday.

Mr Malaza said the decision had been reached after he had met traffic officers on Tuesday.

Mr Malaza withdrew his squad from traffic and pedestrian control points after Simon Makhudu Kungoane was shot at point-blank range while on point duty in Zone 6, Pimville.

In May, an unarmed traffic inspector, George Mthandane Modise, was killed after youths fired at him three times while he was on duty at a pedestrian crossing.

Mr Malaza's brother, Petrus, also a traffic officer, was killed in Soweto two years ago.

Measures

Mr Malaza said that as much as they were unsafe, the Soweto traffic officers felt obliged — as parents and members of the community — to go back on the road.

"We will be going back on the road again from tomorrow. We will be looking at interim security measures and the mechanisms, and all this will be confidential.

"This time it will not be possible to cover all the points, as traffic officers will be sent out in teams and not alone, whether it be on point duty, to accidents or junctions with jammed traffic lights," Mr Malaza said.

He also said he was disappointed at the apathy displayed by residents in front of whom these attacks had been committed.

His biggest concern was that if the public did not react, the firearms stolen from the traffic officers and police could be used against them.

Questions on use of unmarked cars by police

Star 29/8/91.

Staff Reporters

The fatal shooting by police of a Vaal Triangle man on Tuesday during a car chase has raised the question of whether policemen and their vehicles should be clearly identifiable for the safety of the public.

Dawie Coetzer (22), who saw his friend Burger Olivier (23) die when pursuing policemen opened fire, told reporters the police car was unmarked and did not display flashing lights or a siren.

Yesterday Deputy Regional Commissioner of Police Brigadier Gert May said in a fax statement the car was clearly identifiable, but gave no details.

Mr Coetzer reportedly said he and Mr Olivier, travelling at about 140 km/h, overtook a cream-coloured Toyota en route to Vereeniging from Johannesburg in the early hours of Tuesday morning. The car flashed its lights and gave chase.

The young men raced off at high speed but were later pursued by an Opel on the Sybrand van Nierkerk Highway.

After the shooting, Mr Coetzer was allegedly assaulted by one of the policemen. They demanded to know why he and Mr Olivier had been "chasing around in a stolen car".

A newspaper report yesterday said the car — a Toyota Twincam — had been bought two weeks ago by Mr Olivier.

Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer confirmed that murder charges were being investigated against two members of the Flying Squad in Johannesburg.

Nicholas Haysom, deputy director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, said although exceptions could arise — say, in undercover operations — as a general rule it was imperative for police vehicles to be clearly marked.

Black people also needed to be able to differentiate between policemen and white attackers.

Pupils struck by stones in roadside flare-up

Vereeniging Bureau Star 29/8/91

VEREENIGING — White pupils were involved in a stone-throwing incident with black pupils near the Redan Power Station outside Vereeniging yesterday.

Police said the incident apparently took place after one of three girls walking along the road suddenly threw a stone at a school bus, transporting between 70 and 80 pupils.

The bus driver, Johannes Britz, stopped the bus when he noticed about 30 other children standing in a half-moon and blocking the road about 100 m away.

When Mr Britz and some of children got out of the bus, the other group started pelting them with stones.

The passengers then apparently threw stones back at the group. Mr Britz was hit by stones on his leg and chest and two teenagers were struck on the head.

Nine die in fighting: Factions suspected

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JOHANNESBURG. — Violence in South Africa's townships claimed the lives of nine people overnight, police said yesterday.

Seven were killed in the Maritzburg area and two in the Transvaal.

At Matshangeni, near Maritzburg, police found the charred bodies of four people in a shack that had been razed by fire.

In the same area gunmen shot and killed two men. One of the attackers was killed when security force members, who pursued the group, opened fire on them. In Kathlehong, east of Johannesburg, police found the bodies of two men. One was stabbed. The second body had hack and stab wounds. A third person is in hospital with serious burns.

Police say they are unsure of motives, but factional causes are suspected. Township violence across the country has flared sporadically since 1984, claiming the lives of nearly 1 000 people this year and nearly 10 000 people over the seven years.

About 300 people were killed — shot, speared, hacked or burnt to death — in May alone, mainly in fighting in Johannesburg suburbs.

Since late May, however, killings have all but ceased, after the ANC and Inkatha appealed to their supporters to stop fighting and the government boosted security forces in unrest areas in response to ANC demands for action. — Sapa-UPI

JOHANNESBURG. — Black schoolchildren allegedly threw stones on Wednesday at white schoolchildren in a bus in the Vaal Triangle.

Police said some children were injured and the bus was damaged.

The incident occurred when pupils from three Vereeniging high schools were on their way home. — Sapa

Taverners act to beat the violence

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Vaal Triangle liquor dealers are concerned about the spate of violence that has marred their businesses in the past few months and have called on the community to help them.

More than 19 people killed and many wounded when people armed with AK-47 rifles ran beserk at taverns in the Vaal Triagle townships in recent months.

The violence has caused concern among the business people.

A popular Sebokeng tavern owner and businessman, Mr Frans Matigoa, is the latest victim of brutal attack. He was shot and killed while closing one of his businesses in Zone 14, Sebokeng.

A spokesman for the liquor traders, Mr Attwell Makuoa, said that at a meeting they had discussed various ways and means that could be taken to protect the patrons.

Strict security

He said it was important that strict security be maintained on the premises to ensure that revellers were safe, although it was difficult to monitor the intentions of anybody coming into their businesses.

He did not want to detail strategies they would use, but did not rule out the possibility of traders applying for guns.

He said another meeting would be held to decide on sympathy action to be taken in order to assist the families of those killed and possibly to help those who have been wounded.

He condemned in the strongest terms the spate of robberies, assaults and other forms of violence that has gripped the townships, adding, "we are living in fear of our lives".

Every liquor dealer is invited to the meeting, he said. "We need your contribution."

Talks on violence

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NEGOTIATIONS and the recent violence in Ventersdorp will top the Azanian Youth Organisation national council agenda in Umlazi, Durban at the weekend.

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Azayo president Thami Mcerwa said 500 delegates would also discuss the outcome of the recent meeting between Azapo, the Black Consciousness Movements of Azania and the PAC.

-Sapa

Kagiso murder accused in court

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BY KENOSI MODISANE

THE seven men arrested in connection with the Swanieville squatter camp raid which left 29 people dead and many shacks razed, will appear in court in Krugersdorp today.

The men are facing 29 charges of murder after about 1 000 hostel inmates from Kagiso attacked the camp in a pre-dawn raid on May 13.

This will be their second appearance in court since their arrest about three months ago.

A bail application was turned down when they made their first court appearance in court in June.

They were arrested after a countrywide search which stretched as far as Natal, where on one of the suspects was arrested.

Their arrest followed after six other Kagiso 1 hostel inmates, who had initially been arrested for the killings, were discharged.

White pupils stoned - claim

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BLACK schoolchildren allegedly threw stones at white schoolchildren travelling by bus in the volatile Vaal Triangle.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said some children were injured and the bus was damaged.

The SABC, which reported the incident, said the white pupils were on their way home on Wednesday.

Police are investigating.

Suspended cop shot youth - claim

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ONE of the 10 policemen suspended following an investigation into the activities of the unrest unit at Welverdiend police station is alleged to have shot a youth last weekend.

A spokesman for the Western Transvaal police confirmed that 20-year-old Enos Mhlongo of Khutsong, Carletonville, had made a formal complaint to the police.

Mhlongo handed in an affidavit alleging he was confronted by the suspended constable near a shebeen in Khutsong on Saturday night. Without provocation, the policeman shot him in the leg, Mhlongo claimed.

When Mhlongo tried to speak to his assailant, the policeman told him not to address him in the manner he did - "I am not a baboon".

The policeman then allegedly hit him on the head with the butt of his gun.

The police confirmed that the constable was suspended on August 23.

The Welverdiend police station was closed last month when Colonel Dirk Stear started investigating the activities of its unrest unit.

Witnesses alleged that police were responsible for or implicated in as many as 17 violent deaths. Four of these occurred in police custody.

Some of the fatalities occurred during situations of unrest.

Scores of witnesses have given testimony and attended identification parades. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Attacks on IFP members increasing

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AT LEAST 11 members of the Inkatha Freedom Party have been killed recently in an upsurge of attacks on IFP members.

The head of the Inkatha Institute's violence study unit, Mr Kim Hodgson, said on Wednesday that five IFP people in Bulwer's Nkumba township were attacked and killed.

"Our fieldworkers received a report that an African National Congress impi attacked the house of Ncwabe Thabethe. She and two members of her family, as well as two friends Mankobe Sokhela and Ncengeni Jili, were killed in the attack."

Nkumba was now very tense, Hodgson said, and another person had been killed in the area since the attack. "There seems to be a strategy directed against the IFP of bringing violence to areas that have previously been relatively calm."

The house of a prominent IFP member Zwelake Mthethwa in Njobokazi, Mpumalanga, was also attacked, allegedly by ANC members. "During the attacks Babandu Ngubane and Bhulukwe Khomo, both IFP members, were killed.

"Two cars and Mthethwa's shop were looted by the attackers."

In KwaMakhuta, three IFP members were killed in two separate attacks. Mr Clemont Ngcobo and Mr Derrick Myeza were shot and killed on their way home after visiting friends on Sunday.

Killed

"The same day, two other IFP members were shot. One of them, Mr Sipho Mpanza, was killed, while his friend was admitted to hospital."

Hodgson said police dockets had been opened for all the attacks.

IFP central committee member Mr Senzo Mfayela said: "We mourn the death of so many IFP members and call on the authorities to do everything in their power to apprehend those responsible." - *Sowetan Correspondent*

Workers to get jobs back at Langeberg

Star 30/8/91

By Jovial Rantao

Production at the Langeberg Factory — scene of fierce inter-union clashes which left seven employees dead — is expected to resume soon after yesterday's undertaking by the company to reinstate all dismissed workers.

A battle for jobs led to fights between members of the Food and Allied Workers' Union and the United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa).

Uwusa's public relations officer, Duke Sennakgomo, said after two days of negotiations, management said they would reinstate dismissed workers.

Captain Ida van Zweel, East Rand Police spokesman, said police had made no arrests in connection with the killings.

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Suspended SAP man accused of shooting youth

By Jo-Anne Collinge

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According to Mr Mhlongo's statement, when he attempted to speak to his assailant, the man told him not to address him in the manner he did.

The police spokesman confirmed that the constable named by Mr Mhlongo had been suspended on August 23.

Welverdiend police station has been closed since late July as a result of an investigation into ... actions of the unrest unit based at Welverdiend since early last year.

PORTRAIT OF A TOWN: *Tiny KwaDela's shoebox houses hardly seem worth fighting over. But fight the residents do...*



Living behind barricades: Napoleon Mkhonza next to the high fence around his property; neighbour Philemon Malinga and his sealed windows.

When these neighbours stop to chat, the peace accord will have worked

If the newly-signed National Peace Accord is going to work, it will have to prove itself in tiny communities like KwaDela, where each disagreement quickly escalates into bitter hostilities.

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IF Napoleon Mkhonza and Philemon Malinga wanted to hurl bricks, bombs or bitter words at each other, they could do so without leaving their own yards. Living two doors apart, as they have always done, on a ditches-and-dust street in the eastern Transvaal township of KwaDela, the two men see each other every day, but never exchange words.

Mkhonza's house is ringed by a high fence and one wall shows the scorched black mark of a failed firebomb attempt. At the Malinga home, every window is sealed with ragged sheets of corrugated iron, hammered into place by nails driven through beer-bottle tops. Every pane was smashed last month in an attack which left Malinga's mother, Velesia, dead.

KwaDela hardly seems worth fighting over — a few blocks of shoe-box houses and shacks on a windswept bit of veld between Bethal and Ermelo, home to some 4 000 people. And yet this small community is tearing itself apart.

In less than two months, two people have been killed — Malinga's mother was shot and a pregnant woman named Julia Mashinini, the daughter-in-law of the local African National Congress head, was burned to death. Eleven houses have been put to the torch and thousands of rand in damage inflicted on people who have nothing to spare. Mkhonza, the mayor of KwaDela, and others say their loyalties lie with Inkatha; Malinga stands with the ANC. That much is clear. Not much else in KwaDela is.

Hammering out a National Peace Accord at the highest levels is one testing step. The next will be to make it work, in communities like KwaDela which have seen blood and fire, where each allegation of injury is quickly matched with another, where every tale takes at least one twist.

Malinga, a 29-year-old machine operator at Sasol, looks round at charred walls and hack-marked fittings, and says he would sit down with Inkatha. "I would support a peace committee here and I would go to put forward what I have in mind. But unless I am compensated for what they have done here, we will not have peace," he says.

Back in February, Malinga says, he woke to the sound of a brick crashing through his bedroom window. Malinga looked outside. He has sworn under oath that he saw two men standing there, one of whom was Mkhonza.

"There was a piece of paper wrapped around the brick with something written on it," he says. The message read: "Dear Comrade, this is very minimal. A bigger attack is imminent and will be seen by the entire township on television."

That "bigger attack" came on July 26, around midnight Malinga says as he was preparing to attend a vigil for Julia Mashinini, his house was attacked by local policemen and Inkatha members. Windows were smashed, his bedroom was set ablaze and shots were fired at the house. The assailants then burst in and family members fled.

Malinga says he heard shots and screams: "Then I heard one attacker say: 'I think now we have finished. We have killed every dog in the house.'"

At the end of it all, Malinga's mother was dead, his brother Sibusiso injured and every window and much of the furniture smashed. Sibusiso swears that he saw Mkhonza with the attacking party. "I know Mkhonza from childhood," says Malinga. "He used to be the captain of our football team, the All Blacks. But after he came and asked us to join Inkatha, and we refused, his mother stopped his children from playing with us and he became silent when we greeted him."

"I talk to people who talk to me," says Mkhonza. Other houses were burnt on that fiery July night, some belonging to Inkatha members.

Mkhonza sees his feud with the Malingas differently. "Last year, the ANC tried to burn this house and the house of my wife's father, who is also a councillor. I saw the attackers run into that corner house, where one of the boys is a comrade," he says, pointing to the Malinga's home.

"When they were attacked, I was on the other side of the township. My sister is married to a man named July Mthetwa and we got word that his house was on fire. We rushed across to help," he says "That is what I was doing on that night."

The Malingas name Mthetwa as one of the men who attacked them. That is how it is in KwaDela, every detail contested — Mkhonza even remembers the soccer team he led by a different name — all the way down to the roots of the conflict.

Jeremiah Mashinini, chairman of the ANC in KwaDela, is weary-eyed behind his desk at the Davel Intermediate School, where he has taught for 24 years. "I never slept last night," he says. "I got warning that I would be killed and I sat the whole night waiting for the hour to come."

Mashinini's home was set ablaze early in July, while he was at the ANC conference in Durban. His son Humphrey is still in hospital; his daughter-in-law Julia, seven months pregnant, died a week later. That incident, and an attack the same night on ANC secretary John Blose, sparked the current conflict, says Mashinini.

Mkhonza insists it began earlier. "I was trying to make peace between an ANC woman and an Inkatha woman, when I was personally attacked from behind, beaten with weapons and left for dead," he says. "As an Inkatha member I reported it to my branch chairman and he passed it on to Ulundi. That is when the violence started."

Mashinini and Mkhonza were also once friends — they do agree on that. "I was the first mayor of this township, from 1979 to 1982," says Mashinini. "The problem was I did not agree with my white counterparts. Whatever I suggested to help the people was denied."

Mkhonza took over from Mashinini. "He didn't resign. I beat him in the election and Mashinini is bitter about that. That is why he and the ANC have been demanding that the councillors resign. I see nothing wrong with serving in the council and I don't consider myself a black councillor. When there is non-racial local government, I will run for that as well," he says.

Mashinini insists Inkatha has little support in KwaDela. "Most of the people who come to attack us are from outside," he says. In particular, he points to the involvement of a group from Ermelo, the Black Cats, which has clashed with the ANC in Wesselton township. Mashinini calls them "gangsters" and says they are intimidating residents. "About 20 of them were here yesterday, openly carrying pangas and axes," he says.

Mkhonza says the Black Cats, whose leader Noah Mnqobokazi is the Inkatha regional organiser, are now the Inkatha Youth League. "The others have help from outside. So we also bring people from outside," Mkhonza says. "We joined Inkatha because they are standing up for councillors."

For all the harsh words, both Mashinini and Mkhonza insist they are prepared to talk peace. "We can't continue, because most of the people who die are not involved in this thing," says Mashinini. "We cannot destroy the ANC and they cannot destroy us," says Mkhonza.

And both say no efforts can succeed without the police. That should be good news for Captain Andre Marais. Based in Ermelo, Marais heads a special unit investigating unrest and is charged with convening peace forums in Wesselton, KwaDela and wherever necessary.

His last posting was in Ovamboland. "I'm used to changes," he says. He believes the peace forums he is patiently putting together can make a difference and welcomes proposals in the draft peace plan, which would put police under independent scrutiny. "That way the truth will come out," he says. "The people will see that we are not siding with anyone."

Trouble is, some people keep insisting that the police are. "The police have been very one-sided Arrests were made for the attacks on Inkatha people's houses," says Mashinini. "Nobody has been arrested for the attacks on us."

Marais says the problem is lack of witnesses. "The kind of witness we usually get is somebody who heard something from someone who saw something," he says. Malinga, however, names seven people who were among his attackers, including a number of policemen and a councillor. Jacob Mtsweni, whose house was also firebombed, also testified under oath to the identity of three of the attackers.

Mkhonza isn't too happy with the wheels of justice either. "The police have totally failed to stop the violence," he says. "And when they do make arrests, it gets handed over to the courts and lawyers get involved. A woman neighbour had her bakkie burned in broad daylight, but the case is still dragging. Now it seems the people are going to be released.

"When they come out, how is she going to feel? Naturally she will want to retaliate. As it is, if they fear you they will not attack you. But if you leave it to the court of law you are wasting your time," Mkhonza says.

The draft plan makes provision for Special Criminal Courts which will deal with unrest related cases "swiftly and effectively without delay". Courts operating like that might give the people of KwaDela some confidence in the peace process.

But it won't convince them the warring is over. They'll only believe that when Napoleon Mkhonza and Philemon Malinga meet in the street — and stop to talk.

Hostel dwellers are the unloved antagonists in township violence, considered 'objects without brains' by their neighbours. Here we present three sympathetic portraits which give human dimensions to the migrant workers living on society's margins

Putting a human face on the hostels

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In a series of interviews with hostel dwellers involved in the violence, researcher LAUREN SEGAL provides new insights into the minds of the migrant workers



A hostel dweller and his worldly goods ... 'I hate this place. It is rotten. The people are uncultured ...' Photograph: KEVIN CARTER

A CORRESPONDENT of *The New York Times*, working at the height of the civil war in Beirut, said: "There is no truth in Beirut, only versions". The same applies to explanations of violence in South Africa's townships.

The image of hostel residents as marauding and violent individuals has been entrenched in party political explanations, and in press reports, about the wave of violence that has swept through townships on the East Rand.

But political activists and journalists are not in the habit of talking to hostel inmates. Migrant workers have always existed on the margins of township society. Academics and political leaders have, like magicians, turned the migrants into invisible actors in their political landscape.

Recent events have changed this. These people are now key protagonists on the political stage. To grasp the meaning of, and motivation for, their involvement in the violence, we need to step outside our own cultural prism.

This article is based on a series of discussions with hostel residents in Thokoza, Vosloorus and Natalspruit. Many have been deeply involved in the violence. Some are refugees from Khalanyoni (The Singing Bird) hostel that was razed by residents of Phola Park squatter camp in the early stages of the violence.

These refugees present a human face to the static image of hostel residents as an undistinguishable mass of bloodthirsty imps.

Hostels are geographically isolated. They are literally on "the edge" of society and the residents are visibly located as outsiders. Historically, this geographical marginalisation has mirrored their political marginalisation.

When asked about how the township residents view them, many hostel inmates were unequivocal in pointing to the animosity directed at them.

"I see myself as a member of the township in which I live. I have friends in the township. They visit me and I also visit them," said one hostel resident. And then he added: "When we are in the township we have to hide from them that we are hostel dwellers. It is not safe at all. If you are unfortunate (enough) to be known (as) a hostel dweller they kill you."

These perceived antagonisms take on real and material forms when it comes to community struggles. The battle lines between hostel inmates and township residents are starkly drawn around stayaways and boycotts.

It is in these arenas that the marginalised status of migrants is stressed and where animosity between the two groups germinates.

Hostel residents appear to be operating according to a basic political truism, namely that boycotts are a perfectly acceptable way of protesting if, and only if, they are carried out with the consent of those participating.

What is abhorrent to them is that they had already settled a rent boycott that they had initiated in the hostels when a township boycott was initiated in Thokoza in early 1990.

Several interviewees repeated the sentiment that they were being "poisoned" by township residents not to pay rent.

"We told them (township activists) that we were the first people to start the rent boycott. We didn't ask for your help, so do not interfere into our affairs and we also won't interfere with yours."

Descriptions of their own rent boycott suggest that it was not an organised political strategy but rather an "obvious" form of protest against the deteriorating conditions in the hostels.

"We stopped paying because we didn't see what our money was doing. Everyone stopped paying until they told us that we'd be chased away. It wasn't well organised but something bad just spreads easily in a short space of time. No one had to call and tell us to stop paying. Even a child would see that we mustn't pay."

The reasons for joining in the rent boycott in Thokoza were far less clear and the civic association quickly became the enemy in the process.

"The civic association was formed to serve the interests of the Thokoza community. Our committee tried to seek information about the aims and objectives of the civic association. This was after we had our rent boycott which came before theirs. When they decide on their boycott they just came to order us to join as well. When they were asked the reasons for not informing us before the decision was taken they said they forgot.

"They were asked if their association was affiliated to any political organisation. They said they were under the African National Congress. We said we could not be part of it then. Our reason was that we wanted a neutral body accommodating all people regardless of their political affiliation. After that we heard rumours that the hostel must be demolished. These rumours were passed around in the taxis and everywhere. We didn't understand why they didn't speak about demolishing squatter camps."

Another pivotal source of division was around work stayaways.

"Another thing we cannot tolerate is to be intimidated not to go to work during stayaways. No one will stop us from going to work. We go to work even on June 16. Anyone who tries to stop us will be disappointed of what he will see. We come to Johannesburg to work, not for anything else ... The ANC must speak to their supporters not to intimidate us, they should

Generational issues featured prominently as a source of division and hostility for the hostel dwellers.

The role of elders in the hostels coincides with forms of control in the rural areas. Inkatha appeals to have skilfully drawn on this tradition by blending an ideology based on age into its own party politics.

In terms of township politics, hostel residents place the youth at the centre of their alienation from the township:

"The problem is that the comrades back up the children. They fully support them. Take, for instance, a meeting for parents; you find that whatever is being discussed — it can be rent, water, electricity — they will go back home and inform their children on decisions taken in the meetings ... If the meeting was held at 10am, just in the afternoon around four you will see children rioting. Just from that programme we felt that no, this is not the way we should conduct things. So consequently we opted for division."

But the picture is more complex than this neat divison would suggest. In the interviews, elders were also more ready to see themselves as mediators, voices of authority and rationality. They were less keen to rush onto the battlefield and younger hostel dwellers appear to have taken the lead in organising and orchestrating the violence.

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An insider's account continued.

stop their youths buring cars with Natal registration numbers." W|Mail 30|8-5|9|91

In summary: "There is no one who ever came to inform us of anything in the hostel. We were forgotten about. That's where they (the civic association) went wrong. They didn't inform us of boycotts or stayaways. We asked them once if they represented the whole of Thokoza or not. They did not invite us (to) their meetings. We just see youth attacking us during boycotts and stayaways."

Township activists' neglect of the hostels was evidenced again and again in the interviewees' responses to whether anyone came to the hostels to ask about the conditions and grievances there during the turbulent years of 1984 to 1990. (298)

Not a single person could recall an activist from the township approaching the hostel. They believed that part of the reason for this neglect was the fact that township residents did "not consider us to be normal human beings", or "they still look at us as objects without brains".

The violence brought these deeply rooted antagonisms between the two groups to a head. Many hostel dwellers speak of relations with the township as differing "before" or "after" the violence.

"Before the violence, we used to be part of the community. We used to sit down with friends. We had very cordial relations. The violence has stopped that."

Interviews also reveal that while politicians demand an end to the migrant labour system, many workers have no wish to bring their families to the city.

The countryside was generally described in positive ways.

"No, I think that it is better at home. Here if you wake up in the morning, if you take one step you must pay. At home you don't do that. At home you don't pay rent. It's very expensive to live here. At home, there are things we can get from our gardens and we can slaughter a cow if we want meat and so on. But here, you buy everything. Here the houses are too close to one another which creates tensions."

And speaking specifically of township residents: "Township residents do not impress me ... Respect is unknown among them. Sometimes you may hear that comrades have assaulted the father of the house. That is not human, it's very barbaric. It is an insult to humanity. Nature doesn't allow that a child can beat an elderly person, under no circumstances."

Another migrant said: "The problem with urban people is that they want to take the law into their own hands. That's what I think is wrong. Even if you try to explain to a township person that the law has to be respected he won't listen to you.

"I hate this place. It is rotten. The people who live here are uncultured ... There is nothing which impresses me about this place."

On average, the hostel residents reported that they returned to their "real" homes at least once a month. A third of the sample went home at least twice a month. Thus the ties are kept alive and the channels of communication are ongo-

An insider's account of the hostel regiments

MZIWABANTU MBHELE talks to Inkatha officials, asking them to explain the organisation of hostel regiments. Zulus are 'born fighters', they tell him . .

ABRAM and Gertrude Mzizi are not accustomed to media attention, although Mzizi is a prominent East Rand official of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

But they agreed this week to grant a rare interview to *The Weekly Mail* to explain that an organisational system in rural Natal has been imported to the Reef, with indunas at the head of hostel regiments in case of trouble.

The interview was conducted in the Mzizi lounge, in company with members of the Thokoza IFP branch, keen to put their organisation's point of view. The Mzizis live a stone's throw away from the Madala hostel — scene of several running battles last year between hostel inmates and Phola Park squatters.

The Weekly Mail was told that men have been organised into regiments under the command of the chief hostel induna and his immediate subordinates — a system described as the spear for organisational unity in the hostels.

According to hostel inmates, the system is not new, but is derived from rural Natal, where it is traditional for men to belong to a regiment with responsibilities of defending the tribe in case of war.

With recent violence surrounding the hostels, rural chiefs in Natal have appointed representatives to take care of their subjects in the hostel.

These representatives are called indunas and among themselves, they elect a chief induna by popular support. The indunas are normally elderly men who, by virtue of their positions, become immediate subordinates to the chief induna. Each is accountable to the chief of his tribe in rural Natal.

Although they are not born into the royal family, indunas serve as trusted men in the hostels and are usually appointed according to their capabilities, explained Gertrude Mzizi.

The Weekly Mail was told many of the indunas hold positions in the IFP Hostel Committee and are also accountable to kwaZulu chief minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who reports to King Goodwill Zwelithini about his subjects in hostels.

A central role of the system is to foster unity and understanding among the Zulu hostel inmates. Another is to ensure people are protected from attack.

Whenever threats or rumours of violence surface, regiments are sent on patrol to defend the hostel, explained Abram Mzizi.

The Weekly Mail was not told how patrols are trained and armed, but it was emphasised that Zulus are "born fighters" who can "respond spontaneously to any attack".

When violence threatens the hostel dwellers, the chief induna calls a meeting of his subordinate indunas and, after discussion, instructions are issued to these subordinates, who organise the hostel dwellers according to tribes.

Each induna then takes his regiment on hostel patrol or "defence". Close contact is maintained with the chief induna whose word, in most cases, is final.

"War is never organised in the hostel but it happens spontaneously," said Gertrude Mzizi.

"The media has got the wrong impression about the hostels," she said. "Zulus are not fighting but are trying to defend themselves against people who want to demolish the hostels."

Echoing sentiments expressed by Inkatha West Rand chairman Themba Khoza, she said: "The Zulu nation is built out of Shaka's spear. When you say 'go and fight', it just happens."